

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Rev. Joseph J. Evanko, Pastor
Rev. Philbert Takyi-Nketiah, Assistant Pastor



Mission Statement

We are, Saint Mary, Our Lady Help of Christians, a parish committed to our Catholic identity, united to the church hierarchy, and inspired by the Grace of God available to us through the sacraments.

Therefore:

Through the Grace of Baptism, we have been made members of the Body of Christ;

Through the Grace of Reconciliation, we strive to be forgiving and charitable;

Through the Grace of Holy Eucharist, we will strive to sanctify our surroundings;

Through the Grace of Confirmation, we strive to promote and defend our faith;

Through the Grace of Anointing of the Sick, we strive to be healers;

Through the Grace of Matrimony, we embrace fidelity;

Through the Grace of Holy Orders, we strive to increase in Holiness.

We pray that God blesses these, our spiritual efforts, to the benefit of our families, our parish family and our community.

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Facebook: Saint Mary's of Dorrance &
Saint Mary's of Dorrance Youth Group

Worship Schedule

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 8 AM

Saturday: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 9:00 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:30-5:15 PM

or by Appointment

Parish Office

3529 Saint Marys Road, Wapwallopen, PA 18660

Liturgy Schedule

Monday, March 25

SJ 7:00 AM

Dorothy Druckenbrod—Janine Nemshick-Kerestes

SM 8:00 AM

John Reilly—Daniel Polashenski

SJ 5:30–7:00 PM

Confessions in Saint Jude Church

Tuesday, March 26

SJ 7:00 AM

Rose Mary Behm—Norberta Kosin

SM 8:00 AM

Edward Straub—Hollock Family

Wednesday, March 27

SJ 7:00 AM

Alan Carroll & Bee Herie—Family

SJ 1:30 PM *Saint Jude School Mass*

No Mass

Thursday, March 28

SJ 7:00 AM

No Mass

SM 8:00 AM

No Mass

EASTER TRIDUUM

All Masses will be celebrated at Saint Jude Church

Thursday, March 28 *Holy Thursday*

SJ 7:00 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, March 29 *Good Friday*

SJ 3:00 PM Commemoration of the Lord's Passion

SJ 7:00 PM Living Stations

Saturday, March 30 *Holy Saturday*

SM 10:00 AM

Blessing of the Easter Baskets in the Social Hall

SJ 1:30 PM

Blessing of the Easter Baskets in SJS Gymnasium

SJ 8:00 PM

Easter Vigil

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

SJ 8:00 AM

Concettina, Antonio, & Vincenzo Colandrea—

Lucy Scotto

SM 9:00 AM

In Honor of Allison Mendofik ~ Happy Birthday—

Melissa

SJ 10:00 AM

Joseph Falatko—Larry & Denise Shewack

SM 10:30 AM

Robert Ambrose, Sr. and Michael Ambrose Wanyo—

Family

SJ 12:00 PM

Joseph Pesce—Family

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 24, 2024

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SAINT MARY OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 8:30AM -4:30PM,
or by appointment.

In Case of Emergency: Please call 570-474-6315 and follow the prompts for emergency.

RELIGIOUS ED 2023-24: Sundays 9:45-11:00 AM

Classes are held on Sundays. Please gather in the Church.

GERTRUDE HAWK CHOCOLATES: are ready for pick up in the social hall.

EASTER EGG HUNT: For parish children in sixth grade and younger will be held on Sunday, April 7, at 9:45 AM (immediately following Mass). Please gather in the hall to register. **YOUTH GROUP :** please arrive by 8:30 AM to help hide eggs. You will be finished in time for Mass. TY!

YOGA: No Class this Thursday, due to Holy Week. Classes are held on Thursdays at 6:30 PM, in the social hall. Please text Lisa if you will be attending 570-899-6314

2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass: His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2024, to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 23. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 26, 2024. To register, go to dioceseofscranton.org, contact Bridget at 207-2213 x 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

DORRANCE TWP VOL FIRE CO BIG COUNTRY BREAKFAST BUFFER ~ Sunday, April 21, 8AM-12PM.

Cost: \$10 Adults \$5 Children (6-12 years) 5 & younger NC
Menu includes Eggs, Pancakes, Sausage, French Toast, Ham, Home Fries, Coffee, Tea, & Juice

The Sanctuary Candle is lit in loving memory of
Andy Dotzel, Sr.
by Norb & Joanne Dotzel

March 17, 2024 Parish Collection

Offering:	\$2,384.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$103.00
Easter Flowers:	\$81.00
Online Giving:	\$365.00
Total:	\$ 2,933.00

Thank You!!

For online giving please go to our website, click on "Donate" then follow the prompts. Please call the parish office if you require assistance.

Holy Week Schedule

Triduum Masses will all be held at Saint Jude

Holy Thursday ~ March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper ~7:00 PM

Good Friday ~ March 29

Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord ~3:00 PM

Living Stations 7:00 PM

Easter Vigil ~ 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Masses

Saint Mary ~ 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Saint Jude ~ 8:00 & 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Opportunities

Every Monday during Lent at St. Jude 5:30-7:00 PM

Every Saturday at St. Mary's 4:30-5:15 PM

Monday, March 25, Fr. Alco will be available with Fr. Joe and Fr. Philbert at St. Jude 5:30-7:00 PM

Thursday, March 21 at St. Mary's 6:00 PM

Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday.

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS ~ Saturday, March 30

Saint Mary's Hall at 10:00 AM

Saint Jude School Gymnasium at 1:30 PM

The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter is a blessed Catholic Tradition. There are sheets on the table in front of the Cherub room explaining the significance of each item. Each family is invited to take a sheet home.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Good Friday, March 29 ~ 7PM

Saint Jude Church

SAINT JUDE SCHOOL 2ND ANNUAL 5K

Saturday, May 4 ~ 9:00AM

Registration: \$30 by April 19

Kids Fun Fest : \$20 starts at 10:30AM (10 YO and younger)

Same Day Registration \$40

For more information: runsignup.com

Annual Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. Peter

315 Wyoming Ave, Scranton

Tuesday, March 26 at 4 PM

All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass. During the Mass, Bishop Bambera will bless the sacred oils used for sacramental purposes in parishes throughout the Diocese.

The priests of the Diocese of Scranton will also renew their commitment to the priestly ministry. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support our priests, and to express our unity as the Diocese of Scranton.

Pastor's Corner

Do Not Miss this Time to Pray Together!

Holy Week is Here!

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the Triumphal entrance of Jesus! Hopefully, the liturgy of today, with blessed palm, will get us stirred up enough to experience all the "Spirit" of the "Great Three Days!"

How will you spend this week? Remember, we cannot celebrate the Resurrection without the suffering and death of Jesus! And we cannot remember the suffering and death of Jesus without celebrating the Resurrection! This means we should be here all three days. Holy Thursday "mandates" us to serve as Jesus did with the wonderful challenge of foot washing! Can we be humble enough to serve one another? The Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as the Body of Christ. Good Friday invites us to remember deeply Our Lord's Passion.... Jesus died for us! We need to be here. Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday bring us into the New Light of Christ! Jesus is Risen! Indeed, He is! We gather to celebrate who we are in the Paschal Mystery. Nothing should take precedent. See you in Church.

God bless,

Fr. Joe

Pastoral Council News

VISION 2030 Priority Drivers

3. Parish Finances

This priority driver helps us to prepare a real budget by analyzing parish finance five-year trends. Beginning in 2022, every January, financial five-year trends are published in every parish bulletin. This calls us to evaluate and review our parish offertory, fundraising and expenses in a fruitful way to be good stewards of the resources God has given to us.

Parish Office Hours for Holy Week are as follows:

**Monday, March 25 thru Wednesday, March 27:
8:30 AM to 4:30 PM**

**Thursday, March 28:
8:30 AM to 12:00 PM**

Closed: Friday, March 29 thru Monday, April 1

**Parish Office re-opens
Tuesday, April 2, at 8:30 AM**



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Ps 118: 1

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