

OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Rev. Joseph J. Evanko, Pastor
Rev. William Asinari, 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 Parishioners &
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

May 4

Mon. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Anna Zukowski—Tim & Gerri Vickers
SM 8:00 AM
 Michael & Josephine Bilek—
 Daughter, Brenda & John Welgosh Family
SJ 5:30-7:00 PM
 Confessions in Church

May 5

Tue. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Deacon Louis Smolinsky—Joe & Marylu Smolinsky
SM 8:00 AM
 Margaret Lukashewski—Matusick Family

May 6

Wed. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Shirley Dagostin—John & Barbara Bellas

May 7 *National Day of Prayer*

Thu. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Margo Snyder—John Mushock
SM 8:00 AM
 Bernard & Theresa Strzelecki.—Theresa Langan

May 8

Fri. **SJ** 7:00 AM
 Carmen & Mary Chiverella—Jim & Carmen Radtke

May 9

Sat. **SJ** 4:00 PM
 Joseph & Anne Chmiola—Family
SM 5:30 PM
 Charles W. Kohl—The Kohl Family

May 10 *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Sun. **SJ** 8:30 AM
 Carl Obaza—Family
SM 9:00 AM
 Yvonne Sweeney—The Sweeney Family
SJ 11:00 AM
 Joseph Sperazza—Sklarosky Family

Parish Collection April 26, 2026

Offering:	\$2,455.00
Loose:	\$179.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$55.00
Easter:	\$20.00
Flowers:	\$225.00
Online Giving:	\$160.00
Total:	\$3,094.00

Diocesan Collection

Catholic Home Missions: \$241.00

Collection for Sisters of the Holy Rosary, Malawi:

\$1, 511.10

Thank You for your continued generosity!!

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 2026

Saint Mary's Website: stmarydorrance.org
Facebook Pages: Saint Mary's of Dorrance
Facebook Group: Saint Mary's of Dorrance Parishioners
Email: stmarysdorrance@gmail.com
Phone: 570-868-5855

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30AM-4:30PM

*In case of emergency during off hours
 call 570-474-6315, and follow
 the prompts for emergency.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

REGISTRATION 2026: Forms can be found in the front vestibule, from the office, or on our website.

REGISTRATION FEE: Thanks to a very generous donation made in Loving Memory of Karen Gogick, all students have their registration paid for next year.

YOUTH GROUP MEETING: Monday, May 18

Youth in sixth grade and older are invited to join us for an evening of fun and service from 6:00-8:00 PM. Wear old clothes. Any Confirmation students needing a service project and encouraged to attend. We will be moving items in the hall to prepare for the Bazaar Food will be served.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: The ladies will meet on Monday, May 18, at 7:00 PM, in the rectory dining room.

SAINT THERESA'S GUILD: The ladies will meet on Tuesday, May 12, at 7:00 PM, in the rectory dining room.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus will meet on *Wednesday, May 13, at 7:30 PM, in the social hall. For information on becoming a Knight please call Tony DellDonna at 570-430-1511.

TRIVIA NIGHT:

When: May 16 ~ 5:30 PM

Where: Saint Jude School Cafeteria

Cost: \$25

What: Pizza included – BYOB

Who: Adults 21+

Register: cmasteller@stjc.org



PARKING LOT SAFETY & CONCERNS

All parishioners are kindly asked to pull fully into parking spaces and park only in designated areas. In recent months, improper parking has blocked vehicles in the lot, with one individual forced to drive onto the grass to exit. This is not only inconvenient but also poses a serious safety concern.

Parking spaces marked for accessibility are reserved for vehicles with proper disability placards or plates. The striped access aisle beside these spaces is intended for wheelchair ramps and safe entry and exit. Parking in this area is not permitted.

BAZAAR 2026

June 27~ 4:00-10:00 PM & June 28 ~ 2:00-9:00 PM

Check out our new Facebook Page:

Saint Mary's of Dorrance Bazaar.

All information for the Bazaar will be posted on that page to reach a larger audience. Please follow and share this page with your family and friends.

** SPONSORS ACCEPTED FOR THE BAZAAR! **

Businesses, please call the office for information.

Also, accepting "In Honor of" or In Memory of" recognition.

These signs are \$50. Please call the office for more information.

It's hard to believe, but we are in in full Bazaar Mode!

Items we are currently collecting include:

- 10 lb. bags of All Purpose Flour – Social Hall
- Glassware – Social Hall
- Gift Cards – Parish Office
- Wine & Spirits – Parish Office
- Theme Baskets – Parish Office

Raffle Tickets and informational letters are ready for pick-up. We kindly ask that you pick up your tickets to save on the cost of postage. Remaining tickets will be mailed Thank you!

STANDS THAT NEED CRITICAL HELP:

- Plush – Both days, any time
- Funnel Cake – Either Day, any time
- 50/50 – Walking the grounds, Both days, any time

Once all stand chairs are committed we will provide the link for the Signup Genius. Thank you in advance for all you do to support our parish. The more hands the lighter the load!

PIEROGI MAKING

Help Needed!

Thursday, May 7 ~ 4:00 PM

Clean, chop, boil potatoes, mix potato filling, and ball filling

Friday, May 8 ~ 7:00 AM

Pinch, and boil potato pierogi

This schedule will be repeated June 4 & 5

2026 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 10th, 25th, 40th, or 50th wedding anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 28, 2026. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception. The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, June 7, 2026.

You may register using one of the following options:

Diocese of Scranton Website: dioceseofscranton.org

Bridget Maille: Phone: 570-207-2213 x1133

Email - familylife@dioceseofscranton.org

Or call our parish office at 570-868-5855

THE ROLE OF MARY



An Adult Faith Formation Series
Presented on Mary, her role,
and apparitions.

Three Week Series
Tuesdays, May 12, 19, & 26
6:30-7:30 PM
at Saint Jude

Mother's Day Adoption Mass

Sunday, May 10, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM

Cathedral of Saint Peter

315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton

This liturgy prayerfully recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. The Most Rev. Joseph C. Bambera, Bishop of Scranton, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. All are invited!

Baby Bottles to support PA for Human Life

Baby Bottle collection: Mother's Day – Father's Day.

Infant and Women Services

The Center meets the needs of mothers and babies in crisis and provides a center for education on life issues.

Pennsylvanians For Human Life has been a crisis pregnancy center and a unique education and resource center dedicated to supporting individuals and organizations who promote the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death. The center offers free resources to make raising your newborn as easy as possible. For more information on resources or to donate items (diapers, blankets, baby clothes) call 570-826-1819.



Red Bird is a peer-to-peer Catholic bereavement ministry for ordinary families who carry the extraordinary cross of child loss, at any stage.

Monthly Gathering



For: Parents who have lost a child(ren) from pregnancy through adulthood.

When: Thursdays: 4/30, 5/28, 6/25, 7/23 and 8/27.

Time: 6:30 pm in St. Jude Church to pray the Rosary followed by a short reflection and time for sharing.

For more information please contact:

Kathryn Murphy at 609-313-0252 or

stjude.redbird@gmail.com

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Ps 118: 1

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