

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

**July 16, 2023
Parish Collection**

Offertory:	\$2,595.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$105.00
Online Giving:	\$150.00
Total:	\$ 2,850.00

Thank you!

Liturgy Schedule

Jul 24 *Saint Sharbel Makhluf*

Mon. SJ 7:00 AM

Joseph Dormans—The Dormans Family

SM 8:00 AM

No Mass

SJ 5:30-7:00 PM

Confessions in Church

Jul 25 *Saint James*

Tue. SJ 7:00 AM

Chester & Dorothy Sawicki—

David & Carolyn Sawicki

SM 8:00 AM

No Mass

Jul 26 *SS Joachim & Anne*

Wed. SJ 7:00 AM

Mr. Gary Kamin—MaryLu & Jack Wirbicki

Jul 27

Thu. SJ 7:00 AM

Nancy L. Bankus—Deacon Joe & Cecelia

SM 8:00 AM

No Mass

SJ 6:30 PM

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Jul 28

Fri. SJ 7:00 AM

Thomas J. Plishka—Deacon Joe & Cecelia

Jul 29 *SS Mary, Martha, & Lazarus*

Sat. SJ 4:00 PM

Joseph J. Schmidt—Gerard & Lisa Schmidt

SM 5:30 PM

No Mass

Jul 30 *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sun. SJ 8:30 AM

Sylvia Bonetski Stevens—Judy McAnally

SM 9:00 AM

No Mass

SJ 11:00 AM

Gerald J. Nemshick, Sr.—Wife & Children

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 2023

Saint Mary's Website: stmarydorrance.org

Facebook Pages: Saint Mary's of Dorrance

and Saint Mary's of Dorrance Youth Group

Facebook Group: Saint Mary's of Dorrance Parishioners

SAINT MARY OFFICE HOURS

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

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

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION 2023-24: please return your registration forms as soon as possible. Cost is \$20 per student. There are forms in the main entrance of the Church in the file folders, from the office, or on our website. Please call the office if you need assistance or have any questions.

YOUTH GROUP: This week we will be painting the dining room in the rectory and making some minor repairs. Help is always needed and appreciated. We will begin Sunday, July 23 at 10 AM, and Mon-Thu beginning at 9AM. We will begin in the social hall each morning. Meals and supplies will be provided. Please dress to work. For more information please call the parish office. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION SERVICE PROJECTS: There are many upcoming opportunities for service projects. Students in seventh grade are required to do two individual projects and one family project. Eighth grade students are required to do three individual projects and two family projects. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

SAINT THERESA'S GUILD: The next meeting will be held Tuesday, August 8, at 7:00 PM, in the dining room. All ladies of the parish are welcome to join the Guild!! For more information please call the parish office.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, at 7:30 PM, in the social hall.

Mass in Remembrance of Victims of Violent or Tragic Death: The Diocese of Scranton is offering the annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death. This Mass is offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. The Mass is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 7PM, in Saint Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming, Scranton. All persons who have lost a loved one through tragic and traumatic death are invited to this liturgy. The mass will be televised on CTV.



The Sanctuary candle will not be lit this week due to the closing of the Church immediately following Mass on Sunday, July 23, for the installation of new carpeting.

We will catch up on missed intentions as soon as possible. Thank you for understanding.

UPCOMING BAZAARS

Hobbie Carnival, Hobbie

August 4, 5, & 6

Saint Jude, Mountain Top

August 11, 4:00-10:00 PM

August 12, 4:00-10:00 PM

August 13, 12:00 -8:00 PM

Thank you for supporting our local community!

MASS IN POLISH LANGUAGE:

There will be a Mass in Polish at St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton, PA on Wednesday, July 26, at 1:30 PM, in celebration of the Feast Day of Saints Joachim and Anne (grandparents of Jesus) and the concluding day of the Solemn Annual St. Ann's Novena, held at the Basilica and Passionist Monastery grounds.

This year's Polish Language Mass is being coordinated with the help of the Polish community of St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, Pocono Pines. The main celebrant will be Fr. Marek Sobczak, C.M., a Vincentian provincial from Connecticut.

WEDDING OF THE SEA MASS: This year, on Tuesday, August 15, the Wedding of the Sea Mass will be held at the Hard Rock Casino, Etes Arena, Atlantic City, at 12PM, with the doors opening at 11AM. Following the Mass the Blessed Mother statue will process from the Hard Rock on Pennsylvania Avenue to the Boardwalk. The wreath will be tossed by the Bishop on the beach at Pennsylvania Avenue. Unfortunately, our beloved Festival will not be held. Those who cannot attend the Mass will be able to view the ceremony (the tossing of the wreath) on the beach at Pennsylvania Ave. at (app) 1:15PM.

HOME BOUND: Do you have a family member or know of someone who is homebound? Please call the office so we are able to reach out. Every month Deacon Joe visits and takes Communion to those who cannot be with us in person. Likewise if someone is in the hospital or nursing home please let us know. HIPPA laws prevent us from getting this information as we had in the past. Thank you.

MENTAL WELLNESS CORNER: We all experience emotions. Some are pleasant and make us feel good. Others are not. However, everything we do and experience has the potential to help us learn and improve ourselves and our experiences:

- Discomfort ... Shows you need to pay attention right now to what is happening, because you are being given the opportunity to change, to do something different than you typically do.
- Anger ... Shows you what you're passionate about, where your boundaries are, and what you believe needs to change about the world.
- Bitterness ... Shows you where you need to heal, where you're still holding judgments on others and yourself.
- Guilt ... Shows you that you're still living life in other people's expectations of what you should do.
- Disappointment ... shows you that you tried for something, that you did not give in to apathy, that you still care.

We all know someone who is struggling....

Let us Love and Pray for one another.

Pastor's Corner

Installation of New Carpeting

Saint Mary's Church will close on Sunday, July 23, immediately following Mass, and will reopen Monday, July 31, for morning Mass at 8AM. During this time, the new flooring will be installed as we continue to prepare for St. Mary's 100th Anniversary!

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Saturday, September 23, at 4PM. Watch for an insert with additional information the weekend of August 5/6.

God bless,

Cemetery Administrative Assistant

The Diocese of Scranton is currently looking for qualified applicants for a full-time Administrative Assistant position at St. Mary's Cemetery in Hanover Township. This position interacts with families, funeral directors and others who are in need of various cemetery services. The successful candidate must be well organized and a team player, possess good communication skills and needs to be computer proficient with fiscal related experience. The Diocese of Scranton offers a competitive salary along with a comprehensive benefits package. Some half day Saturday hours will be required.

Interested applicants are asked to send a complete resume with a minimum of three (3) references by July 28, 2023

to: James Burke

Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources

300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton Pa. 18503

Or email Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org

PARISH FOOD PANTRY: Our Food Pantry is very well stocked. Please call the parish office if you would like to stop in and pick up supplies for your family. With the children home for the summer cabinets may be getting bare. Please call ahead to ensure privacy. No proof of income is needed.

YOGA: Class will be held on Thursday evenings at 7:00 during the summer months. This class is modified for all skills & abilities. There is no set fee for the class, but donations are accepted. Please text Lisa if you will be attending class or if you have any questions at 899-6314.

WEIS & CARONES GIFT CARDS: Are available from the parish office in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100. Our parish receives a percentage of all sales. Call the office for more details or to place an order.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES: We have walkers, bedside commodes, and shower chairs available for anyone in need. Currently, we are not accepting any additional bedside commodes, walkers, canes, or crutches.



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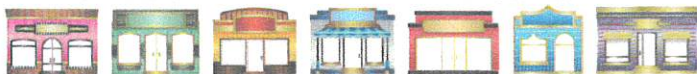
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