

# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Rev. Joseph J. Evanko, Pastor  
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## *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.

## *Contact Information*

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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 23, 2023  
Parish Collection**

Offertory:	\$3,075.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$60.00
Online Giving:	\$345.00

**Total:**                 \$ 3,480.00

*Thank you!*

**Liturgy Schedule**

**Jul 31**   *Saint Ignatius of Loyola*

Mon. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Gary Kamin—Tom & Patty Lavan

**SM 8:00 AM**

**No Mass**

**SJ 5:30-7:00 PM**

Confessions in Church

**SJ 7:00 PM**

Rosary with the Knights of Columbus

**Aug 1**   *Saint Alphonsus Liguori*

Tue. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Frank Yenkowski—Theresa Krogulski

**SM 8:00 AM**

**No Mass**

**Aug 2**   *SS Eusebius of Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard*

Wed. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Sister, Diane Snyder, Infant, Brian & Mother,

Marge Bohenk—Margo Snyder

**Aug 3**

Thu. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Carl Frank—Jackie Duffy

**SM 8:00 AM**

**No Mass**

**SJ 6:30 PM**

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Aug 4**   *Saint John Vianney*

Fri. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Daniel Abaldo—Deacon Gene Kovatch

**Aug 5**   *SS Mary, Martha, & Lazarus*

Sat. **SJ 4:00 PM**

Hope Bellinghausen—Sklarosky Family

**SM 5:30 PM**

**No Mass**

**Aug 6**   *Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Sun. **SJ 8:30 AM**

Dennis Jacob—Ed & Cindy Stec

**SM 9:00 AM**

**No Mass**

**SJ 11:00 AM**

Cheryl Shemanski—

Gerald, Kayla & Kristina Shemanski

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**July 30, 2023**

Saint Mary's Website: [stmarydorrance.org](http://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.

**\*\*The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, August 3\*\***

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

**RELIGIOUS ED 2023-24: Classes begin Sunday, September 17.** Please return your registration forms as soon as possible. Cost is \$20 per student for students in grades K-6. 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 past week a group of teens, young adults, and chaperones worked on a "Home Mission" Project. Photos will be included in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you to our volunteers: Jaxon Jones, Abby Steuer, Alli Schoch, Marianne Gibbons, & Mary Ann Herron.

**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.

**MENTAL WELLNESS:** We all need to practice self-care especially caregivers. A few things we can do:

1. Get regular exercise. Just 30 minutes of walking a day can improve our health and mood.
2. Eat healthy, regular meals and stay hydrated.
3. Make sleep a priority.
4. Try a relaxing activity.
5. Set goals and priorities.
6. Practice gratitude.
7. Focus on positivity.
8. Stay connected.

*We all know someone who is struggling....  
Let us Love and Pray for one another.*



The Sanctuary candle will not be lit until the Church re-opens. We will catch up on missed intentions as soon as possible. Thank you for understanding.

## SAINT MARY'S DELAY IN FLOORING

A message from Fr. Joe

I ask your patience in regard to the new flooring at St. Mary's. As I announced, we knew it was a possibility we would be required to do some asbestos remediation in removing the old carpet. This is the case. The Church will not reopen on Monday, July 31, as we need that week for the remediation company to do their work. Then, the flooring company will return the week of August 7, to complete the nave. Our hope is to open the Church on Saturday August 12, for the 5:30PM Mass. Please pray that those schedules hold and the work is completed. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we adjust to make sure we do the work correctly. I can assure you the new carpeting has been installed in the sanctuary and it looks beautiful.

### Saint Mary's 100th Anniversary Celebration

A Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated on Saturday, September 23, at 4PM, with a reception immediately following in the hall. Information will be mailed to families rather than included in bulletins due to the extended closure of the church. Watch your mail for more information.

### Kaleidoscope of the Heart

By Rev. Connell A. McHugh

In July, Rev. Connell McHugh published Kaleidoscope of the Heart. It is a book containing 145 poems selected from hundreds he has written throughout his life. Topics include Childhood, Christology, Cities, Family, Music and reflection on the search for meaning. Many of the poems offer spiritual insights on joys and sufferings of life. Fr. McHugh's book is on sale at the office of St. Jude's Church for \$23.00. It is worth the read especially if you have local knowledge.

**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.

**BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE:** Saturday, October 7, 2023. The conference will be held at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S Pennsylvania Blvd, Wilkes-Barre. Register either online at [www.BeACatholicMan.com](http://www.BeACatholicMan.com), or by mail to: "Be a Catholic Man, Inc", P.O. Box # 669, Wyalusing, Pa. 18853. Include your name, address, email & parish with your check payable to "Be a Catholic Man, Inc" with "Men's Conference" on the memo line of the check. Cost is \$40 (Early Bird \$30 until 9-8-23), Students \$15, Priests/Deacons-no charge. For more information contact: Mike at 570-721-0872 or [mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com](mailto:mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com).

#### Tentative Schedule

7:00 AM Registration / coffee  
7:15 AM Rosary begins  
8:00 AM Opening Ceremonies  
8:30 AM and 9:30 AM Speakers  
10:30 AM Lunch / Exhibitors / Confessions  
11:30 AM Eucharistic Adoration /Benediction  
12:40 PM Speaker  
1:45 PM Mass: Bishop Joseph C. Bambera  
3:00 PM Dismissal

## Pastor's Corner

### Thank you, Tom!

For this past year, we have been blessed to have Tom Dzwonczyk with us on his pastoral year. He will be leaving on July 31st as he prepares to return to St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore to complete his formation and studies the next two years.

God willing, Tom will be ordained a deacon in May of 2024 and then a priest in June of 2025. Please keep him in your prayers.

Tom has done wonderful ministry in our parish and school. He has spent much time visiting the homebound, teaching classes in school, and faith formation. Tom has been a blessing in his ministry to all age groups.

Please take time this weekend to send him off with many blessings and much gratitude. Thank you, Tom!

God bless,

*Fr. Joe*

**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.

**FOLDING CHAIRS:** Thank you to everyone who donated chairs! We continue to accept softly used folding chairs. Please no rusted or broken chairs. Please call the office if you have chairs to donate & need a pick up.

### 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

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