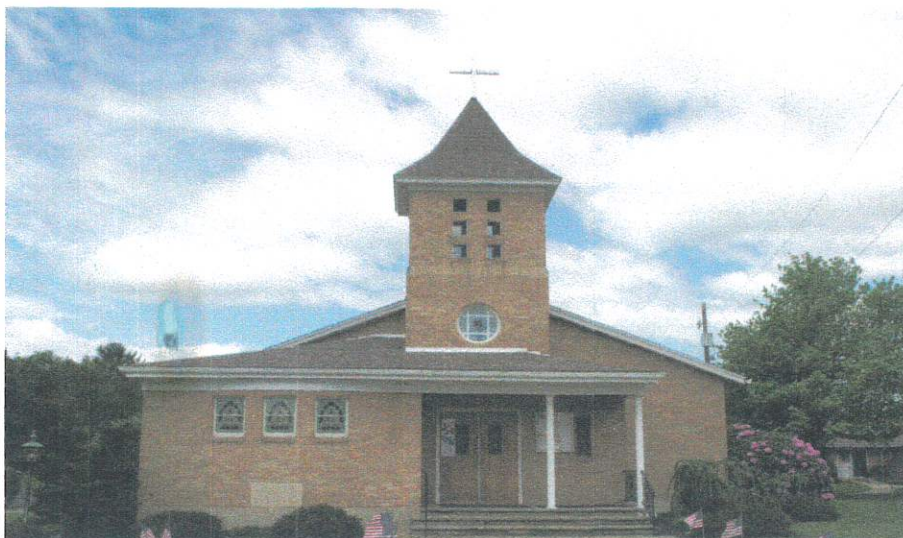


# OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

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.

## *Contact Information*

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Website: [stmarydorrance.org](http://stmarydorrance.org)

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

**Sep 8** *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mon. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Anna Hartmann Zukowski—

David & Carolyn Sawicki

**SM 8:00 AM**

All Children—Chiverella Family

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

**Confessions in Saint Jude Church**

**Sep 9** *Saint Peter Claver*

Tue. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Patrick Plastow—Family

**SM 8:00 AM**

George Ceaser—

Lukashewski & Mylet Families

**Sep 10**

Wed. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Tavia—Ed & Cindy Stec

**Sep 11**

Thu. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Margaret & James Tigue—Kathleen Lee

**SM 8:00 AM**

In Remembrance of the 911 Attacks

**SJ 6:30 PM**

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

**Sep 12** *The Most Holy Name of Mary*

Fri. **SJ 7:00 AM**

Julia & Nicholas Mulcahy—Kathleen Lee

**Sep 13** *Saint John Chrysostom*

Sat. **SJ 4:00 PM**

Marie Yandrofski—Olivia & Tom Kopinski

**SM 5:30 PM**

Patricia Mylet – Malcolm & Mae Schuler

**Sep 14** *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*

Sun. **SJ 8:30 AM**

Frank Yenkowski—Bill & Janet Jones

**SM 9:00 AM**

Zachary Erwine—

Maryann Smith & Helen Lukashewski

**SJ 11:00 AM**

Jack Costigan—Costigan Family



The Sanctuary Lamp is lit for  
Birthday Blessings upon

**Uncle Matt**

by Goddaughter, Melissa

The Sanctuary Flowers and the Flowers adorning our  
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## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 7, 2025

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

Facebook Pages: Saint Mary's of Dorrance

Email: [stmarysdorrance@gmail.com](mailto:stmarysdorrance@gmail.com)

Phone: 570-868-5855

**\*\*Parish Office Hours\*\***

Monday – Thursday 8:30AM-4:30PM

Or by appointment

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

*Confessions will be heard after Mass  
next Saturday, September 13.  
Sorry for the inconvenience.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-26: September 21

The first class is for students and parents.

Please gather in the church.

Please remember to register for the upcoming year. Classes are at Saint Mary's on Sundays from 9:45-11:00 AM, for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Forms are in the file folder in the entrance of the church or online.

**WELCOME BACK PICNIC:** We will again have a Welcome Back Picnic for all parish families on Friday, September 19, from 5:00-8:00 PM, in the grove area. Picnic style food and yard games are on the agenda. Please RSVP to the parish office by September 14.

## CONFIRMATION: Grades 7 & 8

The first class will be held on Sunday, October 5.

There will be a parent meeting on Sunday, September 28, at 6:00 PM in Saint Jude church. Important information will be given to families. Please be sure to attend.

## YOUTH RALLY: Saturday, September 27, 1:30-8:00 PM

For students in Grades 7-12.

Notre Dame Jr/Sr High School ~ East Stroudsburg

Information will be available at the Youth Group meeting or call the parish office for more information.

Transportation will be provided.

## YOUTH GROUP MEETING: *Bring your hammer!*

The next meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14, from 6:00-8:00 PM. We will be repairing the rectory dining room chairs. They need a wooden base added below the cushion. Please meet in the social hall. Tools will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. Food and beverages will be served. Please call the parish office if you have any questions. Help is always appreciated.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** Any family who is need of school supplies is asked to call the parish office. We have a large inventory of items. Thank you to everyone who has donated items. We truly appreciate your generosity.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS~BAZAAR 2026

June 27/28

We are happy to announce our profit this year was over \$46,000. Please call the parish office if you would like to see the specific breakdown by stand.

Next year, we need more volunteers! We struggled this year filling the stands. Additionally, it was very hot, and volunteers worked many hours without relief. The more hands the lighter the load. Please consider donating a few hours. It's not too soon to sign up, especially if you have a stand you would like to work or to chair. Thank you!

**YEARLY RAFFLE CALENDARS:** We will again be selling The Yearly Raffle Calendars. Please reserve your tickets if you'd like a specific number. These tickets make great Christmas and birthday presents. Donation is \$20.

**ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY:** The ladies will meet Monday, September 15, at 7:00 PM, in the rectory dining room. All ladies of the parish are invited to join A&R.

**KIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, at 7:30 PM, in the social hall.

**Knights of Columbus Family Picnic:** The Annual Knights of Columbus Family Picnic will be held in the grove on Saturday, October 18, from 12:00-4:00PM. Families are asked to bring a dessert, if possible. Please RSVP to Marc Mickowski by October 11.

**Set-up will be that morning at 11:00, for those available.**

**SAINT THERESA'S GUILD:** The ladies will meet this Tuesday, September 9, at 7:00 PM, in the rectory dining room. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. The ladies will be holding election of officers and planning fall and winter events, including the Bingo, Children's Christmas Party, and the Wafer Supper.

**GIFT CERTIFICATES:** We continue to sell Weis Gift Certificates in \$25, \$50, & \$100 denominations. Use same as cash. Our parish gets a percentage of all sales. We have an opportunity to add other restaurant and retail cards. Please call the office to purchase gift cards.

### A Vocation Notation

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm.

### Mental Wellness Corner

#### The PATH to Calm: 4 Steps to calm your mind.

With practice, we can learn how to manage negative emotions in a healthy way. One helpful tool is to remember the word PATH. It stands for:

**Pause:** Don't immediately act on feelings, stop and think things through. Count to 100 or say the alphabet backwards.

**Acknowledge** your feelings. For example, are you mad, or are you sad because your feelings were hurt by someone?

**Think:** Now that you've taken a moment to understand your feelings, think about how to make yourself feel better.

**Help:** Take an action to help yourself based on what you came up with in the "Think" step

## Pastor's Corner

### Religious Education is Fast Approaching!

Let us remember; it is our responsibility (each one of us) to pass on the faith to our young people. Religious Education is not just about dropping off your children to class. It is about realizing that everything we do here in the parish must be reinforced when we walk through the doors of our homes. Parents, Staff, Catechists, and Children must all work together or "faith does not stick."

Let us begin this year as one family in faith connecting what we believe and what we do at home, in the parish, at work, and at play. Stay connected to the family experience of Religious Education -- remembering that without God nothing else would exist.

God bless,

*Fr. Joe*



The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D. J.C.L.  
*Principal Celebrant*

Sunday, | Cathedral of St. Peter  
**SEPTEMBER 21** | 315 Wyoming Avenue  
12:15 pm | Scranton



This Mass is open to people all across the diocese and serves to remember loved ones lost by suicide and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing.



### August 31, 2025 Parish Collection

Offering:	\$2,117.00
Loose:	\$95.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$25.00
Online Giving:	\$640.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 2,877.00</b>

### Second Collection

Diocese of Lexington, KY \$1,266.50

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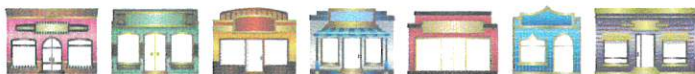
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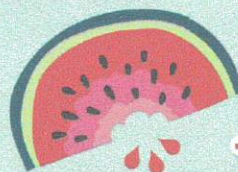
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