

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

Sep 29 SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Mon. **SJ** 7:00 AM

Eugene A. Tomko—Wife, Maryann & Children

SM 8:00 AM

Mary Lukashewski—Sandy Gogick

SJ 5:30-7:00 PM

Confessions in Saint Jude Church

Sep 30 Saint Jerome

Tue. **SJ** 7:00 AM

Veronica Wallace-Mele—

David & Carolyn Sawicki

SM 8:00 AM

Harvey Garren—Wife and Family

Oct 1 Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Wed. **SJ** 7:00 AM

Carol Brady—Toni Furcon

Oct 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

Thu. **SJ** 7:00 AM

Elaine Kaszuba—The Grandchildren

SM 8:00 AM

Genevieve Whitman—Shawn Lou

SJ 6:30 PM

Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet

Oct 3

Fri. **SJ** 7:00 AM

John R. 'Jack' Fredericks—Ed & Anna Niznik

Oct 4 Saint Francis of Assisi

Sat. **SJ** 8:00 AM

First Saturday Devotions

SJ 4:00 PM

Joann Burman—Kelly & John McAndrew

SM 5:30 PM

Thams & Marilyn Lavan and Karen Lavan –

Tom & Patty Lavan and Jimmy

Oct 5 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sun. **SJ** 8:30 AM

Paul Mulcahy—Rosemary Mulcahy

SM 9:00 AM

Living & Deceased Members of

Saint Theresa's Guild

SJ 11:00 AM

Nancy Pocceschi—Jerry Popeck

Child Loss Remembrance Mass

Sunday, October 19, 2:00 PM

Saint Jude Church Mountain Top

This Remembrance Mass is for parents, grandparent, family members, and friends of those who have lost a child from pregnancy through adulthood.

Red Bird
MINISTRIES

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 28, 2025

Saint Mary's Website: stmarydorrance.org

Facebook Pages: Saint Mary's of Dorrance

Email: 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2025-26:

WELCOME BACK!

Parents and students please gather in the church.

Classes are held at Saint Mary's on Sundays from 9:45-11:00 AM, for children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Confirmation students, seventh and eighth grades, are held at Saint Jude.

CONFIRMATION: Grades 7 & 8

The first class is on Sunday, October 5. There is a parent meeting this Sunday, September 28, at 6:00 PM in Saint Jude church. Essential information will be given to families. Please be sure to attend this meeting.

MASS ATTENDANCE SHEETS; Our students in second and eighth grades are required to sign the Mass attendance sheets every week. Please bring a bulletin if you attend Mass in a church other than Saint Mary or Saint Jude.

GERTRUDE HAWK: Our Religious Education students are selling Gertrude Hawk chocolates. The orders will be in right in time for Christmas! Books are on the table in the back of the church. Prepaid orders are due by October 26. This sale helps to keep our program affordable for families. Thank you for your continued support.

September 21, 2025

Parish Collection

Offering:	\$2,492.00
Loose:	\$303.00
Operation & Maintenance:	\$40.00
Religious Education:	\$420.00
Online Giving:	\$325.00
Total:	\$ 3,580.00

ATTENTION: CURRENT ONLINE DONORS

WeShare Online Giving is now Parish Soft. When you log into your current account you will be directed to enter a new password. Please call the office if you have any questions or need assistance.
Thank you!!

Thank You for your continued generosity!!
For online giving please go to our website, click on "Donate" then follow the prompts.

We invite you to join us for this fall to strengthen your connection with God.

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Feast Day: Oct. 7



Rosary in church ~ 7:00PM

Refreshments to follow in the social hall
compliments of Altar & Rosary Society

Saint Mary's Church
3529 Saint Marys Rd, Wapwallopen
570-868-5855

St. Francis of Assisi Animal Blessing

Saint Mary's ~ Dorrance

Saturday, October 4
11:00 AM

Parking Lot
Grove Side

All animals welcome.
Pets must be on a leash or
safely secured.



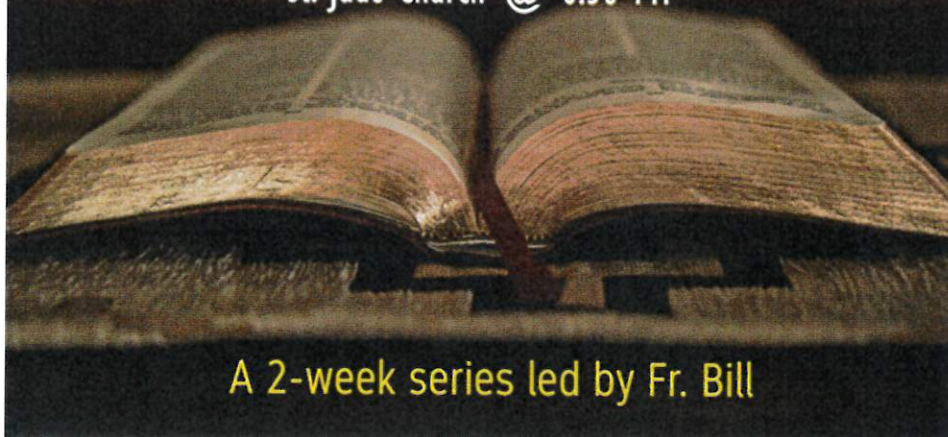
INTERPRETING SCRIPTURE

How should we, as Catholics, be interpreting the scriptures?

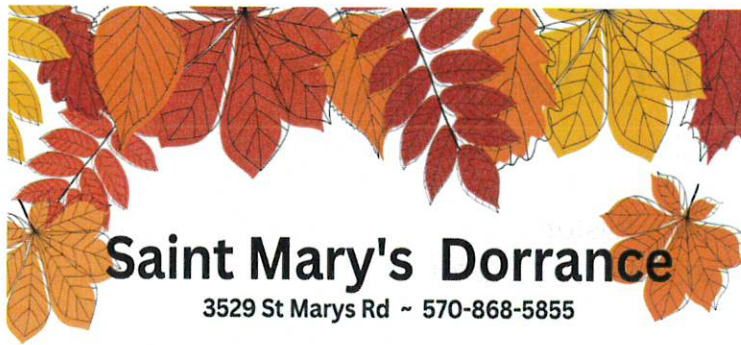
Tuesdays, October 7 & 14

St. Mary's Church @ 12:00 PM

St. Jude Church @ 6:30 PM



A 2-week series led by Fr. Bill



GIFT CARD **BINGO**

Sunday, November 9, 2025
1:00 PM ~ Doors @ 12:00 PM
Donation: \$10
Kitchen will be open!



We can't wait to see you!

The poster for "OUR CALL TO SERVE" features a large blue and green cross logo on the left. The text "OUR CALL TO SERVE" is in large, bold, blue letters, with "CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL" in smaller black letters below it. Three circular inset photos show people serving food at a table. At the bottom, the text "116,610 MEALS SERVED" is in large, bold, red letters. Below that, it says "To Guests at Saint Vincent de Paul Kitchen in Wilkes-Barre last year (That is an increase of 7.5% from the previous year)" and "Support the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal at: AnnualAppeal.org".

The poster for "Leave a Mark 2025" has a green and blue background. At the top, it says "DIOCESE OF SCRANTON VOCATIONS" with a small logo. Below that, "YOUNG ADULTS" is in large, bold, yellow letters, followed by "KICK OFF NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK" in smaller black letters. The main title "Leave a Mark 2025" is in large, white, cursive letters with a cross symbol above "Leave". Below this, "NOVEMBER 2ND" is in large, bold, yellow letters, and "5pm Mass - Cathedral of St. Peter, Scranton" is in smaller black letters. At the bottom, there are three polaroid-style photos showing groups of people. Below the photos, it says "Food Trucks and Reception after Mass!" in green letters.

POTATO PANCAKE SALE

October 25, 3:00-7:00 PM

Everyone knows our potato pancakes are the best in the area. We are excited to announce you won't have to wait until next summer to enjoy them. On Saturday, October 25, we will have a potato pancake and bake sale. People are needed the day of the event and to make items for the bake sale.. Please call the parish office if you are available to help. We will also have a 50/50 cash raffle.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY: The ladies will meet Monday, October 20, 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 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. RSVP to Marc Mickowski by October 11.

SAINT THERESA'S GUILD: The ladies will meet on Tuesday, October 14, at 7:00 PM, in the rectory dining room. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE: Ladies, come with us to refuel and refresh your faith!

Our Bible study this season is Touching the Divine, (second edition), a study of the Gospel of John. This book allows us to reflect on Jesus' life & personality, draws us into a deeper relationship with Him, & shows us how scripture readings are relevant and applicable to our daily lives. The Bible Study is held on Thursdays beginning October 2. There are two meeting times and places:

Thursday afternoons, 12:30-2:15 PM at

St. Mary's, Dorrance

Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:15 PM at

St. Mary's (October - December) and at

St. Jude's (January - April)

The cost of the book is \$45.00.

For information or to register, please call either Kathy Lee at 570-239-0525 or Janet Jones at 570-550-6831.

The University of Scranton Open House Dates Set for Oct. 26 and Nov. 9

The University of Scranton, one of America's premier colleges, will host two Open House events for prospective students and their families on Sundays, Oct. 26 and Nov. 9.

Inspired by its Catholic and Jesuit mission, Scranton provides a rigorous, in-depth education designed for personal and professional success. For more than 30 consecutive years, U.S. News & World Report has ranked Scranton among the 10 top Master's Universities in the North. The Princeton Review included Scranton in its list "Best Colleges" for more than 20 consecutive years and in its ranking of the nation's top 25 "Best Science Labs" for eight years, among other rankings.

For additional information, contact Scranton's Admissions Office at 1-888-SCRANTON or visit Scranton's [Open House webpage](#).

Vocations Corner ~ Priesthood Sunday

Mother Mary, take to your heart your sons who are close to you because of their priestly ordination. Be their comfort, be their joy, be their strength. Stay close to them in their loneliness, frustrations, struggles, and temptations.

Lord Jesus, we know that You have made them priests in the likeness of your own priesthood. You have consecrated them, set them aside, anointed them, filled them with the Holy Spirit, appointed them to teach, to preach, to minister, to console, to forgive, and to feed us with Your Body and Blood.

Yet we know, too, that they are one with us and share our human weaknesses. We know too that they are tempted to sin and discouragement as are we, needing to be ministered to, as do we, to be consoled and forgiven, as do we. Indeed, we thank You for choosing them from among us, so that they understand us as we understand them, suffer with us and rejoice with us, worry with us and trust with us, share our beings, our lives, our faith.

We ask that You give them this day the gift You gave Your chosen ones on the way to Emmaus: Your presence in their hearts, Your holiness in their souls, Your joy in their spirits. And let them see You face to face in the breaking of the Eucharistic bread. Amen.



10TH ANNUAL DIOCESE OF SCRANTON
**BE A CATHOLIC MAN
CONFERENCE**
CHRIST IS KING

SAT., OCT. 4, 2025, 8 AM - 3:00 PM
Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Penna. Ave., Wilkes-Barre
Speakers: Mike Aquilina, David Bereit, Fr. Charles Connor
Adoration, Reconciliation, Exhibitors, Mass- Bishop Bambera
\$40. (Early \$30 by 9-15-25) Students \$15. Priests/Deacons/Seminarians FREE
Morning coffee & box lunch included

ONLINE info and registration:
BeACatholicMan.com

BY MAIL: Send name, address, email & parish with check or money order (payable to "Be a Catholic Man")
Put "Men's Conference" in check memo.
Mail to: **Be a Catholic Man**, PO Box 669, Wyalusing, PA 18853
Contact: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 • mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com



A Retreat for Men Discerning the Priesthood October 24-25, 2025

Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center

Men 18+ who are interested in discerning a vocation to priesthood are invited to attend. The retreat will include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, talks, group discussion, fellowship, room accommodations, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. This retreat is FREE to attend.

Email vocations@dioceseofscranton.org.



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Ps 118: 1

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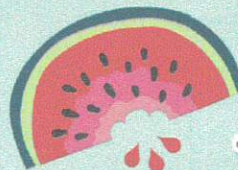
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