OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ AUGUST 23, 2020

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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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

FINANCES
August 16, 2020

Parish Collection:

Weekly Offering:	$ 3,270.00
Operation & Maintenance	$ 145.00
Holy Days:	$ 315.00
Easter:	$ 100.00
Christmas Flowers:	$ 5.00
Total:	$3,835.00

Thank you!

Liturgy Schedule

Aug 24 *Saint Bartholomew*
Mon. **SJ** 7:00 AM
Joseph Fluegel - Chet & Mary Beth Innamorati
SM 8:00 AM
Mary Lukashewski - Michael & Susan Murphy
SJ 5:30-7:00 PM
Confession in Adoration Chapel

Aug 25 *SS Louis & Joseph Calasanz*
Tue. **SJ** 7:00 AM
Joseph Lukashewski - Rodgers Family
SM 8:00 AM
Henry Novicki - Donnie & Aimee Fetterman

Aug 26
Wed. **SJ** 7:00 AM
Beatrice Bellucci Olenik - B. Killian

Aug 27 *Saint Monica*
Thu. **SJ** 7:00 AM
Yvonne Strycula - Rosary Group
SM 8:00 AM
Helen Taney - Terry Rhee

Aug 28 *Saint Augustine*
Fri. **SJ** 7:00 AM
Otto Muntzenberger - Family

Aug 29 *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist*
Sat. **SJ** 4:00 PM
Marion Dress - Fred Galinski
SM 5:30 PM
Cecelia Stec - Nephew, Raymond & Doris Stec

Aug 30 *Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*
Sun. **SJ** 8:30 AM
James & Rosemary Fritz - Jude & Mary Fritz
SM 9:00 AM
Joseph Harcharik - Family
SM 11:00 AM
First Holy Communicants - Saint Theresa's Guild
SJ 11:00 AM
Dorothy Schmoyer - Jim & Maria Glenn

Information changes daily!
For immediate updates please see our Website or Facebook page.

Saint Mary's Website: stmarydorrance.org
Facebook Page: Saint Mary's of Dorrance
***and* Saint Mary's of Dorrance Youth Group**
Phone: 570-868-5855

Please visit our website or our Facebook page for COVID-19 updates, including Mass, RE, and parish activities

WEEKEND MASSES celebrated at Saint Mary/Saint Jude are posted on our websites and our Facebook pages on Saturdays at 4 PM. Call the parish office if you need assistance with the link.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: will be celebrated on Sunday, August 30, at 11 AM. Due to C-19 restrictions, this Mass is for family members and not open to the public. Please join our children in spirit, and pray for them this week as they prepare to receive this most precious sacrament.

Families are asked to arrive at 10:30 AM, and enter through the front door of the church. Ushers will escort you to your seats. All COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: K-6 Stacey: 570-332-3801
Registration Forms are available on the website, our Facebook page, and via email. Forms may be dropped in the offertory box, mailed, emailed, or texted to 570-262-4628. Cost is $20, per student. Please call the office if you have questions with registration or if you need a form mailed to you.

CONFIRMATION: Grades 7 & 8
Registration Forms are available on our website, Facebook page, and via email. Cost for seventh grade is $40, and eighth grade is $75. Molly: 570-868-5855 or 262-4628

UPDATE

All Religious Education classes K-8, will be online through the end of 2020. Decisions moving forward will be determined based on current conditions at that time. We will continue to use our current familiar curriculum.

Classes will begin Sunday, October 4.

More details coming soon.

IN MEMORIAM

The Sanctuary Candle is lit in honor of
Jason Yankosky
By Mom, Brian, & Sister

Saint Mary Parish is open for Mass and Daily Prayer!
Daily and weekend Mass schedules have resumed with restrictions.
All CDC regulations must be followed.
Private Prayer: Monday-Friday 9 AM - 1 PM
Parish Office is open: Monday-Thursday 9 AM - 1 PM

GUIDELINES FOR CHURCH:

- You must sanitize your hands before entering and upon leaving Church
- Face coverings must be worn at all times and must cover your nose and mouth at all times
- Assigned seats are needed for weekend Masses
- Once seated you may not switch pews

Kindly remember these protocols are in place for your safety and the safety of others. Your understanding is appreciated.

Private Prayer & Daily Mass Instructions

You will enter through the side door, rectory side. You must put on your mask before entering the Church. You will use the hand sanitizer provided directly inside the door. You will seat yourself one household per pew. For Daily Mass: Doors open at 7:45 AM.

Weekend Mass Instructions

Doors open 30 minutes prior to Mass. Enter through the main double doors, street side. You must put on your mask before entering. Volunteers will provide hand sanitizer and check you in. An usher will escort you to your reserved pew. The congregation is asked to refrain from singing.

Holy Communion: Although strongly discouraged, anyone who still wishes to receive Holy Communion on the tongue should wait until the very end. This will minimize the risk of spreading the virus to others, and allow time for the priest to sanitize properly after each person receiving this way. Eucharist will be distributed at the end of Mass. You will immediately exit the church using the same door. Prayer of Thanksgiving can be done walking out or in your car.

FOOD PANRY: Thank you to everyone who has been helping to keep our pantry stocked. Your donations are very much appreciated. All families are welcome to come and pick up items to stock your cabinets. No proof of income is ever needed. Please call ahead to be sure the office is open, and a time can be arranged to ensure your privacy. Also check out the Children's Produce Market at Crestwood High School. More info to follow.

FACILITY RENTAL: This is a busy time of year for graduations, showers, and parties. Due to COVID-19 we are not able to rent any part of our campus. This includes the renting of tables and chairs for use off site. This is for the safety of all people. Thank you.

Weekend Mass Registration

Registration will be required for **Weekend Masses**. Every Monday we will post the link for Saint Mary Parishioners to register for the coming Weekend Mass. Registration will close on the Friday of that week at 1 PM. Choose Saturday or Sunday then click that link. You will be directed to SignUpGenius. You hit the red "Sign Up" button, then the brown "Submit and Sign Up" button to register. Reminders:

You must be a Saint Mary Parishioner
You may only register for yourself and your household
Please call the parish if you need assistance

PASTOR'S CORNER

We Don't Count Stems, We count Smiles!

The other day I read an article in the newspaper where the owner of a sunflower field provided the above quote. It made me think about how something so simple can bring a smile to someone. He started the sunflower field after 9/11 to bring hope to the community. He has been planting the 50 acres every year since and this year it has brought more people out than ever. The grower also said he loves to watch people take their time and walk through the field to find the one that catches their eye. This weekend we hear about who Jesus is. Jesus is everywhere so why not take the same approach and look around the "field of your life" and let Jesus catch your eye! Usually, Jesus is right there in the simple; right there in the smile!

Fr. Joe

RECONCILIATION is available on Monday evenings from 5:30-7:00 PM, in the St. Jude Adoration Chapel. Please enter through the center double doors and wait in the vestibule or outside. When no one is in the chapel enter into the single glass door and sit in the chair to your left. Please wear a mask. When reconciliation is complete exit the same way always respecting social distance. You can pray your penance as your walk to your car, in your car, or at home. Confessions will not be heard on Saturdays until further notice. You can also schedule an appointment with either priest for reconciliation. Thank you for your continued patience in this fluid situation. God Bless

UPCOMING MEETINGS

With current restrictions meetings are limited to the "Beverage Stand" in the grove. All groups must sanitize after use. To schedule a meeting please call the parish office.

Saint Theresa's Guild
Tuesday, September 8, at 6 PM

Altar & Rosary Society
Monday, September 21, at 6:30 PM

AA Meetings
Thursday Evenings at 7 PM

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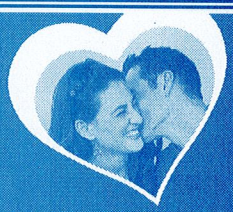

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