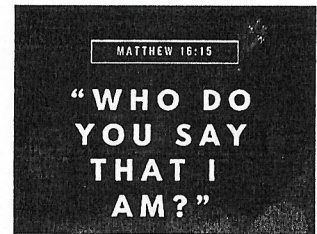




St. Mary of the Assumption, Wyalusing

Our Lady of Catholic Parish Perpetual Help

Extends a Warm Welcome to All



Mission Statement: We bring together a parish family to worship God, to evangelize the community, to encourage participation of youth and young adults in parish life, to pass on our faith to the next generation, to respect life and be good stewards of God's gifts.

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Rely on God for wisdom

Simon Peter didn't "figure out" Jesus' identity on his own. Rather, God himself revealed to Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Rather than relying only on our own intellect, we must be open to what the Lord is trying to tell us - or else we may miss something crucial.

THE SANCTURARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF AUGUST for Rose Polomski. As she shared in the sufferings of Christ, so may she now share in the glory of the risen Savior in heaven.

THE SANCTURARY CANDLE WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER for Martin Stoddard and Gerald Burke. As they shared in the sufferings of Christ, so may they now share in the glory of the risen Savior in heaven.

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 27, 2023

Mass Schedule at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing

Saturday Vigil - 6:00 PM Sunday - 11:00 AM

Wednesday & Friday - 12:00 Noon

Mass Schedule at SS Peter & Paul Church, Towanda

Saturday Vigil - 4:00 PM Sunday - 9:00 AM

Monday- No Mass Tuesday - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday - 8:30 AM

Website: sspeterandpaulchurch.net -570-265-2113

READINGS

AUGUST 28, 2023

MONDAY

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5,
8B-10

MATTHEW 23:13-22

AUGUST 29, 2023

TUESDAY

1 THESSALONIANS 2:1-8
MARK 6:17-29

AUGUST 30, 2023

WEDNESDAY

1 THESSALONIANS 2:9-13
MATTHEW 23:27-32

AUGUST 31, 2023

THURSDAY

1 THESSALONIANS 3:7-13
MATTHEW 24:42-51

SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

FRIDAY

1 THESSALONIANS 4:1-8
MATTHEW 25:1-13

SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

SATURDAY

1 THESSALONIANS 4:9-11
MATTHEW 25:14-30

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

SUNDAY

JEREMIAH 20:7-9
MATTHEW 16:21-27

PARISH BULLETIN CALENDAR

COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, GATHERINGS, ETC.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: MASS TO END ABORTION, ROSARY AT 11:00 AM & ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT BEFORE THE 12:00 NOON MASS

SEPT 6th WED. – JOINT PASTORIAL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING AFTER 5:30 PM MASS

SEPT 6th WED – RCIA – 6:30 PM GROTTA HALL , TOWANDA

SEPT. 17TH – SUNDAY – CCD CLASSES BEGIN

OCT. 1st SUNDAY - ROSARY – 10:30 AM, MASS, ROSARY PROCESSION, POT LUCK MEAL, PRO-LIFE CHAIN AT 2:00 PM.

OCT. 7TH – SAT. – BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONF. – HOLY REDEEMER HIGHT SCHOOL-8:AM-3PM
159 S. PA Ave., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-www.BeACatholicMan.com

NOV. 5th- SUNDAY – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY BAZAAR

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Joshua Douglas, Potter Schools, Grace George, Marian Miller, Victoria Rayappan, Ray Tenasco, Fred Storey, Stephanie McDevitt, Barbara Bodine, Cathy Stienbaugh, Sue Mullen, Mary Salay, Robert Gaumer, Lorraine, Cindy, Michael, Silver Dempsey, Janice Walker, Jean Caine, James Perella, Tammy Tragger, Karen Wilson, John Walter, Father Jose Friend, Sinu, Bruce Gelnett, Father Ken Seegar, Paul & Sandra McIntyre

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF THERE ARE SICK, HOSPITALIZED, HOMEBOUND, OR ANY CHANGES TO THE LIST ABOVE – THANK YOU

INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Do you have questions about God or the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who does? If you are interested in entering the Catholic Church or Receiving Confirmation, or you're just curious about Catholicism, contact in Towanda: Susanna Seibert at seibert.susanna@gmail.com or 570-637-3180 or Wyalusing: Mike Kilmer 570-721-0872 mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com to get started.

Our class sessions will follow Symbolon: The Catholic Faith Explained series, on knowing and living the faith. Invite a friend! Parishioners interested in learning more about our Catholic faith are welcome to attend the Symbolon sessions as well. The first session is Wed., Sept 6th at 6:30 at Grotto Hall, Towanda.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 28TH- SEPTEMBER 3RD

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Wednesday, August 30th 12:00 Noon	Our Parishioners	Father Jose
Friday, September 1st 12:00 Noon	End to Abortion	Pro-Life
Saturday, September 2nd 6:00 PM	Repose of the Soul of Kerry Abrams	Jim & Leona Fitzgerald
Sunday, September 3rd 11:00 AM	Repose of the Soul of June Kinney	The Kusmierz Family

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Our current weekly collection needed to meet our financial obligations is \$4,000.00.

Collection August 19th & 20th, 2023

Budget goal = \$4,000.00

General Fund Offering \$2,927.00

Short Goal (\$1,073.00)

Thank you for your generosity!

MAUI SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION – SEPTEMBER 2ND & 3RD

Bishop Bambera has invited Parishes from the Diocese of Scranton to take up an emergency special collection to address the immediate needs of the affected communities while also planning for long-term recovery efforts for the Hawaii Island of Maui. If you are able to give, please make your check out to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and designate Maui in the memo line. May we continue to hold in prayer all those affected by these devastating fires.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR LOTTERY WREATH

We're looking for lottery ticket donations for our Christmas Bazaar Lottery wreath at our Basket Raffle during the Bazaar. If you can donate a couple of lottery tickets, please drop them in the collection basket or bring to the parish office. Thank you for your support of our parish!

MINISTRY

Lector Schedule

Sat., September 2nd
6:00 PM
Eva Weaver

Sun., September 3rd
11:00 AM
Connie Whren

SERVERS

Kaitlyn & Michael
Trowbridge

Ministers of Communion

Sun. Sept. 3rd
11:00 AM
Armitages

**CHRISTIAN
STEWARDSHIP
WEEK OF**

8/20/2023

Loose 169.00

Offertory Env 2,175.00

Dues 13.00

Assumption 570.00

Total Offering to Parish
General Fund

\$2,927.00

Additional Acct Depo

Cemetery

Building 50.00

Total 50.00

NAT'L COLLECT
FUNDS TO
DIOCESAN OFFICE

Care of Priests 20.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS

\$2,997.00

CCD PROGRAM

Thank you to those who have volunteered to help with the CCD program. Anyone still interested in volunteering is asked to contact Cathy Hagadorn at 570-250-2311 or email – cathyhagadorn@hotmail.com.

Registration forms for CCD must be completed for each student and are included in the bulletin and at each entrance of the Church. Classes will begin on Sunday, September 17th.

BE A CATHOLIC MAN CONFERENCE

This Conference encourages and empowers men to deepen their relationship with Christ, to be spiritual leaders in their families, their parish, and their community and to live their faith in everyday life. There are 3 dynamic speakers scheduled throughout the day. The Conference is Saturday, Oct. 7th from 8 AM to 3 PM at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre
www.BeACatholicMan.com

HELPING HANDS FOOD PANTRY The Helping Hands Food Pantry has launched their 2023/24 Backpack Program for the Wyalusing Schools. This program is now its eighth year and provides healthy nutritional food items for students every weekend throughout the school year. For only \$25, you can sponsor a local child to have food for the entire year. Helping Hands is not government-sponsored and only receives donations from our generous community. During the school year, they provide weekend food for 285 families. They also provide over 90 weekend summer food bags to families who wish to participate. In addition, Helping Hands Food Pantry provides weekly food to anyone in need. Ninety families are currently shopping for food every week. They also provide delivery service to the elderly at the Park Place and deliveries are made to the elderly in Laceyville and in New Albany. The mailing address is: Helping Hands, PO Box 233, Wyalusing, PA 18853.

Your Local Pregnancy Resource Center Needs Your Help!

REAL ALTERNATIVES CENTERS' STATE FUNDING TO EXPIRE

Real Alternatives administers Pennsylvania's Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services program, which funds pregnancy resource centers, maternity homes, and adoption agencies throughout the Commonwealth.

In a shocking decision, Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro has announced that he intends to allow Pennsylvania's contract with Real Alternatives to expire at the end of the year.

Without this program, thousands of pregnant women across PA could lose the comprehensive support and counseling they need during their pregnancies—and 12 months afterward.

Can we count on YOU to act on behalf of pregnant women across the Commonwealth?



YOU CAN HELP!

1 Call Governor Shapiro's Office

Please call Governor Shapiro's office and ask that he reverse his decision to cancel Real Alternatives' contract. The number to call is: **717-787-2500**.

2 Contact your State Representative and Senator

Please email and call your state representative and state senator and urge them to take action to stop Real Alternatives' contract from being cancelled.

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