



St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church Wyalusing

Our Lady of 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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Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

When Jesus was born into the world, he was born into a family. Today we celebrate the Holy Family, a model for us all to emulate. Do we love and respect our children as Joseph and Mary did their Son? Do we love and honor our parents as Jesus did his own? Do we nurture the bonds in our family as the Holy Family did? On this final day of the year, let us resolve to pray to the Holy Family for guidance and support, as we look to them for inspiration.

Father Jose has suffered an injury requiring surgery; and will be unavailable here for Mass for the time being.

We welcome Msgr. Wargo here for our Masses this weekend and New Year's Day.

We will keep you informed by announcements in Church and on the Website. Please keep Father Jose in your prayers.

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH December 31, 2023

Mass Schedule at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing

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

Wednesday & Friday – 12:00 Noon

Holy Days: 12 Noon

Confessions: 5:30 PM Sat. & 10:30 AM Sun.

***OR AS SCHEDULED INSIDE BULLETIN

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

READINGS

JANUARY 1ST

MONDAY

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE HOLY MOTHER OF
GOD
NUMBERS 6:22-27
GALATIANS 4:4-7
LUKE 2:16-21

JANUARY 2ND

TUESDAY

STS. BASIL THE GREAT
& GREGORY NAZIANZ
BISHOPS & DOCTORS
OF THE CHURCH
1 JOHN 2:22-28
JOHN 1:19-28

JANUARY 3RD

WEDNESDAY

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
1 JOHN 2:29-3:6
JOHN 1:29-34

JANUARY 4TH

THURSDAY

ST. ELIZABETH ANN
SETON
1 JOHN 3:7-10
JOHN 1:35-42

JANUARY 5TH

FRIDAY

ST. JOHN NEWMAN,
BISHOP
1 JOHN 3:11-21
JOHN 1:43-51

JANUARY 6TH

SATURDAY

CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
1 JOHN 5:5-13
LUKE 3:23-38
OR MARK 1:7-11

PARISH BULLETIN CALENDAR

COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, GATHERINGS, ETC.

JANUARY 1ST NEW YEARS DAY – MASS – 11:00 AM – ST. MARY'S (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this Year)

JANUARY 3RD- WEDNESDAY, JOINT FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6:00 PM

JANUARY 7TH - SUNDAY, CCD CLASSES RESUME FROM 9:45 – 10:55 AM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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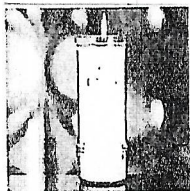
THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Father Jose, Joan Abrey, John Armitage, Donna Elchin, Glenn Layaou SR., Suky Burgess, Kelly Kulsicavage, Father Jose Friend, Sinu, Joe Friery, Joyce Hussong, Irene McMahon, Grace George, Marian Miller, Ray Tenasco, Fred Storey, Stephanie McDevitt, Barbara Bodine, Cathy Stienbaugh, Sue Mullen, Mary Salay, Robert Gaumer, Silver Dempsey, Jean Caine, James Perella, Tammy Tragger, Paul & Sandra McIntyre, Keensley Middlecamp, Carmel Buneo, Steve Stoddard

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

ST. MARY'S SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle will burn in loving memory throughout the entire month in December 2023 for: Douglas and Rita Cogswell and James and Alice Armitage. Please remember them in your prayers.

The Sanctuary Candle will burn in loving memory throughout the entire month of January 2024 for Donald Sedlak and Stephen Sedlak. Please remember them in your prayers.



*The Sanctuary Lamp
The light that
symbolizes the
Eternal Sacrifice*

MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF JAN 1ST – JAN 7TH

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| Monday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 11:00 AM | Repose of the Soul of Gene Ball | Kilmer Family |
| Wednesday, January 3 rd | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Friday, January 5 th | NO MASS | NO MASS |
| Saturday, January 6 th 6:00 PM | Repose of the Soul of Rita Peed | Larry & Marilyn Burke |
| Sunday, January 7 th 11:00 AM | Repose of the Soul of Lillian Salsman | Kuzmierz Family |

MINISTRY Lector Schedule

Mon., Jan. 1st
11:00 AM
Lou Ann Kilmer

Sat., Jan. 6th
6:00 PM
Scott Latoski

Sun., Jan. 7th
11:00 AM
Justin Keglitsch

SERVERS

Mon., Jan 1st
Trowbridge's

Sun., Jan 7th
Shaffer's

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Monthly Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection December 23rd, 24th & 25th - \$7,079.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

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 Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com to get started. Classes will be held in Wyalusing.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL- WE HAVE HIT OUR GOAL!!!

Your financial gift to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal helps to support the ministries of our local church. We are thankful for all the blessings received from our parishioners in support of all our collections and special needs. May God continue to bless you.

**** UPDATE AS OF 12/22/23

PARISH GOAL: \$10,000

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS: \$10,205.00

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP WEEK OF 12/25/2023

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| Loose | 398.00 |
| Offertory Env | 3,157.00 |
| Dues | 13.00 |
| Christmas | 3,266.00 |
| Total Offering to Parish General Fund | |
| | \$6,834.00 |
| Additional Acct Depo | |
| Cemetery | 70.00 |
| Building | 175.00 |
| Total | 245.00 |

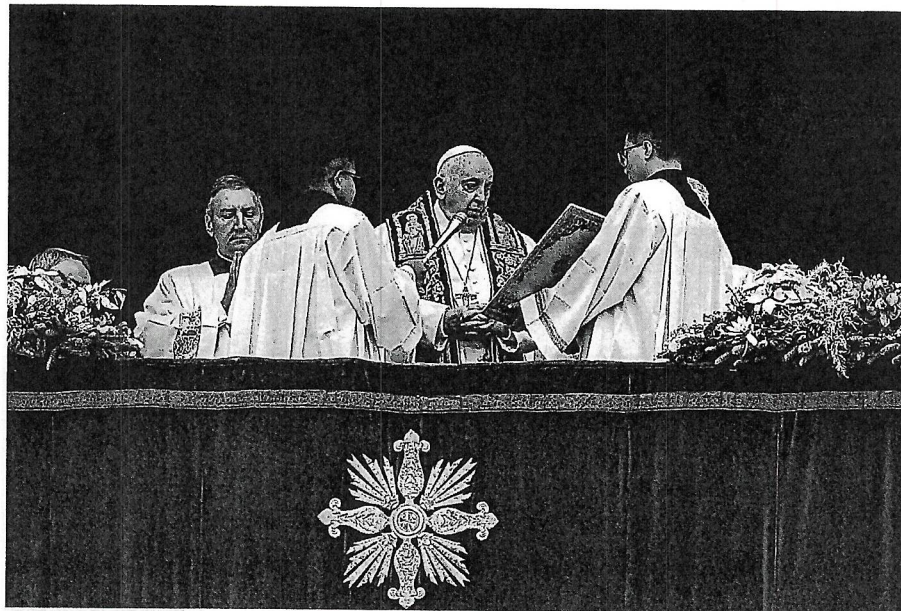
TOTAL DEPOSITS

\$7,079.00

Prayer for the New Year

*Remember us, O God;
from age to age be our comforter.
You have given us the wonder of time,
blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.
Bless your children at the turning of the year
and fill the months ahead with the bright hope
that is ours in the coming of Christ.
You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever.
Amen.*

Pope's Christmas Message: Say 'Yes' to the Prince of Peace, 'No' to war



Celebrating the birth of Jesus, the prince of peace, should mean making a commitment to opposing all war, to cherishing human life, feeding the hungry and speaking up for those who have no voice, Pope Francis said.

"To say 'yes' to the Prince of Peace, then, means saying 'no' to war — and doing so with courage — saying no to every war, to the very mindset of war, an aimless voyage, a defeat without victors, an inexcusable folly," the pope said Dec. 25 as he read his Christmas message and offered his blessing "urbi et orbi" (to the city and the world).

As he stood on the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica with an estimated 70,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square, the pope began his message speaking of Bethlehem where celebrations of Jesus' birth are muted this year because of the Israeli-Hamas conflict.

But he also used his message to preach the hope of Christmas, which he said was found in God, who loved humanity so much that he sent his son to be born in a manger.