



St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church Wyalusing

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Extends a Warm Welcome to All



Jn 1:29-34

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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Last Sunday, on the feast of the Epiphany, we heard the familiar story of the magi, who, directed by the star to Bethlehem, find the baby Jesus. Today we hear of the first disciples, who, directed by John the Baptist, encounter the adult Jesus. That initial encounter changes the entire course of their lives, for, as Andrew insists to his brother Simon, “We have found the Messiah.” May our encounter with the Lord, here and elsewhere, influence the way we live our lives as well.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 14, 2024

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 15TH
MONDAY
1 SAMUEL 15:16-23
MARK 2:18-22

JANUARY 16TH
TUESDAY
1 SAMUEL 16:1-13
MARK 2:23-28

JANUARY 17TH
WEDNESDAY
1 SAMUEL 17:32-33,
37, 40-51
MARK 3:1-6

JANUARY 18TH
THURSDAY
1 SAMUEL 18:6-9;19:1-7
MARK 3:7-12

JANUARY 19TH
FRIDAY
1 SAMUEL 24:3-21
MARK 3:13-19

JANUARY 20TH
SATURDAY
2 SAMUEL 1:1-4, 11-12,
19, 23-27
MARK 3:20-21

JANUARY 21ST
SUNDAY
JONAH 3:1-5, 10
1 CORINTHI 7:29-31
MARK 1:14-20

PARISH BULLETIN CALENDAR

COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, GATHERINGS, ETC.

JANUARY 14TH - SUNDAY, CCD CLASS FROM 9:45 – 10:55 AM

JANUARY 17TH - WEDNESDAY, JOINT FINANCE/PARISH MEETING AT 6:00 PM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

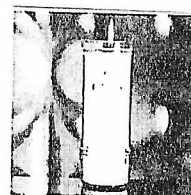
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THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Joan Abrey, John Armitage, Donna Elchin, Glenn Layaou SR., Suky Burgess, Kelly Kulsicavage, Father Jose Friend, Sinu, Joe Friery, Joyce Hussong, Irene McMahon, Grace George, Marian Miller, Ray Tenasco, Fred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

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 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*

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 are held Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM at St. Mary's Office. There is still time to attend.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF JAN 15TH – JAN 21ST 2024

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Wednesday, Jan. 17th 5:30 PM	Darleen Stoddard	Kathy Stoddard
Friday, Jan. 19 th 12:00 Noon	Elena Ascencio	Kilmer Family
Saturday, Jan. 20 th 6:00 PM	Elena Ascencio	John & Ellen Armitage
Sunday, Jan. 21 st 11:00 AM	Donald Sedlak	Kate Sedlak

MINISTRY
Lector ScheduleSaturday, Jan. 20th
6:00 PM
Eva WeaverSunday, Jan. 21st
11:00 AM
Lou Ann Kilmer**OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Monthly Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection January 7, 2024 = \$2,055.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

2023 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our Parish has raised \$10,505 and is 105.05% of the \$10,000 goal. The Annual Appeal is how the Diocese of Scranton serves charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries. Through your generous support we are able to serve thousands of families and individuals in Northeastern and Central Pennsylvania through outreach, formation, evangelization, and worship.

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT

In accordance with the new decree issued last year regarding annual financial transparency, included in the bulletin this week is the 5 year Trend Analysis Report and description for Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This report was prepared by the Diocesan Finance Office using our annual financial reports. Our Financial Committee will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

SERVERSSunday, Jan. 21st
Trowbridges**CHRISTIAN
STEWARDSHIP
WEEK OF
1/7/2024**

Loose	43.00
Offertory Env	995.00
Dues	96.00
Mary Mother	160.00
Christmas	40.00
1 st Offering	75.00

Total Offering to Parish
General Fund

\$1,409.00

National Collections

Care & Edu	200.00
Total	200.00

TOTAL DEPOSITS

\$1,609.00

Be Ready to do God's Will

In today's first reading, God called young Samuel in a special way. Samuel's life had been dedicated to God, and because he was willing to follow God's plan, God made Samuel a holy prophet.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist tells his followers that Jesus is the Messiah. Two of them decided to follow Jesus, and one of them, Andrew, went and got his brother Simon. When Simon went to follow Him, Jesus told him that his name would now be "Cephas," or "Peter," which means 'rock.' God had a special plan for Simon Peter. He was to become the leader of the Church- the first pope!

God does not call all of us to very important jobs like the prophet Samuel and Saint Peter. But each of us should follow Jesus and be ready to do His will. If we always try to do what God wants, then we will be ready if He does have a special job for us! How can you do God's will today?



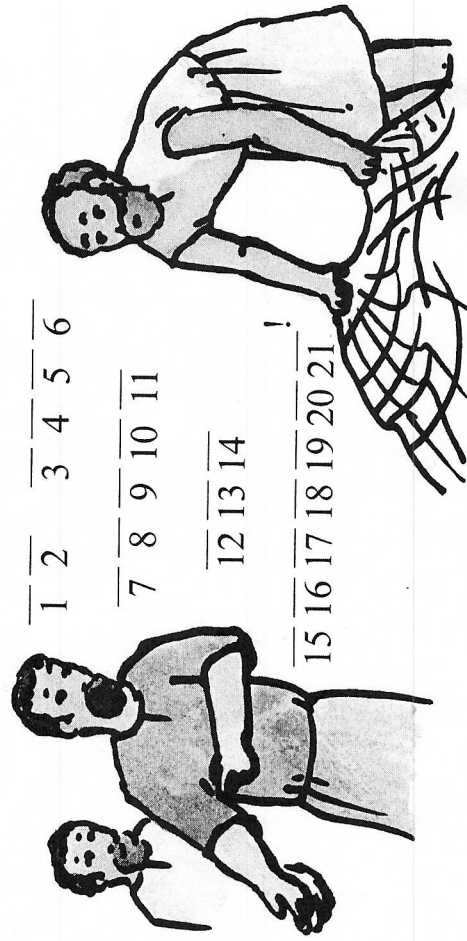
Answer to front page: We have found the Messiah!
Answer to Cross-Word: his vocation.

The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 14th, 2024

T A H E M
F H E D S W
H E N O A
V S I E U

What did Andrew say to his brother Simon in today's Gospel reading?
Fill the spaces with the letters in the right order to find out!



Parish Financial Report
Our Lady of Perpetual Help - Wyalusing
TREND ANALYSIS

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Revenue					
Collections	172,394	216,842	183,410	197,137	196,072
Faith Formation Fees	-	2,150	404	933	1,003
Fundraising/Development	23,624	45,168	31,474	21,302	58,730
Other Income	55,063	66,874	45,662	16,181	6,917
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	4,616	4,681	51,000	36,857	60,000
Diocesan Special Collections	4,440	9,707	7,163	9,114	12,609
Total Revenue	260,137	345,421	319,113	281,524	335,331
Expenses					
Administration	99,183	95,073	129,363	119,550	123,738
Rectory	2,462	2,438	6,849	9,187	9,366
Liturgy	8,408	7,692	13,801	29,855	28,996
Faith Formation	7,838	8,774	3,410	3,572	6,647
Social Justice	2,523	-	-	-	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	31,543	59,733	54,269	70,694	69,636
Fixed Expense	13,147	27,763	32,225	32,454	26,577
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	10,500	-
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	203,458	5,140	5,000	11,452	-
Catholic School Assessment	20,911	18,840	21,012	21,144	20,397
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	5,017	10,296	6,505	9,067	12,145
Total Expense	394,489	235,748	272,434	317,475	297,502
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	(134,352)	109,673	46,679	(35,951)	37,829
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	3,703	(3,703)	1,615	-	10,411
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(130,649)	105,970	48,294	(35,951)	48,240
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	3,703	(1,615)	-	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	3,703	-	-	-	10,411
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	3,703	(3,703)	1,615	-	10,411
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedraicum (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the increase or decrease in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a **CASH BASIS** based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's **unpaid obligations** over the year. If there is an increase in unpaid obligations, this number will be **negative**. If the parish **reduced** its unpaid obligations, this will be a **positive** number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations. **This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.**

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.