



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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The Ten Commandments

Today we hear God deliver the ten commandments to Moses and the Chosen People. The commandments provide a way for them to live up to their part of the covenant. We face the same challenge today. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to examine our consciences and recall times when we have failed to follow one of God's commands and determine which commandments we find difficult to obey consistently. Particularly during this penitential season, let us repent of our sins, reconcile with God and those we've wronged, and pray for the grace to do better.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT March 3, 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

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READINGS

MARCH 4TH
MONDAY
2 KINGS 5:1-15B
LUKE 4:24-30

MARCH 5TH
TUESDAY
DANIEL 3:25, 34-43
MATTHEW 18:21-35

MARCH 6TH
WEDNESDAY
DEUTERONOMY 4:1, 5-9
MATTHEW 5:17-19

MARCH 7TH
THURSDAY
JEREMIAH 7:23-28
LUKE 11:14-23

MARCH 8TH
FRIDAY
HOSEA 14:2-10
MARK 12:28-34

MARCH 9TH
SATURDAY
HOSEA 6:1-6
LUKE 18:9-14

MARCH 10TH
SUNDAY
2 CHRONICLES 36:14-16, 19-23
EPHESIANS 2:4-10
JOHN 3:14-21

PARISH BULLETIN CALENDAR

COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, GATHERINGS, ETC.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY: ROSARY AT 11:00 AM, ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT 11:30, MASS TO END ABORTION AT 12:00 NOON

ALL FRIDAYS DURING LENT- ROSARY AT 11:00 AM, STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 11:30, MASS AT 12:00 NOON

FIRST FRIDAY & FIRST SATURDAY: MASS AT SS PETER & PAUL AT 8:30 AM

FEBRUARY 13TH THRU MARCH 25TH - FATHER JOSE – RECTORY, SET COOK

THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH – LENTEN HOLY HOUR WITH BISHOP BAMBERA AT EPIPHANY PARISH, SAYRE AT 7:00 PM

SAT. & SUN., MARCH 9TH & 10TH – CRYSTAL SALSMAN, DIRECTOR OF ENDLESS MOUNTAINS PREGNANCY CARE CENTER WILL SPEAK AT MASS

SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH – PENANCE SERVICE AT 4:00 PM AT SS PETER & PAUL, TOWANDA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH – MASS AT 5:30 & PARISH MEETING AT 6:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH - ANNUAL PICNIC MEETING AT 5:30 PM IN HALL

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH –PALM SUNDAY – 11:00 AM PROCESSION WITH PALMS FROM THE HALL TO CHURCH.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH - PENANCE SERVICE AT 2:00 PM AT ST. BASIL'S DUSHORE

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH – MASS AT 6:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH - MASS AT 3:00 PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH – BLESSING OF THE BASKETS AT 10:00 AM AT SS PETER & PAUL

HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL – MARCH 30TH – MASS AT 8:30 PM

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31ST – MASS AT 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH – MASS AT 5:30 & FINANCE MEETING AT 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, MAY 5TH – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT 11:00 AM MASS

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

You must be a registered member of the Parish to receive Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Marriage and to receive Sponsor Certificates/letters etc. Anyone who is not registered is asked to contact the Parish Office. New parishioners are always welcome!

SACRAMENTS

Sacrament of Baptism: Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements for your child's Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage : Couples contemplating marriage should notify the Parish Office at least 6-9 months before your date to allow for necessary preparations.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick: Urgent calls will be attended to as soon as possible.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process to bring non-Catholics into our faith. Additionally, it is also for previously baptized Catholics seeking to complete their sacraments of initiation. If you are seeking information or are interested in becoming a part of our faith community, please call the Parish Office for further information.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 4TH – MARCH 10RD 2024

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Wednesday, March 6th 12:00 Noon	Repose of the Soul of Rita Cogswell	John & Ellen Armitage
Friday, March 8th 12:00 Noon	Healing for Al Narducci	Kilmer Family
Saturday, March 9th 6:00 PM	Repose of the Soul of Lillian Salsman	Kusmierz Family
Sunday, March 10th 11:00 AM	Repose of the Soul of Betty Kitchnefsky	Tom & Elaine Harvat

MINISTRY Lector Schedule Saturday, Mar. 9th 6:00 PM Scott Latoski Sunday, Mar. 10th 11:00 AM Justin Koblitsch

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Monthly Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection Feb. 24th & 25th 2024 = \$2,951.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our Parish!

SERVERS Sunday, March 10th Shaffers
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CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP WK OF 2/25/24	
Loose	156.00
Offertory Env	2,391.00
Dues	17.00
Ash Wed.	1.00
Easter Flowers	386.00
Total Offering to Parish General Fund	\$2,951.00
National Collections	
Care & Edu.	20.00
Europe	1.00
Holy Land	2.00
Total	\$23.00
Building	56.00
Cemetery	
Total	\$56.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$3,030.00

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – Raymond Tenasco who passed away this week

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Tolise Otis, Bob Franko, Ivette Gonzalez, Richard Bennett, Ginny Amoroso, William Walter, Jr., Chuck Bullock, Joan Abrey, John Armitage, Donna Elchin, Suky Burgess, Kelly Kulsicavage, Joe Friery, Joyce Hussong, Irene McMahon, Grace George, Marian Miller, 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, and Tina Clapper.

Dear Jesus, Divine Physician and Healer of the Sick, we ask that You restore Your servants to health again. Above all, grant us the grace to acknowledge Your holy will and know that whatever You do, You do for the love of us. Amen.

Sick, Hospitalized and Homebound, Please call office or notify Father Jose.

Tolise Otis wants to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, and calls during this difficult time that she and her Daughter has had with illness and loss. We continue to pray for healing for Tolise and her Daughter.

INQUIRING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH

Do you have questions about God or the Catholic faith or 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, please contact Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com to get started.

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

It's time to start planning our annual picnic fundraiser. A meeting will be held Tuesday, March 19th at 5:30 PM in the Hall. Talk among those who have organized the picnic in previous years is that backs are not so strong and feet are not so steady anymore. We need some younger bodies to be able to carry on this tradition or ideas for an alternate fundraiser. PLEASE COME!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The baby bottle campaign has concluded. If you have not returned your bottle, please do so next weekend. We are so thankful for your help. Thanks to you, there will be so many benefits to the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center and the wee little ones and their parents they support. God bless you for your continued support.

RECTORY, SET, COOK CONTEST

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER JOSE AND TEAM BRADFORD FOR PLACING 6TH SO FAR IN THE COOK-OFF. (Fr. Jose, Fr. Shinu, Fr. Tony Mathew, Fr. Toomey, and Fr. Binesh) We still have time to donate!

The Dish Father Jose & his team prepared was the delicious Kerala Shrimp Roast and Kerala-Style Chicken Biryani. The St. Agnes Students gave it a thumbs up!

Please help Father Jose and Team Bradford by donating on-line to Diocese of Scranton and select your "favorite Chef" and complete the donation information. You can also vote by writing a check to Our Lady of Perpetual Help or Father Jose Kuriappilly and on the memo line write TEAM BRADFORD. You may put your check in the offertory basket or drop off at the Office. Donations will benefit Catholic Social Services', Food Kitchens and Pantries, and Men's and Women's Shelters. All donations are tax deductible. Please support Father Jose and Team Bradford!

REPENT

Meditations for the
Season of Lent

AND BELIEVE

Out of the Temple

John 2:13-25

When Jesus saw the moneychangers, merchants, sheep, oxen, and doves at the Temple, he became angered, not because of what they were doing, but because of where they were doing it. The old law required animal sacrifice, so the availability of the proper animals for purchase wasn't at issue. But making the act of worship into a commercial, for-profit enterprise by selling those animals within the Temple itself made a mockery of a sacred duty.



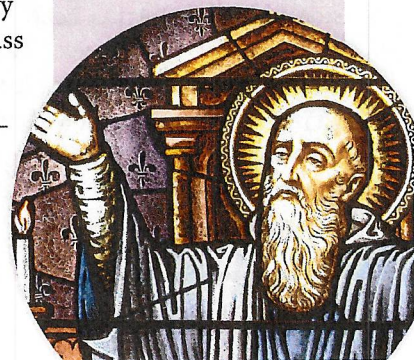
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Although we no longer purchase animals for sacrifice on the steps of our churches, the temptation to turn faith into profit is still with us. Today, as in Jesus' time, there is wealth to be made in religion and spirituality. But even for those of us who don't profit directly from our faith, there is a pull to make it into just another thing we do every week, instead of a true act of worship.

When we come to Mass, we can be distracted by worldly affairs, more concerned with what we (or someone else) is wearing, even slipping out early so that we can get on with "real life." In today's Gospel, Jesus is showing us that the time we give to God needs to be given freely and fully — without being compromised by anything else. This Lent, let us make the time we spend at Mass a highlight of our week.

POINTS TO PONDER

- When I attend Mass, am I fully aware that I am in the presence of God during that time?
- When was the last time I went to confession?
- As we enter the third week of Lent, what progress have I made spiritually? Do I need to make a "course correction" for the remaining weeks?



“Renounce yourself in order to follow Christ; discipline your body; do not pamper yourself, but love fasting.”

— St. Benedict



CATHOLIC INSIGHTS

Works of Mercy

Along with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are encouraged to perform both corporal and spiritual acts of mercy during Lent. During the next few weeks, try to do at least one act of mercy.

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

FamilyActivity

Crown of Thorns

To encourage children to perform good deeds and make small sacrifices during Lent, make a "crown of thorns." Twist a rope of tan modeling clay into a circle and then stud it with toothpicks. Each time someone in the family makes a sacrifice or does a good deed, pull one of the toothpick "thorns" out of the "crown." Try to remove all the "thorns" by Good Friday.



SIGNS OF THE SEASON *The Scrutinies*

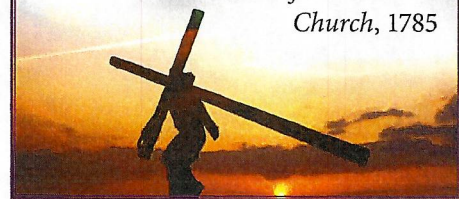
This week and the two following weeks, we celebrate the Scrutinies. Their purpose is "to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good" (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 141).

While specifically designed for those who are entering the Church, all of us can benefit from the Scrutinies by examining our hearts and consciences for both healing and strengthening.

Catechism CONNECTION

"In the formation of conscience the Word of God is the light for our path (cf. Ps 119:105), we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's Cross."

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1785



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LENT PRAYER

Unto to you, I cry, my God!

"As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God."
— Psalm 42:1

My Lord, as we enter into the third week of Lent, help me to put aside worldly concerns and focus more deeply and completely on you.