



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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### Baptism of the Lord

Over the Christmas season, which ends today, the Gospel passages have told how God's Son was made manifest to the world. The angels told the shepherds that a savior had been born in Bethlehem. The magi followed the star to give homage to the newborn Messiah. The youth Jesus amazed the teachers in the temple. Today we hear that at Jesus' baptism, the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove and the Father's voice could be heard saying, "You are my beloved Son." We rejoice today, for the Son of God is continually revealed to us.

### Baptism of the Lord January 12, 2025

#### 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 – 12:00 Noon\*\* OR Scheduled Inside Bulletin

Confessions – 5:30 PM Saturday and 10:30 AM Sunday

#### Mass Schedule at SS Peter and Paul Towanda

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

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – 6:00 PM

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday – 8:30 AM

Confessions – 3:45 Saturday AND 7:45-8:15 Wed., Thurs., Fri.  
And by Appointment #570-357-1619

Website: [sspeterandpaulchurch.net](http://sspeterandpaulchurch.net) (570-265-2113)

### Readings

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Mon.  
Hebrews 1:1-6  
Gospel-Mark 1:14-20

January 14<sup>th</sup> -Tues.  
Hebrews 2:5-12  
Gospel- Mark 1:21-28

January 15<sup>th</sup> – Wed.  
Hebrews 2:14-18  
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

January 16<sup>th</sup> – Thurs.  
Hebrews 3:7-14  
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45

January 17<sup>th</sup> -Fri.  
St. Anthony, Abbot  
Hebrews 4:1-5,11  
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

January 18<sup>th</sup> – Sat.  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Gospel: Mark 2:13-17

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Sun.  
2nd Sun. Ordinary  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
1 Corinthians 12:4-11  
Gospel: John 2:1-11

## PARISH BULLETIN CALENDAR

### COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, CATERINGS, 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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING AT 5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>TH</sup>- FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:00 PM AFTER MASS AT 5:30 PM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – Mary Ann Mosier - Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Jacob Walter, Ken Taylor, David Keeler, Elaine Greenlief, Robert Stabinsky, Jacob Hoffmann, Chris, Larry Burke, Tolise Otis, Leona Fitzgerald, William DiMascio, Frank Mucha, Ben Mueller, Terry Ruhf, James Schnure, Rafael Delgado, Dave Green, Glenn Layaou, Jr., Bob Franko, Ivette Gonzalez, Richard Bennett, Ginny Amoroso, William Walter, Jr., Chuck Bullock, Joan Abrey, Donna Elchin, Kelly Kulsicavage, Joe Friery, Joyce Hussong, Irene McMahan, Grace George, Marian Miller, Fred Storey, Stephanie McDevitt, Barbara Bodine, Cathy Stienbaugh, Sue Mullen, Robert Gaumer, Silver Dempsey, Jean Caine, James Perella, Paul & Sandra McIntyre, Keensley Middlecamp, Carmel Buneo, Tina Clapper, Mark Borel.

We pray that You restore Your Servant 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 the office or notify Father Jose.

PARISH PRAYER LINE & PARISH PRAYER CHAIN are ministries performed by volunteers who pray at home for special intentions requested by parishioners. Requests are confidential; they are relayed to the prayer volunteers by phone, text or by e-mail. Please call or text Marilyn at 570-665-9777 to request prayers for your own special intention. Please call her if you would like to become one of those who pray privately for others; and whether you prefer a text or e-mail.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE will burn in loving memory throughout the month of January 2025 for the Deceased Battisti Family – from Michael & Lou Ann Kilmer. Please remember them in your prayers.

## Mass Schedule for Week of JAN. 13<sup>TH</sup> – JAN. 19<sup>TH</sup> 2025

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Saturday, January 18 <sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM	Repose of the Soul of Isabelle Loftus	Joan Ross
Sunday January 19 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	Repose of the Soul of Violet Barker	Pattie Ambs

MINISTRY Lector Schedule
<u>Sat., Jan 18th – 6:00 PM</u> Bill Prichard
<u>Sun Jan 19th -11 AM</u> Justin Keglitsch

### OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEKLY Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> = \$3,479.00

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish!

### CCD PROGRAM – 2024/2025

The Diocese requires two years of religious education before the reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, and three years of religious education before the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If you have any questions about the CCD program, please contact Cathy Hagadorn, DRE at 570-250-2311 or [cathyhagadorn@hotmail.com](mailto:cathyhagadorn@hotmail.com).

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Diocese of Scranton invites you to a weekend full of fun, fellowship, and praise for an Adult Women's Retreat. The weekend begins on Friday, January 24, 2025, at 6:45 PM and will end on Sunday, January 26 at 1:30 PM. Connie Whren has registered for the retreat and you may contact her or the office if you are interested in going or in need of a ride. The Retreat will feature discussions and reflection on the teachings of St. Catherine of Siena who said, "Be who you are meant to be and you will set the whole world on fire." You may register at:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/2025-catholic-womes-retreat-registration-if> (cc)

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/2025-catholic-womens-retreat-registration> (check)

SERVERS
Jan. 19 <sup>th</sup> -11:00 AM Neubers

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	
Loose	158.00
Offer Env	2,256.00
Christmas	50.00
Dues	127.00
Holy Mother	615.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Offering	273.00
Total Offering to Parish General Fund	<b>\$3,479.00</b>
Building	30.00
Cemetery	45.00
Total	<b>\$75.00</b>
<u>National Collections</u>	
Care & Ed	100.00
Religious Retire	
Total	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	
	<b>\$3,654.00</b>

### 5 YEAR – TREND REPORT

Enclosed is the 5 Year Trend Report and explanation key of the finances for St. Mary's Church. The analysis shows all expenses are paid monthly and there is not any outstanding debt. There is a surplus of \$7,063 at the end of the fiscal year in our General Checking Account. Thank you for your generous support!

### DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UP-DATE

Thank you for your donation to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. The donations to the Appeal total \$7,855.00. There is still time to donate at [www.annualappeal.org](http://www.annualappeal.org) as well as packets available at the entrances of the Church.

### CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

The Scranton Catholic Charismatic Renewal is offering a Life in the Spirit Experience to encourage Young People in their faith the weekend of January 31<sup>st</sup> and Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. The event will be on Friday evening from 5:30-9:30 with dinner included and Saturday from 8-5:30 with breakfast, lunch and Mass included.

All young people – high school, college, young adults (married & single), and young parents are most welcome to attend. There is no cost for the program.

Text Kyra Krzywicki at 570-606-1380 to register or if you have questions.

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THE OFFICE will be closed Monday, Thursday & Friday of next week. If you need help immediately, please contact SS Peter & Paul, Towanda at 570-265-2113.

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

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				2020
	2024	2023	2022	2021	
<b>Revenue</b>					
Collections	152,780	172,394	216,842	183,410	197,137
Faith Formation Fees	501	-	2,150	404	933
Fundraising/Development	13,474	23,624	45,168	31,474	21,302
Other Income	11,980	55,063	66,874	45,662	16,181
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	80	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	-	4,616	4,681	51,000	36,857
Diocesan Special Collections	3,904	4,440	9,707	7,163	9,114
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>182,719</b>	<b>260,137</b>	<b>345,421</b>	<b>319,113</b>	<b>281,524</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Administration	93,313	99,183	95,073	129,363	119,550
Rectory	230	2,462	2,438	6,849	115,367
Liturgy	7,708	8,408	7,692	13,801	29,855
Faith Formation	1,455	7,838	8,774	3,410	3,572
Social Justice	-	2,523	-	-	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	27,824	31,543	59,733	54,269	70,694
Fixed Expense	12,352	13,147	27,763	32,225	32,454
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	-	-	-	-	10,500
Designated Expenses /Transfers Out	3,015	203,458	5,140	5,000	11,452
Catholic School Assessment	26,484	20,911	18,840	21,012	21,144
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	3,275	5,017	10,296	6,505	9,067
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>175,656</b>	<b>394,489</b>	<b>235,748</b>	<b>272,434</b>	<b>423,655</b>
<b>Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis</b>	<b>7,063</b>	<b>(134,352)</b>	<b>109,673</b>	<b>46,679</b>	<b>(142,131)</b>
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations		** <b>(SEE NOTE)**</b>			
	-	3,703	(3,703)	1,615	-
<b>Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>7,063</b>	<b>(130,649)</b>	<b>105,970</b>	<b>48,294</b>	<b>(142,131)</b>
<b>**NOTE**</b>					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	0	-	3,703	(1,615)	-
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	3,703	-	-	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	-	<b>3,703</b>	<b>(3,703)</b>	<b>1,615</b>	-
<b>Diocesan Loan/Debt</b>	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 Cathedraticum (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.