



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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Jubilee Year of Hope

The concept of a jubilee year had its origin in the ancient Near East. According to Leviticus, every fifty years debts would be forgiven, servants would be released, property would be restored to its original owner, and fields would lie fallow. When Jesus is invited to read in his hometown's synagogue, he finds the passage in Isaiah that speaks of the jubilee year, then announces that this passage is fulfilled then and there in him. Since Jesus is with us when we gather in his name, it is fulfilled here and now as well. As we are now celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, may we find in Jesus the hope that this jubilee year may be fulfilled in our hearing.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 26, 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 (570-265-2113)

Readings

January 27th – Mon.
Hebrews 9:15, 24-28
Gospel-Mark 3:22-30

January 28th -Tues.
St. Thomas Aquinas
Priest & Doctor
Hebrews 10:1-10
Gospel Mark 3:31-35

January 29th – Wed.
Hebrews 10:11-18
Gospel: Mark 4:1-20

January 30th-Thurs
Hebrews 10:19-25
Gospel:Mark 4:21-25

January 31st-Fri.
St. John Bosco, Priest
Hebrews 10:32-39
Gospel:Mark 4:26-34

February 1st – Sat.
Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19
Gospel:Mark 4:35-41

February 2nd – Sun.
Presentation of Lord
Malachi 3:1-4
Hebrews 2:14-18
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

PARISH BULLETIN CALENDAR

COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, CATHERINGS, 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, FEBRUARY 12TH- FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING AT 6:00 PM AFTER MASS AT 5:30 PM

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – 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: Charlene Smith, 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. 27TH – FEB. 2ND 2025

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Wednesday, Jan 29 th 12:00 Noon	Parishioners	Father Jose
Friday, Jan. 31 st 12:00 Noon	Repose of the Souls of Bud & Shirley Ambs	Pattie Ambs
Saturday, Feb. 1 st 6:00 PM	Repose of the Soul of David Ferretti	Sister, Ann Marie
Sunday, Feb. 2 nd 11:00 AM	Repose of the Souls of Lahman & Darleen Stoddard	Kathy Stoddard

MINISTRY Lector Schedule
<u>Sat., Feb. 1st– 6:00 PM</u> Scott Latoski
<u>Sun Feb. 2nd -11 AM</u> Lou Ann Kilmer

SERVERS
Feb. 2nd-11:00 AM Trowbridges

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEKLY Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection Jan. 18th & 19th = \$1,751.00

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish!

SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION will be taken up this weekend to benefit the fire victims in Los Angeles and surrounding areas. 100% of the funds raised will go directly to local agencies in the affected areas. This is an opportunity for us to unite in prayer & action, not only financial assistance, but also our thoughts and prayers for all those affected.

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.

2024 ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal. Our Parish has raised \$8,405.00 and is 44.32% of the \$18,963.00 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.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP Jan 18 th & 19 th	
Loose	82.00
Offer Env	1,641.00
Christmas	15.00
Dues	12.00
Holy Mother	1.00
Total Offering to Parish General Fund	\$1,751.00
Building	55.00
Cemetery	20.00
Total	\$75.00
<u>National Collections</u>	
Care & Ed	35.00
Total	\$ 35.00
TOTAL DEPOSITS	
\$1,861.00	

AMERICAN RED CROSS has contacted St. Mary's requesting to use our Hall for 3 of their Blood Drives this year, the first one being Thursday, March 13th from 1:00-6:00. We are looking to establish a new Committee to appoint volunteers and to coordinate the Blood Drive. Please contact the Office at 570-746-1006 with your help.

CRYSTAL SALSMAN from the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Care Center will be speaking on February 8th & 9th about the 2025 "Wonderfully Made" Baby Bottle Campaign. Every penny, nickel, dime & quarter can make a big difference in the life of a family in your community!

MIKE & LOU ANN KILMER: To celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary, Mike & Lou Ann are planning on participating in a "Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage" from June 4th – June 17th. There will be daily Mass offered by Catholic priests on the pilgrimage. We will visit sites where St. Paul walked, including Ephesus, Patmos, Athens, Rhodes, Corinth and Rome. The pilgrimage will include a 5-day cruise in the Aegean and 4 nights in Rome with visits to the Vatican to celebrate the Jubilee year. Father Philip Rayappan will be one of the priests on the trip. We have traveled with the pilgrimage company, Totally Yours many times before. For information, visit their website www.medj1.com - It would be wonderful if you could join us. God Bless – Mike & Lou Ann Kilmer

ST. AGNES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE is on Sunday, January 26th from 10 AM – 12:30 PM located at 102 Third St., Towanda. Join us to learn how St. Agnes School is Spiritually Sound, Academically Excellent, & Socially Responsible. Tuition Assistance available. #570-265-6803 info@StAgnesElem.com

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 31st and Feb. 1st, 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.

A BIG THANK YOU to Tom and Elaine Harvat for finding a new and blessed home for the Stations of the Cross that had been stored for some time.

The Stations went to the Convent for the Augustinian Recollect Nuns in Belvidere N.J. Tom said that Mother Beatriz and the Sisters were so excited and happy about receiving the Stations that they helped Tom unload the heavy Stations from his truck. They said that they had been praying about receiving this gift.

The Sisters are the only group of Augustinian Recollect nuns in the United States. Their status allows them to host individuals and small group retreats throughout the year. With the gift to receive individuals, the community now hopes to establish a gift shop to sell their baked goods, homemade jams, and religious artwork.



Welcome Home

Cloistered community seeks more contact with faithful

By Karen Corpora
Correspondent

BELVIDERE — September will mark five years since the Augustinian Recollect Nuns, a cloistered, contemplative order, moved from Abington, Pa., to rural Warren County in the diocese. They left a small convent in a township north of Philadelphia for a larger place in the country. The move also meant leaving behind friends and supporters, so they are seeking to make their presence known in their

new home.

“We used to have friends who would visit from West Orange where our community was established,” said Mother Beatriz Aguirre. “Now the people that used to help us are not coming anymore so we would like the people who are around here to know about us. We need to build a new group of people who will help us.”

Bishop James F. Checchio visited the religious community May 13. He celebrated Mass for the sisters and presided over the election of the new mother general for

Bishop James F. Checchio poses with Augustinian Recollect Nuns during a visit to their community to celebrate Mass, preside over the election of their new mother general, and get fitted for two albs. — *photo courtesy of Augustinian Recollect Nuns*

cookies, and make handmade and embroidered cloths for bread baskets or pillow covers.

“We are having big trouble with money right now because we have a lot of things we can do but we don't have the people to