

St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church Wyalusing

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

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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Trust In The Holy Spirit

Today's readings warn us that the day is coming when we will be tested severely. How do we prepare for the ultimate test? We trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us. The Hoy Spirit draws us to this place each week where we are nourished and strengthened in the Eucharist. The Holy Spirit nudges us to obey our conscience. The Holy Spirit fills us with the virtues we need to do God's will. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will watch over us and guide us through all our trials and tribulations.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2025

Mass Schedule at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing

Saturday Vigil – 6:00 PM

Sunday - 11:00 AM

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 - 8:30 AM

Friday - 8:30 AM - School

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

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Readings

Monday - Nov. 17th St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious 1 Maccabees 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Gospel Luke 18:35-43

Tuesday - Nov. 18th 2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Wed., Nov. 19th 2 Maccabees 7:1, 20-31 Gospel Luke 19:11-28

Thurs., Nov. 20th 1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Gospel Luke 19:41-44

Friday, Nov. 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Gospel Luke 19:45-

Saturday, Nov. 22nd St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr 1 Maccabees 6:1-13 Gospel Luke 20:27-40

Sunday, Nov. 23rd Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-20 Gospel Luke 23:35-43

PARISH CALENDAR

<u>FIRST FRIDAY:</u> 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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH - POST HOLIDAY BAZAAR MEETING IN THE HALL AT 5:30 PM

THANKSGIVING DAY - THURSDAY, NOV. 27TH MASS AT 11:00 AM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7TH - DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES: 4:30 PM - STS PETER & PAUL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH – MASS AT 12:00 NOON - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH - DEANERY ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES: 2:00 PM - ST BASIL'S

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH - VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - MASS AT 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - MASS AT 11:00 AM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST – MASS AT 11:00 AM – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED</u> – Kennsley Middlecamp - Eternal rest grant unto her, Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

THOSE ENTRUSTED IN OUR PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

Bill Walter, Sue Walter, Patronia Milne, Paul Poepperling, Janet Dilworth, Gary Dunn, Leona Fitzgerald, Larry Burke, Dan Murphy, Glenn Layaou, Jr., Jeanette Dietz, Pastor Joe Kilmer, David Steinbacher, Jack & Joyce Walsh, Josephine Rayappan, Jacob Hoffmann,

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burns in loving memory throughout the month of November 2025 for Allyn Kusmierz from the Kusmierz Family. Please keep Allyn and his Family in your prayers.

Mass Schedule for Week of NOV. 17th - NOV. 23rd		
	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Wednesday, Nov. 19th 12:00 Noon	Repose of the Soul of Kathleen Greenlief	The Kilmer Family
Friday, Nov. 21st 12:00 Noon	Repose of the Soul of Msgr William Feldcamp	The Kusmierz Family
Saturday, Nov. 22nd 6:00 PM	Repose of the Soul of David Ferretti	Sister, Ann Marie
Sunday, Nov. 23th	Repose of the Soul of Father Eugene Gunning	The Kusmierz Family

OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEKLY Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00 General Collection Nov. 8th & 9th = \$1,549.00 Thank you for your generosity!

CCD Program

11:00 AM

The 2025/2026 CCD Program is on Sunday's from 9:45 – 10:45 AM in the Hall. If you have any questions, you may contact Cathy Hagadorn, Director of Religious Education, at 570-250-2311. 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.

THE GIVING TREE is up and full of tags! If you are able to help this year, please take a tag and return it by the date listed on the tag. Most gifts require no wrapping. We will be helping two local families and HopeGate, formerly called the Endless Mountains Pregnancy Center. Your help in making someone's Christmas a bit brighter is greatly appreciated. Ministry of Mercy is sponsoring the Giving Tree. If you would like to join Ministry of Mercy, or have questions, contact Kathy at the office.

MINISTRY

Lector Schedule

Sat., Nov. 22nd 6:00 PM Scott Latoski

Sun., Nov. 23rd 11:00 AM Jeff Homer

SERVERS

Shaffers

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Nov 8 & 9th

Loose-217.

1,330. Env.-

2. Dues -

Total- \$1,549

National Coll

90. Priests

Total - \$90.

Building-20.

Cemetery- 45.

Total-\$65.

Total Deposits

\$1,704.00

THE HOLIDAY BAZAAR COMMITTEE would like to give everyone a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all who worked before, during, and after the bazaar or helped in any way, to those who donated food for the food basket, lottery tickets for the Christmas lottery tree, and food for the kitchen luncheon. Thank you to the vendors and all who attended. A Special Thank You goes to the Bazaar Committee who planned and worked to make this event a success!

Congratulations to the winners:

- 1. Food Basket Cathie Frost
- 2. Food Basket Joe Tometchko
- 3. Lottery Christmas Tree Rose Repsher

<u>UGLY QUILTS</u> are accepting donations of blankets, sheets, comforters, curtains, large swaths of material, etc. that can be used for the Ugly Quilts project that benefits the homeless and needy. Items can be placed in the back of the Church or brought to the office.

THE DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL - The Catholic Ministries Appeal is ongoing. We thank those of you who have already contributed for your generous donation. The amount raised to date is \$4,290 and is 21.59% of the goal. We want to remind others that it is not too late to send in your envelope. Please remember, if we go over our goal, our parish receives back a percentage of those dollars.

If you did not receive a donation envelope in the mail, you can find envelopes at each entrance of the Church.

HOLY WOOD CARVERS have a statue of the Virgin Mary that was ordered and paid for when they were at St. Mary's. Adam would like the person that ordered the statue to call him at #810-280-2568. He lost the contact information and wants to ship the statue.

U.S. Bishops Issue "Special Message" on Immigration

November 12, 2025

As pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of Godgiven human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (Zechariah 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (2 Corinthians 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (Luke 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (Matthew 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (John 13:34).

To our immigrant brothers and sisters, we stand with you in your suffering, since, when one member suffers, all suffer (cf. 1 Corinthians 12:26). You are not alone!

We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint! (cf. Romans 5:5)

May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.