



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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### Honor The Holy Family

On the Sunday after Christmas, we honor the Holy Family and hold them up as a model for our own families. From the start, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph had to deal with hardships, uncertainty, and even danger. But together they placed their trust in God and grew ever stronger in their bond with each other. We too are called to trust in the Lord as we face the trials and difficulties of our own lives. As we continue our Christmas celebration, may our families be consecrated in the love of the Holy Family.

### **Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph December 28, 2025**

#### Mass Schedule at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Wyalusing

Saturday Vigil – 6:00 PM      Sunday – 11:00 AM

Thursday, New Year's Day – 11:00 AM

Confessions – 5:45 PM Saturday and 10:45 AM Sunday

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

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

Monday – No Mass

Tuesday – No Mass

Wednesday – 6:00 PM

Thursday, New Year's Day – 9:00 AM

Friday – 10:00 AM- Fr. Jose 25<sup>th</sup> Ordination Jubilee Mass

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

Monday – Dec. 29th  
Fifth Day within the  
Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord  
1 John 2:3-11  
Gospel Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday – Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>  
Sixth Day within the  
Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord  
1 John 2:12-17  
Gospel Luke 2:36-40

Wed., - Dec. 31st  
Seventh Day within  
the Octave of the  
Nativity of the Lord  
1 John 2:18-21  
Gospel John 1:1-18

Thursday – Jan 1st  
Solemnity of Mary,  
the Holy Mother of  
God  
Numbers 6:22-27  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

Friday, Jan 2nd  
St. Basil the Great &  
Gregory Nazianzen,  
Bishops & Drs. of  
Church  
John 2:22-28  
Gospel John 1:19-28

Saturday, Jan. 3rd  
Christmas Weekday  
1 John 2:29-3:6  
Gospel John 1:29-34

Sunday, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>  
The Epiphany of the  
Lord  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-12  
Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

## PARISH CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> – SS PETER & PAUL AT 6:00 PM (NO MASS IN WYALUSING)

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND: MASS AT SS PETER & PAUL AT 10:00 AM – FR. JOSE 25<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION JUBILEE MASS

FIRST SATURDAY, JANUARY 3RD: MASS AT SS PETER & PAUL AT 8:30 AM

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7<sup>TH</sup> - PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 12:30 IN OFFICE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> - SECURITY MEETING AFTER MASS IN OFFICE. (FOLLOWED BY POT-LUCK)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> – POT-LUCK MEAL ON JANUARY 11TH IN THE HALL AFTER 11:00 AM MASS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM, BISHOP BAMBARA WILL BE ATTENDING ST. MARY'S  
HOLY HOUR.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> FATHER JOSE 25<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION CELEBRATION

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – Eternal rest grant them, Oh Lord and let Your 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:

Creighton Moore, Pat Holzscuh, 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, Juanita Tenasco.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burns in loving memory throughout the month of December 2025 for Beatrice Chamberlain & Nancy Terascavage from Josephine Solowiej. Please keep them in your prayers.

THE SANCTUARY CANDLE burns in loving memory throughout the month of January 2026 for Darleen & Lahman Stoddard from the family. Please keep them in your prayers.

## Mass Schedule for Week of DEC. 29<sup>TH</sup> – JAN. 4<sup>TH</sup>

	INTENTION	OFFERED BY
Solemnity Of Mary, The Holy Mother Of God  January 1, 2026 11:00 AM	End Abortion	Pro-Life
Saturday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6:00 PM	Healing for Joan Abrey	Kilmer Family
Sunday, January 4 <sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM	Repose of the Soul of Darleen Stoddard	The Family

### OUR WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION

WEEKLY Financial Obligations - \$4,000.00

General Collection Dec. 20th & 21st = \$3,674.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MINISTRY OF MERCY is sponsoring the Christmas book, "The Forgotten Way" by Matthew Kelly. Please pick up your copy today and take some for-stocking stuffers for your family.

The promise of this book is very simple: You can transform your life by changing the way you speak. Inspired by the often-ignored writings of Saint James, bestselling author, Matthew Kelly has crafted a uniquely powerful guide based one on one epic spiritual truth: Governing your speech is a sure path to holiness. The simplicity and practicality of this great spiritual truth make it remarkable.

Mother Angelica, the holy nun who started EWTN, spoke of the loneliness of her mother on Christmas Day. Her mother was divorced and, of course, Mother Angelica was in the monastery. Her mother decided to spend Christmas Day at her local church, where all alone with Jesus in the Holy Tabernacle, she felt great comfort. The church will be open on Christmas Day for anyone to stop in and feel the presence of Jesus.

### MINISTRY Lector Schedule

Thurs. Jan. 1st  
11:00 AM  
Jeff Homer  
Graycen & Michael

Sat., Jan. 3rd  
6:00 PM  
Scott Latoski

Sun. Jan. 4th  
11:00 AM  
Connie Whren

### SERVERS Shaffers

### CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Dec. 20 & 21

Loose- 256.

Env.- 2,148

Christ 1,115

Immac 35.

Dues - 20.

Flowers 90.

All Souls 10.

Total- \$3,674.

National Coll

Priests 10.

Retire 165.

Total - \$175.

Building- 515.

Cemetery 150.

Total- \$170.

Total Deposits

\$4,019.00

**THERE IS A POT-LUCK MEAL** scheduled on Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup> in the Hall after the 11:00 AM Mass. A sign-up sheet is at the back entrance. Please list if you would like to bring a meat dish, salad dish or vegetable dish. Desert will be provided.

**ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:00 PM** (the day after Ash Wednesday) Bishop Bambara will be here at St. Mary's for the Lenten Holy Hour. Please try to attend this Holy Hour.

**SAVE THE DATE** FATHER JOSE 25<sup>TH</sup> ORDINATION CELEBRATION ON SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026. MASS AT 3:00 PM, FOLLOWED BY A SEMI-FORMAL DINNER AFTER MASS. ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND DINNER MUST SIGN UP. SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE POSTED IN FEB. WITH FINAL HEAD COUNT NEEDED BY MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>. MORE INFOR WILL FOLLOW LATE JAN., EARLY FEB.

#### **CCD Program**

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 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 \$5,485 and is 27.60% 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.