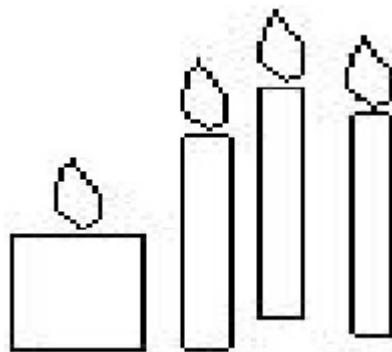


✦ Welcome to St. Mary's of Dorrance ✦

Reverend Mark Honhart, Administrator

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Finances for December 13-14, 2008

Loose \$ 89.00 White Offering \$2134.00

Total: \$ 2223.00

Envelopes used: 186/538

Last Year: \$ 2340.11

Thank you

Collection for Retirement Fund for Religious:
\$708.00. Thank you.

Mass Schedule

Monday, 12-22-08

8:00 A.M. Stanley Lech, requested by
Wife and Children

Tuesday, 12-23-08

8:00 A.M. For the Intentions of the
Honhart and Mendofik Families

Wednesday, 12-24-08

8:00 P.M. Parishioners
Midnight Mass For an end to Abortion

Thursday, 12-25-08

9:30 A.M. For Deceased Priest and Religious

Friday, 12-26-08

8:00 A.M. Special Intention, requested by
Mr. & Mrs. John Welgosh

Saturday, 12-27-08

5:00 P.M. Beloved Wife Margaret, requested by
Husband, Donald Murray

Sunday, 12-28-08

8:30 A.M. Dan Jankowski, requested by
Wife, Terry
10:30 A.M. Parishioners

St. Theresa Guild

There will be a meeting for St. Theresa's Guild on
Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in the rectory
meeting room.

★ Military Prayer List ★

Jonathan Cupina Michael Rokitko
Peter Dolan Michael Sanders
John Folmar Kirk Lehman
Christopher Kishback

† Parish Sick List †

Christopher Badman	Richard Briggs	William Baker
Luke Charton	Karen Corn	James Concannon
Michael Columbo	Henry Davenport	Susan Doty
Miriam Dotzel	Joseph Evancho	Dorothy Gandzyk
David C. Honhart	Marion Honhart	Jennifer Haydt
Mr. & Mrs. J. Kosco	Mike Kutzmonich	Rose Kutzmonich
Kim Krakauski	Dennis Law	Phyliss Lukashewski
Anna Miller	Donald Murray	Lea Cooper
Alex Ney	Dorothy Novicki	Heather Oney
Andrew Ostrazewki	Andrea Padden	Michael Popiak
R.T.	Harry Ratinieks	Gloria Secoski
Adrien Wanyo	Samatha Selecky	Helen Taney
Anna Hrevnack		

✦ Lector Schedule ✦

Christmas Eve	8:00 P.M.	Jo Gulvas
		John Baab
	Midnight	Norb Dotzel, Jr.
		Bill Magnotta
Christmas Day	9:30 A.M.	Joan Davenport
		Tina Dolny
Saturday, 12-27-08	5:00 P.M.	Patricia Heller
		Patricia Lavan
Sunday, 12-28-08	8:30 A.M.	Maureen Baab
		William Magnotta
	10:30 P.M.	Rob Rosner
		Michele Clark

✦ Altar Servers ✦

Christmas Eve	8:00 P.M.	Morgan Melovitz
		Chris Welgosh
	Midnight	Ryan Konopczyk
		Gabrielle Konopczyk
		Matt Mendofik
Christmas Day	9:30 A.M.	We still need someone to
		serve this Mass.
Saturday, 12-27-08	5:00 P.M.	Willy Swartwood
		Dakota Hollock Sinclair
Sunday, 12-28-08	8:30 A.M.	Abby Wasiakowski
		Leigh Anne Machowski
	10:30 A.M.	Chris Welgosh
		Matthew Mendofik

Children's Christmas Pageant

The children's Christmas Pageant will take place at 7:30 P.M. on December 24, 2008. Practice will be held Tuesday, December 23 at 6:30 P.M. in the church. All children are encouraged to join in the performance of this joyful event. Please call Mrs. Heller (379-2647) or Janet Zelinka with questions (868-6843).

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Altar and Rosary Society

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Reminder to pick up your roll order in the rectory meeting room on Tuesday, December 23 after 3:00 P.M.

Toys for Tots

This will be the last weekend to drop off any toys for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots program. They can use some items for children 13 or older. Thank you.

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

At a recent meeting Grand Knight Norbert Dotzel presented a "Shining Armor Award" to Thomas Osisek for recruiting four new members. Norb Dotzel welcomed John Baab, Anthony Calberty, Paul Makowski and John Sidonis. All men of our parish are welcome to join the St. Mary's Council. We, also, welcome transfers from other councils.

Sweethearts Dance

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual Sweethearts Dance on Saturday, February 7, 2009. Come and join in the fun with dancing and a five piece band, buffet dinner, beer, soda, mixers and many door prizes. Seating is limited to 125 people. The cost is only \$17.50 a person or \$35.00 a couple. Make your reservations early by contacting Marc Mickowski at 868-8566 or see a brother Knight.

Parent Confirmation Meeting

There will be a parent Confirmation meeting immediately following 8:30 A.M. Mass on Sunday January 11, 2009.

American Red Cross

On behalf of the Red Cross, I would like to thank you for your sponsorship of the blood drive on November 30th. We were able to obtain 46 productive units. We appreciate your continued support.

Molly Ramsey

2008 Deanery Advent Penance Services

Sun., Dec. 21 - 7:00 PM - St. Aloysius, 143 W. Division St.
Wilkes-Barre

Mon., Dec. 22 - 3:00 PM - St. Theresa, 35 Old River Rd.
Wilkes-Barre

Mon., Dec. 22 - 7:00 PM - St. Nicholas, 226 S. Washington St
Wilkes-Barre

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant. The angel went on to say to her: 'Do not fear, Mary. You have found favor with God'.... 'I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say.'"

How often we have overheard this momentous conversation which took place in this town in Galilee. Maybe the angel appeared while she was at prayer. Perhaps she was doing some household chore, or even resting or relaxing. Probably she was startled or surprised. The record states 'Do not fear.' That same expression would be repeated to Joseph and the shepherds. The next phrase speaks not only to Mary but to us. But she listened.

This event which changed the course of history, opening the way for oneness again with God, brings with it the same message. Do not fear, we have been favored by God. He continues to send His grace and saving power to all of us in these final days of advent prayer.

Our world, filled with armed conflict and occupying armies, displaced refugees, weighed down by hatred, division and sin, needs the coming Savior more than ever. The angelic message echoes in our ears today, reassuring us that God has not forgotten or abandoned us, Like Mary, the messenger needs a response. St. Bernard prayed: 'hurry Mary, the world is awaiting your 'yes.'"

Our answer is found by opening our hearts to the coming Christ. Our response is reflected in the care and concern we manifest as we look at God's world and its people and try to repair its brokenness. We too have found favor with God; His grace is offered again as His ongoing gift.

"I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say."