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for the 2025 Diocesan Assembly

Parish name and Address	Photo
<p style="text-align: center;">St. Mary's Orthodox Church 217 1st Street Coaldale, PA 18218</p>	
Clergy	
<p>Very Reverend James Weremedic Very Reverend Paul Ropitsky</p>	
Committees/Societies	
<p>Activities Committee, Adult Education, Building Committee, Cemetery Committee, Church School, Fellowship Committee, Good Samaritan Committee and Youth Group.</p>	
Since January 2024	
Highlights of Top Three Activities	
<p>Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024: Divine Liturgy, Archbishop Mark Celebrating, Fellowship Meal A Valentine's Day (Feb 4th) Turkey Dinner. We served over 90 meals with a profit of \$1,065 being donated to the church.</p> <p>Sunday, March 17, 2024: Divine Liturgy, Fish Dinner BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND. We served over 120 meals. After expenses a profit of \$1,196 was turned into the church.</p> <p>Sunday, April 14, 2024: Lenten Mission, Fellowship Meal @ St. Mary's Church, Coaldale</p>	

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Lazurus Saturday, April 27, 2024 Chrismation: Stephanie Melber, Gabriel Melber & Charlotte Melber

May 19, 2024 Chinese Auction: This year's event made a profit of \$1,130.50 for the general fund.

Saturday, June 8, 2024, Annual Yard Sale

Sunday, June 30, 2024, Youth Group Outing at Knoebels & FOCA, Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America, Central Pennsylvania District sponsored a family picnic.

Saturday, October 5, 2024, our yard sale: A profit of \$1,025.00 was put towards the general fund.

November 3, 2024, hosted an Open-Faced Hot Roast Beef Dinner. A profit of \$1,355 for the general fund.

Sunday, November 10, 2024, Parastas: All Departed Veterans

Sunday, November 10, 2024, Start of Adult Education: Edward Pierson is leading the discussion of "Health and Medicine in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition, Faith, Liturgy, and Wholeness" Stanley Samuel Harakas.

November 28, we will give 'Thanks to God' with a molieben at 10:30 am and a Thanksgiving Meal.

On December 24, 2024, we will have our 2nd parish 'Holy Supper' in our church hall with traditional strict fasting foods. Celebrating as a family of St. Mary's is important to prepare for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Outreach Directed to Growth, Adult Education and Charitable Activities (*Fundraisers are not Outreach*)

We have church school for our new children and an active youth group. Our Adult Education continues with our sessions. Nine catechumens continue their journey into Orthodoxy at St. Mary's, Coaldale.

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Major Challenges Faced	
Declining Donations Necessary roof repairs.	
Upcoming Special Events/ Anniversaries – January 2025 to December 2025	
Fr. Paul Ropitsky, 60 th Ordination (Priest) Fr. James and Mat. Lisa Weremedic, 40 th Wedding Anniversary Fr. James Weremedic, 25 th Ordinations (Deaconate & Priest)	
As of October 1, 2024	
Active Members Count	75
Children (under 18)	18
January 1 thru December 1, 2024	
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Attendance	35
Average Sunday Divine Liturgy Communicants	15
Average Saturday Vigil Attendance	6-18
Number of Catechumens	9
January 1, thru December 1, 2024	
Baptisms	0
Funerals	9

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Marriages	0
Receptions into Orthodoxy	3
Church School/Number Enrolled	12
Adult Education/Number Enrolled	5