If you are having problems connecting or sending emails through your SMTP server, the SMTP class can provide more information about the processing/errors taking place.

Use the debug functionality of the class to see what's going on in your connections. To do that, set the debug level in your script. For example:

$mail->SMTPDebug = 1;

$mail->isSMTP(); // telling the class to use SMTP

$mail->SMTPAuth = true; // enable SMTP authentication

$mail->Port = 26; // set the SMTP port

$mail->Host = "mail.yourhost.com"; // SMTP server

$mail->Username = "name@yourhost.com"; // SMTP account username

$mail->Password = "your password"; // SMTP account password

Notes on this:

$mail->SMTPDebug = 0; ... will disable debugging (you can also leave this out completely, 0 is the default)

$mail->SMTPDebug = 1; ... will echo errors and server responses

$mail->SMTPDebug = 2; ... will echo errors, server responses and client messages

And finally, don't forget to disable debugging before going into production.