

# Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

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Weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil at 4 p.m.; Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Holy Day Masses: Vigil at 4 p.m.; 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Masses: 7:30 a.m.

Confessions are heard Saturdays at 3:15 p.m.

Parish Office hours: Monday – Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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## ✠ Second Sunday of Lent ♦ March 8, 2020 ✠

*Niech będzie pochwalony Jezus Chrystus! Na wieki wieków. Amen.*

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

St. Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has earnestly been implored through prayer by countless Christians since the earliest days of the Church. In confidence the faithful have turned in their affliction to St. Joseph to ask for his protection and the favor of his intercession. In his life St. Joseph loved his holy spouse, Mary the Immaculate Virgin. He also cherished the Christ Child with a father's affection. He was the watchful guardian of the Holy Family in life; now he is the heavenly guardian of Christ's Body on earth, the Church Universal. He is also the patron saint of a happy death.

The Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated March 19. I encourage you to join me in praying the *Novena to St. Joseph* from March 10 to 18. Let us implore him, like an alert father, to keep us far from every taint of error or spiritual corruption. From his exalted place in heaven may he come to aid us in our conflict with the powers of darkness. Make plans to join me in celebrating Mass on his feastday in our church at 7:30 a.m. I invite you to make a visit to the beautiful side altar in our church dedicated to St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Feel free to kneel at the prie-dieu set before his side altar and recite the following prayer.

*The Novena to St. Joseph:*

*O good father Joseph! I beg you, by all your sufferings, sorrows and joys, to obtain for me what I ask. (Here name your petition). Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers, everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Be near to me in my last moments, that I may eternally sing the praises of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Amen.*

*Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be...*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Father Petro*

**You are invited** to attend the four Evenings of Reflection that Fr. Petro will present on Wednesday evenings in the church from 7 to 8 p.m. On March 11, he will offer a reflection entitled "The Holy Face of Jesus" on the meaning and practice of making reparation. On March 18, he will offer a reflection entitled "The Sorrows of Mary" on the seven sorrows of the Blessed Mother. On March 25, he will offer a reflection entitled "The Seven Swords Chaplet" on the Seven Swords devotion. On April 1, he will offer a holy hour of Eucharistic adoration with a spiritual talk on the Eucharist and an opportunity for Confession. Our CCD students preparing for Confirmation will be in attendance.

**Gorzkie zale**, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations," will be held on Sunday, March 29, at 3 pm in our church. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Fr. Michael Wurtz, C.S.C., will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

**Finger foods are needed** for the reception following *Gorzkie zale* on Sunday, Mar. 29. Please drop off donations in the church hall by 3pm on Sunday, Mar. 29. Thank you for your generosity!

**Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius:** Have you ever thought about taking a spiritual retreat, but you didn't have the time? Have you desired to understand the Bible better, but didn't know where to start? Why not try the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises in everyday life this Lent? One hour, once a week, and 15 minutes a day at your convenience will help you to learn new ways to pray using the methods of meditation and contemplation as taught by St. Ignatius Loyola. It's right here at Sacred Heart of Jesus church, and it's FREE!!! *We will meet on Monday nights in the church hall from 6 to 7 p.m.* We will be praying with the Scriptures to walk with Jesus as he moves through the Last Supper and His Passion. If you're ready to come closer to Christ through the Scriptures, come and join us. Dr. Jayne Klenner will lead the group beginning Monday, March 2.

**Our next picnic meeting** will be held Wednesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. All are invited to attend!

**Children from our parish** will make their First Confessions on Saturday, March 7, at 2:30 p.m. Please pray for their intentions.

**Requiescat in pace:** please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Ceil Piechota who was recently buried from our church.

### THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

On Mondays of Lent, Confessions will be heard from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fr. Petro will be available at Sacred Heart Church on these dates: March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6.

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in common each Friday evening throughout Lent at 7 p.m. in our church. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will occur immediately after the Stations. You are invited to walk with Our Lord along the Way of Sorrows and gaze upon the beauty of his Presence. Do not miss the opportunity to be drawn closer to Him.

**Lenten reflection music** will be conducted by our choir 15 minutes prior to the start of the 10:30 a.m. Mass during the season of Lent. Musical instruments may be played only to give necessary support to the singing during Lenten liturgies.

**Lenten CCD Confessions:** Fr. Petro will be hearing the confessions of our CCD students in church during the school period. Please make sure your children attend CCD on Sunday mornings or take them to confession on Saturday prior to the vigil Mass. CCD confessions will be heard as follows: Mar. 8 – grades 5/6, Mar. 15 – grades 3/4.

**The Parish Flea Market** will be held on May 2/3 in the church hall. Items that will be accepted include household items, toys, holiday decorations, and more. Please note that electronics and clothing will not be accepted. We will be collecting items from March 21 – April 22 in the church hall. All proceeds benefit our parish Building Fund.

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fasting prescribes that only one full meal be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but these taken should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 59<sup>th</sup> birthday. Abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Abstinence obliges from the 14<sup>th</sup> birthday on.

**Join in praying the St. Michael Prayer at the conclusion of all Masses during Lent:** *St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

**Instant Lottery tickets sought for March:** please deposit them in the collection basket. We do this as a means of reducing expenses for our Picnic lottery stand. Thank you!

**Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19)** and widespread flu activity, the Diocese of Scranton is announcing new precautions for the celebration of Mass in its 11 counties. Effective immediately, Bishop Bambera is implementing the following directives:

- The distribution of the Precious Blood via the Chalice is temporarily suspended.
- The Sign of Peace will now be exchanged without physical contact.

**Rada Cutlery Fundraiser:** Our parish has partnered with Rada Cutlery to offer you their famous knives, kitchen utensils and Quick Mixes. Rada Knives are 100% Made in the USA – construction and materials – and carry a Lifetime Guarantee. *When you order anything from their catalog, our parish receives a monthly check for 40% of all sales that have been obtained via the link on our parish website or through our catalog!* All proceeds benefit our parish Building Fund. There are two ways to order – online or via the printed catalog. Please follow these instructions so that our church receives credit for your purchases:

Online: Parishioners are asked to access Rada via the homepage of the parish website ([www.sacredheartdupont.com](http://www.sacredheartdupont.com)) and click on the tab that says “Order Here.” The first time you click on the tab, a box will come up asking “Do you want your order to support Sacred Heart of Jesus Church?” Click “YES” and then you will be taken to the Rada Cutlery website where you can view and order their products. In order for the parish to receive a commission on any online sale, orders must be made via this tab on the website. When ordering online, payment is made directly to Rada and the order will be delivered to your home.

Catalog: Color catalogs are available for those who do not have internet access and orders can be placed at the parish office. Payment for orders made in person are due at the time the order is placed. Payment may be made in cash or by check made out to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. All orders placed in this manner will be delivered to the office and not to the individual’s home. When the shipment has been received, the buyer will be notified that their items are ready for pick-up.

**Our commission from Rada thus far = \$115.95**

**The Order of Alhambra** is a Catholic organization dedicated to providing activities and support for special needs children and adults and assisting persons with intellectual disabilities. They will be selling \$5 raffle tickets before and after the weekend Masses of March 14/15. Grand prize: \$5,000 cash. Other prizes include: laptop computer, tablet and other cash prizes.

**A Lenten food sale** will be held by Nativity of Our Lord Parish at Sacred Heart Hall, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea, on Friday, Mar. 20. Potato pancakes, homemade frozen pierogi, haluski, baked and unbaked pizza and a bake sale will be available from noon to 5:30pm, or until sold out.

**A homemade pasta and sausage dinner** will be held at St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin, on Sunday, Mar. 15, 12-4pm. Eat-in or take-out dinner includes salad, dessert and bread. Cost is \$12 for adults. Children 5 and under eat free (eat-in only).

**The winning number** for the Feb. 29 HNS Match the Daily Number raffle is 992. If you have the winning number, call Greg Zawacki, 570-947-8200. The winning ticket must be presented.

**A St. Joseph Breakfast** will be held on Sunday, Mar. 22 from 8am-1pm at St. Joseph Melkite Church, 130 N. St. Frances Cabrini Ave., West Scranton, in the church hall. Breakfast includes eggs, ham, hash browns, pancakes and more. Cost is \$9/adults, \$4.50 children 6-10 and free for children 5 and under. Eat-in or take-out available. St. Joseph bread will be available as well as Easter pastry and flower sale order forms. For more info, visit [melkitescranton.org](http://melkitescranton.org).

**The Reginas of Kings College** will hold their annual Penny Auction Sun., Mar. 29, 2-4 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Sheehy Farmer Campus Center. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$2 which includes light refreshments. Plenty of free parking is available on Union Street. All proceeds support a scholarship for local students. For details, call 570-288-8706.

**Couples celebrating** their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2020 are invited to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14. The event includes a 2:30 p.m. Mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made by calling the parish office before March 16.

**Monday (Mar. 9) St. Frances of Rome**

7:30 am Theodore Hanczyc

*by Elizabeth Lizak and family*

**Tuesday (Mar. 10) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Theresa Cebula

*by her daughters, Christine, Diane, Elaine & Maureen*

**Wednesday (Mar. 11) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Joan Cappelloni

*by Thomas and Dorothy Sheridan*

**Thursday (Mar. 12) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Charles Infantino

*by Dolores Infantino*

**Friday (Mar. 13) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Elizabeth Casey

*by Christina McGuire*

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

**Saturday (Mar. 14) Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm John Miller

*by Joseph Cichocki*

**Sunday (Mar. 15) Third Sunday of Lent**

8:30 am Gloria Scyrba

*by Loretta Lewandowski*

10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**Last Sunday:** \$5,428.57

**Building Fund:** \$370.00

**Ash Wednesday:** \$1,205.22

**Rice Bowl:** \$642.00

**Church in Central and Eastern Europe:** \$217.00

**Care and Education of Priests:** \$230.00

*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in honor of:*

Tabernacle: Jerry Stanco, by Lynn Stanco

Blessed Mother: Jerry Stanco, by Lynn Stanco



*The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Theresa Cebula by her daughters Christine, Diane, Elaine and Maureen.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mar. 7, 2:45-3:45pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Adoration/devotions, church

Mar. 8, 8:30am, HNS Corporate Communion Mass

Mar. 8, 10:30am, CCD Mass

Mar. 9, 5:30-6:30pm, Confessions, church

Mar. 9, 6-7pm, St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises, church hall

Mar. 11, 6:30pm, Picnic meeting, church hall

Mar. 11, 7-8pm, Lenten Evening of Reflection, church

Mar. 12, 6:30pm, Choir practice, church

Mar. 13, 7pm, Stations of the Cross, church

Mar. 16, 5:30-6:30pm, Confessions, church

Mar. 16, 6-7pm, St. Ignatius Spiritual Exercises, church hall

Mar. 18, 7-8pm, Lenten Evening of Reflection, church

Mar. 20, 7pm, Stations of the Cross, church

**Liturgical Volunteer Schedule**

**Mar. 7-8**

**4pm:** EM: M. Pistack, Lector: B. Collins, Acolytes: E. & J. Lyons

**8:30am:** EM: J. Stanco, Lector: J. LaFratte, Acolytes: Z. Elko, M. Ostrowski

**10:30am:** EM: D. Suchecki, C. Wesley, Lector: L. Lojewski, Acolytes: E. & M. Collins

**Mar. 13: Stations of the Cross**

**7:00pm:** M. McDonald, E. & M. Collins

**Mar. 14-15**

**4pm:** EM: E. Supinski, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolytes: J. & T. Baiera

**8:30am:** EM: J. Renfer, Lector: J. Fink, Acolytes: J. & S. Hull, D. Cavello

**10:30am:** EM: B. Purdy, P. Stonikinis, Lector: M. Rinaldi, Acolytes: C. Purdy, M. Nagy

**Road to Resurrection** will be held on Wednesdays during Lent with Mass at 7 p.m. The schedule: Mar. 11 – St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin; Mar. 18 – St. Barbara Parish, Exeter; Mar. 25 – Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, Pittston; Apr. 1 – Queen of Apostles Parish, Avoca.

**An American Red Cross Blood Drive** will be held in our church hall on Tuesday, May 19. Please save the date!