

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.

✠ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 11, 2020 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared at Fatima, Portugal, to three children, Lucia, age 9; Jacinta, age 6 and Francisco, age 8, at the Cova da Iria six times beginning May 13 through October 13, 1917. She spoke to them a message from heaven. Our Lady of Fatima's message was a simple one and a tremendous gift to mankind – a message critical for our eternal salvation. In our efforts to heed Our Lady's requests we must understand the most important component of the Fatima message, which is expressed in the words of Our Lady herself to the three child seers: *"God wills to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."*

During the 7:30 a.m. Mass of October 13 in our church we will pray together the Prayer of Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima. I invite you to join me in renewing our local parish's consecration to the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima.

Act of Consecration to Our Lady of Fatima (recited by all following the Gospel):

Hail, Mother of the Lord, Virgin Mary, Queen of the Rosary of Fatima! Blessed among all women, you are the image of the Church dressed in the Paschal light, you are the honor of our people, you are the triumph over the mark of evil. Prophecy of the merciful Love of the Father, Teacher of the Annunciation of the Good News of the Son, Sign of the burning Fire of the Holy Spirit, teach us, in this valley of joys and sorrows, the eternal truths that the Father reveals to the little ones. Show us the strength of your mantle of protection. In your Immaculate Heart, be the refuge of sinners and the way that leads to God. In unity with our brothers and sisters, in Faith, Hope and Love, we surrender ourselves to you. In unity with all our brothers and sisters, through you, we consecrate ourselves to God, O Virgin of the Rosary of Fatima. And thus surrounded by the Light that comes from your hands, we will give Glory to the Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

Advent Pierogi Sale: the Confraternity of Christian Mothers' Advent Pierogi Sale *orders will be taken the weekends of October 17/18 and 24/25 in the church hall before and after all Masses. Phone orders will not be taken this year.* Potato and cabbage pierogi will be available for \$9 per dozen. It is important that you place your order in advance so that the proper amount of ingredients can be ordered. Pierogi distribution will take place November 16-18 in the church hall. Payment is made at the time of pick-up.

For the month of October, our parish along with parishes around the country conduct the "October count," a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. The measure has been taken for many centuries, and in some European dioceses it is possible to measure the level of engagement in worship by the population over the course of many centuries. The October count has proven especially critical in the life of our Church as bishops use the figures to measure the vitality of parish life, to sketch parish boundaries, and even to decide when to close, merge, or form new parishes. *Ushers are asked to count each person at each Mass and record the data on the sheets provided.*

Requiescat in pace: pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Leo Zawacki who was recently buried from our church.

St. Jude Thaddeus is the patron saint of lost causes. He was one of the Twelve Apostles and a cousin of Our Lord. He also authored the New Testament epistle that bears his name. Faithful people have turned to him as a powerful intercessor since the earliest days of the Church. We will continue this tradition of prayer in our parish and ask St. Jude's intercession for our many needs. *The Novena to St. Jude will be prayed in our church beginning Tuesday, Oct. 20, at the 7:30 a.m. Mass and conclude on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the 7:30 a.m. Mass.* Throughout the novena his statue will be placed in our sanctuary and a first class relic of St. Jude will be offered for veneration after each Mass.

A **special Mass** for the Evangelization of Peoples will be celebrated on Columbus Day, Mon., Oct. 12 at 7:30 am in our church. All parishioners and members of the Knights of Columbus are encouraged to attend.

The parish office will be closed on Mon., Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day. It will reopen on Tue., Oct. 13, at 8:30 am.

An outdoor rosary (weather permitting), led by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, will be recited on Tues., Oct. 13, at 6 p.m. in front of the statue of the Blessed Mother at the side churchyard. The rosary is a powerful prayer to bring peace, defeat evil and plead for Mary's intercession. Please come!

"The Month of the Rosary" is October. Please join in praying the rosary prior to each Mass in our church, weekdays and weekends, throughout the month. Free First Saturday Rosary religious items are available in the narthex.

The Match the Daily Number raffle held by our parish Holy Name Society will resume in October. A donation of \$5 will give you ten chances to win by matching your numbers to the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3. The winner with an exact matching set of the Pick 3 (excluding the wild ball) will win \$250. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any HNS member.

"Cemetery Sunday" devotions will take place this year on Sun., Oct. 25, beginning at 1pm in Sacred Heart Church. We will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The names of our parishioners who died and were buried from our church since last year's devotions will be read aloud. After Solemn Benediction and Reposition, a procession will form to the cemetery while the faithful sing the Litany of the Saints. The faithful who cannot walk in the procession may drive to the cemetery. Father will then bless the cemetery and visitation of the graves by the faithful will follow. Traditional Polish, Latin and English hymns will be sung. Please join us in praying for the peaceful repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

All parishioners with families buried at our cemetery are requested to clean their graves prior to Cemetery Sunday.

The Memorial of St. Theresa of Avila is celebrated on Thursday, Oct. 15. All the faithful will be blessed with her relic at the conclusion of the 7:30 a.m. Mass. Her relic will also be offered for individual veneration after Masses.

Are you interested in the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process through which new members are welcomed into the Catholic faith. If you are interested in entering the Church, please contact Fr. Petro for more information.

Are you registered in our parish? If you are not receiving mail from the parish, chances are you are not registered. You are free to stop by the Parish Office to become a registered parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Parish registration is required to be a baptismal godparent or a confirmation sponsor.

Rada Cutlery Fundraiser: Our parish has partnered with Rada Cutlery to offer you their famous knives, kitchen utensils and Quick Mixes. Rada Manufacturing Company has made and sold over 150,000,000 knives since 1948, earning the reputation for remarkable cutlery, service, and value. Rada Cutlery is proudly manufactured in Waverly, Iowa. 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 Sacred Heart of Jesus Church receives credit for your purchases:

Online: Parishioners are asked to access Rada via the homepage of the parish website (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.

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.

We at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church are implementing Bishop Bambera’s directives to ensure that we are COVID-Safe. We are following all the orders, including: mask-wearing in church, pew marking, implementing all liturgical adaptations, church cleaning, supplying hand sanitizer in the narthex and allowing maximum church occupancy at 25% of the seating, or 82 people. *However, taking reservations for Masses is no longer required.* * Be aware that additional restrictions have been placed on funerals due to the bishop’s guidelines.

For the new 2020-2021 Fiscal Year our Diocesan Assessment is \$29,314.00. Our Catholic School Subsidy is \$55,169.00. To break it down to a monthly number, each month our parish owes a combined bill of \$7,040.25 to the Diocese and Schools. That means each week **\$1,624.73** from our collection goes toward these bills.

2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Catechist camp, youth retreats, pre-Cana marriage preparation, faith formation programs, lay ministry and parish planning are among the services provided by the Office of Parish Life to foster discipleship in our parishes and help us fully live our faith. To make a gift go to AnnualAppeal.org. Please consider giving. Our Goal: \$30,000.

October Prayer to St. Joseph

To thee, O Blessed Joseph, we fly in our affliction, and after imploring the help of thy holy Spouse, with confidence we ask also for thy intercession. By the affection which united thee to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by the paternal love with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee to look kindly upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ acquired by His Precious Blood, and with thy powerful aid to help us in our needs.

Protect, most careful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen people of Jesus Christ. Keep us, loving Father, from all pestilence of error and corruption. From thy place in heaven be thou mercifully with us, most powerful protector, in this warfare with the powers of darkness; and, as thou didst once rescue the Child Jesus from imminent danger of death, so now defend the holy Church of God from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Guard each of us by thy constant patronage, so that, sustained by thy example and help, we may live a holy life, die a holy death, and obtain the everlasting happiness of Heaven. Amen. *(This Prayer to the Patron of the Universal Church is prescribed by His Holiness Pope Leo XIII to be recited after the daily Rosary during October, the month of the Holy Rosary).*

A homemade pasta and sausage dinner will be held at St. Maria Goretti Church hall, 42 Laflin Rd., Laflin, on Sat., Nov. 8, 12-4pm. The dinner is take-out only and will include salad, roll and dessert for a cost of \$12. For details, call 570-655-8956.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Oct. 12) Weekday

7:30 m Edmund Poplawski

by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Piechota, Jr. and family

Tuesday (Oct. 13) Weekday

7:30am In thanksgiving to St. Jude

by the Nardone family

Wednesday (Oct. 14) St. Callistus I

7:30 am Edward Twardowski

by John and Cindy Jurta

Thursday (Oct. 15) St. Theresa of Jesus

7:30 am Theresa Ferack

by Theresa Shemanski

Friday (Oct. 16) St. Hedwig

7:30 am John and Rose Pokorny

by Stanley and Betty Golembiewski

Saturday (Oct. 17) Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

Sunday (Oct. 18) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Leonarda Skrzysowski

by her grandsons

10:30 am Albert Guzzi

by Jerry and Lynn Stanco

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: \$4,520.00

Building Fund: \$445.00

Care and Education of Priests: \$200.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle: *Geraldine Snopkowski, by sister, Jean Poplawski*

Blessed Mother: *Leonard, Richard & Marlene Milewski, by their family*

St. Joseph: *Stanley Jemiola, by his wife, Irene*

St. Francis: *Daniel W. Saranchuk, by the Saranchuk family*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 13, 6pm, CCM outdoor rosary

Oct. 17/18, Advent Pierogi orders taken after masses, church hall

Oct. 20-28, St. Jude novena, church

Oct. 24/25, Advent Pierogi orders taken after masses, church hall

Oct. 25, 9:30 a.m., CCD parent meeting, school

Oct. 25, 1pm, Cemetery Sunday devotions, church

Nov. 1, 9:15am, All Saints Day costume party & parade, school

Our parish CCD program for the 2020-21 academic year has begun! Classes meet Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Sunday School. In compliance with diocesan guidelines, face masks and social distancing will be required and proper sanitation of the classrooms will be maintained. CCD Registration forms are still being accepted and can be found in the church narthex or on our website. Forms can be printed and mailed along with the registration fee to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket in a marked envelope. If your child is receiving a sacrament this year and was not baptized at Sacred Heart Church, you must submit a new copy of his or her Baptismal Certificate at the time of registration. In order for information regarding sacramental preparation to be communicated to all students, Catholic school students preparing to receive First Communion or Confirmation this year must return a completed CCD registration form. For details, contact Nancy Beccaloni, DRE, at 570-451-1903.

A CCD parent meeting will be held in the school on Sun., Oct. 25 at 9:30 a.m.

All Saints Day Costume Party for all CCD students on Sun., Nov. 1, 9:15 a.m. in the school. Children will parade from the school around the church and back. There will be treats afterward! All are invited to watch the parade!

A Confirmation parent meeting will be held in the church hall on Tues., Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Children and Student Envelopes: If you would like your child to receive a boxed set of donation envelopes for 2021, please contact the parish office. Envelopes will be available in the narthex during December for those who have requested them.

If you have children in our CCD programs, we ask that you are formally registered, attend Mass weekly and use envelopes as you are financially able. The process is simple and this is how we build and reach out to our parish community – in good times and in bad. If you call yourself a parishioner or were baptized here, being a “parishioner” requires formal registration. Please call the parish office to register.