

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 18, 2020 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

Even though we are still undergoing a period of pandemic mitigation with social distancing, this does not mean that there's nothing going on at our parish. Quite the opposite! We have returned to the regular schedule of Masses, Confessions and other sacraments. Sacred Heart of Jesus Church is open daily for visitation. Our homebound parishioners are still visited monthly, at their request. Face-to-face Sunday school CCD classes have returned. Spiritual devotions, fundraisers and parish society meetings have resumed in full force. Each week the bulletin is printed and the Parish Office is open at normal hours of operation. And, of course, countless individual efforts take place unseen daily to ensure the upkeep, cleanliness and safety of all of our church properties. Now, I am happy to announce THREE MORE activities soon to take place in our parish in which I personally encourage your participation.

- 1.) *A Thanksgiving Food Drive* is being sponsored by our 4th and 5th grade CCD students under the direction of Gary Beccaloni, their catechist. All CCD students are invited to bring non-perishable food items to class until Sunday, November 22. Parishioners are invited to bring their food donations to church and place in the bin located in the narthex. All donations support the Knights of Columbus, Council 372, food pantry in Pittston.
- 2.) *A 2020 Parish Cookbook* is being sponsored by our 7th and 8th grade CCD students under the direction of Jayne Klenner, their catechist. They are requesting recipes from our parishioners that will be published in a cookbook that will be available for purchase by Christmas. All proceeds from the sale of the cookbooks will benefit the students' activities. Please submit your favorite recipe(s) to Jayne by email (jayneklenner@kings.edu) or by dropping them in the collection basket or mailing them to the Parish Office as soon as possible. They are especially interested in traditional Polish recipes and "comfort food" recipes that helped you "survive" this year's pandemic lockdown.
- 3.) *Saturday Baroque and Classical Music Recitals* are beginning this weekend and will continue until November 21. Our music director, Anthony George, will perform prelude music prior to the 4pm vigil mass on Saturday afternoons, beginning immediately after the conclusion of the Holy Rosary at approximately 3:40pm. The repertoire will include 17th and 18th century Baroque and Classical compositions for both piano and organ. Come and enjoy some reflection and prayer time with Our Lord with the aid of the musical artistry of the great classical composers of happy memory!

Good things are happening in Dupont! I invite your participation in these social, spiritual and cultural endeavors!

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.

The distribution of Holy Communion is now permitted by the bishop to return to its proper place in the Mass. Those receiving Communion are to come forward, single file, and after receiving, they are to return to their pews. Those not receiving are to remain in their pews. *Please, stay seated and stay safe until Mass ends.* All depart after the priest's final blessing and dismissal. You may receive either on the tongue or in the hand.

Requiescat in pace: pray for the repose of the soul of Charles Tetlak (our former sexton) who was 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.

For the month of October, our parish along with parishes around the country conduct the "October count," a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. *Ushers are asked to count each person at each Mass and record the data on the sheets provided.*

November is traditionally the month when we especially remember in our prayers the faithful departed. Please remember the offertory envelope for All Souls Day in your envelope pack. Kindly inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and return it in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on the altar and your intentions will be remembered in all the masses celebrated throughout November.

All priests are granted the privilege of celebrating three Masses on All Souls Day for the following intentions: one Mass for a particular intention, another Mass for all the faithful departed, and a third Mass for the intention of the pope. All parishioners are encouraged to attend one of these three Masses. *All Souls Day Mass Schedule: Mon., November 2 at 7:30 am, Noon and 6:00 pm.*

An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. This indulgence is a *plenary* one from November 1 through November 8 and can be gained each one of these days. On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

Steeple bell update: Our cracked medium size steel steeple bell (Francis) will be removed from the steeple on Oct. 20/21 and brought to the Verdin headquarters in Ohio where it will be repaired. Since the crack was not caused by our negligence or by normal wear, the expense of the complete repair will be covered by Verdin. Until the steel bell is returned, we will be able to make use of the large bronze bell alone.

Congratulations to the newly inducted members of our Confraternity of Christian Mothers: Marge Titton, Dolores Miller, Nancy Cronick, Connie Marcellini, Lynn Stanco and Betty Belles. They received their prayer books and pins during the October 6 induction ceremony.

Our Online Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.

“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.

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, and supplying hand sanitizer in the narthex. * Be aware that additional restrictions have been placed on funerals due to the bishop’s guidelines.

2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Sharing the Gospel message is the vital mission of Diocesan Catholic Media and Communications, a ministry made possible by the Annual Appeal. Helping people stay connected with their Faith has perhaps never been so important as during the isolation of the virus pandemic. The Diocese delivers the Good News through the Catholic Light Newspaper, the Diocesan website, DioceseofScranton.org, and CTV broadcasting the Daily Mass from St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton and producing “Our Faith, Our Diocese” local programming. To make a gift go to AnnualAppeal.org. Please consider giving. Our Goal: \$30,000.

All Saints Day is Sunday, Nov. 1, with mass at the usual times.

Monday (Oct. 19) Ss. John deBrebeuf, Isaac Jogues, Comp.

7:30am John Cebula, Jr.

by his daughters

Tuesday (Oct. 20) St. Paul of the Cross

7:30am Richard Belles

by Theresa Palenski

Wednesday (Oct. 21) Weekday

7:30 am Chester Gall

by his family

Thursday (Oct. 22) St. John Paul II

7:30 am Stanley Sipko, Sr.

by the Sipko family

Friday (Oct. 23) St. John of Capistrano

7:30 am Regina Zygmunt

by the Vernoski family

Saturday (Oct. 24) Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm MaryAnn D’Amato

by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yuscavage

Sunday (Oct. 25) 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

10:30 am Stanley Jemiola

by his wife, Irene, and family

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: \$4,307.34

Building Fund: \$292.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle: *Anthony Dudzinski, by Ronald and Sharon Ziobro*

Blessed Mother: *Carol Mimnaugh, by Jayne Klenner*

St. Joseph: *Jerome Klenner, by Jayne Klenner*

St. Therese: *Michael and Rose Sedlak, by their grandchildren.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Nov. 1, 1pm, Confraternity of Christian Mothers meeting, hall

Nov. 2, 7:30am, Noon, and 6pm - All Souls Day masses

Nov. 4, 7pm, Holy Name Society meeting, hall

Nov. 6, 7:30 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, church

Nov. 7, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church

Nov. 10, 6:30pm, Confirmation parent meeting, church hall

The Knights of Columbus, Council 372, will participate in our All Souls Day Mass on Mon., Nov. 2, at 6 pm to pray for their deceased members. All are welcome to attend.

Our parish CCD program for the 2020-21 academic year has begun! CCD Registration forms are still being accepted and can be found in the church narthex or on our website. 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.