

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.

✠ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 25, 2020 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

November is the month in which we honor the Holy Souls who have died. We first acknowledge the saints in heaven, who by their exemplary lives on earth, now enjoy the eternal bliss of heaven. On November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and pray to them for intercession, protection and guidance. On November 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls. This is when we pray for all people who have died, especially our family and friends. We remember the souls in purgatory and pray that they may soon attain the reward of heaven. Ancient Christian tradition acknowledges that it is good and pleasing to God that we remember at Mass the peaceful repose of the souls that have gone before us in death.

The Church has been called a Communion of Saints. That is, She includes the *Church Militant*, the living souls of us who are still fighting the good fight on earth. The *Church Suffering*, the deceased souls being purified in purgatory for entrance into heaven, and the *Church Triumphant*, those holy souls who have fought the good fight of faith on earth and are now enjoying the victorious reward of the Beatific Vision. Each of us is thus reminded by the feasts of November that we, the living and the dead, are linked by a common faith in Jesus Christ and a common goal, which is heaven. We alive on earth are thus commended to pray to and for the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven assist us as powerful intercessors in heaven. May their saintly example spur us on to victory in Christ as we continue to do battle with sin.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of our parishioners who have died and were buried from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church since last Cemetery Sunday: *Josephine Palkiewicz, Mary Kaminski, Constance Schuster, Daniel Tetlak, Albert Lenchak, Florence McLaughlin, Richard Belles, Casmier Opiela, Stephen Mazur, Cecelia Bartosiewicz, Gloria Scyrba, Joseph Gorcenski, III, Margaret Strucke, Ronald Exter, Geraldine Godula, Denise Dulny, Ceil Piechota, Francis Tokash, James Jones, Sr., Eva Hannon, Stanley Sipko, Dolores Vida, Chester Kuna, Ann Tetlak, Dolores Serafin, Sandra Snopkowski, Stephen Wysokinski, Jr., Mauer Biscotti, Henry Ritzie, Jr., Emily Ann Herron, Michael Hope, Leo Zawacki, and Charles Tetlak.* Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

Advent Pierogi Sale: the Confraternity of Christian Mothers' Advent Pierogi Sale orders will be taken this weekend of October 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 hall. Payment is made at the time of pick-up.

“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.

The Novena to St. Jude is being prayed in our church and will conclude on Wednesday, Oct. 28, at the 7:30 a.m. Mass. The novena prayers will be recited at Mass. Throughout the novena his statue is placed in our sanctuary and the faithful will be blessed with a first-class relic of St. Jude at each Mass.

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 at (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.

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 food to church and place it in the bin located in the narthex. All donations support the Knights of Columbus, Council 372, food pantry in Pittston.

Saturday Baroque and Classical Music Recitals 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.

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.

**Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation's Pro-Life Guide to the
November 3, 2020 General Election**

COMPARE THE CANDIDATES

President & Vice President: Donald Trump (R) and Mike Pence (R), Pro-Life; Joe Biden (D) and Kamala Harris (D), Pro-Abortion.

PA State Attorney General: Heather Heidelbaugh (R), Pro-Life; Josh Shapiro (D), Pro-Abortion.

PA State Auditor General: Tim Defoor (R), Pro-Life; Nina Ahmad (D), Pro-Abortion.

PA State Treasurer: Stacy Garrity (R), Pro-Life; Joe Torsella (D), Pro-Abortion.

U.S. House of Representatives: James Bognet (R), Pro-Life; Matthew Cartwright (D), Pro-Abortion.

PA State House of Representatives: Andrew Holter (R), unknown; Michael Carroll (D), Pro-Abortion.

This voter's guide was prepared by the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation for use by persons who view the killing of 1 million unborn children each year by abortion as a priority issue when voting. Information on this guide was compiled using candidate questionnaires, public statements, personal interviews and voting records. "Pro-Life" indicates that a candidate supports legislation to protect unborn children and supports positive alternatives to abortion. "Pro-Abortion" indicates that a candidate will not support legislation to protect unborn children.

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.

Steeple bell update: Our cracked medium size steel steeple bell (Francis) has been removed from the steeple and brought to the Verdin headquarters in Ohio where it will be repaired. This bell was made by the Cincinnati Bell Foundry 100 years ago! Until the steel bell is returned, we will be able to make use of the large bronze bell alone.

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.

2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal, Social Justice Grants have been especially critical this year in helping parishes respond to increasing needs for food and assistance in local communities. Grants also help parishes offer evangelization, emergency relief, and outreach programs for children and the elderly. To make a gift go to AnnualAppeal.org. Please consider giving. Our Goal: \$30,000.

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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Oct. 26) Weekday

7:30 am John Lopata

by his sons, Robert and Jimmy Lopata

Tuesday (Oct. 27) Weekday

7:30am Anna and Edward Orlinsky

by their family

Wednesday (Oct. 28) Sts. Simon and Jude

7:30 am Sally Tomaszewski

by John and Mary Ellen Milewski

Thursday (Oct. 29) Weekday

7:30 am Edward Smichowski, Sr.

by his wife, Ann Marie, and family

Friday (Oct. 30) Weekday

7:30 am Bernadine Tetlak

by Nancy and Joe Cronick

Saturday (Oct. 31) Vigil: All Saints Day

4:00 pm James Jones

by Edward and Rose Carlin

Sunday (Nov. 1) All Saints Day

8:30 am Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

by Legion of Mary, IHM Praesidium

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: \$4,015.61

Building Fund: \$135.84

World Mission Sunday: \$243.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle: Bernadine Tetlak, by children and grandchildren

Blessed Mother: Edward Oprindick, by his wife

St. Joseph: John Lopata, by Robert and Jimmy Lopata

St. Therese: Blanche Pisano, by John and Mary Ellen Milewski and family

St. Francis: Edward Smichowski, by wife, Ann Marie, & family



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of John Lopata, by Robert and Jimmy Lopata.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, church 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

Nov. 13-18, Pierogi making, 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.

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.

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. 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.