

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 19, 2021 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

This year, the Church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday on September 19. The 2021 Catechetical Sunday theme is “Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed.” On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for service to the parish. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the Faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

Today we are pleased to celebrate an important event in our parish life as we begin our new catechetical year. The children and the adults who teach them are here to pray together and to be blessed at the start of a new School Year, helping all to realize how Christ lives in each one, and the Church as a whole. This sentiment is not merely a group of words, but an incentive for all the faithful to grow in faith. We join in this ceremony today to ask God to grant to his servants, our students, our teachers, and ourselves “many happy years!” In John 20:21, Jesus says to the disciples in the Upper Room after His resurrection, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” In other words, Jesus was sent by the Father to redeem the world through His life, death and resurrection. Now as He was about to return to His heavenly Father through His ascension into glory, He sends forth His disciples to be missionaries, to be apostles (Greek, *apostolos*, “one who is sent”) so that they might make disciples of all nations (cf. Matthew 28:18-20). Like the Virgin Mary and the apostles, we should pray in hope for the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Church so that we might be strengthened in our common life, and witness to the world for Jesus Christ as His faithful missionary disciples. May we entrust ourselves to the intercession of both the Virgin Mary, the Queen of Apostles, and the Twelve Apostles, to fulfill our calling to serve as people who are sent to bring the good news of the Gospel to the world!

This Sunday I will bestow a “Back to School Blessing” upon our students and teachers. You are invited to the 10:30 a.m. Mass, during which the blessing will be given. Our CCD catechists this year will be: Nancy Beccaloni, DRE, Lori Ferentino, grade 1, MaryAnn Pistack, grade 2, Jada Exter, Grade 3, Gary Beccaloni, grades 4 & 5, Harry Lyons, grade 6, and Jayne Klenner, grades 7 & 8. Teacher’s aides: Madyson McDonald and Christina Wesley. Substitute catechists: Bethany Purdy and Andrea Collins. We are most grateful to them for sharing their gift of Faith with our youngest parishioners.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Monday, Oct. 4. Fr. Petro will administer a special blessing to all pets on Sunday, Oct. 3, at 9:30 a.m. near the front steps of Sacred Heart Church. Parishioners and friends of our parish are invited to bring their animals to the church to pray for the intercession of the saint who loved nature and all of God’s creatures. Members of our Holy Name Society will host a light outdoor social following the blessing. To provide a safe environment for all who attend this event, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.

A second collection will be taken in the Diocese of Scranton on the weekend of Sept. 25-26 to support the victims of Hurricane Ida, along with victims of the Haitian earthquake and Tropical Storm Grace. All funds received will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church as well as the efforts of Catholic Charities, USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church.

The 2022 Mass book is now open. To request a date on which Mass may be celebrated for your deceased loved one, visit the parish office during office hours or make use of the Mass Intention envelope in the narthex. The Mass stipend is \$10.

The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux is celebrated Friday, Oct. 1. She was known as the “Little Flower” and died of tuberculosis in France at the age of 24. She was a Carmelite nun who, in her biography, *The Story of a Soul*, urged all to follow “the little way.” Not only does our parish possess a beautiful statue of her located in the sanctuary, we also have a first-class relic of St. Therese. All the faithful will be blessed with her relic at the conclusion of the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, Oct. 1.

Our Parish Finance Council welcomes new members Greg Zawacki and Kathy Hudzinski who replace Jack Kuligowski and Jean Oprindick. We thank Jack and Jean for their many years of service and welcome Greg and Kathy to the council. *Thank you!*

74th Annual Parish Picnic Report: The gross profit for this year’s picnic (i.e., before the bills are paid) amounted to \$36,002.91. Our picnic expenses totaled \$9,987.51. The net profit (after all the bills have been paid) amounted to \$26,015.40. How does this compare to last year? In 2020 the gross profit amounted to \$35,297.00, the picnic expenses totaled \$10,544.14 and the net profit amounted to \$24,752.86.

Advent Pierogi Sale: The Women’s Society Advent Pierogi Sale will soon take place. Orders will be taken the weekend of October 23/24 in the church hall after all Masses. Phone orders will not be taken. Potato and cabbage pierogi will be available for \$10 per dozen. It is important that you place your order in advance so that the proper amount of ingredients can be ordered. Pierogi making will begin November 11. Pierogi distribution will take place November 14-17 in the church hall. Payment is made at the time of pick-up – cash only, no checks.

The 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Please consider giving. Our Goal: \$30,000

<p>For the new 2021-2022 Fiscal Year our Diocesan Assessment is \$30,008.00. Our Catholic School Subsidy is \$54,048.00. To break it down to a monthly number, each month our parish owes a combined bill of \$7,004.66 to the Diocese and Schools. That means <u>each week \$1,616.46</u> from our collection goes toward these bills.</p>
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Children and Student Envelopes: If you would like your child to receive a boxed set of donation envelopes for 2022, please contact the parish office. Envelopes will be available in the narthex during the month of December for those who have requested them.

HNS Corporate Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sun., Sept. 26, at 8:30 am. All members are to dress in suits and meet in the church hall prior to the Mass. HNS members will process and recess with Father at Mass. **The CCM Corporate Communion Mass** will be Sun., Sept. 19, at 10:30 a.m.

Our parish CCD program for the 2021-22 academic year will begin Sunday, September 26 at 9:15 a.m. All students and teachers are asked to assemble in the church so that they can be assigned classrooms and receive a blessing from Father. Classes will 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 will be required and proper sanitation of the classrooms will be maintained. CCD Registration forms are now being accepted at the Parish Office and can be found in the church narthex or online at www.sacredheartdupont.com. 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. Students in both Catholic and public school are invited to attend the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, September 19, for their annual back to school blessing. Teachers, as well as students, will be blessed at this Mass. This blessing coincides with the national “Catechetical Sunday” of dioceses throughout the country. If you have any questions, contact Nancy Beccaloni, DRE, at 570-451-1903.

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 allows our priest to get to know you and your family. 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.

A "Pro-Life Baby Shower" sponsored by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be held the weekend of September 18-19 to benefit the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life. They are now collecting baby items (new, unused) such as sleepers, blankets/afghans, quilts, washcloths and towels (sizes newborn to 24 months), disposable diapers, etc. Donations can be dropped off before or after all Masses and can be placed in the play pen located in the church narthex. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted and can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the parish office in a marked envelope indicating a donation to the “Baby Shower.” The CCM invites all to attend a mock baby shower on Sun., Sept. 19, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church hall.

St. Barbara’s Parish, Exeter, is having an Oktoberfest on Sun., Sept. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., at their pavilion on Erie Street. The menu includes homemade German foods such as Bratwurst, Spaetzle (butter noodles), Schnitzel, Frikadellen (meat patties), German pretzels, French Fries and Hot Dogs. The food will be sold as a platter and picnic tables will be set up for your dining pleasure. Takeout will also be available.

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church will sponsor a Fall Rummage/Furniture Sale on Oct. 1-2, from 9am – 6pm at St. Cyril’s school gym, 133 River Street Olyphant as well as behind the rectory. For more information call 570-291-4451.

Saint John the Evangelist Church, Pittston will host a Chicken Dinner on Sun., Oct. 10. Dinners are \$12 each and include 1/2 BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, coleslaw, roll, and a slice of cake. Curbside pickup is Sun., Oct. 10, 12-2 p.m. in the alley behind the former high school. Call 570-654-0053 by Mon., Oct. 4 to order - advance payment only.

A rosary rally will be held on Sun., Sept. 26 at St. John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. The procession will begin at 2 pm followed by devotions and Mass at 3 pm. Refreshments will follow. All are invited.

Scranton Mental Health Ministry at St. Peter’s Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, hosts a mental health support group for anyone experiencing mental illness. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. The Family Mental Health Group Support meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Both groups meet in the Bishops Hall (lower level of the cathedral rectory). For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-344-7231.

A webinar will be held on Oct. 19 at 7pm with Deacon Ed Shoener, discussing the books he and Bishop John Dolan helped to create, *Responding to Suicide: A Pastoral Handbook for Catholic Leaders* and *When a Loved One Dies by Suicide: Comfort, Hope, and Healing for Grieving Catholics*. Deacon Ed will also speak about his continuing work in Grief and Bereavement Ministry at Cathedral Parish, Scranton. To register for the webinar or to learn more, please contact Jennifer Housel at 570-207-2213 x 1104, jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org.

Monday (Sept. 20) Sts. Andrew Kim and Companions

7:30 am Intentions of Stanley and Maryann Barnak
by family

Tuesday (Sept. 21) St. Matthew

7:30 am Helen Zeladonis
by Arlene Skrzysowski

Wednesday (Sept. 22) Weekday

7:30 am Evelyn Healey
by children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Thursday (Sept. 23) St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:30 am Robert Koons, Jr.
by Jerry and Lynn Stanco

Friday (Sept. 24) Weekday

7:30 am Rev. George Hagenbach
by a parishioner

Sat. (Sept. 25) Vigil: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Bernard Zielinski
by Elaine Elko and family

Sunday (Sept. 26) 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Living/deceased members of our Holy Name Society
by Sacred Heart HNS
10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: \$4,649.00
Building Fund: \$319.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *Rose and Nicholas Loncala, by Marian Wanielista*
Blessed Mother: *Special intention, by the Luckasavage family*
St. Joseph: *Intentions of Fr. Brian VanFossen, by Jayne Klenner*



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of MaryAnn and Chester Kuna, by sister, Bernadine Bryk and family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 19, Pro-Life Baby Shower after 10:30am Mass, church hall
Sept. 19, 10:30am Mass, Blessing of CCD students/teachers
Sept. 21, 10:30am, Wesley Village Mass
Sept. 23, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
Sept. 26, 9:15-10:15am, CCD classes begin, school
Sept. 30, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
Oct. 3, 9:30am, Blessing of animals, front church steps
Oct. 5, 6pm, CCM meeting, church hall
Oct. 6, 7pm, HNS meeting, church hall
Oct. 7, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
September 18-19
4pm: EM: C, Wesley, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
8:30am: EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
10:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: L. Lojewski, Acolyte: C. Purdy
September 25-26
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
8:30am: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A. E. & M. Collins
10:30am: D. Suchecki, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: M. McDonald, JJ Rupprecht

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

The Dupont Lions food distribution will be on Thur., Sept. 23, 12-1 p.m. in our church hall. All Dupont and Suscon residents in need are welcome.

St. Joseph Mareello Parish, 237 William St., Pittston, will host an Oktoberfest on Sat., Oct. 16, 5-9pm, and Sun., Oct. 17, 12-4pm on the parish grounds. Enjoy porketta, clams, clam chowder, hot dogs, chicken, fries, pizza frita and Oktoberfest food: bratwurst, sauerkraut, pretzels, and beer. Enjoy live music, instant bingo, children’s games and an indoor flea market.

The Cathedral Grief Support Group works through a series of topics to help one understand the grief process and to find healing. The fall 2021 session of the support group will meet on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 8-29, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Wyoming Ave., Scranton. To register, contact the cathedral parish office at 570-344-7231.