

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

215 Lackawanna Avenue, Dupont, Pennsylvania 18641

Phone: (570) 654-3713 ~ E-mail: shojesuschurch@gmail.com ~ www.sacredheartdupont.com

Rev. Father Thomas J. Petro, J.C.L., KHS, Pastor

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **September 26, 2021** ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

I write at this time to inform you that our Rada Cutlery Fundraiser continues! 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. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

“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.

Requiescant in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Lucille Scyrba who was recently buried from our church.

“Cemetery Sunday” devotions will take place this year on Sun., Oct. 31, 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.

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.

Thank you for your generous response to the Pro-Life Baby Shower recently conducted by our CCM. A total of \$459 was collected as well as many baby items to benefit the Wilkes-Barre Chapter of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

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 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.

The Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is prayed in common every Monday after 7:30 a.m. Mass.

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

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

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 each week \$1,616.46 from our collection goes toward these bills.

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.

The 2022 Mass book is now open. Anyone wishing to request a specific date on which Mass may be celebrated for their deceased loved one may visit the parish office during office hours or make use of the Mass Intention envelope in the narthex. The stipend is \$10 per requested Mass.

Sanctuary candle offerings for the Tabernacle, St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother, St. Francis and St. Therese are available for \$10. Please use the donor envelopes and registry book in the narthex. Payment for Sanctuary Candles should be submitted to the parish office via the collection basket or mail in a marked envelope with the name of the donor as well as the intention and date requested. Parishioners are asked not to mark the candle as paid in the book. Once payment has been received, the parish secretary will do so.

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. 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 Catholic Men’s Conference is planned for Saturday, Oct. 30, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Wilkes-Barre. This year’s theme is “Called to Fatherhood” under the patronage of Saint Joseph. The event will be held from 8am-3pm with nationally known Catholic Speakers: Father Glenn Sudano, Jim O’Day and Karl Keating. All men, challenged to live virtuous lives in this very secular world, are encouraged to attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Sacramental Confession as well as a lunch break. Mass will be offered by Bishop Bambera. Register Online: (\$30 till Oct. 9) at www.BeaCatholicMan.com or pay that day (\$40). For more information contact Michael Kilmer 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

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.

Prayer to your Guardian Angel: Angel sent by God to guide me, be my light and walk beside me; be my guardian and protect me; on the paths of life direct me.

Monday (Sept. 27) St. Vincent de Paul

7:30 am Catherine Wozniak Bogusky
by Patti and Tim Stonikinis

Tuesday (Sept. 28) St. Wenceslaus

7:30 am Michael Nesgoda
by sister, Roberta Be

Wednesday (Sept. 29) Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

7:30 am Eleanore Bryk
by Mr. and Mrs. Albert Strelish

Thursday (Sept. 30) St. Jerome

7:30 am Jean Washinsky
by Mr. and Mrs. John Sleboda

Friday (Oct. 1) St. Therese (First Friday)

7:30 am Mary Guzzi
by Jerry and Lynn Stanco

Sat. (Oct. 2) Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm John Miller
by the Healey children

Sunday (Oct. 3) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am Helen and Edward Boyer
by Edward Boyer

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: \$3,874.00

Building Fund: \$266.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Blessed Mother: Steve & Loretta Haluschak, by Michele & Brian Moletsky

St. Therese: In honor of St. Therese, by an anonymous client



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Bernard Truskowski and Albert Potorski, by sister-in-law, Bernadine Bryk and family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 26, 9:15-10:15am, CCD classes begin, school

Sept. 29, 6:30pm, Finance Council meeting, church hall

Sept. 30, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

Oct. 1, 7:30am, 1st Friday Mass & devotions, church

Oct. 2, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration & devotions, church

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

Oct. 13, 6pm, CCM outdoor rosary

Oct. 14, Choir practice, choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

September 25-26

4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: J. LaFratte

8:30am: EM: *volunteer*, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A. E. & M. Collins

10:30am: D. Suchecki, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: M. McDonald, JJ Rupprecht

October 2-3

4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy

8:30am: EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: J. LaFratte

10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons

Our church is open daily for private prayer Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to Noon, Saturday, 2:45 p.m. to the conclusion of the 4 p.m. Mass, and on Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to the conclusion of the final Mass of the day.

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.

The University of Scranton, a nationally recognized Jesuit university in northeast Pennsylvania, will host two Open House events for prospective students and their families on Sunday, Oct. 24, and Sunday, Nov. 7. For more information, contact Scranton’s Admissions Office at 1-888-SCRANTON or visit Scranton’s Open House webpage. (www.scranton.edu)