

# 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.

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## ✠ Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 3, 2021 ✠

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

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

The Respect Life Program, sponsored by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, started in 1972 and begins anew each October - the month set aside by the U.S. bishops as “Respect Life Month.” It’s a year-round, nationwide effort to help Catholics understand, value, and become engaged with building a culture that cherishes every human life.

At this time I would like to share with you the contents of a letter I received from Betty Caffrey, the director of the Wilkes-Barre chapter of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life, in response to the donation of items and money recently collected by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers. She writes:

We are most grateful for all the wonderful baby items and the monetary donation. We were well taken care of by God during the past months. Not having our regular fundraisers has us deeply concerned as to whether we could keep our Center open and so many came to our aid. We were overwhelmed. God is good. We pray that He will bless everyone who took the time to support our work, especially the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. One check that came in surprised me as it was from a prisoner at the Correctional Institute in Dallas. I pray that God will bless him and may he change his life for the better. Father, we appreciate all you do to support our efforts. We are now into our 35<sup>th</sup> year with our Pro-Life Center. We have had many come in thanking us for saving their babies lives. No, you won’t hear that on the news. I know God is keeping it all in His good book and that is all that matters. May God bless you and the people you shepherd.

In the spirit of this “Respect Life Month,” I also invite your participation in a “40 Days for Life Pro-Life Rosary Gathering” that is taking place September 22 through October 29, offered for the special intentions of ending abortion and the closure of the Planned Parenthood location in Wilkes-Barre. The Rosary is prayed Monday to Friday at 10 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre (across from King's College). This Pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer and fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Petro

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**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 ushers are asked to count at all Masses.

**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 Wednesday, Oct. 20, at the 7:30 a.m. Mass and conclude on Thursday, 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. 11 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. 11 in observance of Columbus Day. It will reopen on Tue., Oct. 12, at 8:30 am.

**The Match the Daily Number raffle** held by our Holy Name Society has resumed. \$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 winning number for the September 25 raffle is 599. If you have the winning number, call Greg Zawacki at 570-947-8200. The winning ticket must be presented.

**Advent Pierogi Sale:** our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will take orders for their Advent Pierogi Sale on Saturday, October 23, 3 to 5 p.m., and Sunday, October 24, 8 to 11:30 a.m. in the church hall. *Phone orders will not be taken.* Potato and cabbage pierogi will be available for \$10 per dozen. 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.

**“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.

**An Autumn Soup Sale** will be conducted by our Holy Name Society on Cemetery Sunday, Oct. 31. Details about the variety of soups and ordering information will be forthcoming. Also, an

**Autumn Bake Sale** will be held by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers on Cemetery Sunday weekend. Details will follow in the bulletin.

**Our parish fundraiser** with Rada Cutlery continues! Parishioners are invited to access Rada via the homepage of our parish website to order. 40% of the profits go to our church!

“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 rosaries and First Saturday Rosary religious items are available in the narthex.*

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

**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.

**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 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. 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. For details, contact Nancy Beccaloni, DRE, at 570-451-1903.

**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.

**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.

**An outdoor rosary** (weather permitting), led by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, will be recited on Wed., 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.

**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 St. Joseph. The event will be held from 8am-3pm with nationally known Catholic Speakers. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, and Confession as well as a lunch break. Mass will be offered by Bishop Bambera. Register Online: (\$30 till Oct. 9) at [www.BeaCatholicMan.com](http://www.BeaCatholicMan.com) or pay that day (\$40). For more information contact Michael Kilmer 570-746-0100 or [michaelkilmer71@gmail.com](mailto:michaelkilmer71@gmail.com).

**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.

**Planning your Estate:** Have you ever considered leaving part of your estate to the Church? There are several options available that you might find attractive from an income, tax savings, retirement, or inheritance point of view. To learn more about how these programs might work for you and your family, please contact Fr. Petro for more information.

**Monday (Oct. 4) St. Francis of Assisi**

7:30 am Joseph Ruane

*by wife, MaryAnn and sister-in-law, Barb Vitale*

**Tuesday (Oct. 5) Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos**

No Mass

**Wednesday (Oct. 6) St. Bruno**

No Mass

**Thursday (Oct. 7) Our Lady of the Rosary**

7:30 am Intentions of Gerard Beccaloni

*by wife*

**Friday (Oct. 8) Weekday**

7:30 am Susan Matthews

*by the Purdy family*

**Sat. (Oct. 9) Vigil: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Joseph and Lillian Gromala

*by Robert, Donna, Gene and Sharon Bartosiewicz*

**Sunday (Oct. 10) 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Daniel Saranchuk

*by Stella Saranchuk and family*

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

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**Last Sunday:** \$4,313.03

**Building Fund:** \$223.00

**School Support:** \$683.00

**Hurricane Relief:** \$539.00

*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*

Tabernacle: *Charlie Teitlak, by cousin, Marie.*

Blessed Mother: *Geraldine Snopkowski, by sister, Jean Poplawski*

St. Joseph: *for the health of Fr. John Victoria, by Jayne Klenner*

St. Therese: *Richard Kuchinski, by Uncle Tony*

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



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Raymond and Margaret Cichocki, by Diane Cichocki Wylam and family.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

Oct. 3, 9:30am, Blessing of animals, front church steps

Oct. 3, 10:30am, 8<sup>th</sup> grade CCD student Mass

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

Oct. 17, 9:15am, CCD parent meeting, school

**Liturgical Volunteer Schedule**

***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

***October 9-10***

**4pm:** EM: M. Pistack, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins

**8:30am:** EM: *volunteer*, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: *volunteer*

**10:30am:** EM: C. Wesley, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: M. McDonald, JJ Rupprecht

**Requiescat in pace:** please pray for the repose of the soul of Edward Kreczkevich who was recently buried from our church.

**Last Annual Quilt Bingo** will be held at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Bernadine Hall, 25 Hudson Rd., Plains, on Sun., Oct. 17. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and games begin at 1 p.m. Advance admission is \$20 or \$25 at the door. Tickets are sold at their parish office. Raffle tickets will be available at the bingo.

**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.

**St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin,** will hold a Harvest Tea, Wed., Oct. 13 at 7pm. Cost is \$10 and includes food, beverage and entertainment. Raffles tickets and door prizes, too. Call their parish office by Oct. 11 to reserve a spot: 570-655-8956.