

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.

✠ Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 31, 2021 ✠

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: *Leona Byank, John Woytach, Andrew Cebula, Loretta Przypek, Joseph Cronick, Charlotte Nyzio, Theresa McDonnell, Ann Kutyna, Edward Tanski, Albert Cocco, Julia Stelmack, Gloria Chesniak, Richard Krappa, Louise Rolek, Jacob Nenichka, Daniel Mozgowiec, Jean Washinsky, Gloria Kolankiewicz, Frances Daczka, Bonnie Morreale, Regina Dvorscak, Anna Zielinski, Bernard Milan, Pauline Kosierowski, Joseph Kuchinski, Sr., Robert Levandoski, Rose Marie Borgna, Rita Kivak, Grace Proietto, Dorothy Trolio, Lucille Scyrba, Edward Kreczkovich and Nancy Elko.* 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

All Saints Day, November 1, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. *Our All Saints Day Mass schedule: 7:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.*

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: Tues., November 2 at 7:30 am, Noon (in the cemetery chapel) and 5:30 pm.*

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.

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.

A Veterans' Day Mass on the Feast of St. Martin of Tours, patron of soldiers, will be celebrated on Thur., Nov. 11, at 7:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. We will pray at this Mass for our deceased and living veterans by name. *If you would like the name of a veteran read at this Mass, then please contact Kathy at the parish office either by email or phone by Monday, Nov. 8, and give her their names.* All parishioners are invited to attend.

An Autumn Bake Sale will be held by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers on Cemetery Sunday weekend, Oct. 30-31. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on the weekend of the sale before the Masses. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Requiescat in pace: pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Nancy Elko, 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.

All parishioners with families buried at our cemetery are requested to clean their graves prior to Cemetery Sunday.

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 December for those who have requested them.

Our Saturday Chant and Classical Music Recitals resume this year 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 Gregorian chant and 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 past ages.

First Saturday is November 6. A Eucharistic Holy Hour will be held on Saturday, November 6, from 2:45 to 3:45 pm in our church in preparation for the 4 pm Mass. Come, let us adore!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Come sing your favorite Thanksgiving hymns, and participate in this ultimate act of thanksgiving before turning to your family celebrations later in the day.

Thursday, November 25, 9:00 a.m.

The Christmas Cookie Walk will once again be held the weekend of December 11/12 at our church! We are looking for volunteer bakers to help supply the goodies. We are asking for homemade, prepared goods. If interested, please prepare a double or triple batch of your best kind(s) of cookie/candy (not everyone can do chocolate chip). Please use the sign-up sheet located in narthex or contact Heather Roche, 570-299-7702, or Tammy Satkowski, 570-457-3855, to register the type(s) of cookie(s). A list will be kept to make sure that we have a nice variety to offer. Please be aware - this will not be a nut free environment. Volunteers are also needed to work the Cookie Walk. A planning meeting will take place on Tues., Nov. 2, at 6:30pm in the church hall. If you are interested in working the Cookie Walk but not able to attend the meeting, please call Tammy at 457-3855 and leave a message.

Advent Pierogi making will commence Nov. 11 (prep work) and continue until completed. Please find time to come by and lend a hand. Work begins at 8 a.m. each day as well as an evening shift beginning at 6 p.m. Help is needed to prepare sauerkraut, peel and boil potatoes, roll balls, prepare & cut dough rounds, boil and pack sauerkraut and potato pierogi and clean up daily of the church hall and kitchen area. Help is also needed for the washing of towels and cloths that are used. *All help is appreciated and needed!* A sign-up sheet is in the narthex of the church. Contact MaryAnn at 654-3239 with any questions. Please help our CCM carry on this tradition. Thank you!

PICK-UP SCHEDULE FOR PIEROGI ORDERS

Orders can be picked up from 3 to 5 p.m. as follows:
 If your order was placed at the 4 pm Mass, and your last name begins with A to M your order can be picked up on Sun., Nov. 14. 4 pm orders (last name beginning N to Z) can be picked up on Mon., Nov. 15, 3 – 5 pm.
8:30 am Mass orders: Tues., Nov. 16, 3 – 5 pm
10:30 am Mass orders: Wed., Nov. 17, 3 – 5 pm
Both pierogi making and pick up take place in the church hall.

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!

2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal: Please consider giving. Our Goal: \$30,000. Raised to date: \$9,253.00. Appeal envelopes were mailed to your house and can be deposited in the collection.

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 from Sunday, Oct. 24 until Sunday, Nov. 21. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable foods to church and place them in the bin located in the narthex. All donations support the Knights of Columbus, Council 372, food pantry in Pittston.

An All Saints Day Costume Party for all CCD students will be held on Sun., Oct. 31, 9:15 a.m. in the school. Children will parade from the school around the church and back (weather permitting). There will be treats afterward donated by our parish Holy Name Society. All are invited!

A Children's Choir will soon resume in our parish, open to all children 6 years old and up. They will sing a Christmas carol at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Christmas Day. If your child is interested, please let us know by sending his or her name and age, your email address and phone number to Nancy Beccaloni at scaredheartccd@comcast.net. Details will be forthcoming.

STATEMENT ON ARREST OF DIOCESAN PRIEST

On October 22, 2021, the Diocese of Scranton learned that Father Gregory F. Loughney, pastor, Most Holy Trinity Parish, Cresco, was arrested by members of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department. Four criminal charges – all connected to alleged inappropriate contact with a minor – were filed against Father Loughney on Saturday, October 23, 2021. Under its longstanding zero-tolerance policy, the Diocese of Scranton immediately removed Father Loughney from active ministry pending the outcome of the investigation. The Diocese of Scranton will cooperate fully with law enforcement officials in their investigation. Father Loughney will need to retain his own legal counsel, at his own expense. Anyone who might have relevant information is urged to call the Pocono Mountain Regional Police Department at (570) 895-2400, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office at (570) 517-3052, or any local law enforcement agency. Information regarding any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor can also be reported to the Diocese of Scranton's Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska, at (570) 862-7551.

Monday (Nov. 1) All Saints Day

7:30am Albert Lenchak
by family
 6:00pm Edward Kolankiewicz
by Jerry and Lynn Stanco

Tuesday (Nov. 2) All Souls' Day

7:30 am Josephine, Sam and Toby Anzalone
by Sara and Carmella
 12:00 pm (Cemetery chapel) For all the faithful departed
 5:30 pm For the intention of the Pope

Wednesday (Nov. 3) St. Martin de Porres

7:30 am Robert Sedlak
by Patti and Tim Stonikinis

Thursday (Nov. 4) St. Charles Borromeo

7:30 am Barbara Dudzik
by brother, Paul

Friday (Nov. 5) Weekday (First Friday)

7:30 am Deceased of the Halat family
by family

Sat. (Nov. 6) Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Ronald Kasa
by Marie Kurutz and Jessica Twardowski

Sunday (Nov. 7) 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Thomas Skrzysowski, Sr.
by daughter, Joan, and son, Thomas
 10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: \$3,924.41

Building Fund: \$18.00

World Mission Sunday: \$595.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle: Michael Rowan, by Georgann Gall

Blessed Mother: Helen and Anthony Haduck, by daughter, Bernadette, and granddaughter, Ramona

St. Joseph: the most abandoned soul in purgatory, by Thomas Petro, Jr.

St. Francis: Lopata & Halat families, by Robert & James Lopata.



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated for the deceased of the Cebula family, by Marion Babiarz.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 30/31, CCM bake sale, after Masses
- Oct. 31, 9am-1pm, HNS Soup & Wimpie Sale, church hall
- Oct. 31, 9:15am, All Hallow's Eve Costume Party, school
- Oct. 31, 1pm, Cemetery Sunday Devotions, church
- Nov. 1, 7:30am & 6pm, All Saints Day Masses, church
- Nov. 2 7:30am, Noon (chapel), 5:30pm, All Souls Day Masses
- Nov. 2, 6:30pm, Cookie Walk planning meeting, church hall
- Nov. 3, 7pm, Holy Name Society meeting, church hall
- Nov. 4, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
- Nov. 7, 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 7 assists
- Nov. 7, 2pm, CCM meeting, church hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

October 30-31
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
8:30am: EM: J. Stanco, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
10:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: C. Purdy
November 6-7
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
8:30am: EM: J. Stanco, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: M. McDonald, JJ Rupprecht

A Craft Fair will be held at Holy Family Parish, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne, on Sat., Nov. 6, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the parish hall. More than 25 local crafters and vendors will be featured along with a basket raffle and food available for purchase.

A Harvest Tea will be held at Ss. Peter & Paul Parish, 25 Hudson St., Plains on Nov. 7, 1-4 p.m. in the hall. A basket raffle and door prizes will be featured. For tickets, call 570-825-6969.

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 7, at 2 am. Please remember to "Fall Back" one hour!