

# 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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✠ **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **November 14, 2021** ✠

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

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

People throughout the Scranton Diocese, and throughout the country, are still feeling the negative effects of the Covid-19 shutdowns that have disrupted our social, economic, political and religious experiences. I am sure that you are aware of the situations! At the parochial level, we in Dupont (and many others parishes) have seen a decline in the number of people attending Mass and receiving other sacraments. We have seen a decline in people wishing to return to serve as lectors, acolytes, cantors, choir members, and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. We have seen a decline in the number of people wishing to volunteer for parish activities or attend parish group meetings. People want to “stay home and stay safe” instead of resuming normal activities. This is most unfortunate, but this is the reality we pastors are indeed seeing in our parishes today. Will this trend reverse or will it continue to accelerate the pace of decline? What will this mean for our 75<sup>th</sup> annual parish picnic, our pierogi sales and other volunteer activities? Time will tell, but I want to encourage you in the words of Padre Pio to “Pray, hope and don’t worry.” If each of us intentionally chooses to live his Christian vocation in the fullest sense, then we will be free from anxiety and doubt.

Two of the recent causalities of this phenomena have been the Pastoral Outreach Apostolate and the Welcome Committee. After the Legion of Mary in our parish died off, some of their work was assumed by the Pastoral Outreach Apostolate. After the Pastoral Outreach Apostolate died off, some of their work was assumed by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. The Welcome Committee was established as an outgrowth of the former Women’s Society to welcome new parishioners to the parish. They recently informed me that they wish to officially disband but would like to continue providing gifts for the newly baptized babies and organizing the Christmas Cookie Walk. After discussing the situation with our parish Finance Council, I have chosen to combine the financial accounts of the Pastoral Outreach Apostolate and the Welcome Committee into a new one: **the St. Vincent de Paul Society**. This group has a long history in the Catholic Church and is recognized as an international charitable organization. You can read more about them here: <https://ssvpusa.org/> The money in this new parish account will be used solely to support the charitable work of our parish. Aspects of the charitable help offered by the Legion of Mary, the Pastoral Outreach Apostolate and the Welcome Committee will be combined into the St. Vincent de Paul Society. An annual envelope will appear in your packets, around the September 27 feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, which you may use to make a direct donation to support the charitable needs of our local parishioners. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation toward this much needed outreach apostolate is asked to place their donation in an envelope marked “St. Vincent de Paul Society” and drop it in the basket or send it to the parish office at any time throughout the year. May God provide for the wants of the poor and may the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*Father Petro*

**The Christmas Cookie Walk** will once again be held on Saturday, Dec. 11, from 3-6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 12, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. in the church hall. Cookies will be sold for \$8 per pound and will be available until supplies last. 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. Cookies may be dropped off at the church hall on Friday, Dec. 10 from 6 – 8 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please be aware - this will not be a nut free environment. Volunteers are also needed to work the Cookie Walk. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call Tammy at 457-3855 and leave a message.

**A new roof** as been placed on the rectory by parishioner Bob Lasota. The shingles have been chosen to match the color and style of the church shingles. Your generous contributions to the Building Fund have made this possible.

## 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 Parish Office will be closed** Thursday, Nov. 25 and Friday, Nov. 26 in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen Monday, Nov. 29, at 8:30 a.m.

**The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King** on Sunday, Nov. 21. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and continue until the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Feast of Christ the King is a day when we focus on Christ reigning, enthroned in heaven, King of Heaven and Earth for all time. It reminds us that Jesus is the source and center of our lives. This day also marks the end of our liturgical year. The following Sunday we begin anew with the First Sunday of Advent. Did you know that Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to respond to growing nationalism and secularism? He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. This Feast reminds us that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

**Advent Pierogi making** has commenced! 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.*

**The CCD Thanksgiving Food Drive ends this weekend Nov., 14.** We collected a good deal of food and want to thank all of our CCD students, their families and all of our parishioners who donated to this year's collection. We especially thank the fourth and fifth grade class for their work organizing this year's collection. A wonderful lesson on helping the poor, sharing our blessings, and fulfilling God's command to love one another. Thank you!!!

**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](mailto:scaredheartccd@comcast.net). Details will be forthcoming.

**If your child attends Catholic school** and is anticipated to receive the Sacraments of First Penance and First Communion or Confirmation, please be sure that they are registered in our CCD program.

**There will be no CCD classes** on Sunday, Nov. 28, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

**All Souls Day Envelopes** have been placed near the tabernacle and will remain there the entire month of November. Our dearly departed will be remembered in a special way at all Masses.

**The Fuel Envelope** appears in your envelope pack each November to help defray the cost of heating our church buildings during the winter months. Please be as generous as your means allow in contributing to this important collection that directly benefits us.

**If you have moved** in the past year, have a new phone number, or email address, then please contact the Parish Office so that our census records can be updated.

**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** continue until November 13. 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 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century Baroque and Classical compositions for both piano and organ.

**Cemetery clean-up:** All families of those buried in Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Cemetery are asked to be sure their graves are cleaned for the winter by removing all decorations and dead flowers. Please remove any chain or rope markers around the perimeter of the plot – they are not permitted.

**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: \$10,711.00. Appeal envelopes were mailed to your house and can be deposited in the collection.

**REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS** – You can express your commitment to our parish by making a bequest to Sacred Heart Church. Simply include the following statement in your will: "I LEAVE TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH, DUPONT, PA, THE SUM OF \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works." *May God abundantly bless you for bequeathing a spiritual legacy to your parish family!*

**A St. Nicholas Party** will be held by our parish Holy Name Society on Wed., Dec. 1, at 6 pm in the church hall. All HNS members are invited to attend *and are asked to make their reservation with Greg Zawacki by calling 570-947-8200.*

**A Match the Daily Number raffle** is now being held by our parish Holy Name Society! 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 Care and Concern Clinic** at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston, is seeking volunteer nurses in the hopes of reopening in the near future. Anyone interested in this volunteer position is asked to call St. John's parish office at 570-654-0053 to schedule an interview with Fr. Elston. Time commitment would be several hours on Wednesday evenings.



**Monday (Nov. 15) St. Albert the Great**

7:30am Paul and Mary Miller  
*by family*

**Tuesday (Nov. 16) St. Margaret of Scotland**

7:30 am Lottie Waszkiewicz  
*by granddaughters, Karen and Patricia*

**Wednesday (Nov. 17) St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

7:30 am Theresa Cebula  
*by Christine, Diane, Elaine and Maureen*

**Thursday (Nov. 18) Dedication of Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul**

7:30 am Intentions of Brian and Amber Belles  
*by the Belles family*

**Friday (Nov. 19) Weekday**

7:30 am Daniel Tetlak  
*by Steve and Gale Tetlak*

**Sat. (Nov. 20) Vigil: Solemnity of Christ the King**

4:00 pm Joseph Berti  
*by Maria Elena and Thomas Petro*

**Sunday (Nov. 21) Solemnity of Christ the King**

8:30 am Kenadee Hoffman  
*by grandparents*  
10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

**WEEKLY OFFERING**  
**Last Sunday:** \$5,102.00  
**Building Fund:** \$1,456.00  
**All Saints Day:** \$768.00  
**Care and Education of Priests:** \$339.00  
*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

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

Tabernacle: *George Gayza, by Marian Wanielista*  
Blessed Mother: *in honor of Ava Sohol, by grandma & grandpa*  
St. Joseph: *John T. Eustice, Sr., by Ron and Sharon Ziobro*  
St. Therese: *in honor of Autumn Sohal, by grandma & grandpa*  
St. Francis: *Mary Ellen Wengen, by Patti Stonikinis*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov. 14, 10:15am, Catechist meeting, school  
Nov. 18, 6:30pm Choir practice, choir loft  
Nov. 21, 9:15-10:15am, Eucharistic Adoration, church  
Dec. 2, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft  
Dec. 1, 6pm, Holy Name Society meeting & party, church hall  
Dec. 5, 2pm, CCM meeting, church hall  
Dec. 5, 10:30am Mass, Grade 6 assists

| <b>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</b>   |
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| <b>November 13-14</b>  |
| <b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: <i>volunteer</i>        |
| <b>8:30am:</b> EM: J. Stanco, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: J. Stanco               |
| <b>10:30am:</b> EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht  |
| <b>November 20-21</b>  |
| <b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins |
| <b>8:30am:</b> EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: J. LaFratte           |
| <b>10:30am:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: M. McDonald         |

**Home bound parishioners** are reminded that they may have Holy Communion brought to them on the First Friday of each month by calling the Parish Office and requesting this service. This spiritual care is offered to any parishioner who, because of illness or advanced age, cannot leave their homes and attend Mass. Home visitation may be requested for a certain period of recovery time or for a more permanent basis. The sacraments of confession and anointing of the sick are offered to all home bound parishioners every Advent and Lent. Fr. Petro will visit the homebound this December 2.

**Sacramental Sponsors:** If you are asked to be a sponsor for Confirmation or a godparent for a Baptism, you must: be a registered, participating member of Sacred Heart, have received all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation), and if married, be married in the Catholic Church. If you have a question about your eligibility or are in need of a sponsor form, you may contact the parish office.

**St. Monica's Parish,** West Wyoming, will present Bishop Robert Barron's video-based study, "The Creed" for six weeks beginning Mon., Nov. 15 at 6:30 p.m. This program will be led by Deacon William Jenkins and will be held each Monday, ending on Dec. 20.

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