

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ November 7, 2021 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

Every person that attended a weekend Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church was counted throughout the month of October. The ushers kept a record of the participation at every weekend Mass for the purpose of identifying trends and usage. At this time I would like to share with you the results of our annual “October Count” for the purpose of pastoral planning. The simple equations that follow give an insight into how well our Masses are attended over the period of one month (five weekends). Percentages of participation based on the total amount of registered parishioners or averages of attendance at particular Masses are valid and useful tools for further research, but my intent is to simply notify you of the results. Perhaps these numbers can be analyzed in depth by our Pastoral Council at a future date. The 2021 October Mass Attendance Count Sheet reveals:

4 p.m. Sat. Masses: Oct. 2/3 – 98, Oct. 9/10 – 93, Oct. 16/17 – 102, Oct. 23/24 – 99, Oct. 30/31 - 121, total for the month at 4 p.m.: 513 people.

8:30 a.m. Sun. Masses: Oct. 2/3 – 76, Oct. 9/10 – 84, Oct. 16/17 – 93, Oct. 23/24 – 85, Oct. 30/31 - 92, total for the month at 8:30 a.m.: 430 people.

10:30 a.m. Sun. Masses: Oct 2/3 – 111, Oct. 9/10 – 116, Oct. 16/17 – 99, Oct. 23/24 – 112, Oct. 30/31 - 117, total for the month at 10:30 a.m.: 555 people.

Sacred Heart October grand total: 1,498.

***Our “Pre-Coronavirus” October 2019 grand total was 1,738. Our “Pandemic” October 2020 grand total was 784. Please continue the regular financial support of your parish by mailing your envelopes, contributing online, or dropping off your envelopes at the parish office or the collection basket. *Know that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been reinstated.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

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

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way to make the HNS soup and wimpie sale and the CCM bake sale a success! HNS: \$293.39 / CCM: \$702.25.

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.

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.

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.

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. Anyone interested in volunteering is asked to call Tammy at 457-3855 and leave a message.

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!

Advent Pierogi making will commence Nov. 11 (prep work) and continue until completed. 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!

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 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. The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

Rev. Leo J. Kozlowski, the sixth pastor of our parish from 1977-1984, died on November 13, 1984. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul on the anniversary of his death.

Requiescat in pace: pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Leonard Jasczak, who was recently buried from our church.

We are happy to welcome to our parish Mr. and Mrs. Michael Leal and family of Dupont. A warm welcome to you!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

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: \$10,058.00. Appeal envelopes were mailed to your house and can be deposited in the collection.

The members of Alhambra will attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Nov. 7, to pray for their deceased members.

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.



Monday (Nov. 8) Weekday

7:30am Loretta Przypek
by Barbara

Tuesday (Nov. 9) Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:30 am Irene and Vincent Orloski
by MaryAnn and Ronald, Geri, Rita and Jim

Wednesday (Nov. 10) St. Leo the Great

7:30 am Ann Dudzik Chmielewski
by brother, Paul

Thursday (Nov. 11) St. Martin of Tours

7:30 am John Wojtach
by wife and children

Friday (Nov. 12) St. Josaphat

7:30 am Thomas Lynn
by Patrick Ratchford

Sat. (Nov. 13) Vigil: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm George Gayza
by Marian Wanielista

Sunday (Nov. 14) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am Edward Szulewski
by wife, Asunda, and family

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: \$4,271.70

Building Fund: \$165.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: Robert Sedlak, by Patti and Tim Stonikinis

Blessed Mother: Susanna Lizak, by daughter, Jean

St. Joseph: Thomas Skrzysowski, Sr., by daughter, Joan, and son, Thomas

St. Therese: Rose and Patrick DiGiovine, by daughter, Ann Marie and family

St. Francis: Edward Ziobro, by Ron and Sharon Ziobro.



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of George Gayza, by Marian Wanielista.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 7, 9:30am, Confirmation parent meeting, school

Nov. 7, 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 7 assists

Nov. 7, 2pm, CCM meeting, church hall

Nov. 11-16, Pierogi making, church hall

Nov. 11, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

Nov. 14, 10:15am, Catechist meeting, school

Nov. 18, Choir practice, choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

November 6-7

4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins

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

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

November 13-14

4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: volunteer

8:30am: EM: J. Stanco, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: J. Stanco

10:30am: EM: volunteer, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht

St. Lucy's Church, 949 Scranton St., will hold a "Holiday Bingo Bash" on Sun., Nov. 14, in the church auditorium. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. for a light lunch. Early Bird games will be 12:45-1:45 p.m. and regular bingo starts at 2:00 p.m. Prizes include: cash, turkeys, certificates, baskets, door prizes and other surprises. Cost of admission is \$7 which includes 2 boards. Tickets can be purchased at St. Leo's Church Office: 570-347-9421 or call Joe at 570-955-7469.

Scranton Prep Galleria featuring over 60 vendors will be open to the public at the Prep Xavier Center, 1000 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, on Sat., Nov. 13, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sun., Nov. 14, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Admission is \$5. Children under 12 are free.

A Take-Out Homemade Pasta and Sausage Dinner will be held at St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin, Sun., Nov. 14, from 12 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$12 which includes salad, a dinner roll and dessert. For more information call 570-655-8956.

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.