

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.

✠ **Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **Septemer 11, 2022** ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

This Sunday we commemorate the 21st anniversary of the infamous terrorist attacks on our country. I invite you to pray for all those who lost their lives and for those who protect us on this “Patriot Day.” Let us also remember those who still have sorrow in their hearts from either mourning the death of a loved one or are coping with physical injuries. As Americans, we remember all who have suffered from the 9-11-01 attacks. As Catholics, we pray to God for peace and healing in our land on this sad anniversary.

Sorrow from pain is a part of our human condition, shared by Our Lord and Our Lady. The Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows, also known as the Seven Sorrows (Swords) devotion, places our attention on the seven sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary that pierced her to the Heart. This devotion refers to the words of Simeon spoken to Our Lady during the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple: “Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is spoken against (and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed.” Luke 2: 34-35. The Seven Swords popularized by the Servite Fathers in 1668 are: 1) The Prophecy of Simeon 2) The Flight into Egypt 3) The Loss of Jesus in Jerusalem for Three Days 4) Mary meets Jesus carrying His Cross on the way to Calvary 5) Mary standing at the foot of the Cross as Jesus Dies 6) Mary receives the dead Body of Jesus as He is removed from the Cross 7) The Burial of Jesus.

The Seven Swords Rosary is united with the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, celebrated by the Universal Church on September 15. Falling as it does on the day after the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, this feast and devotion remind the faithful of Mary’s intense suffering during the passion and death of Christ. The famous statue by Michelangelo, the Pieta, and the hymn *Stabat Mater* are artistic representations of Mary’s grief. In praying the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows we unite ourselves to Mary, and with her, share in the sufferings of Christ. Mary’s participation in the suffering and passion of Christ was different from that of other disciples; it was special because she was His mother. Mary was not only intimately associated with the passion and death of Christ, but as our Mother she plays an active role as Mediatrix in our redemption by transmitting to us the fruits of Christ’s passion.

I invite you to join me on Wednesday, September 14, to celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross at 7:30 a.m. During that Mass in our church, a relic of the True Cross will be exposed for public veneration. Also, during that Mass, devotional materials promoting the Rosary of Our Lady of Sorrows will be blessed and freely distributed. A beautiful representation in stained glass of Mary’s Immaculate Heart pierced by a sword can be seen in a window in our sanctuary to the right of the high altar and the Sacred Heart of Jesus appears to its left. Please join us in prayer on September 14 and 15 as we pray for peace in our hearts and in our land!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Tuesday, Oct. 4. Fr. Petro will administer a special blessing to all pets on Sunday, Oct. 2, 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.

HNS Corporate Communion Mass will be celebrated on Sun., Sept. 11, 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.

CCD Registration for our parish has begun. CCD registration forms are available in the narthex as well as online at www.sacredheartdupont.com. After filling out the form for each child you may deposit it in the weekend collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Please include the required fee and a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate (if they are a new student and were not baptized in our church). CCD begins on Sunday, Sept. 25 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. *Please be reminded that all school-aged children who do not attend Catholic schools in grades 1 to 8 are required to attend CCD classes.* A few of our Catholic school students have attended our classes and are most welcome! Contact DRE Mrs. Nancy Beccaloni with questions at sacredheartccd@comcat.net or 570-451-1903.

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

A "Pro-Life Baby Shower" sponsored by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be held the weekend of October 1-2 to benefit the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life. They are now collecting baby items (new, unused) such as sleepers, blankets/afghans, quilts, washcloths and towels (sizes newborn to 24 months), disposable diapers, etc. Donations can be dropped off before or after all Masses and can be placed in the play pen located in the church narthex. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted and can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the parish office in a marked envelope indicating a donation to the “Baby Shower.” The CCM invites all to attend a mock baby shower on Sun., Oct. 2, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church hall.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in our church hall on Wednesday, September 21, 12-5pm. Please save the date!

The CCM invites you to pray the rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13th of the month at 6pm by the outdoor BVM statue.

The 26th anniversary celebration of the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus “Tomb of Unborn” will take place Sunday, Oct. 2 at 2pm at the Knights’ Tomb of the Unborn, located at the top of Mount Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. Rosary prayers will be recited. Fr. Thomas Petro, chaplain of Pittston Knights of Columbus Assembly 948 will lead the event. All Knights of Columbus of the Wyoming Valley and area faithful are invited to attend. For more information please call 570-654-3713.

Our parish is in need of more lectors and altar servers, as well as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to bring Communion to the homebound. If you believe that God is calling you to serve your brothers and sisters, please speak to Fr. Petro.

Choir rehearsals:

At this time, I am actively seeking new members to join our choir. I am deeply grateful to all of our faithful and loyal choir members for their many years of service and I look forward to many more with them. I also feel it is necessary to grow our choir to lighten the workload for our faithful choir members. Music is an integral part of the liturgy. It is the responsibility of the choir to assist the people to pray at Holy Mass through sacred music, and by so doing, the choir members merit graces for themselves and others, ultimately offering their work for the salvation of souls.

I therefore urge anyone who has any interest in glorifying Almighty God and His most Blessed Mother through music, to contact me directly or simply show up at one of our rehearsals, which are held Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Prospective members should have a basic understanding of music and some ability to sing. Although not strictly required, the ability to read music and to sight sing would be of great advantage to you. We are not necessarily only looking for professional musicians, but devoted people of this parish who wish to glorify Almighty God. I look forward to hearing from anyone wishing to join us.

May God reward you! - Anthony J. George, Jr., Music Director
TPianoman321@gmail.com

The 2023 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. *To accommodate all parishioners, there is a limit of 10 Masses per requesting person per year.*

Are you interested in the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? 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.

Our Lady of This House

O Sweet and gentle Lady, Immaculate Mother of God, we choose you this day to be the Mistress and Lady of this house. Guard it, dear Mother from pestilence, fire, lightning, and tempests; from schisms and heresies, from depredations of burglars and the malice of enemies. Protect its inmates, sweet Mary; watch over their going out and their coming in, and preserve them from sudden death. Keep us from all sin and harm, and pray for us to God, that we may live in His service and depart this life in His grace. Amen.

St. Lucy's Church, 949 Scranton St., Scranton, will have a Take-Out Penne Pasta Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 22, in the church parking lot from 3-6 pm. Containers provided. Cost is \$14 per dinner which includes penne pasta, meatballs, salad, dinner roll, and biscotti. Tickets will be available at the door or by calling 570-347-9421.

Pregnancy Counseling: Any individuals, couples or families facing unexpected or crisis pregnancies and need support? Catholic Social Services is caring, serving, and solving problems through free Pregnancy Counseling services. For crisis pregnancy support, call the Scranton office, 570-207-2283.

The Catholic Men's Conference will be held at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, on October 8, 8am - 3pm. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid" under the patronage of St. Joseph. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by Bishop Bambera. For reservations, make checks payable to "Be A Catholic Man" and mail \$40 (early bird price \$30 until September 9) to: Bill Leandri, 239 Hayfield Road, Shavertown, PA, 18708. Contact Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100 with questions.

The Annual Craft Fair at Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, will be held Sat., Nov. 5, 10am - 3pm. More than 25 vendors and crafters will be present, along with a basket raffle, food and beverages.

Fr. Petro gratefully invites to an appreciation dinner all parishioners who volunteered to make our 75th annual parish picnic such a big success. The dinner will be on Saturday, September 17 in our church hall. The social will begin at 5pm and dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. To make a reservation, please complete the form below and submit it no later than September 12. You may place your form in the collection basket, mail it, or email it to the parish office.

2022 PICNIC APPRECIATION DINNER R.S.V.P.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Number attending: _____

Monday (Sept. 12) The Most Holy Name of Mary

7:30 am Jim Knapp
by Betty Belles

Tuesday (Sept. 13) St. John Chrysostom

7:30 am Dorothy Trolio
by Roseann Trolio

Wednesday (Sept. 14) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

7:30 am Intentions of Maria Vojta
by Kathy Vojta

Thursday (Sept. 15) Our Lady of Sorrows

7:30 am Deceased members of our CCM
by Sacred Heart CCM

Friday (Sept. 16) Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

7:30 am Rose and Nicholas Loncala
by Marian Wanielista

Saturday (Sept. 17) 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm John Miller
by Joann Hadsall

Sunday (Sept. 18) Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Edward J. Romanko
by family
 10:30am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: \$5,520.10
Building Fund: \$809.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn the week of this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: Edward J. Romanko, Sr., *by family*
Blessed Mother: In honor of Our Lady, *by Maria Vojta*
St. Joseph: Thomas Skrzysowski, *by wife, Arlene*
St. Therese: Eleanore Bryk, *by Walter Bryk and family*
St. Francis: John & Ann Tetlak, *by children John, Ronald & Judith.*

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Ralph and Faye Renfer, by John and Amy Renfer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 17, 5pm, Volunteer Appreciation dinner, church hall
 Sept. 21, 12-5pm, American Red Cross Blood Drive, church hall
 Sept. 22, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
 Sept. 25, 9:15-10:15am, CCD begins, Sunday school
 Sept. 27, 10:30am, Wesley Village Mass
 Sept. 29, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
 Oct. 1, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
September 10-11
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
10:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
September 17-18
4pm: EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins

The St. Vincent de Paul Society: this parish account is used solely to support the charitable work of our parish. An annual envelope appears 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 the envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Society" and drop it in the basket or send it to the parish office.

Bingo Bonanza will be held Sunday, Oct. 23 at Visitation of the BVM Parish Center, 625 Dundaff St., Dickson City. Doors open at 12pm and bingo starts at 2pm. Admission is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, which includes 17 games. Each prize has a minimum retail value of \$300. Games of chance and food and beverages will be available for purchase. For information call 570-489-2091.

The second annual Pennsylvania March for Life will take place Mon., Sept. 19, on the front steps of the State Capitol in Harrisburg at 11 a.m. The Diocese of Scranton is sponsoring a bus trip that will depart from Scranton and will make a pick-up in Wilkes-Barre. Seating is limited. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Shannon at SKowalski@dioceseofscranton.org or (570) 207-2213, x1155.