

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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 18, 2022 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

One of our parishioners recently visited Alaska and kindly brought back for me bulletins from some of the churches in the Diocese of Fairbanks. Reading them gave me an insight into the Catholic way of life in northern Alaska. Did you know that the last missionary diocese in the United States is the Diocese of Fairbanks? Many of its parishes are in “bush communities” – communities widely separated from one another and unconnected by road, accessible only by airplane, boat or snowmobile. This makes priestly ministry in Alaska dangerous, time consuming and expensive. Travel is often dangerous due to harsh weather conditions. It is not uncommon for missionaries to get “weathered in” in bush villages for days while waiting for storms to abate or flights to resume. Many parishioners consider themselves fortunate if they receive the sacraments from a priest every two or three months! Only twenty active priests and one bishop serve in the diocese. That leaves roughly one priest for every 17,077 square miles. They serve alongside one religious sister, two brothers, sixteen active permanent deacons and many lay administrators. The Diocese of Fairbanks circumscribes a territory of 409,849 square miles of northern Alaska, which is approximately twice the size of Texas. Many of the Catholics served are Eskimos.

The Alaskan Shepherd is a quarterly newsletter which has been in existence for over 50 years with readership nationally and internationally. It is published from the Fairbanks chancery office and consists of news from the forty-six parishes of the diocese. Fundraising derived from this publication provides a large portion of the diocesan annual income. To receive a copy of the *Alaskan Shepherd* newsletter, contact pwalter@cbna.org or visit www.dioceseoffairbanks.org.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated by the Church this year on September 18. The 2022 Catechetical Sunday theme is “*This is my body given for you.*” On this day, catechists are formally commissioned for service to the parish. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the Faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This Sunday Fr. Petro will bestow a “Back to School Blessing” upon our students and teachers during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. We are most grateful to our catechists for sharing their gift of Faith with our youngest parishioners.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Requiescant in pace: pray for the repose of the souls of Leonard Magda and Mary Ann Serafin who were buried from our church.

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

Children and Student Envelopes: If you would like your child to receive a boxed set of donation envelopes for 2023, 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 American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in our church hall on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 12-5pm. Go to www.redcross.org to reserve your appointment time in our hall.

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.

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.

St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston, will hold its Annual Chicken Dinner on Sun., Oct. 9. Dinners are \$15 each and include BBQ chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll with butter, and dessert. The dinner is take-out only. Curbside service will be offered noon to 2 p.m. in the alley next to the Pastoral Center auditorium. Call 570-881-2301 no later than Mon., Oct. 3 to place your order. Advance payment only.

40 Days for Life Pro-Life Rosary Gathering will take place September 28 to November 4, offered for the special intentions of ending abortion and closure of Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. The rosary will be prayed weekdays at 10 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood. This pro-life campaign draws attention to the evil of abortion through prayer & fasting, constant vigil, and community outreach.

Scranton Mental Health Ministry at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, hosts a mental health support group for anyone experiencing mental illness. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. The Family Mental Health Group Support meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Both groups meet in the Bishops Hall (lower level of the cathedral rectory). For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-344-7231.

The Cathedral Grief Support Group works through a series of topics to help one understand the grief process and to find healing. The fall 2022 session of the support group will meet on Wednesdays beginning Sept. 7-28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, Wyoming Ave., Scranton. To register, contact the cathedral parish office at 570-344-7231.

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!

Monday (Sept. 19) St. Januarius

7:30 am Charlotte Kulick
by daughter, Charlene

Tuesday (Sept. 20) Sts. Andrew Kim and Companions

7:30 am Helen Zeladonis
by Arlene Skrzysowski

Wednesday (Sept. 21) St. Matthew

7:30 am Deborah Schramm
by Roberta Kashuba

Thursday (Sept. 22) Weekday

7:30 am Donna Bartosiewicz
by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sankus

Friday (Sept. 23) St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:30 am Robert Koons, Jr.
by Jerry and Lynn Stanco

Saturday (Sept. 24) 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Richard Lyons
by Bershefski family

Sunday (Sept. 25) Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30am Bernard Zielinski
by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Dougherty and family

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: \$4,460.62
Building Fund: \$431.00
<i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>

*The sanctuary candles burn the week of this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: Rose and Nicholas Loncala, by Marian Wanielista
Blessed Mother: the intentions of Tina Petcaugh, by Scott Hilenski*

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Jean Borkowski Pronko, by sister-in-law Rose & family.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Sept. 17, 5pm, Volunteer Appreciation dinner, church hall
Sept. 20, 6pm, Finance Council meeting, 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, 1 st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
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
September 24-25
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht
10:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: L. Lojewski, Acolyte: C. Purdy

A Prayer Service for an End to the War in Ukraine will be held at St. Peter's Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, on Sunday, Sept. 25, at 2:30 p.m. Prayers for peace in Ukraine and for the innocent who continue to suffer in the country will be offered. Fr. Myron Myronyuk of St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church in Scranton and Bishop Bambera will lead the prayer service. It will be broadcast live on CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton and livestreamed on the Diocese of Scranton website, YouTube channel and social media platforms. A goodwill offering for those on the ground helping the Ukrainian people will be collected at the conclusion of the prayer service.

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.

The Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is prayed in common every Monday after 7:30 a.m. Mass.



<p>Parish Mission Statement: <i>“Sacred Heart of Jesus Church exists for the celebration of the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist, the proclamation of Christ’s saving doctrine and the promotion of Charity. Our mission, under the care of our pastor, our bishop and the Holy Father, is to attain Heaven.”</i></p>
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