

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ September 25, 2022 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

At this time I wish to furnish you with the Income and Expense Statement for Sacred Heart of Jesus Church for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. Thank you for your charitable support. May the Lord reward your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Petro

Income		Expense	
General Fund Income:		General Fund Expenditures:	
Collections	\$294,626.80	Administration	\$147,827.93
Religious Ed Program	2,017.00	Rectory Expense	23,632.48
Fundraising/Development	18,881.01	Liturgy	23,695.43
Other Income	36,191.38	Religious Education Program	9,241.93
		Fixed Expense	24,429.00
		Operation & Maintenance of Plant	33,179.65
		Capital Outlays	132,982.22
Total General Fund Income	\$351,716.19	Total General Fund Expenses	\$394,988.64
Non-Operating Income	9,757.55	Non-Operating Expense	63,805.55
Restoration Fund	122,658.32		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND & NON-OPERATING INCOME	\$484,132.06	TOTAL GENERAL FUND & NON-OPERATING EXPENSE	\$458,794.19
		CASH INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$25,337.87
		CASH BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1,381,325.20
		CASH ENDING BALANCE	\$1,406,663.07

75th Annual Parish Picnic Report: The gross profit for this year's picnic (i.e., before the bills are paid) amounted to \$87,071.09. Our picnic expenses totaled \$26,849.30. The net profit (after all the bills have been paid) amounted to \$60,221.79. *Thank you, volunteers!*

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.* 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. 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.

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.

"Cemetery Sunday" devotions will take place this year on Sun., Oct. 30, beginning at 1pm in our 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. *You are invited to bring photos of your deceased loved ones and place them on the table in front of the St. Joseph side altar.* 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 in praying for the peaceful repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

Requiescant in pace: pray for the repose of the souls of John Stelmack and Dennis McMahon who were buried from our church.

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. Please speak to Fr. Petro if you can help.

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.

For the month of October, our parish along with parishes around the country conduct the "October count," a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. The measure has been taken for many centuries, and in some European dioceses it is possible to measure the level of engagement in worship by the population over the course of many centuries. The October count has proven especially critical in the life of our Church as bishops use the figures to measure the vitality of parish life, to sketch parish boundaries, and even to decide when to close, merge, or form new parishes.

Our CCM will meet on Tues., Oct. 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the church hall. Plans for the October Baby Bottle Campaign, a Cemetery Sunday Bake Sale and the Advent Pierogi Sale will be discussed.

Our HNS will meet on Wed., Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the church hall. Plans for supplying candy for the CCD Halloween party, a hoagie sale and helping the CCM with pierogi making will be discussed.

The Match the Daily Number raffle held by our Holy Name Society has resumed. \$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 winning ticket must be presented.

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.

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.

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.*

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!

A Eucharistic Miracle Exhibition will be held at St. Leo the Great Parish Hall, Ashley, on Sat., Nov. 5, 1-6pm and Sun., Nov. 6, 8am-1pm. This Eucharistic Exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world and which have been recognized by the Church. Admission is free. All are welcome to attend.

The Order of Alhambra, a Catholic organization of Catholic men and women dedicated to providing assistance and support to intellectually disabled individuals is seeking donations. The local caravan Alhambra Caravan #4, a non-profit organization, hosts a summer picnic for the developmentally disabled, provides Christmas donations to local group homes, Special Olympics bowlers and Alhambra houses. Checks may be made payable to: Alhambra Caravan #4 c/o Donna Magni, Vice Grand Commander, 17 English St. West Wyoming, PA 18644. New members are invited to join. For more information, contact Donna at 570-357-0507. Your generosity benefits God's special people and they thank you.

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. For reservations, make checks payable to "Be A Catholic Man" and mail \$40 to: Bill Leandri, 239 Hayfield Road, Shavertown, PA, 18708. Contact Michael Kilmer at 570-746-0100 with questions.

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.

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.

Prayer to your Guardian Angel: Angel sent by God to guide me, be my light and walk beside me; be my guardian and protect me; on the paths of life direct me.

Monday (Sept. 26) Sts. Cosmas and Damian

7:30 am Joseph and Veronica Krzak
by Irene Woytach

Tuesday (Sept. 27) St. Vincent de Paul

7:30 am Peter Sroka
by Thomas and Dorothy Sheridan and family

Wednesday (Sept. 28) St. Wenceslaus

7:30 am Theresa Magda
by friends

Thursday (Sept. 29) Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

7:30 am Theresa Dobrowolski
by Thomas and Marge Titton

Friday (Sept. 30) St. Jerome

7:30 am Eileen Hatala
by Kathy Vojta

Saturday (Oct. 1) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Mary Guzzi
by Jerry and Lynn Stanco

Sunday (Oct. 2) Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30am Intentions of Gary Beccaloni
by family

<p>WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: \$4,303.00 Building Fund: \$170.00 School Support: \$748.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i></p>

The sanctuary candles burn the week of this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: the Halat family, by Bob and Jim Lopata
Blessed Mother: Thomas Skrzysowski, by Arlene Skrzysowski and Karen Augenstein
St. Therese: in honor of St. Therese, by a devotee

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in thanksgiving to St. Anthony, by a parishioner.

UPCOMING EVENTS
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
Oct. 2, 9:30am, Blessing of animals, church steps
Oct. 2, following 10:30am Mass, Mock baby shower, church hall
Oct. 4, 12:30pm, CCM meeting, church hall
Oct. 5, 7pm, HNS meeting, church hall
Oct. 6, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
Oct. 7, 7:30 am, 1 st Friday Mass and devotions, church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
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
October 1-2
4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: A., E., & M. Collins
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons

St. John's Care and Concerns Food Pantry: free food is given, by appointment, to qualifying households in the Pittston and Wyoming Area school districts. Households may receive food once per month from September through May. Pre-qualification is done by phone at 570-654-9923. Proof of address (recent utility bill) is required at your first appointment each year. Food Pantry appointments are on the first and second Wednesdays of each month.

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 lower level of the cathedral rectory. For more information, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-344-7231.

<p>Parish Mission Statement: "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."</p>
