

# 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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✠ **Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **Septemer 4, 2022** ✠

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

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

The first observance of Labor Day is believed to have been a parade of 10,000 workers on Sept. 5, 1882, in New York City, organized by Peter J. McGuire, a Carpenters and Joiners Union secretary. By 1893, more than half the states were observing “Labor Day” on one day or another, and Congress passed a bill to establish a federal holiday in 1894. President Grover Cleveland signed the bill soon afterward, designating the first Monday in September as Labor Day. On this national holiday we remember that God has given dignity to human labor. Let us ask Him to bless the work of our hands. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops suggests this prayer to be recited on Labor Day:

As the sun rises to bring in the new day:

We remember those who descend into the earth, their work begins in darkness, pulling from the earth, the resources we steward.

We remember those who work inside a building away from the light and brightness of the day.

We remember those who work outside in the harsh elements of our world, the bitter cold and sweltering heat of extremes.

We remember those who do not have a job to go to, who are struggling to meet the needs of their daily living expenses, for whom the day becomes long and arduous.

As the sun sets to bring in the evening of rest:

We remember those who work in the night.

We remember those who are trying to recover from their labor and toils of the day.

We remember those who participate in unsafe and dangerous work.

We pray for a renewed sense of dignity in their lives and in their work.

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day’s work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Petro

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**CONGRATULATIONS!** We have been selected by readers of the Sunday Dispatch as a winner in their “Best of Greater Pittston 2022” in the category of BEST BAZAAR. Thank you to everyone who voted for us, patronized our picnic and worked so hard to make our parish picnic the best in the area!

**CCD Registration** for our parish has begun. CCD registration forms are available in the narthex as well as online at [www.sacredheartdupont.com](http://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 570-451-1903.

**Is your child missing the sacraments?** Sometimes children miss the traditional timing for receiving the Sacraments. Whatever the reason, we are always happy to welcome these children and their families and will guide them through the process. For more information, contact Nancy Beccaloni, DRE, at 570-451-1903.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston, on Wed., April 26, 2023 at 5 pm for 8<sup>th</sup> grade children from our parish and area parishes.

**The Parish Office** will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day. It will open again on Sept. 6 at 8:30 a.m.

**A special Mass** on Labor Day will be celebrated in our church on Mon., Sept. 5, at 9 a.m. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass to thank God for the sanctification of human labor.

**The 26<sup>th</sup> 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 contact: 570-654-3713.

**Planning a Catholic Wedding?** Your parish is here to support you throughout your wedding preparations. Engaged couples should notify the priest at least six months prior to their proposed date. To begin planning your celebration of the holy sacrament of matrimony, contact Fr. Petro at the parish office.

**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.

**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. Home visitation may be requested for a certain period of recovery time or for a more permanent basis.

**Our parish adult choir and cantors** practice on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the church choir loft. New members are encouraged to attend - contact Anthony George, music director, if you are interested. Practices will resume September 8.

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

**Unclaimed theme basket:** If you know Jessica Wolf, please let her know that she has won a theme basket from our picnic and that she should contact the parish office to claim it.

**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 address is 501 N. 3rd Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. The front steps are on the corner of 3rd Street and State Street. The march route will encircle the Capitol Complex, covering N. 3rd Street, North St., Commonwealth Avenue and Walnut Street. The length of the march route is approximately one mile. All are welcome to attend and no advanced registration is required. Besides the rally and march, other events will take place on the same day. Mass will be celebrated at St. Patrick’s Cathedral, 212 State Street, Harrisburg at 9:30 a.m. At 10 a.m., there will be a pre-rally on the main stage. Several organizations locally are organizing bus trips to help people attend the event. 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.

**The CCM** invites you to pray the rosary in honor of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month. Join them by the BVM statue in the churchyard at 6 p.m.

**The Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will resume their monthly meetings on Tues., Sept. 6, at 12:30 p.m. All members are asked to attend this important meeting at which the upcoming year’s activities will be discussed. A September “Pro-Life Baby Shower” and an October “Baby Bottle Campaign” are first on the list.

**Our Holy Name Society** will resume their monthly meetings on Wed., Sept. 7, at 7 p.m. All members are asked to attend this important meeting at which the upcoming year’s activities will be discussed. Attending and sponsoring the October 8 “Catholic Men’s Conference” and a hoagie sale are first on the list.

**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.

**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.

**In observance of Suicide Awareness Month,** Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance on Sun., Sept. 18, at 12:15 pm at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton. The Mass will serve to remember loved ones lost to suicide, and to promote healing for those who grieve their passing. Registration is requested, but not required. To register, go to [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-207-2213.

**Fr. Petro gratefully invites** to an appreciation dinner all parishioners who volunteered to make our 75<sup>th</sup> 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. *Please do not telephone or email the parish office to make your reservation.*

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number attending: \_\_\_\_\_

**Monday (Sept. 5) Weekday (Labor Day)**

9:00 am John and Loretta Nesgoda  
*by children*

**Tuesday (Sept. 6) Weekday**

No Mass

**Wednesday (Sept. 7) Weekday**

No Mass

**Thursday (Sept. 8) Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

No Mass

**Friday (Sept. 9) St. Peter Claver**

7:30 am Thomas Skrzysowski  
*by Dorothy Kishel*

**Saturday (Sept. 10) 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Deceased of the Kaczmarek and Kuplinski families  
*by family*

**Sunday (Sept. 11) Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Deceased members of our Holy Name Society  
*by Sacred Heart HNS*

10:30am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

**WEEKLY OFFERING**  
**Last Sunday: \$4,140.00**  
**Building Fund: \$60.00**  
*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

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

Tabernacle: Ann Bartorillo, by Scott Hilenski

Blessed Mother: Loretta & Sue Haluschak, by Michele & Brian Moletsky

St. Joseph: Stephen Koval, by Aunt Jeanne

St. Therese: intentions of Marge and Tom Titton, by David, Cheryl, Andrea and Keith



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated for the intentions of Roberta Kashuba.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept. 3, 2:45-3:45pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Adoration/devotions, church  
Sept. 6, 12:30pm, CCM, church hall  
Sept. 7, 7pm, HNS, church hall  
Sept. 8, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft  
Sept. 17, 5pm, Volunteer Appreciation dinner, church hall  
Sept. 21, 12-5pm, American Red Cross Blood Drive, church hall

<b>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</b>
<b><i>September 3-4</i></b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: C. Purdy
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht
<b><i>September 10-11</i></b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons

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

**The Annual Craft Fair** sponsored by the Holy Family Parish Altar and Rosary Society will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 10 am to 3 pm. The event will feature more than 25 vendors and crafters and a basket raffle. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Admission is free.

**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.

**Up and Over Retreat** for students will be held Sept. 23-25 at Camp Orchard Hill, Dallas. The registration fee is \$180, and includes all meals, lodging, a t-shirt, and other retreat materials. Contact Shannon Kowalski at (570) 207-2213 or register online at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org).

**The Catholic Choral Society** will begin its 74<sup>th</sup> year on Tuesday, Sept. 13, with rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 to 8:30pm at the IHM center at Marywood University. New members are welcome; no auditions are required. For further information, please see [www.catholicchoralsociety.org](http://www.catholicchoralsociety.org) or call 570-575-1040.