

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.

✠ First Sunday of Lent ♦ February 26, 2023 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

A Polish Lenten Food Sale will be held on Friday, March 17, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the garage behind the rectory. Homemade foods include: potato pancakes (*placki*): \$20/dozen, fried cabbage and noodles (*haluski*): \$10/quart, \$5/pint and lentil soup (*zupa z soczewicy*) and butternut squash soup (*zupa z dyni*): \$12/quart. There is a limit of 3 dozen potato pancakes per order. We offer this food sale each Lent on the Friday closest to the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19. Many cultures associate special foods and rituals with St. Joseph's feastday. These foods communicate the tradition that celebrates work and the family on the feastday of the one who was the head and provider of the Holy Family. Since bread is a symbol of the reward for the hard work that feeds one's family, it is used as an important part of the celebration of St. Joseph's day, especially in Italy. In Dupont, we associate potato pancakes as the tasty treat that rewards our good work! We invite you to join us in the production and the eating of these Lenten foods. Please see the announcements below regarding requests for volunteer participation. Working together at parish activities with your fellow parishioners is a great way to build community and strength our social bonds. Tina Petcaugh and Scott Hilenski will be making the butternut squash soup, Greg Zawacki and Bob Bartosiewicz will be coordinating efforts to make the haluski, Charyl Nagy and her merry band of helpers will make our famous potato pancakes and once again this year, my dad and I will be making the lentil soup. Come, join in the fun!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Petro

A Polish Lenten Food Sale will be held in anticipation of the Feast of St. Joseph, Friday, March 17, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the garage behind the rectory. *Homemade potato pancakes, haluski, butternut squash soup and lentil soup will be on sale!* Food will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call Charyl Nagy (570-540-5478) to volunteer. Volunteers will meet on March 16 from 2:30-6:30pm to prepare the garage and grills and March 17 at 6 a.m. in the church hall to peel and prep potatoes and batter.

A Parish Flea Market will be held on March 18/19 in the church hall. If you have items in good condition that you no longer want or need, please drop them off in the Walnut Street vestibule to the church hall until March 12. Items that will be accepted include household items, kitchen items, toys, holiday decorations, and more. *Please note that electronics, clothing, bedding, cassette tapes and VHS tapes will not be accepted.*

A GIANT INDOOR FLEA MARKET

Will be held in our church hall on

Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, March 19, 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Baked goods and food will be available for purchase!

All proceeds benefit our church Building Fund.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in common each Friday evening throughout Lent at 7 p.m. in our church. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will occur immediately after the Stations. You are invited to walk with Our Lord along the Way of Sorrows and gaze upon the beauty of his Presence. Do not miss the opportunity to be drawn closer to Him.

“His Heart, Our Hands” Program: Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a final letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. We invite all faithful parishioners to complete a card as our parish goal is 100% participation! All cards need to be returned to the parish by Sunday, March 12.

A Lenten Food Drive is being sponsored by our 6 and 7th grade CCD students. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable foods to church and place them in the bin located in the narthex until Sunday, April 2. This drive is done with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Council 372.

“Operation Rice Bowl” cardboard boxes can be found in the narthex that you can take home and in which you can place your pocket change during Lent. All money collected aids the poor.

Consider attending weekday Mass during Lent, or at least on the penitential days of Wednesday and Friday, during this holy season.

Adult Religious Education is an educational and spiritual series to be held for four weeks this Lent at our Sacred Heart of Jesus School. At these sessions, adults will come together to study the Faith and share knowledge. The meetings will take place on Wednesday evenings, 6 to 7 pm, on March 8, 15, 22 and 29. They may also be of interest for those who wish to become acquainted with Catholicism. If you are interested in joining our Adult Religious Education, please register your name, phone number and address to Nancy Beccaloni at sacredheartccd@comcast.net. She will respond to you by email with further details and answer any questions.

Easter Duty: All Catholics have the serious obligation to make a worthy Confession and receive the Holy Eucharist during Paschal Time which runs from the beginning of holy Lent through Pentecost. Please do not neglect this.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

On Mondays of Lent, Confessions will be heard from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fr. Petro will be available at Sacred Heart Church on these dates: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27. The deanery penance service will be on April 3, 7pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

“SACRED CHANT: Latin Hymns from Dupont” is the title of an audio CD produced by our church organist, Anthony George. It features some of the Latin language hymns that have been sung in our church for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter, as well as Eucharistic chants and seasonal Marian antiphons and chants. These CDs can be purchased for \$10 each in the narthex. All proceeds benefit our parish Building Fund.

Gorzkie zale, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the “Bitter Lamentations,” will be held on Sunday, March 26, at 3 pm in our church. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Our choir will lead us in the singing. Fr. Eric Fasano, V.G. of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, N.Y. will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

Road to Resurrection will be held on Wednesdays during Lent with weekly Mass at 7 p.m. and Confessions at 6:15pm. This year's schedule is as follows: Mar. 1 – Our Lady of the Eucharist, Pittston; Mar. 8 – St. Maria Goretti, Laflin; Mar. 15 – St. Monica, West Wyoming; Mar. 22 – Corpus Christi, West Pittston; Mar. 29 – Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea.

Join in praying the St. Michael Prayer at the conclusion of all Masses: *St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

Our Rada Cutlery fundraiser continues, offering you their famous knives, kitchen utensils, baking pans and Quick Mixes. When you order anything from their catalog, our parish receives a monthly check for 40% of all sales that have been obtained via the link on our parish website or through our catalog! You are invited to access Rada via the parish website (www.sacredheartdupont.com) and click on the tab that says "Order Here."

Lenten Communion Calls: Fr. Petro will soon visit the homebound members of our parish to administer Confession, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Please call Kathy at the Parish Office at your earliest convenience if you would like a visit.

Our parish Holy Name Society will have their quarterly corporate Communion Mass on Sun., March 12, at 8:30 a.m. Members are invited to wear their suits and pins and participate in the procession.

A New Mass setting will be used for the season of Lent. It is the Latin setting for the people's sung responses at Mass.

Free "Magnificat Lenten Companion" prayer booklets are offered on the table in the narthex to assist with daily Lenten meditation.

Please make use of the Easter Flower envelope in your offertory envelope pack. Donations will help defray the cost of purchasing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Easter.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in our church hall on Thursday, May 4, 12-5pm. Please save the date!

CCD NEWS: First Penance will be on March 4 at 2:30pm in church.

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, our CCD director, at 570-451-1903 or sacredheartccd@comcast.net

Lenten CCD Confessions: Fr. Petro will be hearing the confessions of our CCD students in church during the school period. Confessions will be: Mar. 5 – grade 8, Mar. 12 – grades 6 & 7, Mar. 19 – grades 4 and 5, Mar. 26 – grade 3.

New parishioners: Please welcome to our parish Lawrence and Vanessa Semenza of Old Forge. A warm welcome to you!

40 Days for Life Pro-Life Rosary Gathering will be held from February 22 to March 31, offered for the special intentions of ending abortion and closure of Planned Parenthood location in Wilkes-Barre. The Rosary will be prayed Monday - Friday at 10 a.m. in front of the offices of Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre (across from King's College).

Lenten Taizé Prayer will be held by members of Cantores Christi Regis of King's College at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, on Sun., Mar. 19 at 3:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations is hosting a Young Adult Retreat March 3-4 at Holy Family Spiritual Renewal Center in Nanticoke. This year's theme is, *Master, to Whom Shall We Go? How to Know the Lord and Be Rooted in His Plan for Your Life*. Fr. Evanko will be the retreat leader. The retreat is open to young adults ages 18-35, and the registration fee is \$20. To register, visit the Diocese of Scranton website.

Holy Saturday HNS Kolache Sale

~ Only \$14 each, freshly made by Bakery Delite! ~

Pick-up date: Saturday, Apr. 8, 11am - 1:30pm in the church hall during the blessing of Easter baskets. *Return this form with payment to the Parish Office no later than March 5.* Please write quantity of each on the line provided:

NUT ROLL: _____

POPPY SEED ROLL: _____

CHEESE ROLL: _____

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order.

Payment must accompany all orders. Thank you!

Monday (Feb. 27) Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Intentions of Hannah Purdy
by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Purdy

Tuesday (Feb. 28) Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Cassie Barnak
by family

Wednesday (Mar. 1) Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Frances Milewski
by Ronald Casper

Thursday (Mar. 2) Lenten Weekday

7:30 am Helen Haduck
by daughter, Bernadette, and granddaughter, Ramona

Friday (Mar. 3) St. Katharine Drexel (First Friday)

7:30 am Shirley Kolankiewicz
by Jerry and Lynn Stanco

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday (Mar. 4) Vigil: Second Sunday of Lent

4:00 pm Rev. Michael Finn
by Thomas and Maria Elena Petro

Sunday (Mar. 5) Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30am Frances Marchak DePrimo
by Debra and family

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: \$6,975.00

Building Fund: \$409.00

Fuel: \$297.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: Eleanore Bryk, by Walter Bryk and family*

Blessed Mother: Steve Mazur, by family

St. Joseph: the Potera family, by the Colarusso family

St. Therese: Victoria Tetlak, by daughters, Joanne and Marie

St. Francis: Victoria Tetlak, by grandchildren and great-grandchildren



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Raymond Cichocki, by the Cichocki family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 26, 9:30-10:15am, First Penance Practice, church

Feb. 27, 5:30-6:30pm, Confessions, church

Mar. 1, 7pm, Holy Name Society meeting, school

Mar. 2, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

Mar. 3, 7:30am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, church

Mar. 3, 7pm, Stations of the Cross, church

Mar. 4, 2:30pm, First Penance, church

Mar. 6, 5:30-6:30pm, Confessions, church

Mar. 7, 12:30pm, CCM meeting, school

Mar. 8, 6-7pm, Adult religious education, school

Mar. 9, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

February 25-26

4pm: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons

8:30am: EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E., & M. Collins

10:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: G. Purdy, Acolyte: C. Purdy

March 3: Stations of the Cross

7pm: Acolytes: A., E. & M. Collins

March 4-5

4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy

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

10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht

Raffle tickets for the Holy Name Society "300 Club" are available from any Holy Name member as well as at the Parish Office for \$10 per ticket. Drawings will take place during Lent.

St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston, will sell homemade Potato Pancakes on the Fridays of Lent except on Mar. 17. Pancakes are 3 for \$5 with applesauce and sour cream an additional 50 cents each. Pre-orders and pre-payment only; orders must be placed by Thursday of each week. Call the parish office at 654-0053. Pick-up on Fridays from 5-7pm at auditorium's Church St. entrance.

A Little Rock Scripture Study will be offered at Our Lady of the Eucharist Parish, N. Main St., Pittston, beginning Tues., Feb. 28, in the parish hall. A morning session will be held 8:30-10am and an evening session, 7-8:30pm. Call 570-654-0263 to register.