

# 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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## ✠ Third Sunday of Lent ♦ March 12, 2023 ✠

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

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

As mentioned last week in the Parochial Pen section of the bulletin, our newly constituted Pastoral Council will soon meet to discuss several important developments in the life of our parish. Among these developments is the planned construction of a columbarium in the recently developed Holy Sepulchre section of our cemetery. This past year we contracted with Dupont Monument to build our columbarium, which is expected to be constructed by this autumn. We have received the architect's blueprints and an artist's rendering of the structure. It will be a 120 niche octagonal structure that will stand almost seven feet tall. We have also received samples of the two different colors of marble which will encase the beautiful columbarium. It will rest on a thick pad of concrete and a concrete sidewalk will access Pine Street. Surrounding the columbarium in a semi-circular fashion will be an area for ground burials of urns. These smaller in-ground plots will accommodate only cremated remains and each of the individual granite markers will look identical and will all be flush with the ground. *All spaces, both in the columbarium and in the ground, will be sold in advance and will be open to people who are parishioners of our parish as well as those who are not.* I mention all of this information to you at this time so that you will have an understanding of what our Pastoral Council and Finance Council will be considering as they make recommendations for pricing, selling and recording the niches. You will soon see a color artistic rendering of our Holy Sepulchre Columbarium on display in the narthex in the near future. I look forward to creating this dignified burial place for the cremains of our loved ones in Dupont to assist in the teaching of the Church that all cremated human remains must be given a proper Christian burial in a cemetery at the time of death.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Petro

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**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. Our homemade fresh food will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Potato pancake and haluski prep** - *Potato pancakes*: volunteers are needed March 16 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. to prepare the garage and grills and March 17 at 6 a.m. in the garage to peel potatoes and make the batter. Volunteers are needed during the day on March 17 to make batter and fry potato pancakes as well as for cleanup on March 18 at 9am. Please call Charyl Nagy (570-540-5478) to volunteer. *Haluski*: volunteers will meet on March 15 in the church hall to chop onions and cabbage.

**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.*

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### 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.

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**The Fourth Sunday of Lent** is traditionally known as *Laetare* Sunday, so-called from the first word of the antiphon at the Introit. *Laetare*, (“Rejoice”), taken from the Latin translation of Isaiah 66:10-11, sets a tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery, as does the permitted use of rose-colored vestments.

**“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.

**Bishop’s Youth Awards:** Parishioners Marcus Collins, Jacob Hull and Elijah Lyons were nominated by Fr. Petro to receive this year the Bishop’s Youth Award from our parish. Please congratulate them when you see them.

**Father Petro is grateful** to everyone who recently sent him birthday wishes. He was overwhelmed with the beautiful cards, gifts and food sent to the rectory.

**2023 Wedding Anniversary Mass** for couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries will be celebrated by the bishop at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, June 4, at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow. Requests for an invitation should be made by registering online at [www.dioceseofscranton.org](http://www.dioceseofscranton.org) or calling Jennifer Andres at 570-207-2213 ext. 1102.

**A Lenten Food Drive** is being sponsored by our 6 and 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**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.

**Finger foods are needed** for the reception following *Gorzkie zale* on Sunday, March 26. Please drop off donations in the church hall by 3pm on Sunday, March 26. Thank you for your generosity!

**Road to Resurrection** will be held on Wednesdays during Lent with Mass at 7 p.m. and Confessions at 6:15pm. Mar. 15 – St. Monica, W. Wyoming; Mar. 22 – Corpus Christi, W. Pittston; Mar. 29 – Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea.

**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.

**Congratulations** to the HNS 300 Club winners: 1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$100, Greg Zawacki and Ed Suchecki, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: \$50, Clare Bonczek, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize: \$25, Paula Terpak, 4<sup>th</sup> prize: \$25, John Luckasavage.

**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: March 13, 20, 27. The deanery penance service will be on April 3, 7pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

**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.

**Adult Religious Education** is an educational and spiritual series being this Lent at our Sacred Heart of Jesus School. For more details, contact Nancy Beccaloni at [sacredheartccd@comcast.net](mailto:sacredheartccd@comcast.net).

**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.

**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.

**“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.

**“SACRED CHANT: Latin Hymns from Dupont”:** These CDs can be purchased for \$10 each in the narthex. All proceeds benefit our parish Building Fund.

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

**Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers** recently met to plan for their annual Spring Raffle and Mothers’ Day brunch, both of which will be held on May 21. Please watch the bulletin for updates.

**The Order of Alhambra**, an organization of Catholic men and women, who through our social and fraternal work enhance the quality of life for the intellectually disabled and memorialize persons, places and events significant to our Catholic heritage will be selling \$5 raffle tickets before and after our weekend masses of March 11-12. Grand Prize: \$5,000 and other cash prizes. Anyone interested in joining the Order should approach a member.

**Lenten CCD Confessions** will be heard in the church during the school period: Mar. 12 – grades 6 & 7, Mar. 19 – grades 4 and 5, Mar. 26 – grade 3.

**The Slovak Heritage Society** of NE Pennsylvania presents a Lenten Slovak Hymn Sing and Traditional Stations of the Cross in Slovak on Sunday, March 26 at 2 p.m. in St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. The service will conclude with Benediction. Refreshments will follow. A free-will offering will be accepted. For more details, call Anna Hudock at 570-822-1926.

**Pysanky Egg Workshop**, sponsored by the Ladies of Mary Society of Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Rd., Buttonwood, Hanover Twp, will be held Sat., Mar. 18 at 12pm and Sun., Mar. 19 at 2pm. Cost is \$30 and includes instruction, supplies and soda/water. Baked goods and refreshments will be available for purchase. Takeout kits available for \$20. To make a reservation, call 570-574-4453.

**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](http://www.sacredheartdupont.com)) and click on the tab that says “Order Here.”

**The Women’s Society of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church**, North St., Frances Cabrini Ave., W. Scranton, will host a St. Joseph Day Breakfast, Sun., Mar. 19, 9am-1pm. Eat in or take out. The meal includes eggs, scratch pancakes, home fries, honey baked ham and more. Tickets are \$12/adults and \$6/children age 6-10. St. Joseph Bread will be available in two loaf packages for \$5 until sold out. Tickets at the door. Call 570-343-6092 for details.

**“No soul ever fell away from God without giving up prayer.**

Prayer is that which establishes contact with the divine power and opens the invisible resources of heaven. However dark the way, when we pray, temptation can never master us. The first step downward in the average soul is the giving up of the practice of prayer, the breaking of the circuit with divinity, and the proclamation of one’s own self-sufficiency.”

– *Lenten Meditations with Fulton Sheen*

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

**Monday (Mar. 13) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Leokadya Bartos  
by *MaryAnn Ruane and Barbara Vitale*

**Tuesday (Mar. 14) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Joseph and Josephine Pistack  
by *MaryAnn Pistack and family*

**Wednesday (Mar. 15) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Kenneth Battista  
by *children and grandchildren*

**Thursday (Mar. 16) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Helen Sedlak  
by *Patti and Tim Stonikinis*

**Friday (Mar. 17) St. Patrick**

7:30 am Kenneth George  
by *Anthony and Judy George*

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday (Mar. 18) Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm Donna Bartosiewicz  
by *husband, Bob*

**Sunday (Mar. 19) Fourth Sunday of Lent**

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)  
10:30am Deceased of the Yakabouski family  
by *Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Antal*

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**Last Sunday:** \$9,290.00

**Building Fund:** \$541.00

**Care and Education of Priests:** \$388.00

*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:  
Tabernacle: Stanley & Anna Snopkowski, by daughter, Jean Poplawski*

*Blessed Mother: Tony Kocylowski, by Marianne  
St. Joseph: Helen Sedlak, by children and grandchildren  
St. Therese: Terri Lynn Warunek, by godfather, Frank, and family  
St. Francis: Frances and Ed Milewski, by family.*



*The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Richard Antal, by wife, Barbara.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Mar. 13, 5:30-6:30pm, Confessions, church
- Mar. 15, 6-7pm, Adult religious education, school
- Mar. 16, 6:30pm, Choir practice, church
- Mar. 17, 11am-6pm, Lenten Polish Food Sale, garage
- Mar. 17, 7pm, Stations of the Cross, church
- Mar. 18, 9am-3pm, Flea Market, church hall
- Mar. 19, 8:30-11:30am, Flea Market, church hall

**Liturgical Volunteer Schedule**

<b>March 11-12</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: J. Stanco, Lector: J. LaFratte, Acolyte: E. Suchecki, T. Titton
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: A., E., M. Collins
<b>March 17: Stations of the Cross 7pm:</b> Acolytes: Collins family
<b>March 18-19</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: C. Purdy

**Designer Purse Bingo** will be held at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Dr., Laflin, on Sat., Mar. 25. Doors open at 11am, bingo 1 – 4pm. \$30 includes \$5 food stand voucher and 20 games. Food, beverages, basket raffle and bake sale. For tickets call 655-8956.

✠ **Prayer before a Crucifix** ✠

Good and gentle Jesus, I kneel before you. I see and I ponder your five wounds. My eyes behold what David prophesied about you: “They have pierced my hands and feet; they have counted all my bones.” Engrave on me this image of yourself. Fulfill the yearnings of my heart: give me faith, hope, and love, repentance for my sins, and true conversion of life. Amen.

*On any Friday during Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who, after Communion, devoutly recite the above prayer before an image of Jesus Christ crucified. On other days of the year the indulgence is a partial one.*