

# 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.

## ✠ Second Sunday of Lent ♦ March 5, 2023 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

I am pleased to announce that a new parish Pastoral Council has been formed. As you may recall, Pastoral Councils were established by Bishop Martino throughout the Scranton Diocese to operate as advisory bodies to the pastor on issues of pastoral concern. At the parish level they are constituted of faithful parishioners who are representative of various ages, backgrounds and geographical areas. They serve the pastor, at his discretion, for a *three year term* to act like his panel of advisors, not as a “council of ministry” or a “board of trustees” that imposes decisions upon him and their fellow parishioners. Pastoral Councils are also used to help the pastor accomplish certain pastoral tasks and disseminate correct information on parish initiatives. The Pastoral Council, just like the Finance Council, assists the pastor in executing diocesan policies and obeying diocesan guidelines.

I am very grateful to the outgoing Pastoral Council members who have faithfully served since 2018: Gene Bartosiewicz, Sharon Bartosiewicz, Kimberly Collins, Anthony George, Kevin Krawczyk, Heather Roche, Ed Suchecki, Mary Ann Smithonic and Kathy Vojta. The members of our new Pastoral Council are: Betty Belles, Mary Griffin, Joseph LaFratte, Tina Petcaugh, Ryan Rupperecht, and Michael Silla, Jr. I thank them for accepting the invitation to serve and I look forward to working closely with them to help promote God’s Kingdom in our corner of the world.

The first joint meeting of our Pastoral and Finance Councils will soon take place to discuss three important areas of parish life: our 2023 Picnic, the pricing and sale of columbarium niches for urns in our cemetery, and the review of bids for the paving of our church parking lot. I look forward to receiving their insights during this time of parish progress.

May the Lord bless us all with every grace and wisdom as we prepare to engage in the good work set before us!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Petro*

**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. 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.

**“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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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. 8 – St. Maria Goretti, Laflin; Mar. 15 – St. Monica, W. Wyoming; Mar. 22 – Corpus Christi, W. Pittston; Mar. 29 – Nativity of Our Lord, Duryea.

### 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!*

**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 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.

**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: March 6, 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 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. 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](mailto:sacredheartccd@comcast.net). She will respond to you by email with further details and answer any questions.

**“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!

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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 343-6092.

**“God will love you**, of course, even though you do not love him, but remember if you give him only half your heart, he can make you only fifty percent happy. You have freedom only to give your heart away. To whom do you give yours? You give it either to the moods of the hours, to your egotism, to creatures, or to God.”  
– *Lenten Meditations with Fulton Sheen*

**Monday (Mar. 6) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Donna Casey  
by Betty Belles and family

**Tuesday (Mar. 7) Sts. Perpetua and Felicity**

7:30 am Intentions of Fr. Petro  
by Barbara Hopkins

**Wednesday (Mar. 8) St. John of God**

7:30 am Rose Medico  
by Anthony and Judy George

**Thursday (Mar. 9) St. Frances of Rome**

7:30 am Irene Zurek  
by Frank Twardowski family

**Friday (Mar. 10) Lenten Weekday**

7:30 am Deceased of the Janeczek family  
by grandchildren

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

**Saturday (Mar. 11) Vigil: Third Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm Edward and Irene Tomaszewski  
by Karen Edwards and Alan Johnson

**Sunday (Mar. 12) Third Sunday of Lent**

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

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

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

**Last Sunday:** \$6,191.55

**Building Fund:** \$53.00

**Ash Wednesday:** \$1,135.52

**Rice Bowl:** \$642.53

**Church in Central and Eastern Europe:** \$304.00

*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*  
**Tabernacle:** Francis and Edward Milewski, by family  
**Blessed Mother:** Leonard & Marlene Milewski, by sisters & brother  
**St. Joseph:** John Lopata, by Bob and Jim Lopata  
**St. Therese:** intentions of Bryanna Colarusso and baby, by the Colarusso family  
**St. Francis:** intentions of Avi Sohal, by Tony and Marie Ferretti.



*The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Anna and Helen Golya, by Jackie Kmiec.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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
- Mar. 10, 7pm, Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 13, 5:30-6:30pm, Confessions, church
- Mar. 16, 6:30pm, Choir practice, church
- Mar. 17, 11am-6pm, Lenten Polish Food Sale, garage
- Mar. 17, 7pm, Stations of the Cross
- Mar. 18, 9am-3pm, Flea Market, church hall
- Mar. 19, 8:30-1:30am, Flea Market, church hall
- Mar. 26, 3pm, *Gozkie zale* devotions & social, church

**Liturgical Volunteer Schedule**

<b>March 4-5</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht
<b>March 10: Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>7pm:</b> Acolytes: Elijah & Josiah Lyons, Christopher Purdy
<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

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

**Designer Purse Bingo** will be held at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Dr., Laflin, on Saturday, Mar. 25. Doors open at 11am, bingo from 1 – 4pm. Cost is \$30 and includes \$5 food stand voucher and 20 games of Bingo. Extra games may be purchased. Food and beverages will be available for purchase as well as a basket raffle and bake sale. For tickets contact parish office at 570-655-8956.