

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 12:30 p.m., 1 to 3 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

✠ **Sixth Sunday of Easter** ♦ **May 14, 2023** ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

Now that our Increased Offertory Program has come to a close, I wish to thank you for your renewed support for our parish through the “His Heart, Our Hands” campaign. Please accept my deepest thanks and gratitude for returning your Commitment Card to the parish. Your response and willingness to participate in the life and mission of our parish means a great deal. Your commitment affirms the work we are doing here at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church and is helping our parish continue the services, outreach and other good works that mean so much to all of our parish families. Your generosity helps us ensure that the mission of our parish and of the Church can continue. Thank you again for helping Sacred Heart of Jesus Church fulfill our mission. Let us ask God to pour forth His blessings upon our parish, our community and all those in need. I pray that the members of our parish continue to glorify God by praying and working together to accomplish His will.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

The Mothers’ Day envelope is in your offertory pack. You may record your special intentions and memorials on these envelopes and drop them in the collection basket. They will be placed on the BVM side altar of our church throughout the month of May.

Mothers’ Day Blessing: All mothers present at the Masses this weekend will receive a special Mothers’ Day blessing.

Parishioner Kathy Hudzinski will speak before all Masses this weekend inviting the women of the parish to the annual Diocesan Women’s Conference.

The 2023 Diocesan Catholic Women’s Conference will be held at Marywood University on Saturday, June 10. The cost is \$55 per person. Please make check payable to the Diocese of Scranton and mail to: Stephanie Westington Treasurer, Refresh Your Faith Conference P.O. Box 202 Dunmore, PA 18512. For more information visit dioceseofscranton.org.

“**May Crowning**” of a statue of the Blessed Mother will be celebrated on Sunday, May 14, at 10:30 am by our First Communion children. The Blessed Virgin Mary is given special honor by the Church during the month of May. In churches throughout the world public honor is given to her during this month. At the Masses in May, the *Regina Coeli* (“Queen of Heaven”) hymn will be sung as a post communion meditation hymn. The Confraternity of Christian Mothers invites your participation in praying the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary before the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at 8 a.m. Also, free rosaries and other objects of devotion are offered in the narthex throughout May.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Ascension Thursday
Wednesday, May 17: 4 p.m.
Thursday, May 18: 7 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

The parish office will be closed for the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 18. The office will re-open Friday, May 19.

New altar servers needed: Are you a young person who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in our parish? Are you interested in growing in the Church’s spiritual and liturgical life? Why not become an acolyte (altar server)? Fr. Petro is in need of new acolytes to serve Mass. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Petro if you are interested in learning how to serve.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life regret to announce that they will not conduct this year their annual Mother’s Day Carnation Sale.

NOTICE: Dumping refuse or fill of any sort at our parish cemetery is strictly prohibited. Visitors are ONLY permitted from dawn to dusk at the cemetery. No pets are allowed at any time in the cemetery – dog walking is forbidden. Bicycles, skateboards and ATVs are not permitted at any time. If anyone should see someone violating these regulations, they are asked to report the incident to the parish office immediately. Such violations are acts of disrespect for the holy ground and those buried there.

The “Cemetery Care” envelope appears each May in our packs. This month was chosen to correspond with Memorial Day. All money collected in this envelope will be deposited in our cemetery account and will be used solely for the upkeep of our venerable parish cemetery in Dupont. Please be generous in your financial support of the burial place of our spiritual forefathers, especially if you have relatives or ancestors buried there. Please take time in May to put your envelope in the collection basket. The collection amount will be published in the bulletin at the end of May.

Columbarium niches and Mausoleums plots now available: A columbarium for the interment of cremains will be constructed by year’s end in the recently developed Holy Sepulchre section of our cemetery. It will be a 120 niche octagonal marble structure that will be accessible by way of a sidewalk from Pine St. The pricing for the niches of our columbarium -

Level 1 (bottom): \$1,100 for single space, \$2,200 for double

Level 2: \$1,200 single, \$2,400 double

Level 3: \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double

Level 4: \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double

Level 5 (top): \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double

In the Gethsemani section of our cemetery, at the corner of Wyoming Ave. and Oak St., ground has been aside solely for the placement of mausoleums. Both double (for two people to be entombed side by side) and single (for one person) mausoleums are available. Cost of plot for private family mausoleum -

Single width: \$4,000

Stacking privilege: \$2,000 per tier (3 tier max)

Double width: \$6,000

Stacking privilege: \$3,000 per tier (3 tier max)

If you would like to purchase a columbarium niche or a mausoleum plot, contact Kathy Vojta, church secretary, at our Parish Office to make an appointment.

On Memorial Day, May 29, Fr. Petro will celebrate Mass for Peace and Justice at 9am in the cemetery chapel. There will not be 7:30am Mass that day in the church.

The 2023 Dupont Memorial Day Parade and Service will be held on Monday, May 29 beginning at 10:30 am. Fr. Petro will lead the Invocation at approximately 11am at the Dupont Borough Memorial Lawn. All participants are invited for food and refreshments after the service. Our HNS will sponsor a car for the parade.

Cemetery Clean-up Time: It’s that time of year to clean up the cemeteries and prepare for spring and grass-cutting season. We ask that all planters and decorations remaining on lots from last year be removed by May 15. After this date, items will be removed and discarded. Please note, we are not responsible for any items left at the grave sites after May 15. Thank you for your cooperation.

Memento Mortuos, LCC is a parishioner-owned cemetery maintenance company offering full service grave care, including headstone cleaning. For more information, call Scott at 570-519-8200 or go to www.NepaCemeteryCare.com

Adult Religious Education will be held for 3 weeks this June. At these sessions moderated by Nancy Beccaloni, our DRE, adults will have an opportunity to study the Faith and share knowledge. Sessions will be in the school on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm: June 7- Receive the Holy Spirit, June 14- The Church Reflecting the Light of Christ, and June 21- The Four Marks of the Church. It is hoped that these sessions will be an aid for deepening faith, and to serve as a resource for the ongoing catechesis of adults. They may also be of interest to those who wish to become acquainted with Catholicism. If you are interested in participating, please email your name and phone number to: sacredheartccd@comcast.net. You will receive an email with details and answers to any of your questions.

The HNS Match the Daily Number \$250 winner for the month of April is Matt Ellis. May 27 tickets are now available for \$5 each from any Holy Name Society member.

Our wayside shrine at the corner of Walnut and Everhart Streets was recently renovated with the generous support of our HNS.

The 2023 Men’s Conference, “Stand Fast in the Faith,” will be held October 7 at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. More information will be forthcoming. Save the date!

Tickets for the Confraternity of Christian Mothers’ Spring Raffle may be returned to the Parish Office by May 14. 1st prize \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150 and 4th \$100. The drawing will be May 21.

The Annual Confraternity of Christian Mothers Mass and lunch will be held on Sunday, May 21. The rosary will be prayed prior to the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All members are asked to wear their Christian Mothers pins and sit together near the front of the church near the BVM side altar for the Mass. Following Mass, a luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. at Iron Skillet Restaurant. If you have any questions, contact Mary Ann at 654-3239 or Martha at 883-0122.

The blue monthly Building Fund envelopes – please make use of them! All money donated to our parish by way of these offertory envelopes is used solely for the repair and improvement of our church property. *This month, money is being collected for the purchase and installation of 88 new LED lightbulbs in our 8 chandeliers. This updating will improve visibility in the pews.*

Parking lot renovation work is currently underway. You are asked to park your car on the streets when visiting the church, kindly remembering that the physician’s parking lot is not church property.

Our annual Sacred Heart of Jesus parish feastday Mass will be held on Fri., June 16 at 6pm followed by a Family Pot Luck dinner – save the date! Eucharistic Adoration will be held during the day.

A Padre Pio Conference & Healing Service will be conducted in our church on Wed., June 28, 5:30-7:30pm by Fr. Pio Mandato and the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth.

The Pennsylvania March for Life will take place on Monday, October 16 in Harrisburg. Anyone interested in attending by bus should contact Christopher Calore at 570-824-5621.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life is in need of: strollers, bouncy seats, pack-n-plays, bassinets, walkers, cribs, changing tables, diaper bags, snowsuits (newborn to 24 months), onesies, all sizes, children’s hats, mittens and boots. Anyone able to donate items may call the center at 570-826-1819.

The Diocese of Scranton is seeking to hire a qualified person for the position of Controller. The Controller reports to the Diocesan Secretary for Financial Services/Chief Financial Officer and will assist in overseeing all fiscal concerns of the Diocese and ensuring the integrity of all financial reporting. The Controller will perform duties in the areas of general accounting, budgeting, cash management, development of financial statements and reports, investments, audits and internal controls. The Controller conducts the Internal Control Review Program for parishes, schools, and other diocesan institutions and will also be responsible for managing the shared resources accounting program including the on-boarding of new parishes/diocesan ministries along with the implementation of standard operating procedures and monthly/annual reporting package. A knowledge of and commitment to the Catholic Church’s mission, vision and values is required. Interested individuals are encouraged to review the comprehensive job description for this critical financial position which is posted on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofscranton.org. Applicants are asked to submit a cover letter with salary history and a complete resume with a minimum of three (3) references to: James Burke, Diocesan Secretary for Human Resources, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18503 or email Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org.

Monday (May 15) St. Isidore

7:30 am Halat family
by Robert and James Lopata

Tuesday (May 16) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Arlene Skrzysowski
by MaryAnn Nesgoda and family

Wednesday (May 17) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Edward Boyanoski
by Dorothy Ziobro

Vigil: Ascension of the Lord

4:00 pm Sophie Skibbs
by husband

Thursday (May 18) The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 am Our parishioners living and deceased
5:30 pm Geraldine and Paul Sovinsky
by Lauren, Randy and Jacob Paul

Friday (May 19) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Victoria Tetlak
by Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Haduck and family

Saturday (May 20) Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm Ronald Renfer, Sr.
by Stanley Sipko and family

Sunday (May 21) Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am Deceased members of our CCM
by Sacred Heart CCM

<p>WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: \$7,215.50 Building Fund: \$556.00 Care and Education of Priests: \$448.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i></p>
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The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *Nora Gayza, by daughter, Marian*
Blessed Mother: *Frances and Edward Milewski, by family*
St. Joseph: *Joseph Pisano, by John & MaryEllen Milewski & family*
St. Therese: *Tony Kocylowski, by Marianne*
St. Francis: *Dorothy Sugalski, by brother, Frank Skrzysowski and family.*

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Nora Gayza, by daughter, Marian.

UPCOMING EVENTS
May 14, 10:30am, May Crowning, church
May 18, Ascension Thursday – see Mass schedule
May 18, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
May 25, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
May 28, Pentecost Sunday – end of the Easter season
May 29, 9am, Memorial Day Mass, Pope St. John Paul II Chapel
Jun. 2, 7:30 am, 1 st Friday Mass and devotions, church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
May 13-14
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: T. Titton
8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, JJ Rupprecht
May 17-18: The Ascension of the Lord
4pm: EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
7:00am: Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: E. Suchecki
5:30pm: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: C. Purdy
May 20-21
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
8:30am: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
10:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. Purdy

The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton will be presented on Fri., May 19 at 7pm at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., Scranton and on Sun, May 21 at 7pm at St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$8/ seniors and students, no charge for singers and children ages 12 and under. Contact Barbara at 570-954-1242.

St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston, will hold a Flea Market in their pastoral center, May 25 and 26, 5-8pm and May 27, 9am-12pm (Bag Sale). Refreshments will be available for purchase. Entrance is on Church St. with parking available nearby.