

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.

✠ Seventh Sunday of Easter ♦ May 21, 2023 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

Now that the 2022-2023 academic year of our CCD program has come to an end, I wish to thank our faithful parishioners who served our children well as instructors in the Faith. I am grateful to Mrs. Nancy Beccaloni, our Director of Religious Education, who works so hard each Sunday and throughout the week to organize our wonderful program. I offer heartfelt thanks and sincere gratitude to this year's catechists in the Sacred Heart of Jesus School of Religion: 1st Grade - Mrs. Ann Marie Devlin; 2nd Grade - Mrs. Mary Ann Pistack; 3rd Grade - Ms. Jada Exter; 4th & 5th Grades - Mr. Gerard Beccaloni; 6th & 7th Grades - Mr. Harry Lyons; 8th Grade - Dr. Jayne Klenner; Teacher's Aide – Ms. Christina Wesley; Substitute – Mrs. Andrea Collins; Substitute – Mrs. Kathy Hudzinski; Substitute – Mrs. Bethany Purdy.

These men and women have worked most diligently throughout the year to educate our children in the Faith, to bring them to a greater knowledge and relationship with God. We appreciate them and all of the work they have accomplished over this past year in our School of Religion. A special thank you to Ms. Kathy Vojta, our church secretary, Mr. John Labrosky, our church sexton, and Mr. Jerry Stanco who work behind the scenes to help each week.

May God continue the good work He has begun in all of you! We look forward to continuing next year in this important mission of the religious education of our children here at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Please pray and ask God if you too have a call to serve our School of Religion. If you have a desire to join us, and would like to help in some way, please speak with me. For more information about our CCD program, feel free to call Mrs. Beccaloni at 570-451-1903, or email her at sacredheartccd@comcast.net.

I ask God's blessing on all involved in our School of Religion, for a safe and happy summer. Please be reminded that vacation from CCD does not mean vacation from God. Have a restful summer – and I'll see you in church!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

The weekdays after the Ascension through the Saturday before Pentecost is a time of preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these days the hymn, *Veni, Creator Spiritus* may be appropriately sung at Mass. The Easter candle remains in place near the ambo and continues to be lit through Pentecost day. In 1897, Pope Leo XIII asked the whole Church to renew its devotion by praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit in the nine days leading up to Pentecost (*Divinum Illud Munus*), from Friday after Ascension Thursday to Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost. The Novena is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the strengthening of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in our souls. Copies of this novena are on the table in the narthex.

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.

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.

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.

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 Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. It will open again on Tues., May 30 at 8:30 a.m.

Father's Day envelopes may be found in your offertory envelope pack. You may place them in the collection basket or mail them to the Parish Office. Father's Day is celebrated Sunday, June 18. All returned envelopes will be placed on the St. Joseph side altar throughout the month of June and the intentions for our fathers, living and deceased, will be remembered at all Masses.

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.

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.

Come celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the church dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 16, here in Dupont! Every parishioner is encouraged to make a special effort to celebrate our parish's patronal feastday in some way. Our feastday schedule is as follows: 7:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Exposition and First Friday devotional prayers. Eucharistic Adoration from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (a sign-up sheet for adorers will be in the narthex) concluding with Benediction. Registration for the Sacred Heart Enthronement will take place immediately prior to the 6 p.m. Mass. Enthronement prayers and devotional prayers will be recited at the Mass. Following the Mass, at approximately 7 p.m., a Family Pot Luck dinner will be enjoyed by all in the church hall (a food sign-up sheet will be in the narthex).

Last Sunday, Hunter Wyatt Mawson was baptized in our church. Please pray for him as he grows in God's wisdom and grace.

The blue monthly Building Fund envelopes – please make use of them! All money donated to our parish in these offertory envelopes is used solely for the repair and improvement of our church property.

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.

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.

The American Red Cross sent a thank you letter to the parish office for hosting the recent blood drive in our church hall. Our blood drive collected 16 units to assist patients in need.

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.

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.

The Annual Confraternity of Christian Mothers Mass and lunch will be held on Sunday, May 21 at noon. 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 the Iron Skillet Restaurant. If you have any questions, contact Mary Ann at 654-3239 or Martha at 883-0122.

Registrations are now being taken for the diocesan ISLI Retreat which will be held June 20-23 at Marywood University. This retreat open to students in grades 9-12. During the retreat, the students will participate in activities that help them learn about positive communication, develop self-motivational skills, learn problem solving and decision-making skills, practice leadership behavior, and examine different leadership styles. The students will also attend Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. To register, contact Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213 ext. 1155.

Seminarian William Asinari of Honesdale will be ordained by Bp. Bambera for service in the Diocese of Scranton as a transitional deacon on Sat., May 27, at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. The faithful are invited to attend. Also, our seminarian, Jeremy Barket will depart for Creighton University, in Omaha, Nebraska next Sunday to begin a summer spirituality program. He will enter St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe, PA in August. Please pray for them as they continue their formation for the Holy Priesthood.

REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS – You can express your commitment to our parish by making a bequest to Sacred Heart Church. Simply include the following statement in your will: "I LEAVE TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH, DUPONT, PA, THE SUM OF \$ _____ (or _____% of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works." *May God abundantly bless you for bequeathing a spiritual legacy to your parish family!*

Monday (May 22) St. Rita

7:30 am Richard Belles, Sr.
by Betty Belles

Tuesday (May 23) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Dorothy Trolio
by Nancy Cronick

Wednesday (May 24) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Eleanor Golya Szaz
by daughter, Jackie

Thursday (May 25) St. Bede

7:30 am Irene Wojtach
by Sacred Heart CCM

Friday (May 26) St. Philip Neri

7:30 am John Skrzysowski
by sisters

Saturday (May 27) Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:00 pm Marie Sworen
by son, Robert, and family

Sunday (May 28) Pentecost Sunday

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am Daniel Lello
by Elaine and family

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: \$5,027.50

Building Fund: \$251.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burned last 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 & family.



The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle: the intentions of Marie Pistack, by family

Blessed Mother: Marianne Redicka, by friends

St. Joseph: intentions of Mary Pistack, by family

St. Therese: Ann Potera, by sister, Elizabeth Lopresto

St. Francis: Ann Potera, by the Colarusso family.



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Julia and Andrew Bekanich and Bruno Marcellini, by Connie Marcellini.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 21, 12pm, CCM lunch, Iron Skillet Restaurant
- 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. 1, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
- Jun. 2, 7:30 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, church
- Jun. 3, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
- Jun. 7, 7pm, Holy Name Society meeting, church hall
- Jun. 8, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

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
May 27-28
4pm: EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: J. LaFratte
8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: G. Purdy, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht

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.

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.