

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.

✠ Pentecost Sunday ♦ May 28, 2023 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

The Solemnity of Pentecost is the commemoration of the first manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the disciples of Jesus Christ, and consequently that of the foundation of the Church. Our Lord foretold the coming of the Paraclete to His disciples and this promise was fulfilled. Instructed by the light of the Holy Spirit and filled with the outpouring of His sevenfold gifts, the Apostles were renewed and in their turn would likewise renew the face of the earth. On this Pentecost Sunday, which concludes the joyful Season of Easter, it is good for us to meditate upon the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we have received at Confirmation. These meditations were written by Fr. Meschler, S.J. and provide us with some grateful reflection today.

“Wisdom: The gift of Wisdom is an illumination of the Holy Ghost, thanks to which our intellect is able to look at revealed truths in their more sublime light to the greater joy of our souls. **Understanding:** The gift of Understanding enlightens us by shedding a clear, searching and extraordinary light on the meaning of revealed truth, and by giving us a certitude that what God has revealed bears such and such and no other. **Counsel:** The gift of Counsel is a light given by the Holy Ghost, by means of which our practical intellect sees and judges rightly both what should be done in individual cases and the best means to do it. **Fortitude:** The gift of Fortitude is a permanent power which the Holy Ghost communicates to our will to assist us in overcoming the difficulties which might deter us in the practice of what is right. **Knowledge:** The gift of Knowledge is a supernatural light of the Holy Ghost which shows us the credibility and acceptability of revealed truths, even for reasons which are based only on the order of creation. **Piety:** The gift of Piety awakens in our souls an inclination and readiness to honor God as our Father and to have filial confidence in Him. **Fear of the Lord:** The gift of Holy Fear, or the Fear of God, is actually the foundation of all other gifts. It drives sin from the heart, because it fills us with reverence either for the Justice of God or for the divine Majesty.”

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

Each year during May an appeal is made to people who have cemetery lots, or have relatives buried in our cemetery, to make a donation for cemetery maintenance. Your donations are the primary source of income we have for cemetery care. *If you are not a parishioner and do not receive envelopes but have family buried in our cemetery, then your tax-deductible charitable contribution may be mailed to our parish office or deposited in the Sunday collection basket.* Please write “Cemetery Care Gift” on your check or on the envelope. Please make checks payable to Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery. All funds from this annual collection are deposited directly into our cemetery account to be used only for cemetery care.

COME, CREATOR SPIRIT

O, Holy Spirit, by whose breath life rises vibrant out of death; come to create, renew, inspire; come, kindle in our hearts your fire. You are the seeker’s sure resource, of burning love the living source, protector in the midst of strife, the giver and the Lord of life. In you God’s energy is shown, to us your varied gifts made known. Teach us to speak, teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear. Flood our dull senses with your light; in mutual love our hearts unite. Your power the whole creation fills, confirm our weak, uncertain wills. From inner strife grant us release; turn nations to the ways of peace. To fuller life your people bring that as one body we may sing: Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word, and to the Spirit: God the Lord, to whom all honor, glory be both now and for eternity. Amen. *A plenary indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly recite the “Come, Creator Spirit” (Veni, Creator) publicly on the first day of January and on the Solemnity of Pentecost.*

WELCOME: Sacred Heart of Jesus Church extends a warm welcome to all new parishioners in the parish. We encourage you to register by contacting the Parish Office or making use of the census forms located on the table in the narthex. You may place you completed forms in the collection basket.

Congratulations to the Confraternity of Christian Mothers Raffle winners! 1st prize of \$500 – Larry Semenza, 2nd prize of \$250 – Judy Kresky, 3rd prize of \$150 – Lisa Twardowski, 4th prize of \$100 – Dana Ungreit.

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.

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 Church has promulgated a solemn ritual that may be celebrated when visiting a cemetery on All Souls Day, Memorial Day, or on the anniversary of someone’s death or burial. The ritual includes a litany of the saints and a blessing with holy water. We will celebrate this brief ritual at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. Mass in the chapel. The faithful are encouraged to make a visit to the cemetery on Memorial Day.

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 cemetery.

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.

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.

With the Solemnity of Pentecost comes the end of the Easter Season. Next week with the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we go back to Ordinary Time. At that time, we will begin using the *Missa Simplex* Mass setting. This setting is not found in our hymnals, but is a simple melody that one can easily follow.

We are happy to welcome Adeline Rupperecht as a new altar server! If you, too, are interested in serving your parish as a lector, altar server, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, then please speak to Fr. Petro.

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.

The Holy Name Society will meet on Wednesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. All members are requested to attend for elections. The HNS quarterly corporate Communion Mass will be celebrated June 11 at 8:30am. All members are to attend wearing suits and HNS pins for the procession. Officers will be installed and members will recite the Holy Name Pledge.

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. *Following the Mass at approximately 7 p.m., everyone will be invited to the church hall for a family-style pot luck dinner in celebration of our feastday.* Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish or some type of food for everyone to share (a food sign-up sheet is in the narthex). Our Holy Name Society will provide the beverages. A buffet will be arranged for the food that you bring and everyone can sample the various foods and enjoy a nice evening of fellowship, family and faith – free of charge. Let's gather as a parish family to pray and share a meal together!

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. If you are interested in participating, please email your name and phone number to: sacredheartccd@comcast.net.

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.

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 Order of Alhambra, local caravan Alhama #4 will be celebrating their 117th anniversary on June 11 at the 10:30am mass. Alhama #4 was founded on June 9, 1906. The Order of Alhambra is a Catholic organization that assists those with intellectual disabilities as well as a social organization that identifies, preserves and commemorates Catholic historical places, events and persons. Alhama #4 meets on the campus of King's College and is always in need of members. To learn more please see any member after mass.

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.

Please be kind, don't leave you bulletin behind! If you take one to the pews, please don't leave it there – take it home with you.

Monday (May 29) BVM, Mother of the Church

9:00 am Edward Kobylus
by Edward and Veronica Kobylus

Tuesday (May 30) Weekday

7:30 am Marie Kurutz
by Sacred Heart CCM

Wednesday (May 31) Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am Patricia Kopeck
by Frank Twardowski family

Thursday (June 1) St. Justin

7:30 am Margaret Milewski
by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Milewski and family

Friday (June 2) Sts. Marcellinus and Peter (First Friday)

7:30 am Ann Skrzysowski
by daughter, Joan Vogue

Saturday (June 3) Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:00 pm Deceased of the Anna and John Bartush, Sr. family
by daughters, MaryAnn Ruane and Barbara Vitale

Sunday (June 4) The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 am Robert Koons, Jr.
by Jerry and Lynn Stanco
10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: \$4,481.00
Building Fund: \$331.00
Ascension of the Lord: \$707.00
Catholic Communications Campaign: \$146.00
<i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: Anna and John Bartush, Sr. and family, by daughters, MaryAnn Ruane and Barbara Vitale
Blessed Mother: the Halat family, by Robert and James Lopata
St. Joseph: Ann Skrzysowski, by daughter, Joan Vogue
St. Therese: Dante Volpe, by wife, Theresa Volpe
St. Francis: Daniel Lello, by Elaine Lello and family.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS
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, 1 st Friday Mass and devotions, church
Jun. 3, 2:45-3:45pm, 1 st 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 27-28	
4pm:	EM: J. Barket, 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. Beccaloni, Acolyte: JJ Rupprecht
June 3-4	
4pm:	EM: B. Purdy, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am:	EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
10:30am:	EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: Adeline & JJ Rupprecht

A Men's Small Group Meeting of the Diocese of Scranton will be held at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Dr., Laflin, on Sat. June 10. The day will begin at 7am with Adoration and Confessions followed by Mass, breakfast and a program that will conclude at 11:30am. Join with other men from the diocese to pray and learn of new strategies for dealing with the issues of our day. For details, contact Jim Biondo at jimbiondo@outlook.com or 570-466-1090.

Registrations are now being taken for the diocesan ISLI Retreat to be held June 20-23 at Marywood University. This retreat is 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.