

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.

✠ **Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **September 3, 2023** ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

The Catholic Light is our official diocesan newspaper. The publication of notices, regulations and extra-synodical decrees in this paper constitute legal promulgation for all the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton, clergy and laity. It is published monthly by the Diocese of Scranton. On September 1, 2023, The Catholic Light updated its subscription record database. *Any person who donates at least \$10 to the Diocesan Annual Appeal automatically receives a complimentary copy of The Catholic Light newspaper for the following year.* This is the easiest way to subscribe and requires no other paperwork or payments. Gifts to the Diocesan Annual Appeal will soon be requested of our parishioners as we begin again the process of conducting the Appeal throughout the diocese. I ask that every parish household be generous in their response to this Diocesan Annual Appeal. Please consider giving at least \$10 which will give you an annual subscription to our diocesan monthly newspaper. In the coming weeks letters will be mailed to your homes and donation envelopes will be made available in our narthex. I ask that every parishioner household give at least \$10 to the Appeal.

Yearly subscriptions are also available to anyone who does not give to the Diocesan Annual Appeal at a cost of \$10/resident or \$12/non-resident of the Diocese of Scranton. Annual subscriptions can be purchased by calling The Catholic Light Office at (570) 207-2229. If you have any questions regarding the status of your subscription to The Catholic Light, you can contact Pamela Haefele, Circulation Coordinator, at (570) 207-2229.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

CCD Registration for our parish has begun. CCD registration forms are available in the narthex as well as online at www.sacredheartdupont.com. After filling out the form for each child you may deposit it in the weekend collection basket or mail it to the Parish Office. Please include the required fee and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate (if they are a new student and were not baptized in our church). CCD begins on **Sunday, Sept. 24** from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. *Please be reminded that all school-aged children who do not attend Catholic schools in grades 1 to 8 are required to attend CCD classes.* A few of our Catholic school students have attended our classes and are most welcome! Contact DRE Mrs. Nancy Beccaloni with questions at 570-451-1903.

Is your child missing the sacraments? Sometimes children miss the traditional timing for receiving the Sacraments. Whatever the reason, we are always happy to welcome these children and their families and will guide them through the process. For more information, email Nancy Beccaloni at sacredheartccd@comcast.net

The 2024 Mass book is now open. Anyone wishing to request a specific date on which Mass may be celebrated for their deceased loved one may visit the parish office during office hours or make use of the Mass Intention envelope in the narthex. The stipend is \$10 per requested Mass. *To accommodate all parishioners, there is a limit of 10 Masses per requesting person per year.*

Pre-Arranging a Funeral Mass: If you would like to plan your Mass of Christian Burial in advance, then contact the parish office to request a funeral planning booklet so that you can make a record of what you have designated (readings, hymns, etc.) for your funeral to be celebrated in our church. You are encouraged to keep it in a confidential file to be shared with your family at the appointed time, who will then share it with the undertaker and the priest.

A second collection will be taken up at all Masses September 2-3 to address the needs of affected communities by the recent devastating wildfires on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Funds from the emergency collection will be transmitted to the USCCB's Emergency Disaster Fund and will go directly to help the people of Maui rebuild.

The 27th Anniversary of the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus "Tomb of Unborn" will be held on **Respect Life Sunday, Oct. 1 at 2pm**. Prayerful commemoration at the Knights' Tomb of the Unborn, located at the top of Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. Fr. Petro, chaplain of the Greater Pittston Knights of Columbus Assembly #948 will celebrate the Order for Visiting a Cemetery, followed by the recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. All Knights of Columbus of the Wyoming Valley and area faithful are invited to attend.

Although our "Picnic Rebuilding Year" campaign has come to a successful end, you are still able to make a donation using the envelope that was mailed to you or by placing your donation in an envelope indicating your gift. All money collected will be used to pay for the replacement of the vinyl tile floor in the church hall and the badly deteriorated carpets in the four corner classrooms of our School of Religion. The "Picnic Rebuilding Year" campaign is an investment in the places where we, the people of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, socialize, recreate, serve and educate. Your gift will be recorded as a contribution to our Building Fund.

Our parish adult choir and cantors practice on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the church choir loft. New members are encouraged to attend - contact Anthony George, music director, if you are interested. Practices will resume September 7.

Our school building deep cleaning continues on each of the Wednesdays of August. There are a few more things to do under the direction of our sexton, John Labrosky. If you can help, please let either John or Fr. Petro know.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day. It will open again on Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 8:30 a.m.

<p>A special Mass on Labor Day will be celebrated in our church on Mon., Sept. 4, at 9 a.m. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass to thank God for the sanctification of human labor.</p>
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The St. Vincent de Paul Society: this parish account is used solely to support the charitable work of our parish. An annual envelope appears in your packets, around the September 27 feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, which you may use to make a direct donation to support the charitable needs of our local parishioners. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation toward this much needed outreach apostolate is asked to place their donation in the envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Society" and drop it in the basket or send it to the parish office.

Our parish Holy Name Society will soon resume regular meetings after taking their annual summer recess. Their first meeting of the new season will be held **Wed., Sept. 6, at 7 p.m. in the church hall.**

Columbarium niches and Mausoleums plots now available for advanced sale: 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. If you would like to purchase a columbarium niche or a mausoleum plot, or would like more information, contact Kathy Vojta at our Parish Office to make an appointment.

St. Therese of Lisieux Pilgrimage — Sept. 30, hosted by the Byzantine Discalced Carmelite Sisters of Holy Annunciation Monastery in Sugarloaf; pilgrimage in honor of St. Therese offers prayers with the religious Sisters during services throughout the day, Eucharistic adoration, and Divine Liturgy at noon. Liturgy includes Blessing of Roses and Blessing of the Sick; day also includes presentation of the life of St. Therese, blessing of the St. Joseph icon, and tour of the monastery farm. Pilgrims may provide their own lunch or purchase food at the event. For more information, visit www.byzantinediscalcedcarmelites.com.

Scranton Mental Health Ministry at St. Peter’s Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, hosts a mental health support group for anyone experiencing mental illness. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Saturday of the month. The Family Mental Health Group Support meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Both groups meet in the Bishops Hall (lower level of the cathedral rectory). For details, contact Deacon Ed Shoener at 570-344-7231.

Bereavement Support Group Sessions — Sept. 6, 13, 20 & 27, series of weekly gatherings addressing topics dealing with the grief process to enable participants find healing; Bereavement Support Group hosts seasonal meetings on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton (across from St. Peter’s Cathedral). Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Cathedral Parish office at (570) 344-7231.

Up & Over Middle School Retreat is back! Students in 6th – 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year are invited to the September 22 – 24 retreat at Camp Orchard Hill for a weekend of fun, faith, and new friends! Up & Over is a peer-facilitated retreat that is designed to give participants the skills necessary to get “up and over” the challenges they may face. Throughout the weekend students will spend time outdoors, meet new friends and learn how your God-given gifts can be used when you work with others as a team! Built into the weekend are opportunities for Mass and Confession. There will also be a number of fun activities and events, including a movie, free time and an outdoor obstacle course. Registration includes cabin lodging, delicious home cooked meals, a t-shirt and unforgettable memories! ARRIVAL: Friday, September 22nd at 7:00 pm. DEPARTURE: Sunday, September 24th at 11:00am. Sleeping accommodation are cabin-style with each gender having separate accommodations. Call Shannon at 570-207-2213 ext. 1155 for more information.

Every parish in the Scranton Diocese financially supports our diocesan school system by paying monthly “taxes” to subsidize the entire system, not a particular parochial school. Last fiscal year Sacred Heart of Jesus Church paid \$49,692.00 in school subsidies. This year Sacred Heart will pay \$50,999.00, representing an increase of \$1,307.00 and a tax rate of 14.5% of total collection income. All parish families are encouraged to send their children to our Holy Redeemer School System from elementary to high school! Also, every parish in the diocese must pay insurance to cover all buildings and parish vehicles. This year Sacred Heart must pay \$27,053.00 for insurance.

Summer Income Slump: As is often the case, the summer presents your parish with financial challenges, as offerings tend to slow while bills continue to come in. Should your means allow it, your parish is in need of a financial “shot in the arm” to pay our bills and make payroll through the lean summer months. Remember that you can also give online. Thank you!

Planning a Catholic Wedding? Your parish is here to support you throughout your wedding preparations. Engaged couples should notify the priest at least six months prior to their proposed date. To begin planning your celebration of the holy sacrament of matrimony, contact Fr. Petro at the parish office.

What is a Marriage Validation? The term means to have your marriage recognized or blessed by the Catholic Church. Those who seek a validation were usually married outside the Catholic Church. If you and your spouse wish to begin the validation process, please contact the parish office.

Are you interested in the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is a process through which new members are welcomed into the Catholic faith. If you are interested in entering the Church, please contact Fr. Petro.

September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month, and to offer healing and to pray for God’s mercy for those who have died by suicide, Bishop Bambera will celebrate a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance Sunday, Sept. 17, at 12:15 pm at St. Peter’s Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Ave., Scranton. During the Mass, those attending will be invited to bring forward a flower in remembrance of those lost to suicide.

Monday (Sept. 4) Weekday (Labor Day)

9:00 am Joan Jemiola
by *Walter Bryk and family*

Tuesday (Sept. 5) Weekday

7:30 am Frances Milewski
by *Stanley and Maureen Knick, Jr.*

Wednesday (Sept. 6) Weekday

7:30 am Rev. Mark Beard
by *the Purdy family*

Thursday (Sept. 7) Weekday

7:30 am John George
by *Judy George*

Friday (Sept. 8) the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am Thomas Skrzysowski
by *MaryAnn, Michelle and Christian Nesgoda*

Saturday (Sept. 9) Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Deceased of the Kaczmarek and Kuplinski families
by *family*

Sunday (Sept. 10) Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”
Last Sunday: \$4,806.38
Building Fund: \$298.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *Theresa Cebula, by the McLaughlin family*
Blessed Mother: *for living and deceased clergy, by Tina Petcaugh*
St. Joseph: *Joseph Tetlak, by great-granddaughters*
St. Therese: *Steve & Loretta Haluschak, by Michele and Brian Moletsky*
St. Francis: *William Kuna, Sr., by Bernadine Bryk and family.*
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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Marie O’Brien, by Joseph O’Brien.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Sept. 1, 7:30am, 1 st Friday Mass and devotions, church
Sept. 2, 2:45-3:45pm, 1 st Saturday Adoration and devotions, church
Sept. 6, 7pm, Holy Name Society meeting, church hall
Sept. 7, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
Sept. 14, 6:30pm, Choir practice
Sept. 20, 6:30pm, Pastoral/Finance Councils meet, church hall
Sept. 24, 9:15-10:15am, First day of CCD, school

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
September 2-3
4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: J. LaFratte, Lector: J. Roche Acolyte: J. LaFratte
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
September 9-10
4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: A. Buffalino, Acolyte: A. & JJ Rupprecht

The 3rd annual Pennsylvania March for Life Rally will be held at our state Capitol in Harrisburg on Mon, Oct. 16. Join the many from across our state in praying, proclaiming, and lobbying for the respect of all human life. Hear great Pro-Life Speakers. Bus transportation is available by calling Chris Calore at 570-824-5621.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life is in feed of the following items: size 5-7 diapers, new or used pack and plays, bassinets, high chairs, umbrella strollers, diaper genies, and onesies. To arrange a donation drop off, call 570-826-1819.

The Catholic Men’s Conference will be held Sat., Oct. 7, 8am-3pm at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. To attend, register either online at www.BeACatholicMan.com, or by mail to: Be a Catholic Man, Inc, P.O. Box # 669, Wyalusing, Pa. 18853. Include your name, address, email and parish name with your check payable to “Be a Catholic Man, Inc” with “Men’s Conference” on the memo line of the check. Cost is \$40/adults (Early Bird \$30 until Sept. 8) and \$15/students. For details, contact Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com.