

# 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.

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✠ **Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **November 19, 2023** ✠

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

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

On November 13, 2023, the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, in a document signed by the Prefect, Cardinal Victor Fernández, and approved by Pope Francis, reaffirmed that Catholics are forbidden from joining Freemasonry. The document states: “On the doctrinal level, it should be remembered that active membership in Freemasonry by a member of the faithful is forbidden because of the irreconcilability between Catholic doctrine and Freemasonry (cf. Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, “Declaration on Masonic Associations” [1983], and the guidelines published by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of the Philippines in 2003). Therefore, those who are formally and knowingly enrolled in Masonic Lodges and have embraced Masonic principles fall under the provisions in the above-mentioned Declaration. These measures also apply to any clerics enrolled in Freemasonry.”

On November 26, 1983, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, Prefect for the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, promulgated the Catholic Church’s official teaching on Freemasonry. He wrote: “... the negative position of the Church in regard to Masonic associations remains unchanged, since their basic principles have always been considered irreconcilable with the teachings of the Church, and consequently, membership in them remains forbidden. The faithful who belong to Masonic associations are in a state of grave sin and may not receive Holy Communion.” The November 1983 declaration was published shortly before the new Code of Canon Law entered into force. The Declaration, signed by the then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger and the Secretary of the Congregation, Archbishop Jérôme Hamer, and approved by Pope John Paul II, reiterated that Catholics affiliated with Masonic lodges are “*in a state of grave sin.*”

Catholics may not join the Masons. Catholics who joined the Masons because of a lack of knowledge or understanding are urged to resign. The Church prohibits membership in Masonic and affiliated organizations because Freemasonry promotes beliefs that are irreconcilable with the teaching of the Catholic Church. Based on naturalism and deistic principles, Freemasonry sees itself as a universal religion in which Christianity is simply one of a multitude of sects. According to Freemasonry, these sects have divided human beings since the earliest of times. Masons believe that God is merely the “Great Architect of the Universe” who has no personal, intimate relationship with human beings. Jesus Christ is not recognized as Lord and Savior of the world. According to Masonic belief, there is no objective, absolute truth, while the relative value of every “truth” is promoted as the basis for fraternal acceptance. Almost since the beginning of modern Freemasonry in London in 1717, the Church forbade Catholic membership in lodges for the reasons set forth as well as for their virulently anti-Catholic stance, at least on the world scene, if not in every local group. Therefore, Catholic men and women are urged to reject all recruitment efforts by those who ask them to join Masonic groups and associations. Those currently listed as members are solemnly advised of their responsibility to cease active involvement in the Masons.

If you wish to learn more about the Church’s teaching on Freemasonry, I encourage you to read *Humanum Genus*, the encyclical letter of Pope Leo XIII, and the book “Masonry Unmasked: An Insider Reveals the Secrets of the Lodge,” written by John Salza and published by Our Sunday Visitor.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Petro

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**The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King** on Sunday, Nov. 26. *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and continue until the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. Mass.* The Feast of Christ the King is a day when we focus on Christ reigning, enthroned in heaven, King of Heaven and Earth for all time. It reminds us that Jesus is the source and center of our lives. This day also marks the end of our liturgical year. The following Sunday we begin anew with the First Sunday of Advent. Did you know that Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to respond to growing nationalism and secularism? He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. Come adore our Eucharistic King on November 26!

**Our parish CCM** would like to thank all who helped in any way to make their recent pierogi sale successful. A special “thank you” to all who worked hard to make and fill the orders.

**Thanksgiving HNS Kolache Sale** pick-up date: Sunday, Nov. 19, 9am - 12pm in the church hall. If you forgot to place your order last month, no worry – additional kolache have been ordered for you to purchase on Nov. 19 at only \$14 each, freshly made by Bakery Delite. Also, Mike Silla’s famous homemade pizzelle will once again be offered for sale that day! Three pizzelle varieties will be available: anise, chocolate and vanilla with sprinkles.

**Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade CCD students** would like to thank all the parishioners who donated to their recent Thanksgiving food drive.

**The annual Christmas Cookie Walk** will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in our church hall! We are looking for volunteer bakers to help supply homemade baked goodies. Please prepare a double or triple batch of your best kind of cookie/candy. Use the sign-up sheet located in narthex or contact Tammy Satkowski, 457-3855, to register the type of cookie. Cookies may be dropped off at the church hall on Friday, Dec. 8, between 6 and 8 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. **Donate a Theme Basket!** Theme baskets will also be raffled off at this year’s Cookie Walk. Christmas themed baskets, toy baskets, etc. can be dropped off during the same times as the cookies. All items must be new. Call Tammy to volunteer to work the Cookie Walk.

**Our annual Christmas COOKIE WALK** will be Saturday, Dec. 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the church hall. Enjoy a free cup of coffee or hot chocolate while choosing from dozens of delicious homemade cookies available for \$10 a pound. Try your luck at winning a holiday theme basket or the 50/50 raffle just in time for Christmas! Be aware that this will not be a nut free environment.

**The Parish Office will be closed** Thursday, Nov. 23 and Friday, Nov. 24 in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen Monday, Nov. 27, at 8:30 a.m.

## THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Come sing your favorite Thanksgiving hymns, and participate in this ultimate act of thanksgiving before turning to your family celebrations later in the day.

**Thursday, November 23, 9:00 a.m.**

**Free 2024 liturgical calendars** are now available. These calendars, printed by the Catholic Church Extension Society, benefit the Church's missionary efforts in the United States. They have been generously donated to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church by the Lokuta-Zawacki Funeral Home, Dupont. These beautiful calendars feature each month Catholic artistic images. They list all solemnities, feasts and memorials of the liturgical calendar as well as the color of the vestments worn each day, the days of fast and abstinence, and the holy days of obligation. Every Catholic household should have one!

**The oplatki**, the traditional Eastern European Christmas Eve wafers, will be blessed during the 4 pm Mass on Dec. 2. *The oplatki will be available after that Mass to mark the start of Advent.* The offering is \$3 per wafer envelope.

**Home bound parishioners** are reminded that they may have Holy Communion brought to them on the First Friday of each month by calling the Parish Office and requesting this service. The sacraments of confession and anointing of the sick are offered to all home bound parishioners every Advent and Lent. Fr. Petro will visit the homebound this December 1.

**CCD News:** CCD classes will be canceled on Nov. 26 for Thanksgiving break. Classes resume Dec. 3.

**Diocesan Annual Appeal:** All parishioners are asked to contribute to the Appeal. Contribution cards can be found in the church narthex. Completed cards can be placed in the collection basket. Our parish goal: \$30,000. Raised to date: \$11,325.

**Please join us** for our annual pre-Mass classical music recollections. There will be three recitals: November 11, 18, and 25 prior to the Saturday evening vigil masses. They will begin immediately following the recitation of the Holy Rosary. The music repertoire will consist of classical piano music, primarily from the Romantic period of classical music (late 19th century.) The selections will highlight the music of Brahms, Beethoven, Chopin, Debussy, and others. - Anthony George, Music Director

**Adult Religious Education** will be held for 4 weeks in November to study the Sacraments of Initiation. They will meet in the school on Wednesday evenings at 6pm until Nov. 29. If you are interested in joining, email your name and phone number to: sacredheartccd@comcast.net.

**A St. Nicholas Party** will be held by our parish Holy Name Society on Wed., Dec. 6 at 6 pm in the church hall. All HNS members are invited to attend *and are asked to make their reservation with Greg Zawacki by calling 947-8200.*

**The Match the Daily Number raffle** held by our Holy Name Society has resumed. \$5 will give you ten chances to win by matching your numbers to the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3. The winner with an exact matching set of the Pick 3 (excluding the wild ball) will win \$250. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any HNS member. The winning ticket must be presented.

**Children and Student Envelopes:** If you would like your child to receive a boxed set of donation envelopes for 2024, please contact the parish office. Envelopes will be available in the narthex during the month of December for those who have requested them.

**Cemetery clean-up:** All families of those buried in Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Cemetery are asked to clean their graves for the winter by removing all decorations and dead flowers.

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

**Our parish fundraiser with Rada Cutlery** continues this Christmas, offering you their famous knives, kitchen utensils, baking pans and Quick Mixes. Rada Manufacturing Company has made and sold over 150,000,000 knives since 1948, earning the reputation for remarkable cutlery, service, and value. Rada Knives are 100% Made in the USA. When you order anything from their catalog, our parish receives a monthly check for 40% of all sales that have been obtained via the link on our parish website or through our catalog! There are two ways to order – online or via the printed catalog. Please follow these instructions so that Sacred Heart of Jesus Church receives credit for your purchases:

Online: Parishioners are asked to access Rada via the homepage of the parish website (www.sacredheartdupont.com) and click on the tab that says "Order Here." The first time you click on the tab, a box will come up asking "Do you want your order to support Sacred Heart of Jesus Church?" Click "YES" and then you will be taken to the Rada Cutlery website where you can view and order their products. In order for the parish to receive a commission on any online sale, orders must be made via this tab on the website. When ordering online, payment is made directly to Rada and the order will be delivered to your home.

**Monday (Nov. 20) Weekday**

7:30 am Paul and Helen Belles  
*by Betty Belles*

**Tuesday (Nov. 21) Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

7:30 am Daniel Tetlak  
*by Loretta and Gertrude Yachna*

**Wednesday (Nov. 22) St. Cecilia**

7:30 am Joseph Berti  
*by Maria Elena and Thomas Petro*

**Thursday (Nov. 23) Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 am Frank and Ceil Bartnicki  
*by Lisa and Joseph Ostrowski*

**Friday (Nov. 24) St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**

7:30 am Henry Kurutz  
*by the HNS of Sacred Heart*

**Saturday (Nov. 25) Vigil: Solemnity of Christ the King**

4:00 pm Edward Pistack  
*by wife, MaryAnn, and family*

**Sunday (Nov. 26) Solemnity of Christ the King**

8:30 am Frances Milewski  
*by Nichole and Joe Stoss*  
10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

<i>"His Heart..."</i>	<b>WEEKLY OFFERING</b>	<i>...Our Hands"</i>
	<b>Last Sunday: \$5,877.16</b>	
	<b>Building Fund: \$408.00</b>	
	<b>Fuel: \$625.00</b>	
<i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>		

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*

- Tabernacle: *George Gayza, by Marian Wanielista*
- Blessed Mother: *Bella Luckasavage, by cousins*
- St. Joseph: *Joseph and Mary Dziuba, by Marianne*
- St. Therese: *Halat family, by Bob and Jim Lopata*
- St. Francis: *Theresa Cebula, by the McLaughlin family.*

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

UPCOMING EVENTS
Nov. 19, 9am-12pm, HNS Kolache and Pizzelle sale, church hall
Nov. 19, 9:30am, Confirmation parent meeting, school
Nov. 23, 9:00am, Thanksgiving Day Mass
Nov. 30, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
Dec. 1, 7:30 am, 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass and devotions, church
Dec. 2, 2:45-3:45pm, 1 <sup>st</sup> Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
Dec. 4, 6pm, CCM meeting, church hall
Dec. 6, 6pm, HNS meeting and St. Nicholas Party, church hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
<b>November 18-19</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. Purdy
<b>November 23: Thanksgiving Day</b>
<b>9:00am:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: E.& J. Lyons
<b>November 25-26</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: Collins family, T. Papiercavich,
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht, E. & J. Toalongo

**Beginning the first weekend of Advent**, we will be using the Mass of Charity and Love music setting for the sung parts of the Mass.

**A Young Adult Discernment Retreat** sponsored by the Diocese of Scranton Vocations Office will be held Dec. 8-9 at Holy Family Retreat Center, 151 Old Newport St., Nanticoke. This retreat is open to individuals that are college age through 40. Anyone interested in attending should contact the vocations office at 570-207-1452.

**Columbarium niches and Mausoleums plots now available for advanced sale:** 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. UPDATE: The cemetery ground has been leveled for the placement of the concrete pad upon which the columbarium will rest. Dupont Monument estimates that the columbarium will be erected by this Christmas.