

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.

✠ **Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **November 5, 2023** ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

Every person that attended a weekend Mass at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church was counted throughout the month of October. The ushers kept a record of the participation at every weekend Mass for the purpose of identifying trends and usage. At this time I would like to share with you the results of our annual “October Count” for the purpose of pastoral planning. The simple equations that follow give an insight into how well our Masses are attended over the period of one month (five weekends). The 2023 October Mass Attendance Count Sheet reveals:

4 p.m. Sat. Masses: Sept. 30/Oct. 1 – 110, Oct. 7/8 – 121, Oct. 14/15 – 92, Oct. 21/22 – 109, Oct. 28/29 - 93, total for the month at 4 p.m.: 525 people.

8:30 a.m. Sun. Masses: Sept. 30/Oct. 1 – 80, Oct. 7/8 – 75, Oct. 14/15 – 69, Oct. 21/22 – 79, Oct. 28/29 - 81, total for the month at 8:30 a.m.: 384 people.

10:30 a.m. Sun. Masses: Sept. 30/Oct. 1 – 100, Oct. 7/8 – 98, Oct. 14/15 – 111, Oct. 21/22 – 118, Oct. 28/29 - 122, total for the month at 10:30 a.m.: 549 people.

Sacred Heart October grand total: 1,458.

Our “Pre-Coronavirus” October 2019 grand total was 1,738. Our “Pandemic” October 2020 grand total was 784. Our October 2021 grand total was 1,498, and our October 2022 grand total was 1,564. Please continue the regular financial support of your parish by mailing your envelopes, contributing online, or dropping off your envelopes at the parish office or the collection basket. *Know that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been reinstated.*

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. This indulgence is a *plenary* one from November 1 through November 8 and can be gained each one of these days. On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

All Souls Day Envelopes have been placed near the tabernacle and will remain there the entire month of November. Our dearly departed will be remembered in a special way at all Masses.

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.

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.

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!

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

Diocesan Annual Appeal: All parishioners are asked to contribute to the Appeal. Completed cards can be placed in the collection basket. Our parish goal: \$30,000. Raised to date: \$8,280.

The annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be held Saturday, Dec. 9, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in our church hall! Cookies will be available for \$10 per pound. We are looking for volunteer bakers to help supply the goodies. We are asking for homemade prepared goods. Please prepare a double or triple batch of your best kind(s) of cookie/candy. Use the sign-up sheet located in narthex or contact Tammy Satkowski, 457-3855, to register the type(s) of cookie(s). A list will be kept to make sure that we have a nice variety to offer. Please be aware - this will not be a nut free environment. 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. Call Tammy to volunteer to work the Cookie Walk. Thank you!

Advent Pierogi Sale: our Confraternity of Christian Mothers are taking orders for their Advent Pierogi Sale through Sunday, November 5. Please make use of the bulletin order form. *Phone orders will not be taken.* Freshly made potato and sauerkraut pierogi will be sold for \$12 a dozen. Distribution will occur in the church hall. Payment is made at the time of pick-up – cash only, no checks. Volunteer help is needed beginning Nov. 8 (prep work) and continue until completed. Work begins at 8 a.m. each day, with an evening shift beginning at 6 p.m. Help is needed to prepare sauerkraut, peel and boil potatoes, roll balls, prepare & cut dough rounds, boil and pack sauerkraut and potato pierogi and clean up daily of the church hall and kitchen area. Help is also needed for the washing of towels and cloths that are used. All help is appreciated and needed! A sign-up sheet is in the narthex of the church. Contact Mary at 570-815-9677 with any questions.

Advent CCM Pierogi Sale

Return this form to the Parish Office no later than Nov. 5. You will be called for pick-up in the church hall. Write quantity of each:

\$12/dozen POTATO-CHEESE: _____

\$12/dozen SAUERKRAUT: _____

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

Adult Religious Education will be held for 4 weeks in November to study the Sacraments of Initiation. At these sessions, a group of like-minded adults will come together to study the Faith and share knowledge. They will meet in the school on Wednesday evenings at 6pm, on Nov. 8 – Baptism, Nov. 15 – Confirmation, Nov. 22 – The Eucharist, Nov. 29 – Penance and Reconciliation. These sessions can be an aid for deepening faith, and to serve as a resource for the ongoing catechesis of adults. They may also be of interest for those who wish to become acquainted with Catholicism. If you are interested in joining, please email your name, phone number and email address to: sacredheartccd@comcast.net.

A Thanksgiving Food Drive is being sponsored by our 4th and 5th grade CCD students. Please bring non-perishable food items to either the church narthex or the school until Sunday, Nov. 19. This drive is done with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Council 372.

The Fuel Envelope appears in your envelope pack each November to help defray the cost of heating our church buildings during the winter months. Please be as generous as your means allow in contributing to this important collection that directly benefits us.

Be aware of Scams! Please do not respond to emails or texts claiming to be from one of the priests or staff from any of the parishes in the diocese requesting gift cards or other donations.

Parishioner Carol Antal has been hired as a cleaner to give our church, hall and school a thorough cleaning each week. We are grateful for her good work to help our sexton maintain the beauty of God's house. Her employment began November 3.

Our parish CCM will meet on Monday, Nov. 6 at 6pm in the church hall. All women of our parish, ages eighteen and up are invited to attend. Advent Pierogi making will be discussed, along with other events. A light social will follow the meeting.

The members of the Order of Alhambra will attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sun., Nov. 12, to pray for their deceased members. The Order of Alhambra is dedicated to assisting those with intellectual disabilities and has volunteer opportunities available. See Ada Magni for more information after Mass.

If the Mass you are attending is requested by you or a family member, and you wish to participate in the Offertory Procession of the gifts, please see the ushers before Mass begins.

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.

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. The winner of the October HNS Match the Daily Number raffle is Sharon Chmiel.

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. Please remove any chain or rope markers around the perimeter of the plot. A reminder: plants, mulch, decorations, etc. must not be placed *behind* your monument, only in front or on the sides of it – someone else's lot begins behind your monument.

We welcome new members! If you are interested in registering as a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, please complete a census form and return it to the parish office. Forms can be found on the table in the church narthex.

Scranton Diocese Employment Opportunity: Accounts Payable Specialist. This position in the chancery Finance Office is responsible for managing all aspects of the accounts payable process for multiple departments within the Diocese. The ideal candidate is a detail-oriented, self-motivated team player who thrives in a fast-paced environment and will help the team achieve department goals, while at the same time ensuring excellent service to our affiliated entities. Interested parties should visit the diocesan website www.dioceseofscranton.org to review the full job description. Applicants must send a cover letter with salary requirements and a complete resume with a minimum of 3 references no later than Nov. 17 to: Mr. James Burke, 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 or email Jim-Burke@dioceseofscranton.org

Monday (Nov. 6) Weekday

7:30 am Halat family
by family

Tuesday (Nov. 7) Weekday

7:30 am Patricia Kopeck
by Mark and Betsy Zurek

Wednesday (Nov. 8) Weekday

7:30am Patricia McDermott
by son, Tom, and Lynn McDermott

Thursday (Nov. 9) Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:30 am Donna Bartosiewicz
by Gene, Sharon and Robert Bartosiewicz

Friday (Nov. 10) St. Leo the Great

7:30 am Thomas Skrzysowski, Sr.
by daughter, Joan Vogue

Saturday (Nov. 11) Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Karol and Teofila Gall
by Linda

Sunday (Nov. 12) Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am John Stelmack
by Carol Riccetti

"His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands"
Last Sunday: \$4,334.00
Building Fund: \$140.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: Edward Ziobro, by Ron and Sharon Ziobro and family
Blessed Mother: Robert Sedlak, by children and grandchildren
St. Joseph: intentions of Jeff Nebraska, by the Pistack family
St. Therese: Cassie Lopata, by Bob and Jim Lopata
St. Francis: Susanna Lizak, by daughter, Jean.

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Emmanuel Ziobro, by wife and children.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 4, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
Nov. 6, 6pm, Christian Mothers meeting, church hall
Nov. 9, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
Nov. 12, 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 8 assists
Nov. 23, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

November 4-5

4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: *volunteer*, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
10:30am: EM: *volunteer*, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: A. & JJ Rupprecht

November 11-12

4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: T. Titton
8:30am: EM: *volunteer*, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: T. Papiercavich, A. & J. Rupprecht
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: CCD students, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, E. & J. Toalongo

The Wilkes University Polish Room Committee will have its annual Wigilia Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1-4pm, at the Amber Palace, Wilkes-Barre. The cost of dinner is \$25. Call Barbara at 570-542-7447 for reservations.

St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston, will hold a Cash Bingo with over \$4,000 in prizes on Sat., Nov. 18, 12 - 3 p.m. in the Pastoral Center. Doors open at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$25 each and include 20 regular games (extra may be purchased). Special games are \$5 each. There will be raffles, a 50/50, door prizes, and food for purchase. Bring a new scratch-off lottery ticket at \$5 or more to receive entry into a special drawing. Call their parish office at 570-654-0053 for tickets.

Holy Redeemer High School Musical: *"You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown"* - Friday, Nov 17 and Saturday, Nov 18 at 7pm. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$9/seniors, \$8/students.

Ss. Peter and Paul Parish, 13 Hudson Road, Plains, will hold a toy bingo on Sun., Nov. 12 in Bernardine Hall. Doors open at 12 and games begin at 1 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. There will be special games, a 50/50, and food for purchase. Tickets are available at their parish office.