

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 on 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.

✠ Third Sunday of Lent ♦ March 3, 2024 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

While May is traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Catholic Church, March is dedicated to Mary's spouse, St. Joseph. St. Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, has earnestly been implored through prayer by countless Christians since the earliest days of the Church. In confidence the faithful have turned in their affliction to St. Joseph to ask for his protection and the favor of his intercession. In his life St. Joseph loved his holy spouse, Mary the Immaculate Virgin. He also cherished the Christ Child with a father's affection. He was the watchful guardian of the Holy Family in life; now he is the heavenly guardian of Christ's Body on earth, the Church Universal. He is also the patron saint of a happy death.

The Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated March 19. I encourage you to join me in praying the *Novena to St. Joseph* from March 10 to 18. Let us implore him, like an alert father, to keep us far from every taint of error or spiritual corruption. From his exalted place in heaven may he come to aid us in our conflict with the powers of darkness. Make plans to join me in celebrating Mass on his feastday in our church at 7:30 a.m. We have such a beautiful side altar in our church worthy of the dignity of so great a saint.

The Novena to St. Joseph:

O good father Joseph! I beg you, by all your sufferings, sorrows and joys, to obtain for me what I ask. (Here name your petition). Obtain for all those who have asked my prayers, everything that is useful to them in the plan of God. Be near to me in my last moments, that I may eternally sing the praises of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Amen.

Our Father..., Hail Mary..., Glory be...

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

Children from our parish will make their First Confessions on Saturday, March 2, at 2:30 p.m. Please pray for their intentions.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally known as *Laetare* Sunday, so-called from the first word of the antiphon at the Introit. *Laetare*, ("Rejoice"), taken from the Latin translation of Isaiah 66:10-11, sets a tone of joyful anticipation of the Easter mystery, as does the permitted use of rose-colored vestments. *You are invited to wear pink colored clothing to mass next weekend!*

Parish Flea Market – save the date! On June 1/2 we plan to hold a flea market in the church hall. If you have items in good condition that you no longer want or need, you are kindly asked to hold onto them until May, at which time we will begin accepting donations. Items that will be accepted include household items, kitchen items, toys, holiday decorations, and more. Please note that electronics, clothing, bedding, cassette tapes and VHS tapes will not be accepted. Baked goods and food will be available for purchase! All proceeds benefit our church Building Fund. If you can help at this year's flea market, please contact Gene or Sharon Bartosiewicz.

We will conduct a one-day picnic this year on Saturday, August 3, 2024 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in our Picnic Grove. The picnic will aim to be "family friendly" and feature the delicious homemade Polish foods and live polka band music that we have customarily enjoyed. Games of chance, theme baskets, kids' games, beer, soda, funnel cakes, etc. will remain among our typical offerings. Charyl Nagy and Joe Petro are serving as Picnic Chairmen this year. Our next picnic meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, at 6 p.m. in the church hall. Other chairs are needed, especially for food production and distribution. Please make plans to attend next month's meeting. Thank you!

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in common each Friday evening throughout Lent at 7 p.m. in our church. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will occur immediately after the Stations.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: on Mondays of Lent, Confessions will be heard in our church from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on these dates: March 4, 11, 18. The deanery penance service will be on March 25, 6:30pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

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.

"Rectory, Set, Cook!", a Catholic anti-hunger and anti-homelessness fundraising initiative, has begun! The 2024 theme for this Lenten fundraiser is "Collars + Scholars," in which children from our diocesan Catholic school have joined priests from the eleven counties of our diocese in the making of cooking videos. Viewers are invited to vote for their favorite videos online by contributing \$10 per vote. *We hope you take a moment to watch and vote for "Team Dupont" as Candice Kelly, along with her daughters, Chloe and Grace, have joined Fr. Petro in the making of a tater-tot hot dish, a popular meal in Candice's home state of Minnesota. You can donate any time from February 13 through March 26, 2024.* All proceeds will benefit Catholic Social Services' food kitchens, food pantries, men's and women's shelters and our parish. To watch the video and place your vote, go to <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/2024PASTORCHEF>

Gorzkie zale, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations," will be held on Sunday, March 17, at 3 pm in our church. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Our choir will lead us in the singing. Fr. Michael Drevitch, parochial vicar of Corpus Christi and St. Barbara Parishes, will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

Finger foods are needed for the reception following *Gorzkie zale* on Sunday, March 17. Please drop off donations in the church hall by 3pm on Sunday, March 17. Thank you for your generosity!

You're invited to Fr. Petro's 50th birthday party! Join us as we begin in thanksgiving to God at Mass on Thursday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m. Following Mass there will be a catered dinner in our church hall. Please make use of the RSVP form no later than this Sunday.

RSVP for Fr. Petro's 50th Birthday Party!

Thursday, March 7

Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm

Reception to follow in the church hall.

Name: _____

Number attending: _____

Please return to the Parish Office by March 3.

Holy Saturday HNS Kolache Sale

~ Only \$14 each, freshly made by Bakery Delite! ~

Pick-up date: Saturday, March 30, 11am - 1:30pm in the church hall during the blessing of Easter baskets. *Return this form with payment to the Parish Office no later than March 5.* Please write quantity of each on the line provided:

NUT ROLL: _____

POPPY SEED ROLL: _____

CHEESE ROLL: _____

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order.

Payment must accompany all orders. Thank you!

Our parish Holy Name Society will have their quarterly corporate Communion Mass on Sun., March 10, at 8:30 a.m. Members are invited to wear their suits and pins and participate in the procession. They will meet next on Wednesday, March 6, at 7 p.m. in the school.

Congratulations to the HNS 300 Club Week 1 winners: 1st prize: \$100, Margaret Sebia, 2nd prize: \$50, Bill Jones, 3rd prize: \$25, Scott Hilenski, 4th prize: \$25, Marianna Kocylowski. The winner of the February HNS Match the Daily Number raffle is Felicia Gigliello.

Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet on Mon., March 4, at 6 p.m. in the church hall to make plans for their annual Spring Raffle, Mothers’ Day brunch, a Sacred Heart feastday potluck dinner and possibly running a stand or two at the picnic. All members are asked to attend.

An Easter Food Drive is being sponsored by our 3rd grade CCD students during Lent. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable foods to church and place them in the bin located in the narthex from February 14 until Sunday, March 10. This drive is done with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Council 372.

Lenten CCD Confessions will be heard in church during the school period as follows: Mar. 3 – grades 4 and 5, Mar. 10 – grade 3.

Adult Religious Education is happening this Lent at our Sacred Heart of Jesus School of Religion. The meetings will take place on Wednesdays at 6 pm - March 6, 13 and 20. Please contact Nancy Beccaloni (sacredheartccd@comcast.net) for details.

“Operation Rice Bowl” cardboard boxes can be found in the narthex that you can take home and in which you can place your pocket change during Lent. All money collected aids the poor.

“SACRED CHANT: Latin Hymns from Dupont” is the title of an audio CD produced by our church organist, Anthony George. It features some of the Latin language hymns that have been sung in our church for the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter, as well as Eucharistic chants and seasonal Marian antiphons and chants. These CDs can be purchased in the narthex for \$10. All proceeds benefit our parish Building Fund.

Please make use of the Easter Flower envelope in your offertory envelope pack. Donations will help defray the cost of purchasing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Easter.

Our Rada Cutlery fundraiser continues, offering you their famous knives, kitchen utensils, baking pans and Quick Mixes. 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! You are invited to access Rada via the parish website (www.sacredheartdupont.com) and click on the tab that says “Order Here.”

2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries with be celebrated by the bishop at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, June 23, at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow. Requests for an invitation can be made by registering online at www.dioceseofscranton.org or calling Bridget Guarnieri at 570-207-2213 ext. 1113.

A Lenten Holy Hour with Bishop Bambera will be held for the Pittston Deanery on Tuesday, Mar. 5 at 7pm at St. Josphe Marello Parish, 237 William St., Pittston. All are invited to attend.

Ss. Peter & Paul Church, 13 Hudson Rd., Plains, will hold a “Night at the Races” in Bernardine Hall on Sat., March 16. Doors open at 6pm and post time is 7pm. Admission is \$10 and includes food (Haluski, Whimpies, Ziti, Pierogies, Hot Dogs, and Pizza) and refreshments. Must be 21 years of age to enter. \$10 per horse.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Mar. 4) St. Casimir
7:30 am Theresa McCoola
by Mildred Mlodzinski

Tuesday (Mar. 5) Lenten Weekday
7:30 am Stanley Zygmunt
by Daniel Wozniak

Wednesday (Mar. 6) Lenten Weekday
7:30 am Ceil Piechota
by Joanne and John Zielinski

Thursday (Mar. 7) Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
5:30 pm Intentions of Fr. Petro
by Barbara Hopkins

Friday (Mar. 8) St. John of God
7:30 am Daniel Lello
by Anthony and Marie Ferretti

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday (Mar. 9) Vigil: 4th Sunday of Lent
4:00 pm Mark Gensel
by Mary Opiela

Sunday (Mar. 10) Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:30 am Deceased members of our Holy Name Society
by Sacred Heart HNS

10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

<i>“His Heart...</i>	WEEKLY OFFERING	<i>...Our Hands”</i>
	Last Sunday: \$5,751.00	
	Fuel: \$213.00	
	Building Fund: \$265.00	
<i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>		

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *Felix Skrzysowski, by great-grandchildren*
Blessed Mother: *Leonard, Richard and Marlene Milewski, by sisters and brother*
St. Joseph: *Mary Kaminski, by Diane Cichocki-Wylam*
St. Therese: *Carl and Louise Angelella and sons, by family*
St. Francis: *Frances Milewski, by John & Mary Ellen Milewski and family*

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of John Lopata, by James and Robert Lopata.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Mar. 2, 2:30pm, First Penance, church
Mar. 2, 2:45-3:45pm, 1 st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
Mar. 4, 5:30-6:30pm, Confessions, church
Mar. 6, 6-7pm, Adult Education, school
Mar. 8, 7pm, Stations of the Cross, church
Mar. 11, 5:30-6:30pm, Confessions, church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
<i>March 2-3</i>
4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, T. Papiercavich
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
<i>March 8, Stations of the Cross:</i> C. Purdy, E. & J. Toalongo
<i>March 9-10</i>
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E., & M. Collins
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht, E. & J. Toalongo

The traditional Slovak Stations of the Cross and Lenten Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, Mar. 17 at St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. The service will conclude with Benediction. Refreshments will follow. For details, call Anna at 570-510-1655.

✠ Prayer before a Crucifix ✠

Good and gentle Jesus, I kneel before you. I see and I ponder your five wounds. My eyes behold what David prophesied about you: “They have pierced my hands and feet; they have counted all my bones.” Engrave on me this image of yourself. Fulfill the yearnings of my heart: give me faith, hope, and love, repentance for my sins, and true conversion of life. Amen.

On any Friday during Lent, a plenary indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who, after Communion, devoutly recite the above prayer before an image of Jesus Christ crucified. On other days of the year the indulgence is a partial one.