

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.

✠ Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord ♦ March 31, 2024 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

The celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central mystery of our faith. The triumph of Christ, the Victor over death, is the central event of the whole of history, the culminating point of the Church's life in her liturgical cycle, the most glorious event in His whole earthly course, the most striking proof of His divinity, and the foundation of our whole Faith.

So today we rejoice in the goodness of God and cry out, "Alleluia!" Through the Resurrection of Jesus Christ we have Eternal Life in the offer of Heaven. We should thus hold our faith very dear. We should joyfully tell others about it and do our very best to spread the Good News.

During the Lenten season I made it a personal prayer intention of mine that God would touch the hearts of all the "fallen away" Catholics in our parish and give them a desire for the things of Heaven. This Easter Sunday, my priestly prayer is simply this, that many souls in our parish may discover anew the love of God through His Sacraments and once again become regular in the practice of the Faith. Let us do our best to pray for this intention together and make those coming home again feel very welcome at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. Let us today rejoice together: "Christ is risen like He promised! Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

Welcome home! We are most happy to welcome *William Garey Jones, Ryan Michael Orlandini, Cesar Gabriel Toalongo, Angel Yadiel Toalongo and Cesar Gael Toalongo* as parishioners of our church. William received Holy Communion and Confirmation. Ryan and Cesar received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. They were received into the fullness of the Christian faith at this year's Easter Vigil. Cesar's sons, Angel and Cesar, Jr., received baptism. Please be sure to congratulate them and welcome them to their new spiritual home.

The *Rezurekcja* (Resurrection) procession will take place during the 7:30 a.m. Easter Mass according to the Polish custom by the Holy Name Society members. The Easter Sequence will be proclaimed and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises will take the place of the Creed at all the Easter Sunday Masses.

The Easter bunny will be appearing with a basket of goodies after the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Masses on Easter Sunday at the church steps. We thank the Holy Name Society for continuing this custom.

Father Petro wishes to thank all of those individuals who worked so hard to beautify our church for Easter. Special mention is given to those who cleaned the church, the volunteers who decorated the sanctuary, the musicians and choir members who gave us such beautiful music and anyone who helped in any way to make this Triduum and Easter so special.

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 7, is also known as the Solemnity of Divine Mercy. Jesus Christ has promised to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on Divine Mercy Sunday as recorded in the diary of St. Maria Faustina. The spiritual conditions for this indulgence are as follows: attend Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, sincerely repent of all our sins and place our complete trust in Jesus, go to confession preferably before that Sunday, receive Holy Communion on that Sunday, venerate the Divine Mercy image, and be merciful to others through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf. *We will celebrate a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m. in our church.* At this time special prayers will be said and the chaplet will be prayed in common. Confessions will also be heard. Plan to attend so as to receive many graces. "Jesus, I trust in you!"

Congratulations to the HNS 300 Club Week 5 winners: Grand prize: \$500, Carol Coyne, 1st prize: \$100, Margaret Sebia, 2nd prize: \$50, Jeffrey Roche, 3rd prize: \$25, Justin Renfer, 4th prize: \$25, Andrew LaFratte.

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.

Tickets for the Confraternity of Christian Mothers' Spring Raffle will soon be mailed to parish households. Please purchase the tickets and return them to the Parish Office by May 3. 1st prize \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150 and 4th \$100. The drawing will take place on Sunday, May 5, after the 10:30am Mass.

A BAKE SALE will be conducted by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers on Saturday, May 4, 3 to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 5, 8 a.m. until noon. Those able to donate baked goods can drop them off in the church hall on Saturday beginning at noon. This Bake Sale is hosted in conjunction with the Spring Raffle. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the church narthex for all willing to contribute. Please note this is also First Holy Communion weekend, so if you wish to make something "extra special" please feel free to do so. Please contact either Marie Ferretti 905-0384 or Tina Petcaugh 991-2114 with any questions. The CCM would like to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation and support in this effort.

Children from our parish will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 5, at 10:30 am. "May Crowning" of a statue of the Blessed Mother will be celebrated on Sunday, May 12, at 10:30 am by our First Communion children. Friends and family of our children are invited to attend these Masses and pray for them as they receive this sacrament of initiation.

The 2024 Paschal Candle has been donated by Maria Vojta in memory of the deceased members of the Curgali and Vojta families.

Dr. Larry Chapp will give a talk on "The Universal Call to Holiness in Our Times" on Wednesday, April 24, at 6:30 p.m. in our church hall. Light refreshments will follow. It is open to the public. Dr. Chapp received his doctorate in theology from Fordham University in 1994, with a specialization in the theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar. He spent 20 years teaching theology at DeSales University near Allentown before retiring early in order to found the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm in Harveys Lake. Author of many articles and books, he is also the founder and chief author for the blog, Gaudiumetspes22.com.

Our parish 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.

Parish Flea Market – save the date! On June 1/2 we plan to hold a flea market in the church hall. If you can help at this year's flea market, please contact Gene and Sharon Bartosiewicz (457-6945) or Bob Bartosiewicz (457-8403).

CCD News: classes will be canceled on March 31 for Easter. April 7 – First Holy Communion Parent Meeting in the School.

*“Christus Zmartwychwstał!” (Christ is risen!)
“Prawdziwie zmartwychwstał!” (Truly He is risen!)*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Our parish will sing “The Heritage Mass” setting for the sung Mass parts of all Masses for the Easter season.

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. Charyl Nagy and Joe Petro are serving as Picnic Chairmen this year. Our next picnic meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, at 6 p.m. in the church hall.

New altar servers needed: Are you a young person who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in our parish? Are you interested in growing in the Church’s spiritual and liturgical life? Why not become an acolyte (altar server)? Fr. Petro is in need of new acolytes to serve Mass. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Petro if you are interested in learning how to serve. Training will be held after First Holy Communion.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in our church hall on Thursday, May 9, 12-5pm. Call 1-800-733-2767 to register.

2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries will 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.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life invites everyone to receive their monthly newsletter at *no charge*. Membership to the Pennsylvanians for Human Life is only \$10 per year or a one-time donation of \$100 for lifetime enrollment. To sign up for the newsletter or to join, call 570-826-1819.

First Saturday is April 6. It is very important in these times to pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, and make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Mary’s Immaculate Heart. A Eucharistic Holy Hour will be held on Saturday, April 6, from 2:45 to 3:45 pm in our church. All are invited to pray in preparation for the 4 pm Mass.

The Order of Alhambra is hosting a Spring Dinner Dance for Special Olympics bowlers and their families on Wednesday, May 1 on the campus of King’s College, 133 N. Franklin St, Wilkes-Barre, in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center. All are invited to attend the gala which will be held from 5-8pm. Dinner will include a fruit salad cup, breaded chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans and apple pie. Coffee, tea, lemonade and soda will be provided. Musical entertainment will feature Jester Entertainment. Cost per ticket is \$35. To make a reservation, including guests’ names and make check payable to Alhambra Caravan #4. Deadline is April 18. Remit to: Alhambra Caravan #4, 17 English St. West Wyoming, PA 18644. For more info contact Ada Magni at 570-693-1338.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life has the following items on their wish list: summer and winter clothing for girls (sizes 12, 18 and 24 months) and for boys (24 months). Those able to donate may call the center: 570-826-1819.

Sanctuary candle offerings for the Tabernacle, St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother, St. Francis and St. Therese are available for \$10. Please use the donor envelopes and registry book in the narthex. Payment for Sanctuary Candles should be submitted to the parish office via the collection basket or mail in a marked envelope with the name of the donor as well as the intention and date requested. Parishioners are asked not to mark the candle as paid in the book. It will be marked once payment has been received.

We receive requests for parishioners to qualify for weddings here, or to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, and to obtain letters for Catholic school. Part of that request is to be able to verify that a person is an “active member” of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. It is difficult to know everyone. An “active member” of this Parish is one who: is properly registered, faithfully attends mass on Sundays and Holy Days, participates in parish activities when possible, and uses the parish envelope system. “Paying dues” does not make one an “active member.” While assessments of an inquirer’s status will be made individually, the above are the main factors that will be considered in making that determination.

After practicing Roman Catholics, the second largest religious grouping in our country is “fallen-away” Catholics, i.e., those who rarely or no longer practice the Faith. A website has been created to assist those who wish to become active Catholics once again: www.catholicscomehome.org. If you want to “come home” or know someone who needs some encouragement to do so, visit this site for some inspiration.

Monday (Apr. 1) Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Joseph Kolankiewicz, Sr.
by Marianne Kocylowski

Tuesday (Apr. 2) Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Irene Sutkowski
by her family

Wednesday (Apr. 3) Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Theresa Cebula
by the Kivak family

Thursday (Apr. 4) Thursday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am Margaret Petro
by Eleanor Hallas

Friday (Apr. 5) Friday within the Octave of Easter (1st Friday)

7:30 am Martin Fuller
by Thomas and Maria Elena Petro

Saturday (Apr. 6) Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday

4:00 pm Theresa Gayza
by sister, Marian

Sunday (Apr. 7) Divine Mercy Sunday

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am Thomas Sheridan
by Thomas and Dorothy Sheridan

“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”
Last Sunday: \$4,518.50
Building Fund: \$45.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: Frank and Doris Kremitske, by Mark and Diana Kremitske

Blessed Mother: Irene Tokash, by children
St. Joseph: Geri and Paul Sovinsky, by MaryAnn and Rita
St. Therese: Irene and Vincent Orloski, by MaryAnn and Rita
St. Francis: Lorraine Baginski, by Patti Stonikinis.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 30, 8 pm, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, church
Mar. 31, 7:30, 9:30, & 11 am, Easter Sunday Masses
Apr. 3, 7pm, HNS meeting, hall
Apr. 4, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
Apr. 5, 7:30 am, First Friday Mass and devotions, church
Apr. 6, 2:45-3:45pm, First Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
Apr. 8, 6pm, CCM meeting, hall
Apr. 10, 6pm, Picnic meeting, church hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

March 30: Holy Saturday
8pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: A. Devlin, C. Purdy, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins, E. & J. Lyons, E. & J. Toalongo
March 31: Easter Sunday
7:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. Suchecki, T. Titton
9:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: C. Purdy
11:00am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
April 6-7
4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: A. Bufalino, Acolyte: A., E., & M. Collins
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht

CCD Sunday School dates to remember:

April 14, 9:15 am, Confirmation interviews, school
April 21, 9:30 am, Confirmation parent meeting, school
May 4, 2:00 pm, First Communion rehearsal, church
May 5, 10:30 am, First Communion Mass, church
May 12, 10:30 am, May Crowning Mass, church
May 18, 2:00 pm, Confirmation practice, church
May 19, 10:30 am, Confirmation Mass

MASS TIMES – a free service to traveling Catholics for nationwide Mass times and locations. Information can be obtained by phone, 734-794-2100, or on the internet: www.Masstimes.org. Going on vacation should not mean taking a vacation from God!

Thank you for silencing your cell phone and refraining from texting while in church.