

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 Easter ♦ April 14, 2024 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

Since the sixteenth century the Church has assigned special devotions to each month of the year to help us grow in Faith. I have been attempting to chronicle them for you each month in this section of the bulletin. The month of April is special because it has two spiritual dedications: the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Spirit. This tradition developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter season continues through all of April. Essentially, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic sacrifice Christ gave us and the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus's Resurrection. After our solemn commemoration of the last days and death of Our Lord we spend the month of April celebrating. As Spring breaks forth even nature joins us as buds and blooms begin to surface and we spend this month basking in the joy of the Resurrection. We continue throughout the entire month our cry, "Christ is risen, Christ is truly risen!" The Feast of Divine Mercy offers us the opportunity to begin again as though we were newly baptized.

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, usually referred to by the Latin name *Corpus Christi*, is a movable feast that usually occurs in June. Traditionally, the feast was held on the first Thursday after the Octave of Pentecost (celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit), which ended on Trinity Sunday, though now it is usually held on the Sunday after Trinity Sunday. It is also interesting to note that the events recorded in the Passion narrative most likely occurred in April. According to the Gospels, Jesus was crucified by the order of Pontius Pilate, prefect of Judea. Pilate is recorded by history to have governed the province from A.D. 26 until A.D. 37. The Gospels also record that Jesus was crucified on Passover, which occurs on the fifteenth day of the Jewish month of Nisan, and that it was the Preparation Day for the Sabbath, which means it was on Friday. The years in which Passover fell on a Friday in the time frame are A.D. 27, 30 and 33. Based on other information from Roman history and the Gospels, as well as the age of Our Lord recorded in the Gospels, the most likely date of His crucifixion was April 3, A.D. 33. This would put the first Holy Thursday, the night on which He instituted the Eucharist, on April 2.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

Holy water was blessed at the Easter Vigil Mass for use in church and personal use at home. Some water from the Jordan River in the Holy Land has been added to it. Take an empty bottle to church with you and fill it with "Easter water" and bring it back home for the spiritual and temporal protection of your family.

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. The lecture is free of charge and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Our Parish Flea Market will be held on June 1/2 in the church hall. *Donated items will be accepted starting the weekend of May 4/5.* Please deposit them in the Walnut Street vestibule. If you can help at this year's flea market, please contact Gene and Sharon Bartosiewicz (457-6945) or Bob Bartosiewicz (457-8403).

The next HNS meeting will be held Wednesday, May 1 at 7pm in the church hall. Nominations for officers will take place.

The annual Mother's Day Social hosted by Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be held on Monday, May 6 in the church hall following their monthly meeting which begins at 5:30pm. Dinner is for members only and is free of charge. Reservations are required so that the proper amount of food can be ordered. Kindly deposit this form in the collection basket by April 28.

Name of member attending: _____

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 contribution sign-up sheet is in the church narthex. Please contact either Marie Ferretti 905-0384 or Tina Petcaugh 991-2114 with any questions.

Tickets for the Confraternity of Christian Mothers' Spring Raffle have been mailed to parish households. Please purchase the tickets (\$10 for 10 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, at the conclusion of the bake sale.

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. Please pray for them as they receive this sacrament of initiation.

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 needs new acolytes to serve Mass. Contact the Parish Office or Fr. Petro if you are interested in learning how to serve. Training will be held after First Holy Communion.

Our annual Sacred Heart of Jesus parish feastday Mass will be held on Fri., June 7 at 6pm followed by a Family Pot Luck dinner – save the date! Eucharistic Adoration will be held during the day.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in our church hall on Thursday, May 9, 12:30-5pm. You can now register online with the Red Cross to schedule a blood donation for that day or call 1-800-733-2767.

Last Sunday, Benjamin Albert Klimek was baptized in our church. Please pray for him and his family as they grow in God's wisdom and grace.

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, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the church hall. *The Picnic Grove Garage and the school basement will be organized and inventoried by volunteers on Monday, April 15, at 6 p.m.*

Quo Vadis Days for high school men discerning their vocation, and this year, for the first time, **Fiat Days** for high school women discerning their vocation will be sponsored by the Scranton Diocese. Both Quo Vadis and Fiat Days will occur June 24-26 at Marywood University, Dunmore, and are open to rising sophomores through graduating seniors. These camps are designed to help participants deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God’s call in their lives. Both camps include Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, dynamic talks from a variety of speakers, indoor and outdoor games and activities, sports, music, prayer, small group discussion, and the chance to interact with priests, seminarians, religious sisters serving in the diocese, and young adult volunteers who are also discerning their vocation. Young men and women are invited to register for the Quo Vadis and Fiat Days at <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/vocations/quo-vadis-fiat-days-registration-pages/>. The cost to attend is \$25 (which will be paid by our parish), and it covers three days of lodging, meals, activities, and complimentary gifts for participants. Please speak to Fr. Petro if your child is interested in attending.

Requiescat in pace: pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Ann Marie O’Malley who was recently buried from our church.

The 2024 Diocesan Catholic Women’s Conference will be held at Marywood University on Saturday, June 8. The cost is \$55 per person. Please make check payable to the Diocese of Scranton and mail to: Refresh Your Faith Conference, P.O. Box 202 Dunmore, PA 18512. For more information visit dioceseofscranton.org.

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 Mother’s Day envelope is in your offertory pack. You may record your special intentions and memorials on these envelopes and drop them in the collection basket. They will be placed on the BVM side altar of our church throughout the month of May.

The “Cemetery Care” envelope appears each May in our packs. This month was chosen to correspond with Memorial Day. All money collected in this envelope will be deposited in our cemetery account and will be used solely for the upkeep of our venerable parish cemetery in Dupont. Please be generous in your financial support of the burial place of our spiritual forefathers, especially if you have relatives or ancestors buried there. Please take time in May to put your envelope in the collection basket. The collection amount will be published in the bulletin at the end of May.

Cemetery Clean-up Time: It’s that time of year to clean up the cemeteries and prepare for spring and grass-cutting season. We ask that all planters and decorations remaining on lots from last year be removed by May 15. After this date, items will be removed and discarded. Please note, we are not responsible for any items left at the grave sites after May 15. Thank you for your cooperation.

Columbarium niches and Mausoleums plots are available: A columbarium for the interment of cremains is located in the Holy Sepulchre section of our cemetery. It is a 120 niche octagonal marble structure that will be accessible by way of a sidewalk from Pine St. The pricing for the niches of our columbarium -
 Level 1 (bottom): \$1,100 for single space, \$2,200 for double
 Level 2: \$1,200 single, \$2,400 double
 Level 3: \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double
 Level 4: \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double
 Level 5 (top): \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double
 In the Gethsemani section of our cemetery, at the corner of Wyoming Ave. and Oak St., ground has been aside solely for the placement of mausoleums. Both double (for two people to be entombed side by side) and single (for one person) mausoleums are available. Cost of plot for private family mausoleum -
 Single width: \$4,000
 Stacking privilege: \$2,000 per tier (3 tier max)
 Double width: \$6,000
 Stacking privilege: \$3,000 per tier (3 tier max)
 If you would like to purchase a columbarium niche or a mausoleum plot, contact our Parish Office to make an appointment.

Monday (Apr. 15) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Mary Toole
by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Purdy

Tuesday (Apr. 16) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Dominick Morreale, Sr.
by children and family

Wednesday (Apr. 17) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Emmanuel Ziobro
by the HNS of Sacred Heart

Thursday (Apr. 18) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Deceased of the Theodore Bartosiewicz family
by Gene, Sharon and Robert Bartosiewicz

Friday (Apr. 19) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Elizabeth Soy
by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Titton

Saturday (Apr. 20) Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm Frank and MaryAnn Skrzysowski
by family

Sunday (Apr. 21) Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
 10:30 am Robert Justick
by Joseph and Loretta Justick

“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”
Last Sunday: \$5,928.01
Building Fund: \$678.00
Care and Education of Priests: \$409.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *Joyce Renfer Morreale, by children and grandchildren*
Blessed Mother: *Helen Sedlak, by children and grandchildren*
St. Joseph: *Dominick Morreale, Sr., by children and family*
St. Therese: *intentions of Alex Nebraska, by MaryAnn Pistack*
St. Francis: *Emmanuel Ziobro, by Frank and Diane Skrzysowski.*

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated for the intentions of Thomas and Angeline Pistack, by MaryAnn Pistack.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 24, 6:30pm, Dr. Larry Chapp talk, hall
 Apr. 25, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
 May 1, 7pm, Holy Name Society meeting, hall
 May 2, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
 May 4/5, Flea Market donations begin to be accepted, hall
 May 4/5, CCM Bake Sale, hall
 May 6, 5:30pm, CCM meeting and social, hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

April 13-14

4pm: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: A., E., & M. Collins

8:30am: EM: *volunteer*, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, T. Papiercavich

10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht, E. & J. Toalongo

April 20-21

4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: J. Klenner, Acolyte: C. Purdy

8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E., & M. Collins

10:30am: EM: B. Jones, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht, E. & J. Toalongo

CCD Sunday School dates to remember:

April 14, 9:15 am, Confirmation parent meeting, school
 April 21, 9:30 am, Confirmation interviews, school
 May 4, 2:00 pm, First Communion rehearsal, church
 May 5, 10:30 am, First Communion Mass
 May 8, 6 pm, May Crowning practice, church
 May 12, 10:30 am, May Crowning Mass
 May 18, 2:00 pm, Confirmation practice, church
 May 19, 10:30 am, Confirmation Mass

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal. The diocese has not yet reached its goal. You can still contribute. Gifts of any amount are welcome and appreciated. You may drop an Appeal gift in the parish collection or go to www.annualappeal.org Our parish total raised to date: \$15,942.45.

A Chicken BBQ will be held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, on Sunday, May 5, 11am to 3pm in the school cafeteria. Dinner is take-out only. Cost is \$12 and includes a half chicken and sides. To place an order call Mark at 262-2896.

