

# 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.

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## ✠ Fourth Sunday of Easter ♦ April 21, 2024 ✠

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

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

Spring is an opportune time to do home improvements and cleaning! It is the reason for our parish flea market being held this time of year – so that you can benefit from a place to donate your unwanted “spring cleaned” household items and the church can benefit from the proceeds of their sale. This is also the time of year when we execute projects for the improvement of our buildings and grounds. Work has commenced on replacing the rubber roof of the rectory kitchen and patio as well as the asphalt shingles on the roof of the garage bathrooms. The rectory air conditioning system is being updated at the same time. Both job contracts have been awarded to parishioners. Recently, the Picnic Grove garage has been cleaned and organized by volunteers, along with the school basement and the garage garden shed. Our sexton is in the process of replacing the badly deteriorated doors on the garage bathrooms, and volunteer efforts are being employed to update the electrical systems of the garage, the school and the Picnic Grove with the placement of new exterior security lights. New shades and window treatments will be added to the classrooms of our school building. All this work is being done primarily by volunteer effort and financed by our Building Fund. Soon, I will issue a call for volunteers to paint the exterior of the garage where we sell our famous potato pancakes.

I remain personally grateful to all our wonderful parishioner volunteers who support their parish with their “sweat equity,” especially during this time of spring cleaning. Kindly watch the bulletin for upcoming volunteer opportunities so that you, too, can pitch in and enjoy the fun!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Petro

**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.

**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](http://Gaudiumetspes22.com). The lecture is free of charge.

**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.

**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:

**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. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 and 4<sup>th</sup> \$100. The drawing will take place on Sunday, May 5, at the conclusion of the bake sale.

**The parish office** will be closed on Thursday, April 25. The office will re-open Friday, April 26.

**Sacrament of Holy Matrimony:** We encourage those planning a wedding at our church to contact the parish office before booking a wedding reception facility. All plans with our church must be made at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date.

**“Green Burials”** have recently been approved by the Bishop for cemeteries in our diocese. This type of interment does not make use of coffins, vaults or embalming. The first cemeteries to offer this service are St. Catherine’s, Moscow, and ours. Details will be published in next Sunday’s bulletin.

**Children from our parish** will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 5, at 10:30 am. A *plenary indulgence* is granted the Christian faithful when they receive their first Communion and when they devoutly assist at a first Communion ceremony.

**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.

**“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. The Blessed Virgin Mary is given special honor by the Church during the month of May. This whole month has been given to Mary. In churches throughout the world public honor is given to her during this month. The *Regina Coeli* (“Queen of Heaven”) hymn is sung as a post communion meditation hymn at Sunday Masses during Easter. The Confraternity of Christian Mothers invites your participation in praying the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary before the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at 8 a.m. Also, free rosaries and other objects of devotion will be offered in the narthex throughout May.

**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.

**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).

**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.

**Our Polish Picnic** will be on Saturday, August 3, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in our Picnic Grove. Our next picnic meeting will be Wednesday, May 22, at 6 p.m. in the church hall. All chairmen are required to attend the monthly meetings. *Parishioner volunteers are asked to contact one of the chairs so that they know they can count on you for help. The list of chairs is as follows:*

- Picnic Chairmen: Charyl Nagy, Joe Petro
- Theme Baskets: Marie Ferretti
- Kitchen/Food Distribution: Scott Hilenski, Tina Petcaugh
- Food ticket sales: Bob Bartosiewicz, Tom Titton
- Hall Kitchen Clean-up/Picnic Raffle: Kathy Hudzinski
- Beverages: Mark Kowalczyk
- Food Runners: Beth Purdy
- Children's Games: Rupprecht family
- Potato Pancake Garage: Ed Suchecki
- Entertainment/Electrical: Mike Silla, Sr.
- Profit Intake: Sharon Bartosiewicz
- Grounds Set Up and Clean-up: Gene Bartosiewicz, Kevin Krawczyk
- Chairmen still needed for Stands/Games of Chance, Food Prep*

**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](http://dioceseofscranton.org).

**2024 Wedding Anniversary Mass** for couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**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.

**Memento Mortuos, LCC** is a parishioner-owned cemetery maintenance company serving Luzerne and Lackawanna counties offering full service grave care, including headstone cleaning and landscaping. For more information, call Scott at 570-519-8200 or go to [www.NepaCemeteryCare.com](http://www.NepaCemeteryCare.com)

**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.

**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](http://www.annualappeal.org) Our parish total raised to date: \$15,942.45. Our parish goal is \$30,000.00.

**Monday (Apr. 22) Easter Weekday**

7:30 am Deceased of the Paul and Helen Belles family  
*by Betty Belles*

**Tuesday (Apr. 23) St. Adalbert**

7:30 am Joseph Pigma  
*by Patti and Tim Stonikinis and family*

**Wednesday (Apr. 24) St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

7:30 am Victoria Tetlak  
*by her grandchildren, TJ and Andrea*

**Thursday (Apr. 25) St. Mark**

7:30 am Stephen Mazur  
*by Betty Murphy*

**Friday (Apr. 26) Easter Weekday**

7:30 am Francisco Peters  
*by Beverly and Loryn Peters*

**Saturday (Apr. 27) Vigil: Fifth Sunday of Easter**

4:00 pm Edward Vogue, Jr.  
*by his wife, Joan and sons, Gary and Edward III*

**Sunday (Apr. 28) Fifth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)  
 10:30 am Living and deceased clergy  
*by Tina Petcaugh*

*"His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands"*  
**Last Sunday: \$5,744.00**  
**Building Fund: \$311.00**  
*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*  
**Tabernacle:** *Edward Vogue, Jr., by wife, Joan, and sons, Edward and Gary*

**Blessed Mother:** *Victoria Tetlak, by daughter, Marie*  
**St. Joseph:** *William Klimek, by wife, Michelina*  
**St. Therese:** *Marie Balent, by sister, Eleanor*  
**St. Francis:** *Francisco Peters, by wife and daughter.*

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

<b>UPCOMING EVENTS</b>
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

<b>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</b>
<b>April 20-21</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: J. Klenner, Acolyte: C. Purdy
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: A., E., & M. Collins
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: B. Jones, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht, E. & J. Toalongo
<b>April 27-28</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: C. Purdy, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: B. Jones, Acolyte: T. Papiercavich

**CCD Sunday School dates to remember:**

- 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

**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. Register for the Quo Vadis and Fiat Days at <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/vocations/quo-vadis-fiat-days-registration-pages/>. The cost is \$25 (paid by our parish). Please speak to Fr. Petro if your child is interested in attending.