

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.

✠ Divine Mercy Sunday ♦ April 7, 2024 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

Between the years 1934-1938, Sister Maria Faustina Kowalska wrote a diary called “Divine Mercy in My Soul.” She wrote this manuscript as a spiritual reflection during a prolonged illness of tuberculosis. She was graced to receive numerous private revelations and apparitions from Jesus Christ Himself. From these spiritual experiences of Sr. Maria Faustina, later canonized a saint, we would also receive a special image of Jesus, known as the Divine Mercy Image, and a chaplet, known as the chaplet of Divine Mercy. After many years following the death of Saint Faustina in 1938, the image, message, and chaplet of Divine Mercy spread wide and far throughout the world beyond her native Poland.

In a vision to St. Faustina in 1935, Our Lord revealed the powerful prayer that he wanted everyone to say - the Chaplet of Divine Mercy – and he promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite it. *“Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. . . Priests will recommend it to sinners as their last hope of salvation. Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy . . . I desire to grant unimaginable graces to those souls who trust in My mercy”* (Diary, 687).

Prayed on ordinary rosary beads, the Chaplet is an intercessory prayer that extends the offering of the Eucharist. It may be said at any time, but Our Lord specifically requested that it be used as a novena on the nine days before the Feast of Divine Mercy, the Second Sunday of Easter, so designated by Pope St. John Paul II. It is also appropriate to say the Chaplet during the three o’clock hour (recalling the time of the Christ’s death on the cross). In His revelations to St. Faustina, Our Lord asked for special prayer and veneration of His Passion during this time.

Won’t you come and experience the Divine Mercy God wants to give you through this devotion? Divine Mercy Sunday, today, at 3:00 p.m. in our church, a Divine Mercy Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration will be celebrated. We celebrate a Divine Mercy Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration each year in our church. We are blessed to have in our church above the BVM side altar a beautiful mural of Our Lord’s apparition to St. Maria Faustina. This is a privileged occasion of grace and forgiveness for all people; a plenary indulgence is granted to all who attend. Come, adore Our Lord who tells us, *“Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask is compatible with My will”* (1731).

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

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.

The Octave of Easter ends with the celebration of Evening Prayer on April 7. This weekend at all Masses, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water will take place as a reminder of Baptism.

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.

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.

Thank you to the Holy Name Society for sponsoring the visit of the Easter Bunny with his candy to the front sidewalk of our church following the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Easter Sunday Masses.

Fr. Petro is grateful to all those parishioners who sent Easter cards, gave Easter gifts and delivered Easter food to the rectory!

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).

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. Friends and family of our children are invited to attend these Masses and 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Our 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.

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.

The Lord’s Real Presence: We are fortunate to worship in a church in which the Body of Christ is reserved. It is right to acknowledge the Lord’s Real Presence with a brief act of worship on entering or leaving the church and every time passing by the sanctuary. Normally, a genuflection in the direction of the Tabernacle is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a profound bow at the waist.

The winner of the March HNS Match the Daily Number raffle is Felicia Gigliello. Congratulations.

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.

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.

Requiescant in pace: pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Joseph and Sophie Ozack who were recently buried from our church.

Spiritual Communion

When unable to receive Holy Communion, it is a pious practice to make a Spiritual Communion. Say this prayer of St. Francis:

I believe that you, O Jesus, are in the most holy Sacrament. I love you and desire you. Come into my heart. I embrace you. Oh, never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of your love, O Lord Jesus Christ, absorb my mind that I may die through love of your love, who were graciously pleased to die through love of my love.

Monday (Apr. 8) The Annunciation of the Lord

7:30 am Francisco Peters
by Beverly and Loryn Peters

Tuesday (Apr. 9) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Albert Lenchak
by Ed and Carol Klimek

Wednesday (Apr. 10) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Robert Russick
by the Rosemary Borkowski family

Thursday (Apr. 11) St. Stanislaus

7:30 am Joseph Warunek
by his son

Friday (Apr. 12) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Joyce Renfer Morreale
by her children and family

Saturday (Apr. 13) Vigil: Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm Donna Bartosiewicz
by husband, Bob, and Gene and Sharon Bartosiewicz

Sunday (Apr. 14) Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am Genevieve Pramick
by Mildred Mlodzienski

“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”

Last Sunday: \$4,967.50

Building Fund: \$535.00

Holy Thursday: \$906.00

Good Friday/Holy Land: \$963.00

Easter: \$8,004.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *Leonarda Skrzysowski, by great-grandchildren*
Blessed Mother: *Gloria Balent, by grandchildren*
St. Joseph: *Joseph Pigga, by the Stonikinis family*
St. Therese: *Theresa Mraz, by family*
St. Francis: *the intentions of Thomas and Angela Pistack, by MaryAnn Pistack*

The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Theresa Gayza, by her sister, Marian.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr. 6, 2:45-3:45pm, First Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
- Apr. 7, 3pm, Divine Mercy Holy Hour, church
- Apr. 8, 6pm, CCM meeting, hall
- Apr. 10, 6pm, Picnic meeting, hall
- Apr. 24, 6:30pm, Dr. Larry Chapp talk, hall
- May 4/5, Flea Market donations begin to be accepted, hall
- May 9, 12-5pm, Red Cross blood drive, hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

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: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
April 7: Divine Mercy Holy Hour
3pm: Lector: B. Belles, Acolyte: 2 volunteers
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

CCD Sunday School dates to remember:

- April 7, 9:15 am, First Holy Communion parent meeting, school
- 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 12, 10:30 am, May Crowning Mass
- May 18, 2:00 pm, Confirmation practice, church
- May 19, 10:30 am, Confirmation Mass

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