

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.

✠ Sixth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 5, 2024 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

I ask you to pray for the twelve children from our parish who will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. May they and their families draw ever near to our Lord, growing in love as His faithful children. We pray for: *Kayleigh Collins, Maxwell Collins, Christopher Hernandez, Jacob Krauson, Carmine Martinelli, Matthew McArdle, Ava Moore, Makenzie Murphy, Harry Perillo, Raffaele Russo, Genesis Sacta and Joel Toalongo.*

Thank you to our parish Confraternity of Christian Mothers who so thoughtfully provided flowers for the altar on Holy Communion day, the choir who provided such uplifting music, their CCD teacher, Mary Ann Pistack, who prepared them so well, and their parents who bring them to Mass each Sunday. We thank God for the gift of Himself in the Eucharist!

This Sunday is a time of powerful spiritual grace for our parish - a plenary indulgence is granted the Christian faithful when they receive their first Communion and when they devoutly assist at a first Communion ceremony.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Ascension Thursday

Wednesday, May 8: 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 9: 7 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

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. Please contact Marie Ferretti 905-0384 or Tina Petcaugh 991-2114 with any questions.

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 faithful are encouraged to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass. Also, free rosaries and other objects of devotion will be offered in the narthex throughout May.

Mothers' Day Blessing: All mothers present at the Masses next weekend will receive a special Mothers' Day blessing.

The parish office will be closed for the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 9. The office will re-open Friday, May 10.

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 winner of the April HNS Match the Daily Number raffle is Bill Courtright. Congratulations!

Rev. Chester H. Kolakowski, the fourth pastor of our parish from 1938 to 1971, died May 5, 1971. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul on the anniversary of his death.

A Pregnant Mother's Prayer to Mary: I put my little babe under your protection, Mary, my Mother. Make its tiny mind grow up to love the truths of Faith; consecrate its will to the service of God; fill its heart with love for its Creator. Fashion its little body in all perfection: let its organs be sound, its senses acute, all its members strong and healthy. You can obtain this favor for me and my child, most powerful Mother. I put my trust in you. Amen.

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 or call 1-800-733-2767.

First Saturday is May 4. 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, May 4, from 2:45 to 3:45 pm in our church. All are invited to pray in preparation for the 4 pm Mass.

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.

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 Tittton

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

MONTHLY PICNIC COLLECTION

Instant scratch off lottery tickets are sought for the month of May: please deposit them in the collection basket or mail them to the parish office.

These collections reduce expenses for our Picnic stands!

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.

On Memorial Day, May 27, Fr. Petro will celebrate Mass for Peace and Justice at 9am in the cemetery chapel. There will not be 7:30am Mass that day in the church.

“Green Burials” have recently been approved by Bishop Bambera for cemeteries in our diocese. Green Burial is defined as “A way of caring for the dead with minimal environmental impact that aids in the conservation of natural resources, reduction of carbon emissions, protection of worker health, and the restoration and/or preservation of habitat.” Call the parish office if you have any questions regarding green burial. Funeral directors Gregory Zawacki and Mark Kiesinger can also assist you. A portion of the Calvary section of our parish cemetery has been designated for green burials.

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.

NOTICE: Dumping refuse or fill of any sort at our parish cemetery is strictly prohibited. Visitors are ONLY permitted from dawn to dusk at the cemetery. No pets are allowed at any time in the cemetery – dog walking is forbidden. Bicycles, skateboards and ATVs are not permitted at any time. If anyone should see someone violating these regulations, they are asked to report the incident to the parish office immediately. Such violations are acts of disrespect for the holy ground and those buried there.

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.

If the Mass you are attending has been requested by you or a family member, or you have donated the offertory gifts for that weekend, *please participate in the Offertory Procession of the gifts.* Go to the church entrance and pick up the gifts during the collection so as not to delay the Mass. Walk behind the usher carrying the collection basket and approach the priest.

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.

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.

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.

The Catholic Choral Society of Scranton celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the choral group will be presented at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., Scranton on May 17 at 7pm and at St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, on May 19 at 7pm. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$8/seniors and students, free/children 12 and younger. For tickets call Barbara at 954-1242.

Prayer to the Guardian Angel: Angel sent by God to guide me, be my light and walk beside me; be my guardian and protect me; on the paths of life direct me.

Monday (May 6) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Cassie Lopata
by her sons, James and Robert

Tuesday (May 7) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Bernadine Tetlak
by her daughters

Wednesday (May 8) Easter Weekday

7:30 am Marie Balent
by Mildred Mlodzienski

Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord

4:00 pm Our parishioners living and deceased

Thursday (May 9) The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 am Donna Petro
by her husband, Joseph Petro and family

5:30 pm Dorothy Maleski
by Dana Hinkley

Friday (May 10) St. Damien de Veuster

7:30 am Ralph Renfer
by John and Amy Renfer

Saturday (May 11) Vigil: Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm Nora Gayza
by her daughter, Marian

Sunday (May 12) Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
 10:30 am Ronald Renfer, Sr.
by the Galli family

“His Heart... **WEEKLY OFFERING** ...Our Hands”
Last Sunday: \$4,629.17
Building Fund: \$263.00
Catholic Home Missions: \$224.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *Eleanore Bryk and MaryAnn Kuna, by sister, Bernadine Bryk and family*

Blessed Mother: *Amelia Ziobro, by Ron and Sharon Ziobro and family*

St. Joseph: *Edward Pistack, by his wife, MaryAnn*

St. Therese: *Stephen Mazur, by his wife, Betty*

St. Francis: *Ann Tetlak, by her children, John, Ronald and Judith.*



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Eleanore Bryk and MaryAnn Kuna, by sister, Bernadine Bryk and family.

UPCOMING EVENTS
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
May 8, 6 pm, May Crowning practice, church
May 9, 12:30-5pm, Blood Drive, hall
May 9, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
May 12, 10:30am, May Crowning, church
May 18, 2:00 pm, Confirmation practice, church
May 19, 10:30 am, Confirmation Mass, church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
May 4-5
4pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins
May 8-9: The Ascension of the Lord
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: B. Belles, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
7:00am: EM: <i>no EM needed</i> , Lector: D. Sheridan, Acolyte:, E. Suchecki
5:30pm: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: C. Purdy, Acolyte: A., E. & M. Collins, E. & J. Toalongo
May 11-12
4pm: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
8:30am: EM: B. Jones, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: T. Papiercavich
10:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht, E. & J. Toalongo

The 2024 Dupont Memorial Day Parade and Service will be held on Monday, May 27 beginning at 10:30 am. Fr. Petro will lead the Invocation at approximately 11am at the Dupont Borough Memorial Lawn. All participants are invited for food and refreshments after the service. Our HNS will sponsor a car for the parade.