

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.

✠ Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 13, 2024 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

A family *Rosary Rally* will be held in our church on Tuesday, November 5, at 6 p.m. This is our participation in the diocesan Rosary Crusade. Seventy-five years ago, in November 1949, Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. held the first U.S. Rosary Rally at St. Ann's Basilica in Scranton and 50,000 people attended! Let us continue the legacy of Fr. Peyton and renew the spirit of family prayer. "The family that prays together, stays together." This Eucharistic Holy Hour of prayer is sponsored by the Scranton Section of the Eastern Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem. Fr. Michael Wurtz, C.S.C. of King's College will preach and lead the rosary. Join us on election night to pray for the needs of our country!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque was a 17th century French Visitation nun and mystic who promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She received several apparitions and private revelations of Jesus Christ between December 27, 1673 and June 1675. Among other things, these visions revealed to her different forms of devotion to the Sacred Heart. She is depicted in the mural above our St. Joseph side altar. She died at the age of 43 on October 17, 1690. Her feast is celebrated October 16. You are encouraged to attend Mass in our church that day at 7:30 a.m. Those present will be receive a blessing with her first class relic and venerate it after Mass.

An Autumn Bake Sale will be held by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers on Cemetery Sunday weekend, Oct. 26-27. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on the weekend of the sale before the Masses. Some gluten free options will be available. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition: In response to the United States Catholic Bishops call for a National Eucharistic Revival to enkindle belief and a living relationship with Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, a Vatican approved Exhibition of the Eucharistic Miracles from around the world will be held in our church hall the weekend of October 26/27. This Eucharistic Exhibition presents some of the principal Eucharistic Miracles that took place throughout the ages in various countries of the world, and which have been recognized by the Church. By means of the posters, one can virtually visit the places where the miracles took place. Contact Gloria Calabro for more information: g1113pa@gmail.com

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends coupons will be sold by our CCM members to help you get a jump on Christmas shopping! For a \$5 donation, you will receive a coupon offering 25% off items purchased at any Boscov's location and/or online, one day only, Tuesday, October 22, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Each coupon provides an opportunity to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card. Coupons will be available after Masses through October 20 while supplies last.

Sanctuary candle offerings for the Tabernacle, St. Joseph, the Blessed Mother, St. Francis and St. Therese are available for \$10. Please make use of the donation envelopes and the registry book in the narthex. Candles must be paid in advance of the requested date.

The 2024-25 Catholic Ministries Appeal: commitment cards for the Appeal are available in the church narthex. All parishioners are asked to contribute to the Appeal and fill out a card indicating their pledge. Completed cards can be placed in the collection basket. Our parish goal is \$32,953. Raised to date: \$5,965.

The Catholic Light updated its subscription record database. Any person who donates at least \$10 to the Catholic Ministries Appeal automatically receives a complimentary copy of The Catholic Light newspaper for the following year. Gifts to the Appeal are now being requested of our parishioners. Consider giving so as to receive an annual subscription to our diocesan monthly newspaper.

Last Sunday, Noah Lucas Renfer was baptized in our church. Pray for him and his family as they grow in God's wisdom and grace!

All parishioners with families buried at our cemetery are requested to clean their graves prior to Cemetery Sunday.

"Cemetery Sunday" devotions will take place this year on Sun., Oct. 27, beginning at 1pm in our church. We will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The names of our parishioners who died and were buried from our church since last year's devotions will be read aloud. *You are invited to bring photos of your deceased loved ones and place them on the table in front of the St. Joseph side altar.* After Solemn Benediction and Reposition, a procession will form to the cemetery while the faithful sing the Litany of the Saints. The faithful who cannot walk in the procession may drive to the cemetery. Father will then bless the cemetery and visitation of the graves by the faithful will follow. Traditional Polish, Latin and English hymns will be sung. Please join in praying for the peaceful repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASS SCHEDULE

All Saints Day

Thursday (October 31): 4 p.m.

Friday (November 1): 7 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

All Souls Day Mass Schedule: Saturday, November 2 at 9:00 a.m.

An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. This indulgence is a *plenary* one from November 1 through November 8 and can be gained each one of these days. On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

The All Souls Day offertory envelope is in your envelope pack. November is the month when we especially remember in our prayers the faithful departed. Kindly inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and return it in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on the altar and your intentions will be remembered in the masses celebrated throughout November.

Columbarium niches and Mausoleums plots now available for sale: If you would like to purchase a columbarium niche or a mausoleum plot, or would like more information, contact Kathy Vojta at our Parish Office to make an appointment.

Pre-Arranging a Funeral Mass: If you would like to plan your Mass of Christian Burial in advance, then contact the parish office to request a funeral planning booklet so that you can make a record of what you have designated (readings, hymns, etc.) for your funeral to be celebrated in our church. You are encouraged to keep it in a confidential file to be shared with your family at the appointed time, who will then share it with the undertaker and the priest.

Tombstone Project: Our parish Holy Name Society is spearheading an effort to repair badly damaged tombstones in our cemetery. If you would like to make a donation to help cover some expenses, then please place your donation in an envelope marked "Tombstone Project" and either mail it to the parish office or drop it in the collection basket. Kindly make checks payable to our Holy Name Society. To date, \$235 has been raised for the Tombstone Project.

A Thanksgiving Food Drive for the local poor is being sponsored by our CCD students. All CCD students are invited to bring non-perishable food items to class from Sunday, Oct. 13 until Sunday, Nov. 17. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to church and place it in the bin which will be in the narthex. This drive is done with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Council 372.

If you have children in our CCD programs, we ask that you are formally registered, attend Mass weekly and use envelopes as you are financially able. The process is simple and allows our priest to get to know you and your family. This is how we build and reach out to our parish community – in good times and in bad. If you call yourself a parishioner or were baptized here, being a “parishioner” requires formal registration. Please call the parish office to register.

Kindergarten CCD – If you are interested in enrolling your child in Kindergarten Religious Education, please bring them to CCD starting at 9:15 am on Sunday mornings at the school. You may see Mrs. Beccaloni to register at that time.

CCD Mass: Oct. 13, Grade 8 students will assist at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. All CCD students are required to attend.

An All Saints Day Costume Party for all CCD students will be held on Sun., Oct. 27, 9:15 a.m. in the hall. Children will parade from the school around the church (weather permitting). There will be treats afterward! All are invited to watch the parade!

Children and Student Envelopes: If you would like your child to receive a boxed set of donation envelopes for 2025, please contact the parish office. Envelopes will be available in the narthex during the month of December for those who have requested them.

A Fall Theology Series will be held in our school for adult learners on Wednesdays October 23, 30 and November 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. Bill Jones will conduct the classes. Proposed classes: Oct. 23, “*Mary is: the Mother of God; Our Lady; and much, much more.*” In this presentation we will discuss the Protestant myths about the Mother of Our Lord and the Jewish biblical roots of Mary. Oct. 30, “*The Koran and Its References to Jesus, Mary and Christians.*” This class will explore passages from the Koran that refer to these themes. Nov. 6, “*Modernism: The Unknown Threat.*” This class will discuss the meaning of modernism and why it has been called the “synthesis of all heresies.” The presentation will expand on its influence upon the Church and society, and our relationship with God. All are invited to attend this free series.

The Match the Daily Number raffle held by our Holy Name Society has resumed. \$5 will give you ten chances to win by matching your numbers to the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3. The winner with an exact matching set of the Pick 3 (excluding the wild ball) will win \$250. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any HNS member. The winning ticket must be presented. If you have the winning number, call HNS president Greg Zawacki, 570-947-8200.

A Halloween Trunk R Treat will be held on Sat., Oct. 26, 5-7 p.m. in our church parking lot. This event is sponsored by the Dupont Neighborhood Crime Watch. Our Holy Name Society will participate. A small pumpkin will be given to each child in costume! Call 570-903-8194 if you would like to sponsor a trunk.

“**The Month of the Rosary**” is October. Please join in praying the rosary prior to each Mass in our church, weekdays and weekends, throughout the month. Free rosary items are available in the narthex.

For the month of October, our parish along with parishes around the country conduct the “October count,” a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. *The ushers are asked to count at all Masses.*

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Lorraine Major who was recently buried from our church.

Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph

O ST. JOSEPH, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O St. Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me all spiritual blessings through your foster Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, so that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer you my thanksgiving and homage.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for me.

The CCM of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, will hold their Fall Rummage Sale in the school gym on Monday, Oct. 14, 9am-5pm and on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 9am-3pm, (Tuesday is \$2/bag day). There will be a bake sale and whimpies, hoagies, and hot dogs for sale.

Monday (Oct. 14) St. Callistus I

7:30 am Nicholas and Mary Kasa
by Betty Belles

Tuesday (Oct. 15) St. Teresa of Jesus

7:30 am David Ferretti
by Carol Riccetti, M/M Chris Gale and Lacey

Wednesday (Oct. 16) St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:30 am Estelle Ruchniewski
by the Purdy family

Thursday (Oct. 17) St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30 am Edward and Anna Orlinsky
by family

Friday (Oct. 18) St. Luke

7:30 am Stanley Zurek
by Mark and Betsy Zurek

Saturday (Oct. 19) Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Joseph and Lilliam Gromala and Donna Bartosiewicz
by Gene, Sharon and Robert Bartosiewicz

Sunday (Oct. 20) Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Nancy Elko
by Brian, Michael, Evan and Zachary
10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”
Last Sunday: \$4,768.35
Building Fund: \$519.00
Care and Education of Priests: \$268.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: victims of the recent hurricanes, by Maryann Pistack
Blessed Mother: Geraldine Snopkowski, by sister, Jean Poplawski
St. Joseph: for an end to abortion, by a parishioner
St. Therese: Cassie Lopata, by Robert Lopata
St. Francis: Joseph & Anna Kowalski, by Ellie, Pat, Sue, Mary, Mel

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory Joseph and Josephine Pistack, by MaryAnn Pistack.
The altar flowers this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary, by Maryann Pistack

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 13, 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 8 assists
- Oct. 23, 6-7pm, Fall Theology Series, school
- Oct. 24, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
- Oct. 26, 5-7pm, Halloween Trunk R Treat, parking lot
- Oct. 26/27, CCM Bake sale after all Masses
- Oct. 26/27, Eucharistic Miracle display after all Masses, hall
- Oct. 27, 9:15am, CCD All Saints parade and party, school
- Oct. 27, 1pm, Cemetery Sunday devotions, church
- Oct. 30, 6-7pm, Fall Theology Series, school
- Oct. 31, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

Oct. 12-13
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, C. & T. Papiercavich
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: CCD students, Acolyte: E. & J. Toalongo
Oct. 19-20
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: D. Suchecki, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: E. & J. Toalongo

St. Jude Thaddeus is the patron saint of lost causes. He was one of the Twelve Apostles and a cousin of Our Lord. He also authored the New Testament epistle that bears his name. People have turned to him as a powerful intercessor since the earliest days of the Church. We continue this tradition of prayer in our parish and ask St. Jude’s intercession for our many needs. The Novena to St. Jude begins Saturday, Oct. 19, and concludes on Sunday, October 27. Throughout the novena his statue will be placed in our sanctuary and a first class relic of St. Jude will be offered for veneration after his feast day Mass on Monday, October 28 at 7:30 a.m.

The Pennsylvanians for Human Life Wyoming Valley Chapter needs a volunteer who can re-shape and reorganize the Chapter’s current website. Anyone able to help is asked to call 570-826-1819.