

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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 20, 2024 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

As I announced last weekend, plans are now being made for our Advent Pierogi Sale. Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers, in an effort to include more people and truly make it a parish activity for everyone, have decided that they will no longer sponsor the Advent Pierogi sale as one of their annual projects, but they have pledged to provide it with volunteer support. So, too, our Holy Name Society has elected to continue working at it. But we are now in need of one or two people to chair the Advent Pierogi Sale. One person has come forward to serve as the chair of the evening pierogi making, but now another person is needed to chair the morning shift. *It is planned to accept orders for the Advent Pierogi Sale by means of a clip-out form in next Sunday's bulletin – IF one more person comes forward as chairman.* Please let me know ASAP if you are willing to “save” this year's Advent Pierogi Sale by serving as a chairman. For your information, it has been decided that phone orders will not be taken, and potato and cabbage pierogi will be sold for \$12 a dozen. Pierogi making will begin November 14 and distribution will follow in the church hall. They help of many hands are needed to make this possible!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

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!

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.

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends coupons are being 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.

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: \$6,445.

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 to receive an annual subscription to our diocesan monthly newspaper.

“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.

A 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. 75 years ago, 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. Pray for the needs of our country on election night!

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.

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

Tombstone Project: Our parish Holy Name Society wishes to thank everyone who either worked or donated to assist in their effort to repair the badly damaged tombstones in our cemetery. *Over sixty tombstones have been improved due to their good work!* A special note of gratitude goes to Scott Hilenski, HNS man and owner of Memento Mortuos Memorial Maintenance, who chaired the 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 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.

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.*

The parish office will be closed October 23-24. The parish office will reopen Friday, Oct. 25 at 8:30am.

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.

CCD Mass: Nov. 10, Grade 6 & 7 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.

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.

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.

St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin, will host a healing service with Fr. Pio Mandato on Thurs., Oct. 24. Confessions will be heard at 6pm followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, homily, Benediction and blessing with holy oil and relic beginning at 7pm.

St. Joseph Marello Parish, 237 William St., Pittston, is holding its Annual Craft Fair on Sat., Nov. 9, from 10am to 3pm in the Parish Center. The event will include dozens of specialty vendors, including a wide variety of crafts, goods, and direct sales items. Food and beverage will be available for purchase as well as a raffle featuring select items from participating vendors. Interested vendors can contact Pattie at craftypattiecf@gmail.com or the office at 570 654-6902 for an application.

Please pray for the priests of the Scranton Diocese who will be gathered at their annual convocation this week with the bishop.

Monday (Oct. 21) Weekday

7:30 am Chester Gall
by Linda

Tuesday (Oct. 22) St. John Paul II

7:30 am No Mass

Wednesday (Oct. 23) St. John of Capistrano

7:30 am No Mass

Thursday (Oct. 24) St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:30 am No Mass

Friday (Oct. 25) Weekday

7:30 am John Lopata
by Robert Lopata

Saturday (Oct. 26) Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Bernardine Tetlak
by daughters

Sunday (Oct. 27) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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: \$4,690.33
Building Fund: \$408.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *Anthony Dudzinski, by Ron and Sharon Ziobro and family*

Blessed Mother: *George Gayza, by daughter, Marian St. Joseph: John Lopata, by Robert Lopata*

St. Therese: *Blanche Pisano, by John and Mary Ellen Milewski and family*

St. Francis: *Michael & Genevieve Pramick, by Marcia Pramick*

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Vincent Bryk, by MaryAnn and Gary Vogue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 20, 9:15am, Confirmation parent mtg, school
- 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
- Nov. 1, 7 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, church
- Nov. 2, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
- Nov. 3, 10:15am, Catechist meeting, school
- Nov. 5, 6-7pm, Family Rosary Rally with Adoration, church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

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
Oct. 26-27
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: J. Klenner, Acolyte: Collins family
8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: B. Jones, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich
10:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
Cemetery Sunday Devotions
1pm: L: M. Pistack, Acolyte: 2 volunteers needed

Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre, will hold an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 1-3pm. Talk to parents, students, faculty, and coaches to learn why you belong in the Holy Redeemer family. Call 829-2424 for details.

REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS – You can express your commitment to our parish by making a bequest to Sacred Heart Church. Simply include the following statement in your will: "I LEAVE TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH, DUPONT, PA, THE SUM OF \$_____ (or _____% of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works." *May God abundantly bless you for bequeathing a spiritual legacy to your parish family!*