

# 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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## ✠ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 27, 2024 ✠

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

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

November is the month in which we honor the Holy Souls who have died. We first acknowledge the saints in heaven, who by their exemplary lives on earth, now enjoy the eternal bliss of heaven. On November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and pray to them for intercession, protection and guidance. On November 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls. This is when we pray for all people who have died, especially our family and friends. We remember the souls in purgatory and pray that they may soon attain the reward of heaven. Ancient Christian tradition acknowledges that it is good and pleasing to God that we remember at Mass the peaceful repose of the souls that have gone before us in death.

The Church has been called a Communion of Saints. That is, She includes the *Church Militant*, the living souls of us who are still fighting the good fight on earth. The *Church Suffering*, the deceased souls being purified in purgatory for entrance into heaven, and the *Church Triumphant*, those holy souls who have fought the good fight of faith on earth and are now enjoying the victorious reward of the Beatific Vision. Each of us is thus reminded by the feasts of November that we, the living and the dead, are linked by a common faith in Jesus Christ and a common goal, which is heaven. We alive on earth are thus commended to pray to and for the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven assist us as powerful intercessors in heaven. May their saintly example spur us on to victory in Christ as we continue to do battle with sin.

Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of our parishioners who have died and were buried from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church since last Cemetery Sunday: *Dolores Kurtinitis, John Popek, Robert Russick, Theresa Haduch, Elizabeth Soy, Joseph Ozack, Sophie Ozack, Ann Marie O'Malley, Sylvia Magda, Robert Del Prado, Irene Kielb, Violet Fliss, Michael Satkowski, Michelle Nesgoda, David Mizwinski, Thomas Titton, Jean Poplawski, Theresa Kobeski, Marion Babiarz, William Gola, David Ferretti, James Lopata, Lorraine Major and Andreas Gieryic.* Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
*Father Petro*

**An Autumn Bake Sale** is being 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 is being 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.

**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!

**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: \$6,765.

**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 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.

**The parish office will be closed** October 30 and November 1.

**Advent Pierogi** will not be made this year due to the lack of a chairman needed to oversee the project.

**The members of Order of Alhambra**, local caravan Alhambra #4 will attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on November 10 for their deceased members. The Order of Alhambra is dedicated to assisting those with intellectual disabilities and is recruiting new members. Please contact GC Donna Magni at 570-357-0507 for more information or see a member after mass.

**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.*

**Some of our students are missing class frequently**, especially in our sacramental programs. Any CCD student absent more than three times will need a note from Fr. Petro to reenter class. We have scheduled only 29 hours of class for the entire year. With all their absences, some students are getting less than a day of instruction and preparation for their religious and sacramental formation in total. Of course there are legitimate excuses, but such frequent absences give us the impression that there is a problem that we need to address.

**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.

**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 relics of our parish** will be exposed in the sanctuary for the veneration of the faithful during the Masses of All Saints Day. In addition to the relic of the wood of the Holy Cross, first class relics of many saints will be exposed. The relics will be offered for veneration at each Mass.

**The Novena to St. Jude** is being prayed in our church 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** is being held in our school for adult learners on Wednesdays October 30 and November 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. Bill Jones will conduct the classes. Proposed classes: 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.

**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.

**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!*

**If you have moved** in the past year, have a new phone number, or e-mail address, please let us know so our records will be up to date by contacting the Parish Office.

**Monday (Oct. 28) Sts. Simon and Jude**

7:30 am Edward Smichowski, Sr.  
by wife, AnnMarie, and family

**Tuesday (Oct. 29) Weekday**

7:30 am Susan Kivak Sheridan  
by Lisa Twardowski, Chris & Kevin Odell & family

**Wednesday (Oct. 30) Weekday**

7:30 am Loretta Przypek  
by Barbara Sito

**Thursday (Oct. 31) Weekday**

7:30 am Thomas Titton  
by Mr. and Mrs. Brian Jacobs

**Vigil: Solemnity of All Saints**

4:00 pm Robert DelPrado  
by Joanne Exter

**Friday (Nov. 1) All Saints Day**

7:00 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)  
5:30 pm Charles Rydzy  
by family

**Saturday (Nov. 2) All Souls' Day**

9:00 am Peter and Mary Yablonski  
by family  
**Vigil: 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
4:00 pm Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beganich  
by son, daughter and grandchildren

**Sunday (Nov. 3) Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Donna Petro  
by Joseph Petro and family  
10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

*"His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands"*  
**Last Sunday: \$3,964.16**  
**Building Fund: \$172.00**  
**World Mission Sunday: \$539.00**  
*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*  
**Tabernacle:** special intention, by Bethany Purdy  
**Blessed Mother:** Ann Berkoski, by Maureen McLaughlin  
**St. Joseph:** Frank & Louise Smithonic, by Marina and David Smithonic  
**St. Therese:** Michael Rowan, by Georgann Gall  
**St. Francis:** Susan Matthews, by Bethany Purdy

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass and devotions, church
- Nov. 2, 2:45-3:45pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
- Nov. 3, 10:15am, Catechist meeting, school
- Nov. 4, 6pm, CCM meeting, hall
- Nov. 5, 6-7pm, Family Rosary Rally with Adoration, church
- Nov. 6, 7pm, HNS meeting, hall
- Nov. 7, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

**Liturgical Volunteer Schedule**

<b>Oct. 26-27</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, Lector: J. Klenner, Acolyte: Collins family
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: B. Jones, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
<b>1pm:</b> Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: Elijah & Josiah Lyons
<b>Oct. 31-Nov. 1: All Saints Day</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: C. Purdy, Acolyte: Collins family
<b>7:00am:</b> Lector: B. Belles, Acolyte: Ed Suchecki
<b>5:30pm:</b> EM: M. Moletsky, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<b>Nov. 2-3</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: B. Purdy, Lector: M. Pistack, Acolyte: C. Purdy
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: B. Jones, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: Collins family
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht

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