

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 6, 2024 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

At this time, I wish to furnish you with the Income and Expense Statement for Sacred Heart of Jesus Church for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024. Thank you for your charitable support. May the Lord reward your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

Income

General Fund Income:

Collections	\$307,591.79
Religious Ed Program	2,085.00
Fundraising/Development	1,093.45
Other Income	45,058.39

Total General Fund Income	\$355,828.63
Non-Operating Income	15,680.73
Restoration Fund	92,752.47

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND &
NON-OPERATING INCOME \$464,261.83**

Expense

General Fund Expenditures:

Administration	\$161,207.75
Rectory Expense	25,311.59
Liturgy	23,345.26
Religious Education Program	40,723.50
Social Justice	29.54
Fixed Expense	27,822.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	31,091.24
Capital Outlays	66,827.62

Total General Fund Expenses	\$376,358.50
Non-Operating Expense	66,680.73

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND &
NON-OPERATING EXPENSE \$443,039.23**
CASH INCREASE (DECREASE) \$21,222.60
CASH BEGINNING BALANCE \$1,359,125.06
CASH ENDING BALANCE \$1,380,347.66

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Friday, Oct. 4. Fr. Petro will administer a special blessing to all pets on Sunday, Oct. 6, at 9:30 a.m. in the picnic grove. Members of our Holy Name Society will host a light outdoor social following the blessing. To provide a safe environment for all who attend this event, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.

A **“Pro-Life Baby Shower”** sponsored by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be held Sunday, Oct. 6 after 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church hall to benefit the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life. Donations can be placed in the play pen in the church 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 October count has proven especially critical in the life of our Church as bishops use the figures to measure the vitality of parish life, to sketch parish boundaries, and even to decide when to close, merge, or form new parishes. The ushers are asked to count at all Masses. As indicated, effective July 2025 our parish will be linked with Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca, under one pastor. Fr. Petro and Fr. Sladicka will meet Oct. 8 with diocesan leaders to begin the linkage process. Details will be forthcoming.

It's back! 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 Confraternity of Christian Mothers 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 from October 5 through October 20 while supplies last.

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 2024-25 Catholic Ministries Appeal has begun. Commitment cards for the Appeal have been mailed and are available in the narthex. Parishioners are asked to consider what they can contribute to the Appeal. The Catholic Ministries Appeal benefits thousands of people throughout our diocese and beyond through good works funded by the Appeal. As parish support is critical to the success of the Appeal, our participation is key. Gifts of all sizes are welcome. Our parish goal is \$32,953. Raised to date: \$5,045.00

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.

A Thanksgiving Food Drive 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. Please consider the poor and needy when doing your food shopping. A can or box or two of a nonperishable food item will be most appreciated as well as foods especially enjoyed at Thanksgiving dinner. This drive is done with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Council 372.

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

CCD classes have begun! Registration forms are in the narthex and on our website. All school-aged children (both public and homeschoolers) who do not attend Catholic schools in grades 1 to 8 must attend CCD. Contact DRE Nancy Beccaloni with questions at 570-451-1903.

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!

28th Anniversary of the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus “Tomb of Unborn” — Respect Life Sunday, October 6 at 2 pm. Prayerful commemoration at the Knights’ Tomb of the Unborn, located at the top of Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. Fr. Petro will lead the Rosary. All the faithful are invited to attend.

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 winner of the September HNS Match the Daily Number raffle is John Lizak, #626. Congratulations!

“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 First Saturday Rosary religious items are available in the narthex.

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. Parishioner Scott Hilenski, the owner of Memento Mortuos Memorial Maintenance, is being financially sponsored by our Holy Name Society to accomplish this task. If you would like to help Scott accomplish this special work, visit his website <https://www.nepacemeterycare.com/> to see his contact information. If you are unable to physically assist in our cemetery project but would like to make a monetary 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. Volunteers are needed to work on Tuesday, October 8 and Friday, October 11 from 3 to 6 p.m. - please park on Lackawanna Ave. and bring a good shovel.

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.

“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.

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.

Monday (Oct. 7) Our Lady of the Rosary

7:30 am Susan Matthews
by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Purdy

Tuesday (Oct. 8) Weekday

7:30 am Thomas O’Donovan
by Betty Belles

Wednesday (Oct. 9) St. Denis and Companions

7:30 am Intentions of Fr. Ruth
by Agnes McLaud

Thursday (Oct. 10) Weekday

7:30 am Deceased of the Lopata family
by Robert Lopata

Friday (Oct. 11) Weekday

7:30 am Gloria Kolankiewicz
by Edward and Julie Chernouskas

Saturday (Oct. 12) Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm George Vojta
by Ed and Carolyn Klimek

Sunday (Oct. 13) Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Arlene Skrzysowski
by Ed and Carole Vogue and daughter
10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”
Last Sunday: \$3,873.15
Building Fund: \$204.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society: \$700.00
School Support: \$739.00
Care and Education of Priests / Sept.: \$367.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *Deceased members of the Anna and John Bartush, Sr. family, by daughters, MaryAnn and Barbara*
Blessed Mother: *Frances Gregoris, by John and Amy Renfer*
St. Therese: *Mary Ellen Wengen, by Patti Stonikinis*

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of the deceased members of the Anna and John Bartush, Sr. family, by daughters, MaryAnn Ruane and Barbara Vitale.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct. 5, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
- Oct. 6, 9:30am, Blessing of pets, picnic grove
- Oct. 6, 11:30am, Mock baby shower, hall
- Oct. 7, 6pm, CCM meeting, hall
- Oct. 8, 3-6pm, Tombstone Project volunteers meet, cemetery
- Oct. 10, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
- Oct. 13, 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 8 assists

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

Oct. 5-6
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: Collins family
8:30am: EM: B. Jones, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
10:30am: EM: B. Purdy, Lector: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
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

An Organ Concert for All Hallows Eve will be held on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 2pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston. Parish organist and music director Michael Sowa will present this program featuring organ music that is both powerful and peaceful for the upcoming celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, with a little bit of Halloween mischief, just for fun. Readings about death and life and the celebrations of these days will be read. A free-will offering will be accepted.

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. Faithful people have turned to him as a powerful intercessor since the earliest days of the Church. We will 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.