

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.

✠ Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ November 17, 2024 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

The women of our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will gather for an evening of prayer and fellowship on Monday, December 2, at 6 p.m. in our church. The evening will begin with a period of Eucharistic Adoration, during which I will give a homily on “how to pray better.” The rosary will be prayed in common, and then following Adoration new officers will be installed, new members welcomed and members who have achieved their 70th birthday will be gifted with a rosary. This evening is meant to help set a prayerful tone for the season of Advent and spiritually prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. The ladies will then convene in the church hall where a very brief meeting will take place followed by an extended social gathering over food and drink.

Each active CCM member is expected to bring to this evening of prayer and fellowship at least one other woman who is not an active CCM member. These guests may be daughters, sisters, mothers, friends, neighbors or acquaintances. They may be either active Catholics or inactive. These guests may attend our church, another church or no church. The purpose of this evening is to personally encourage other women to become fuller disciples of Jesus Christ. Of course, if you are a woman who is interested in participating in this evening but have not yet been invited by a CCM member, please consider this letter to be your personal invitation from ME. I’d be honored if you were “my guest” – just introduce yourself to me at the social. I think this evangelization attempt by our ladies has the potential to bear some good fruit!

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

Free 2025 liturgical calendars are available. These calendars, printed by the Catholic Church Extension Society, benefit the Church’s missionary efforts in the United States. They have been generously donated to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church by the Lokuta-Zawacki Funeral Home, Dupont. These beautiful calendars feature each month Catholic artistic images. They list all solemnities, feasts and memorials of the liturgical calendar as well as the color of the vestments worn each day, the days of fast and abstinence, and the holy days of obligation. Every Catholic household should have one!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Come sing your favorite Thanksgiving hymns and participate in this ultimate act of thanksgiving before turning to your family celebrations later in the day.

Thursday, November 28, 9:00 a.m.

The Parish Office will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. The office will reopen Monday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 a.m.

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, Nov. 24. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and continue until the beginning of the 10:30 a.m. Mass. The Feast of Christ the King is a day when we focus on Christ reigning, enthroned in heaven, King of Heaven and Earth for all time. It reminds us that Jesus is the source and center of our lives. This day also marks the end of our liturgical year. The following Sunday we begin anew with the First Sunday of Advent. Did you know that Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to respond to growing nationalism and secularism? He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. Come adore our Eucharistic King on November 24!

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: \$8,605.

Homebound parishioners are reminded that they may have Holy Communion brought to them on the First Friday of each month by calling the Parish Office and requesting this service. The sacraments of confession and anointing of the sick are offered to all homebound parishioners every Advent and Lent. Fr. Petro will visit the homebound this December 6.

The annual Christmas Cookie Walk will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in our church hall! We are looking for volunteer bakers to help supply homemade baked goodies. Please prepare a double or triple batch of your best kind of cookie/candy. Use the sign-up sheet located in narthex or contact Tammy Satkowski, 457-3855, to register the type of cookie. Cookies may be dropped off at the church hall on Friday, Dec. 13, between 6 and 8 p.m. or Saturday, Dec. 14, from 8 to 10 a.m. **Donate lottery tickets!** In conjunction with the Cookie Walk, there will also be a lottery ticket basket raffle. If anyone would like to donate lottery ticket(s) for the basket, please place the lottery ticket(s) in an envelope labeled “CCM-Lottery Tickets” and place in the collection basket. Tickets will need to be received by December 8. Call Tammy to volunteer to work at the Cookie Walk.

The Knights of Columbus Council 372 and catechist Gary Beccaloni thank everyone who donated items to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. All of the food was given to the needy of our area with great appreciation. A special thank you to our 4th and 5th grade students who worked so diligently as well as all of our other CCD students and parishioners who helped to make it a great success.

The oplatki, the traditional Eastern European Christmas Eve wafers, will be blessed during the 4 pm Mass on Nov. 30. *The oplatki will be available after that Mass to mark the start of Advent.* The offering is \$3 per wafer envelope.

Beginning the first weekend of Advent, we will be using the Mass of Charity and Love music setting for the sung parts of the Mass. The Mass of St. Francis will debut for the Christmas season.

Save the date: A Red Cross blood drive will be held in our church hall on Wednesday, December 18. Go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your blood donation in Dupont.

A St. Nicholas Party will be held by our parish Holy Name Society on Wed., Dec. 4 at 6 pm in the church hall. All HNS members are invited to attend *and are asked to make their reservation with Greg Zawacki by calling 947-8200.*

HNS Match the Daily Number raffle: \$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 Holy Name Society member. The winning ticket must be presented. If you have the winning number, call HNS president Greg Zawacki, 570-947-8200. The winning number for October is 819.

CCD News: CCD classes will be canceled on Dec. 1 for Thanksgiving break. Classes resume Dec. 8.

A “**New Sock Drive**” is being sponsored by our 6th and 7th grade CCD students under the direction of Harry Lyons, their catechist. Mr. Lyons is the Director of Mother Teresa’s Haven, a homeless shelter program that is operated by the Diocese of Scranton’s Catholic Social Services. He and his class are conducting this drive for homeless men. It will supply the men with new, warm socks during these frigid winter months. Please support this worthwhile “New Sock Drive.” It begins the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, and runs until January 5, the Epiphany. Any size or color men’s socks are appreciated. Deposit your donation in either the bin in the church narthex or the bin in the Sunday school.

Our church organ has been repaired! After a few weeks of being taken out of service, it has now returned to us better than ever. Please enjoy its joyful sounds and, as always, join in the singing.

Advent Concert Series: you are cordially invited to a series of classical piano music reflections which will take place in our church. These reflections are intended to show forth God’s Beauty, as has been illustrated throughout the centuries in musical art form. There will be three pre-mass recitals. Each recital will illustrate a different time period of classical music throughout the centuries. We will focus on the three most well-known time periods, namely the Baroque Era, the Classical Era, and the Romantic Era. The first recital will take place on Sunday, Dec. 1, at 10 a.m. This recital will focus on the Baroque Era of classical music and will feature preludes, fugues, and other works by Johann Sebastian Bach. The second recital, which will take place on Sunday, Dec. 8, at 10 a.m., will focus on the classical era of music and will feature excerpts of piano sonatas of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Ludwig Van Beethoven, among others. Finally, the third recital, to be held on Gaudete Sunday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m., will illustrate the romantic era of classical music and feature the works of Russian composer Sergei Rachmaninov and German composer Johannes Brahms. These recitals will be performed by Mr. Anthony J. George, Jr., our Parish Music Director/Organist who studied piano performance under the renowned concert pianist, Thomas Hrynkiw. We sincerely hope that you will take advantage of these opportunities during Advent to spiritually prepare for the Nativity of Our Lord.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated December 8. This year, December 8 will fall on a Sunday - specifically the Second Sunday of Advent. As a result, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, December 9. Bishop Bambera has granted a dispensation to the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Monday, December 9. However, everyone is strongly encouraged to attend Mass on Monday, December 9, or do some form of extra prayer, like the Rosary. Mass will be offered in our church on December 9 at 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for those who wish to celebrate this special feast of Our Lady.

We welcome new members! If you are interested in registering as a member of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, please complete a census form and return it to the parish office. Forms can be found on the table in the church narthex.

Our parish adult choir and cantors practice on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the church choir loft. New members are encouraged to attend - contact Anthony George, music director, if you are interested.

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.

Our parish fundraiser with Rada Cutlery continues this Christmas, offering you their famous knives, kitchen utensils, baking pans and more. Rada Manufacturing Company has made and sold over 150,000,000 knives since 1948. Rada Knives are 100% Made in the USA. When you order anything from their catalog, our parish receives a monthly check for 40% of all sales that have been obtained via the link on our parish website! Parishioners are asked to access Rada via the homepage of the parish website (www.sacredheartdupont.com) and click on the tab that says “Order Here.” The first time you click on the tab, a box will come up asking “Do you want your order to support Sacred Heart of Jesus Church?” Click “YES” and then you will be taken to the Rada Cutlery website where you can view and order their products. In order for the parish to receive a commission on any online sale, orders must be made via this tab on the website. When ordering online, payment is made directly to Rada and the order will be delivered to your home.

If the Mass you are attending is requested by you or a family member, and you wish to participate in the Offertory Procession of the gifts, please see the ushers before Mass begins.

Monday (Nov. 18) Dedication of Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul

7:30 am Deceased members of the Halat family
by family

Tuesday (Nov. 19) Weekday

7:30 am Walter and Sophia Wenzinowich
by daughter, MaryAnn Pistack

Wednesday (Nov. 20) Weekday

7:30 am Richard and Arlene Sable
by family

Thursday (Nov. 21) Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am Thomas Skrzysowski, Sr.
by daughter, Joan

Friday (Nov. 22) St. Cecilia

7:30 am Joseph Cronick
by Lynn and Jerry Stanco

Saturday (Nov. 23) Vigil: Solemnity of Christ the King

4:00 pm Bruno Marcellini, Jr.
by wife, children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren

Sunday (Nov. 24) Solemnity of Christ the King

8:30 am John Bryk
by Walter Bryk and family
10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”
Last Sunday: \$5,215.33
Building Fund: \$483.00.00
Fuel: \$381.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: *John T. Eustice, by Ron and Sharon Ziobro and family*
Blessed Mother: *intentions of Autumn Sohal, by grandma and grandpa*
St. Therese: *intentions of Ava Sohal, by grandma and grandpa*
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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday *are donated in memory of George Gayza, by daughter, Marian.*
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The altar flowers *this weekend are donated in memory of George Gayza, by daughter, Marian.*

UPCOMING EVENTS
Nov. 28, 9am, Thanksgiving Day Mass, church
Dec. 2, 6pm, CCM meeting, church
Dec. 4, 7pm, HNS meeting, hall
Dec. 5, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
Dec. 6, 7:30 am, 1 st Friday Mass and devotions, church
Dec. 7, 2:45-3:45pm, 1 st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
Dec. 12, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
Dec. 15, 10:30am, CCD Mass, grades 4 and 5 assist

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
Nov. 16-17
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: J. Klenner, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
8:30am: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: C. Purdy
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
Nov. 23-24: Solemnity of Christ the King
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: Collins family
8:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, Lector: C. Purdy, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, C., E. & J. Toalongo

The Fuel Envelope appears in your envelope pack each November to help defray the cost of heating our church buildings during the winter months. Please be as generous as your means allow in contributing to this important collection that directly benefits us.

The Slovak Heritage Society of Northeastern PA will celebrate the Feast of St. Nicholas on Sunday, Dec.8, at St. Ignatius Loyola Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston, at 2pm. An afternoon filled with song and storytelling of past Slovak Christmas traditions will take place, with a social to follow. Everyone is invited.

Cemetery clean-up: All families of those buried in Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Cemetery are asked to be sure their graves are cleaned for the winter by removing all old decorations and dead flowers.

Be aware of Scams! As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, please do not respond to emails or texts claiming to be from one of the priests or staff from any of the parishes in the diocese requesting gift cards or other donations.