

# 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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## ✠ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ♦ November 24, 2024 ✠

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

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

Please see below our weekly progress report for the 2024 Diocesan Annual Appeal supporting Catholic Ministries throughout the Diocese of Scranton. Each week the diocese provides me with updates of our parish's progress to goal and potential rebates, along with a comprehensive listing of those who have donated to the Appeal and requested that our parish receive credit. *I give my personal thanks to those who have provided their generous financial support for this year's Appeal.* This information is current as of November 16 and provides the most up-to-date metrics of progress toward our parish goal and potential rebates. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the information contained in this report, please contact Mr. Joseph Strubeck, Diocesan Secretary for Development: (570) 207-2250, or [jstrubeck@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:jstrubeck@dioceseofscranton.org)

Thank you for everything you do to support Catholic Ministries throughout the Church of Scranton!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Petro

Dupont DAA 2024 Goal: \$32,953.00

Total Committed: \$8,880.00 (% to Goal: 26.95%)

Balance to Achieve Goal: \$24,073.00

Expected Rebate: \$0.00 (75% of Dollars Raised over DAA 2024 Goal)

**Free “Word Among Us” booklets** for daily meditation use during the Advent season are available in the church narthex.

**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 close at noon on Wednesday, Nov. 27 and remain closed through 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. This day also marks the end of our liturgical year. The following Sunday we begin anew with the First Sunday of Advent. A partial indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly recite the Act of Dedication to Christ the King. This indulgence will be a plenary one when this Act is publicly recited on the solemnity of Christ the King, which we will do on November 24.

**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 women of our Confraternity of Christian Mothers** will gather for an evening of prayer and fellowship on Monday, Dec. 2, at 6 p.m. in our church. 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 a social gathering. *Each active CCM member is expected to bring to this evening of prayer and fellowship at least one other woman who is not a member.*

**During the 4 p.m. Vigil Mass** in our church on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30, the Advent Wreath will be blessed and lit following the General Intercessions. The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which are inserted four candles, three are violet and one is rose. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent and the number of candles lighted each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent. We encourage our parish families to place an Advent Wreath in their home and anticipate the coming of Christ's birth by praying this tradition.

**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 Dec. 8.

**Our annual Christmas COOKIE WALK** will be Saturday, Dec. 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church hall. Choose from dozens of delicious homemade cookies available for \$10 a pound. Try your luck at winning a lottery ticket theme basket or the 50/50 raffle just in time for Christmas! Be aware that this will not be a nut free environment.

**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](http://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 winner for the October drawing was Lori Strauch.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Pre-Mass classical music recollections** will be offered three times: Dec. 1, Dec. 8, and Dec. 15, each at 10am. 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. 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 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 are happy to welcome** to our parish Joseph Jones of Dupont. A warm welcome to our newest parishioner!

**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](http://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.

**Are you interested** in the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? If you are interested in entering the Church, please contact Fr. Petro.

**A Christmas Organ Concert and Sing-Along** will be held on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston. This family-friendly event with organ music and carol singing for the Advent and Christmas seasons will be led by organist Michael Sowa, director of music at St. John the Evangelist Church. A free-will offering will be accepted and refreshments will follow in the church basement.

**Peace in the Womb Christmas Caroling** will be sponsored by the Order of Alhambra on Dec. 15 at 2pm outside Planned Parenthood, 101 N. Main St., Wilkes-Barre. All are invited to join them singing carols and sharing hope where it is needed most. For more details, call Ada Magni at 570-693-1338.

**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 (Nov. 25) St. Catherine of Alexandria**

7:30 am Edward Pistack  
by wife, MaryAnn, and family

**Tuesday (Nov. 26) Weekday (34<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time)**

7:30 am Daniel Tetlak  
by Bridget and Michael Brogan

**Wednesday (Nov. 27) Weekday**

7:30 am Frank and Mary Kivak  
by children

**Thursday (Nov. 28) Weekday (Thanksgiving Day)**

9:00 am Deceased of the Battista and Morreale families  
by AnnMarie Devlin

**Friday (Nov. 29) Weekday**

7:30 am Kenadee Hoffman  
by grandparents

**Saturday (Nov. 30) Vigil: First Sunday of Advent**

4:00 pm Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

**Sunday (Dec. 1) First Sunday of Advent**

8:30 am Richard Belles, Sr.  
by Margaret and Joseph Wilk  
10:30 am Living and deceased clergy  
by Tina Petcaugh

*“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”*  
**Last Sunday:** \$4,226.39  
**Building Fund:** \$114.00  
**Fuel:** \$60.00  
**Campaign for Human Development:** \$234.00  
*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*  
Tabernacle: Frank, Dolores and Dee Ruda, by family  
Blessed Mother: intentions of Ava Sohal, by grandma and grandpa  
St. Therese: intentions of Autumn Sohal, by grandma and grandpa  
St. Francis: Kenadee Hoffman, by grandparents

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*The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of the deceased members of the Battista and Morreale families, by AnnMarie Devlin.*  
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*The altar flowers this weekend are donated in memory of Edward Pistack, by wife, Maryann, and family.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Nov. 28, 9am, Thanksgiving Day Mass, church  
Dec. 2, 6pm, CCM holy hour/social, church  
Dec. 4, 7pm, HNS meeting, hall  
Dec. 5, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft  
Dec. 6, 7:30 am, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass and devotions, church  
Dec. 7, 2:45-3:45pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Adoration/devotions, church  
Dec. 12, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

<b>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</b>
<b>Nov. 23-24: Solemnity of Christ the King</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: Collins family
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: M. Moletsky, Lector: C. Purdy, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, C., E. & J. Toalongo
<b>Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Day</b>
<b>9am:</b> Lector: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, A. & J. Rupprecht
<b>Nov. 30-Dec. 1</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: B. Jones, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: Collins family
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: 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.

**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.

**The following resources** are available for those healing after an abortion: Project Rachel Helpline (for help after an abortion), 888-456-HOPE; The abortion reversal treatment hotline (reversing the pill that kills), 877-558-0333; ProLife Across America (for pregnancy help), 800-366-7773; Infinite Worth (24 hour nurse chat for unexpected pregnancies), 319-541-4241.