

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.

✠ The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord ♦ January 12, 2025 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

On August 31, 2022, Bishop Bambera signed a decree instituting “Norms for Annual Parish Financial Reporting” which are to be considered law in the Diocese of Scranton. Each year beginning in 2023, on the second weekend in January, every parish in the Diocese is required to publish a five-year financial trend analysis in its bulletin, which includes a narrative to help people understand the document. I, along with our Parish Finance Council, have reviewed the five-year trend for accuracy. Thank you, as always, for your generous stewardship of our parish. I hope that this report included in today’s bulletin provides you with a better understanding of the financial situation of our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

The Christmas Crib remains in our church until Candlemas. It can be found near the BVM side altar. Falling exactly 40 days after Christmas, Candlemas was observed as the official end of Christmas in medieval times. In some countries it is not unusual to retain some Christmas decorations until Candlemas on Feb. 2. Pope St. John Paul II would make his last visit to the crib in St. Peter’s Square after celebrating the evening Mass on Feb. 2. After this visit the Nativity scene was dismantled. Consider making a visit to our crib this year!

The Church celebrates the solemn *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord* on Feb. 2. This feast recalls the day on which Jesus Christ was presented in the temple by Mary and Joseph. According to ancient tradition, candles are blessed on this day, both those used in the church and the home. In accordance with the liturgy for the day, special candles will be blessed at Mass for the faithful to take home and use. The candles will be blessed in a special ritual with a procession at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, February 2. The blessed candles may be obtained after the Mass for a donation of \$4 for a box of two “Candlemas” candles.

The Church celebrates the *Feast of St. Blaise* on Feb. 3 Using candles blessed at the Mass of the Presentation of the Lord, throats will be blessed after all weekend Masses Feb. 1/2, as well as Feb. 3.

Requests for 2024 Contribution Statements for tax purposes can be made by contacting Kathy at the parish office.

A 2025 picnic planning meeting will take place Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 6pm in the church hall. All parishioners are invited to it!

Confirmation parent meeting: January 26, 9:15 a.m. in the school.

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

Jan. 11-12

4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: J. Klenner, Acolyte: Collins family

8:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons

10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht

Super Bowl Sunday HNS Hoagie Sale

Pick up date: Sunday, February 9, 9am – 12pm in the church hall.

Please return this form with payment to the Parish Office no later than February 3.

\$9 each: All hoagies are 10 inches long and come with lettuce & tomato. Special orders cannot be taken.

Please write quantity of each on the line provided:

ITALIAN: _____

TURKEY AND AMERICAN CHEESE: _____

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order.

Payment must accompany all orders. Thank you!

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Jan. 13) St. Hilary (First Week in Ordinary Time)

7:30 am Helen Golya

by daughter, Jackie

Tuesday (Jan. 14) Weekday

7:30 am Intentions of the Silla family

by Scott Hilenski

Wednesday (Jan. 15) Weekday

7:30 am Michael and Elizabeth Casey

by Betty Belles

Thursday (Jan. 16) Weekday

7:30 am Daniel and Margaret Gusinski

by Gene, Sharon, Bob Bartosiewicz & Megan Gusinski

Friday (Jan. 17) St. Anthony the Abbot

7:30 am Faye Chmiel

by Joseph and Kathy

Saturday (Jan. 18) Vigil: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm Frank Gemzik

by Richard Bekanich and Connie Marcellini

Sunday (Jan. 19) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Joseph Skrzysowski

by son, Paul

10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”

Last Sunday: \$8,853.00

Building Fund: \$481.00

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God: \$1,312.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle: *Deceased members of the Anna and John Bartusch, Sr. family, by daughters, MaryAnn and Barbara*

Blessed Mother: *Sophia & Walter Wenzinowich, by MaryAnn Pistack*

St. Joseph: *Thomas Skrzysowski, Jr., by sister, Joan Vogue*

St. Therese: *Anthony Caltagirone, by wife and children*

St. Francis: *Joan Jemiola, by Judy Hartigan*



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 12, 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 3 assists

Jan. 15, 6pm, 2025 Polish Picnic meeting, hall

Jan. 16, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

A Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice will be celebrated Wed., Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. in the lower church of St. Ann’s Basilica, 1233 St. Ann St., Scranton, to mark the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. All area faithful are invited to attend this evening of prayer and penance for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and end to abortion. This Mass is sponsored by the Scranton Section of the Eastern Lieutenancy of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and will be celebrated by Fr. Petro, Section Prior. For details, visit www.cohsjscranton.org

**Parish Financial Report
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Dupont
TREND ANALYSIS**

	Fiscal Year July 1 - June 30				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenue					
Collections	307,592	312,332	294,627	290,764	277,959
Faith Formation Fees	2,085	2,192	2,017	1,693	2,196
Fundraising/Development	1,093	63,551	18,881	22,017	63,924
Other Income	45,058	35,640	36,191	28,232	28,668
Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan	5,000	-	-	-	-
Transfers Savings Account/Other	92,752	51,237	122,658	46,413	72,652
Diocesan Special Collections	10,681	10,028	9,758	5,282	6,287
Total Revenue	464,261	474,979	484,132	394,401	451,686
Expenses					
Administration	161,208	158,413	147,828	135,765	142,245
Rectory	25,311	25,012	23,632	22,405	115,367
Liturgy	23,345	23,935	23,695	20,451	20,044
Faith Formation	40,723	9,379	9,242	9,373	11,131
Social Justice	29	-	-	-	-
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	31,091	17,239	33,180	32,585	32,143
Fixed Expense	27,822	25,671	24,429	23,465	22,605
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlays	66,828	203,149	132,982	3,851	10,428
Designated Ministry Expenses /Transfers Out	5,000	-	-	-	-
Catholic School Assessment	51,000	49,692	54,048	65,215	45,754
Diocesan Special Collections Remittance	10,681	10,028	9,758	5,266	6,274
Total Expense	443,038	522,517	458,794	318,376	405,991
Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis	21,223	255	25,337	76,025	45,695
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	**(SEE NOTE)**	(158)	2,745	(2,844)	9,895
Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)	21,066	3,000	22,493	85,920	35,644
NOTE					
Outstanding Diocesan Obligations could include: Diocesan assessments, School assessments, health insurance, self-insurance, pension and other expenses.					
End of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	412	255	3,000	156	10,051
Beginning of Year Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	255	3,000	-156	10,051	-
(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations	(158)	2,745	(2,844)	9,895	(10,051)
Diocesan Loan/Debt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Understanding Your Parish Financial Report

Revenue

- **Collections** include all offertory envelopes, online giving and loose collections, including for holidays, Holy Days and any special collection (flowers) envelopes.
- **Faith Formation Fees** include all registration and program fees for both faith formation and adults programs.
- **Fundraising/Development** includes any gifts or donations that are not regular parish offertory, bequests and memorials, parish activities (dinners, picnics, bingo, lottery, etc.), donations from parish societies and any parish rebate from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (75% over goal is refunded to the parish).
- **Other Income** includes rental of facilities, insurance refunds, interest income, sale of assets, funeral/wedding perquisites or any other income.
- **Designated Income/Grants/PPP Loan** includes donations or grants specifically earmarked for a designated purpose, reimbursements from linked parishes to help cover expenses and any Paycheck Protection Plan grant income.
- **Transfers Savings Account/Other** includes transfers from bank accounts that are excluded from operating income or have already been reported as operating income.
- **Diocesan Special Collections** are special collections (Care & Education of Priests or Emergency collections following a natural disaster) which get remitted back to the Diocese.

Expenses

- **Administration** includes clergy salary and benefits, office staff salary and benefits, administrative expenses, telephone, computer services, postage, printing, envelopes and the Cathedralium (9.5% parish assessment to the Diocese) and Clergy Care and Wellness Assessment.
- **Rectory** expenses include the costs to run and maintain the rectory, as well as household expenses for the pastor(s).
- **Liturgy** includes salaries and benefits for musicians and liturgical staff including directors, musicians and sacristans. This also includes all liturgical equipment and supplies (printed materials, candles, flowers, decorations, etc.)
- **Faith Formation** includes salaries and benefits of faith formation director and staff, including family and/or youth director. This also includes the cost of all textbooks and supplies, retreats, etc.
- **Social Justice** includes all social justice salaries and benefits, as well as the cost of all social justice expenses.
- **Operation & Maintenance of Plant** includes salaries and benefits of all maintenance staff. This also includes the occupancy costs of the parish buildings, including electricity, heat, water, cleaning, janitorial, repairs and maintenance, and any plant and maintenance supplies.
- **Fixed Expense** includes insurance premiums from the Diocesan self-insured program for property, liability and workers compensation, real estate taxes (if any) and rental of facilities.
- **Debt Service** includes the interest and principal payments paid on outstanding parish debt.
- **Capital Outlays** includes any major repairs on the parish building or site or any new construction costs.
- **Designated Expenses/Transfers Out** includes all expenses designated for a specific purpose (i.e., food pantry) or transfers out to savings/building fund.
- **Catholic School Assessments** paid are included here. These represent the parish's portion allocated for the support of the Diocese of Scranton Catholic School System which are 14.5% for a parish with a Catholic School in its county and 8% if there is no school in its county.
- **Diocesan Special Collections Remittance** are the remittals of the Diocesan collections above.

Parish Surplus/(Deficit) - CASH Basis

- This line represents the increase or decrease in parish cash balances from the beginning of the year to the end of the year on a CASH BASIS based on actual expenses paid.

(Increase)/Decrease in Unpaid Diocesan Obligations

- This amount represents the change in the parish's unpaid obligations over the year. If there is an increase in unpaid obligations, this number will be negative. If the parish reduced its unpaid obligations, this will be a positive number.

Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit)

- This value is the sum of the Parish Surplus/(Deficit) and the (Increase)/decrease of Unpaid Diocesan Obligations. The cash balance represents the net effect of operating activity on a cash basis. If a parish is current on all of its obligation, there would be no difference between the Cash and ACTUAL Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit). However, if a parish is unable to stay current on its obligations, the increase of unpaid obligations will reduce their CASH Basis Net Surplus/(Deficit) by the amount of the increase in unpaid Diocesan obligations. **This Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) reflects a parish's true ability to pay its current obligations.**

Outstanding Diocesan Obligations

- This section highlights the change in a parish's unpaid Diocesan obligations over each fiscal year. If a parish has an increase in unpaid obligations for the year, this will result in a lower Actual Parish Net Surplus/(Deficit) as these are an annual obligation of the parish that was not paid in the current year.

Diocesan Loan/Debt

- This is the amount of outstanding loans of the parish.