

# 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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✠ **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **January 26, 2025** ✠

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

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The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

In 2025, during the eight Sundays of Ordinary Time during the winter, we hear St. Luke's record of the beginnings of Our Lord's public ministry. Throughout this liturgical year, St. Luke's Gospel invites us to listen with our ears and hearts tuned to experience the life of Jesus. Most of our first readings will come from the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah. Each first reading highlights an aspect of the Sunday Gospel. Isaiah focuses us on the Good News of God's great love. The passages from Jeremiah remind us of how God forms and calls us, even before our birth. The reading from Nehemiah on the Third Sunday recounts God's Law and the joyful reception of it by the people.

Our psalms pick up a theme from the First Reading and lead us to the Gospel. The psalms of this season are full of joy and trust in God. By chanting the psalms in response to the cantor, we express our love of God's word and our desire to proclaim it. When we sing the psalm at Mass, we are singing God's praises! Please do your very best to sing the psalm response each Sunday.

The second readings offer us teachings from the earliest New Testament books. In this season we will hear from Hebrews and part of 1 Corinthians. St. Paul stresses that God calls us to live in communion with one another and with Him, and to love one another as ourselves. We are invited to reaffirm our faith in Christ's Resurrection and our own.

These first weeks of Ordinary Time allow us to be caught up in the excitement of the events that occurred at the start of Our Lord's public life and ministry. We follow Jesus as he announces the key aspects of His ministry. St. Luke will show us how Jesus performs his first miracle, meets his first rejection, calls His disciples, and preaches the Sermon on the Plain. This invitation to discipleship takes us into the Season of Lent. Let us be attentive to the Liturgy of the Word this season!

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Petro

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**2025 Polish Picnic - Friday, June 27, 5 to 9 p.m. & Saturday, June 28, 5 to 9 p.m.** Our annual picnic is a family-friendly ethnic food festival that corresponds with the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. All parishioners are invited to the next picnic meeting on Wednesday, February 12, at 6 p.m. in the church hall. Come to this meeting to learn more about the positive changes taking place to our picnic. This year's chairmen are Charyl Nagy, Joe Petro and Liz Tomko. They are currently in search of volunteers to help work the picnic. Please let them know that they can count on you to help with the many tasks required to run a successful picnic.

**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. This feast, also commemorated as the Fourth Joyful Mystery of the Rosary, celebrates Jesus as the Light of revelation to all the nations. 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. Families have customarily lit them at the table for Easter and Christmas dinner, for sacramental visits of Holy Communion and Holy Anointing, and for blessed protection in lightning storms and power outages. 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. He was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia in the fourth century. Before being martyred, he is said to have healed a boy who was choking. He is venerated today as the patron of those who suffer from diseases of the throat. Using candles blessed the day before at the Mass of the Presentation of the Lord, the faithful will be blessed through the intercession of St. Blaise. Throats will be blessed after all weekend Masses February 1/2, as well as on February 3.

**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!

**Our Ash Wednesday Potato Pancake & Lenten Food Sale** will be held on Wed., March 5, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the church garage. Our Holy Name Society will make haluski, and our CCM will provide pierogi. If anyone would like to volunteer to make meatless soups, or volunteer in any way, call Charyl Nagy: 570-540-5478. This number accepts messages. Please give your name if texting. Food will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

**The Parish Office will be closed** on Tuesday, Jan. 28. The office will reopen on Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 8:30am.

**First Saturday** is Feb. 1. It is very important in these times to pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, and make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Mary's Immaculate Heart. A Eucharistic Holy Hour will be held on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 2:45 to 3:45 pm in our church. All are invited to pray in preparation for the 4 pm Mass.

**ADULT ACOLYTES NEEDED:** our parish is now in the process of recruiting adult men to serve as acolytes at Mass. They would be principally used to serve funeral Masses and other liturgies when youth altar servers are unavailable. We already have a few men but could use more. They would also help serve weekday Mass when needed. No prior experience is necessary, but it's a benefit if you learned to serve Mass "in the good old days!" Please contact Fr. Petro if you are interested in volunteering for this apostolate.

**Once a young adult parishioner turns eighteen**, it is proper that regular adult envelopes are requested for them. They will be given their own contribution number and envelopes will be mailed to them just like their parents. All adults, from age 18 and up, are requested to support their parish by donating their monthly dues, which are currently \$6.00. This is considered the bare minimum of financial support expected for "active parishioners." When requesting a sponsor card for baptism or confirmation, seeking to celebrate matrimony, or desiring burial in our parish cemetery, one must be an active parishioner, i.e., one who practices the Faith and supports their parish. If you are 18 years of age or older, and are not currently receiving contribution envelopes, please notify Kathy at the parish office so that your census information may be updated.

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

**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!*

If your child attends Catholic school and is anticipated to receive the Sacraments of First Penance (March 1) and First Communion (May 4) or Confirmation (June 8), be sure they are registered in our CCD program.

Raffle tickets for the Holy Name Society “300 Club” are available from any member. The deadline for ticket returns is March 9. Tickets can be dropped in the collection basket in a marked envelope. Drawings will take place during Lent. **The Match the Daily Number raffle** continues! \$5 will give you a chance to win by matching your numbers to the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3. The winner with the exact matching number of the Pick 3 (excluding the wild ball) will win \$250. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any Holy Name Society member.

The annual dues for membership in our parish’s Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Holy Name Society are collected during the month of January. Please make use of your labeled contribution envelope in the mailing. All dues are deposited directly into each organization’s account.

A Great Resource for Catholic Married Couples and for Catholic Families! ([www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)) This website is a fantastic resource. Check this site out for the holiness of your own marriage.

**Our parish fundraiser with Rada Cutlery** continues this Christmas. You 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.” For the parish to receive a commission on any online sale, orders must be made via this tab on the website.

**The 2024-25 Catholic Ministries Appeal:** All parishioners are asked to contribute to the Appeal and fill out a card in the narthex indicating their pledge and place it in the collection basket. Our parish goal is \$32,953. Raised to date: \$18,275.00.

**Wyoming Area Catholic School** is hosting an Open House on Sunday, Jan. 26, from 12 to 2pm at 1690 Wyoming Ave., Exeter. This is an opportunity to visit the school, meet the faculty and staff, and learn more about the programs and services they offer. The school is also accepting registrations for the 2025-26 school year.

**The faithful who attend Mass without music**, such as weekday Mass, are asked to recite the Entrance and Communion antiphons as part of their participation in the liturgy. These antiphons (or songs) are found in the hymnal. The Entrance antiphon is recited by the people as soon as they stand after the bell is rung and the priest and server process into the sanctuary. The Communion antiphon is recited by the people as soon as the priest consumes the Host.

**Parish families are needed** to bring up the gifts of bread and wine in the offertory procession for the weekend Masses. Would you consider accepting this honor? *At least two volunteers are needed for each of the weekend Masses.*

**Beginning Experience of the Hudson Valley**, a Catholic ministry recognized by the NY Archdiocese Office of Family Life, will host two retreats for those who have lost a spousal relationship due to death, divorce, or separation: “In the Beginning: Coping with Life Alone” is a Zoom program held on Saturday, Feb. 22, 9am – 4pm. Registration is required, call 845-220-7883. “Healing Weekend” is a 48 hour in person retreat held at Mount Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY, March 28 to 30. Contact Gloria 646-281-4790.

**St. Maria Goretti Church**, Laflin Rd., Laflin, will host a Pasta Dinner on Sunday, Feb. 2, from 12 to 3pm in their hall. Dine in or take out. Includes salad, dinner roll and dessert for \$15. Tickets are available at the door.



**Monday (Jan. 27) St. Angela Merici**

7:30 am Gloria Scyrba  
 by Joseph, MaryJo and Jordan Cumbo

**Tuesday (Jan. 28) St. Thomas Aquinas**

7:30 am Mary and Frank Kivak  
 by children

**Wednesday (Jan. 29) Weekday**

7:30 am Albert Mihalka  
 by the Redman family and David Baldwin

**Thursday (Jan. 30) Weekday**

7:30 am Frank and Angeline Plis  
 by daughter and family

**Friday (Jan. 31) St. John Bosco**

7:30 am Concetta Battista  
 by granddaughter, AnnMarie Devlin

**Saturday (Feb. 1) Vigil: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm Intentions of Gene Bartosiewicz  
 by wife, Sharon

**Sunday (Feb. 2) The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)  
 10:30 am Living and deceased clergy  
 by Tina Petcaugh

*“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”*  
**Last Sunday:** \$4,601.39  
**Building Fund:** \$188.00  
**LA Wildfire Victims:** \$719.00  
*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*  
**Tabernacle:** intentions of Marie & Joe Pistack, by MaryAnn Pistack  
**Blessed Mother:** Anthony Pace, by Brian and Michele Moletsky  
**St. Joseph:** Michael Pramick, Jr., by Marcia Pramick  
**St. Therese:** special intention, by Liz Jones

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*The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Harold Wesley, by Nicole Papiercavich.*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Jan. 26, 9:15am, Confirmation parent meeting, school
- Jan. 29, 6pm, RCIA meeting, church hall
- Jan. 30, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
- Feb. 1, 2:45-3:45pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Adoration/devotions, church
- Feb. 2, Candlemas Day
- Feb. 2, 9:30am, First Penance meeting, school
- Feb. 6, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
- Feb. 7, 7:30 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, church
- Feb. 9, 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 1 assists
- Feb. 12, 6pm, Picnic meeting, church hall
- Feb. 13, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

**Liturgical Volunteer Schedule**

<b>Jan. 25-26</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, Lector: H. Vogue, Acolyte: Collins family
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: M. Moletsky, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: B. Jones, Lector: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
<b>Feb. 1-2</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: M. Moletsky, Lector: J. Klenner, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: C., E. & J. Toalongo

**During winter months** our health is always a concern, and we need to take precautions. Regarding the Sign of Peace, you are asked to please use your common sense. If you are not feeling well or are taking medicine for the flu, a cold, etc., a nod of the head with a smile or just a kind word is sufficient if you do not wish to shake hands. Thank you for your understanding.

**St. Joseph Mareello Parish**, 237 William St., Pittston, will hold their annual Big Prize Bingo on Sunday, Mar. 30, in the Parish Hall. Doors will open at 12:30pm and games will begin at 2pm. Prizes include home goods, outdoor items, purses and several cash prizes. Tickets cost: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets include 20 regular games. Special games and additional regular games will be available for purchase as well as bingo dabbers and other fun extras. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Call the Parish Office at 570-654-6902 to reserve your tickets. Tables will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis for parties of 8-10. Seating for parties of less than 8 will be on a first-come, first-served basis.