

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.

✠ Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time ♦ March 2, 2025 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

For the past few months, I have spoken openly to you about the VISION 2030 linkage of our parish with Queen of Apostles Parish, Avoca; I always answered questions after Mass and in parish meetings, where council or society members gather; and I have not spoken rumors in secret. If I was permitted to share any information with you, I often did so in the bulletin regarding the linkage which has been a topic of discussion in the Pittston deanery for the past couple of years. As indicated, this past Tuesday members of our Pastoral and Finance Councils met with diocesan representatives to learn of Bishop Bambera's plan to link our parish with the one in Avoca under the care of one pastor effective July 1, 2025.

You will find attached to this bulletin a letter from the Bishop announcing this parochial linkage. Please read the letter and ask me, or our council members, any questions you may have. This Lent will provide us a valuable opportunity to reflect on our relationship as brothers and sisters in Christ, and fellow members of the Church that Our Lord established, as we prepare to pray and serve together with our friends at Queen of Apostles Parish (St. Mary's Church). You will hear more about this from me in the time ahead. For now, know that I will appoint six of our parishioners to a Transition Team that will begin meeting Monday, April 28, with a diocesan representative to discuss all aspects of the linkage, especially the new Mass schedule. May the Holy Spirit guide each of us in the graced time ahead to discern carefully what charity demands.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Petro

ASH WEDNESDAY LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

March 5: 7:00 am – Mass
12:10 pm – Liturgy of the Word
4:00 pm – Liturgy of the Word
6:00 pm – Mass

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence from meat. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fasting prescribes that only one full meal be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but these taken should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from the 18th to the 59th birthday. Abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Abstinence obliges from the 14th birthday on.

Ash Wednesday Potato Pancake & Lenten Food Sale!

Wed, March 5, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., in the church garage
Potato pancakes: \$20/dozen. Meatless soups (seafood bisque, lentil, pasta fagioli, vegetable, Manhattan clam chowder): \$12/quart. Halushki: \$10/quart, \$5/pint. Pierogi (potato/cheese, cabbage): \$12 (farmer cheese) \$14. Food will be sold first-come, first-served. *This sale's profits will go to the expense of our church heating repairs.*

Volunteers are needed for our Ash Wednesday Lenten Food Sale. Our Holy Name Society will meet to make haluski on March 3 at 9 a.m. in the church hall. *Potato pancakes:* Volunteers are needed on Wednesday, March 5 at 6 a.m. in the church hall to help peel potatoes. Help is also needed that day by 10:30 am to help make the batter, fry potato pancakes, etc. Cleaning of the garage will begin March 6 at 10 am. If anyone would like to volunteer to make meatless soups, or volunteer in any way, call Charyl Nagy: 570-540-5478. Please give your name if texting.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed in common each Friday evening throughout Lent at 7 p.m. in our church. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will occur immediately after the Stations. You are invited to walk with Our Lord along the Way of Sorrows and gaze upon the beauty of his Presence. Do not miss the opportunity to be drawn closer to Him.

Free "Word Among Us" Lenten prayer booklets and "Magnificat Roman Missal Companion" books are offered on the table in the narthex to assist with your Lenten meditation.

A New Mass setting will be used for the season of Lent. It is the Latin setting for the people's sung responses at Mass.

The winner of the February HNS Match the Daily Number raffle is Louise Silla. Congratulations!

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in our church hall on Thursday, May 8, 12 - 4:30 p.m. Please save the date!

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, March 19, at 6 p.m. in the church hall. This year's chairmen are Charyl Nagy, Joe Petro and Liz Tomko.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU: on Mondays of Lent, Confessions will be heard in our church from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on these dates: March 10, 17, 24, 31 and Apr. 7. The deanery penance service will be on April 14, 6:30pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston.

A "Poor Man's Supper" will be held by our 8th grade Confirmation class on Fridays in March from 6 to 6:50 pm. This is a meatless potluck dinner and gathering for parishioners to come together in the hall before praying the Stations together. If you want to bring a Lenten dish, that is good; if not, just join us. March 7 speaker is Tommy Flynn who will talk about the youth group he is creating in the Pittston deanery. March 14 has Dr. Christopher Carr coming to talk about Purgatory, and March 21 is Dr. Jayne Klenner discussing faith-based counseling. March 28 is Dr. Carmina Chapp of the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker Farm, Harvey's Lake, who will talk about her farm and the Movement. All are invited, old and young!

Gorzkie zale, the traditional Polish-language Lenten devotion known as the "Bitter Lamentations," will be held on Sunday, April 6, at 3 pm in our church. The devotion is a sung reflection on the Passion of Christ and his Sorrowful Mother. Our choir will lead us in the singing. Msgr. Neil Van Loon, pastor of St. Paul Church, Scranton, will be the guest homilist. A light reception will follow in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

Consider attending weekday Mass during Lent, or at least on the penitential days of Wednesday and Friday, during this holy season.

New violet shoulder capes, or pellegrina, worn by our youth acolytes during Mass, have been donated to our church by Jolette Lyons in memory of her husband, Harry. They were made in Poland and are to be worn during Advent and Lent.

An upright freezer has been donated to our potato pancake garage by Michael Magda in memory of his brother and sister-in-law.

A life-sized wooden cross has been donated to our church by our Holy Name Society. It will now grace our church portico outside during Lent, along with a violet cloth and crown of thorns.

CCD News: First Penance will be celebrated on March 1 at 2:30 p.m. in the church; First Communion will be celebrated on May 4.

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Louis Zack, Sr. who was recently buried from our church.

Homemade Milk Chocolate Easter Egg Sale

~ 1 oz. eggs: 6 for \$12 and 4 oz. eggs: \$7 each ~

Pick-up date: April 12 & 13 after all Masses, in the church hall.
 Return this form with payment by dropping it in the collection basket no later than March 23. Please write quantity of each on the line:

PEANUT BUTTER: 1 oz. x _____ 4 oz. x _____

COCONUT CREAM: 1 oz. x _____ 4 oz. x _____

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order.
Payment must accompany all orders. Thank you! - CCM

An Easter Food Drive is being sponsored by our 3rd grade CCD students during Lent. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable foods to church and place them in the bin located in the narthex from March 5 until Sunday, March 30. This drive is done with the help of the Knights of Columbus, Council 372.

The Road to Resurrection schedule for Lent 2025

Thursday, March 6: Bishop Bambara's Holy Hour at 7 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston

Wednesday, March 12: Mass at 7 p.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont

Wednesday March 19 (Solemnity of St. Joseph): Mass at 7 p.m.

Oblates of St. Joseph Seminary, Laflin

Wednesday, March 26: Mass at 7 p.m.

St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin

Wednesday, April 2: Mass at 7 p.m.

St. Anthony of Padua Church, Exeter

Wednesday, April 9: Mass at 7 p.m.

Holy Rosary Church, Duryea

“**Rectory, Set, Cook!**”, a Catholic anti-hunger and anti-homelessness fundraising initiative, will soon begin! Scranton diocesan priests have volunteered to make cooking videos. Viewers are invited to vote for their favorite videos online by contributing \$10 per vote. *We hope you take a moment to watch and vote for “Team Dupont” as Seminarian Jeremy Barket joins Fr. Petro in the making of HALUSHKI. You can donate any time from March 4 through April 15, 2025.* All proceeds will benefit Catholic Social Services’ food kitchens, pantries, homeless shelters and our parish. To watch the video and place your vote, visit the diocesan website.

“**Hello from your parish seminarian!** I will be journeying Feb. 28 – Mar. 9 with St. Vincent Seminary on a “Footsteps of St. Paul Pilgrimage” through such places as Phillipi, Corinth, Thessalonica, Ephesus, and Athens. You can check out the trip website or subscribe for updates day-by-day from our trip: <https://bit.ly/svpaul25>. I want to especially thank the Diocese of Scranton and many in our Sacred Heart parish who support vocations through their prayers and financial gifts - it would not have been possible without you! Please pray that this trip will bless our future preaching ministry (especially on the letters of St. Paul) and inspire both our zeal and yours for proclaiming the saving truths of our faith to all the world.” – *Jeremy Barket*

MARRIAGE BANNS

III. **Ryan Orlandini**, our parish, to **Sarah Satkowski**, our parish, on May 16, 2025, in our church.

III. **Christopher DePrimo**, our parish, to **Katherine Stonikinis**, our parish, on June 14, 2025, in our church.

Holy Saturday Kolache Sale

~ Only \$15 each, freshly made by Bakery Delite! ~

Pick-up date: Saturday, April 19, 11am - 1:30pm in the church hall during the blessing of Easter baskets. *Return this form with payment to the Parish Office no later than March 24.* Please write quantity of each on the line provided:

NUT ROLL: _____

POPPY SEED ROLL: _____

CHEESE ROLL: _____

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

I have enclosed \$ _____ for my order.
Payment must accompany all orders. Thank you! - HNS

Monday (Mar. 3) St. Katharine Drexel

7:30 am William and Cheryl McDermott
by sister and family

Tuesday (Mar. 4) St. Casimir

7:30 am Joseph and Josephine Pistack
by MaryAnn and family

Wednesday (Mar. 5) Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Intentions of Betty Belles and family
by Betty Belles

12:10 pm Liturgy of the Word

4:00 pm Liturgy of the Word

6:00 pm Thomas Titton

by Sacred Heart HNS

Thursday (Mar. 6) Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:30 am Walter Ruda

by sister, Patricia

Friday (Mar. 7) Sts. Perpetua and Felicity (First Friday)

7:30 am Intentions of Fr. Petro

by Barbara Hopkins

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday (Mar. 8) Vigil: 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Sunday (Mar. 9) The Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 am Edward Bonczek

by John, Clare and family

10:30 am Deceased members of our CCM

by Sacred Heart CCM

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

Last Sunday: \$4,057.91

Building Fund: \$266.00

Fuel: \$158.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle: *Felix Skrzysowski, by grandchildren*

Blessed Mother: *intentions of Avi Sohal, by her mom and dad*

St. Joseph: *John Lopata, by Bob Lopata*

St. Francis: *Frances Milewski, by John & MaryEllen Milewski and family*



The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Eleanor Golya, by Jackie Kmiec.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 1, 2:30pm, First Penance, church

Mar. 1, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, church

Mar. 3, 6pm, CCM meeting, church hall

Mar. 4, 9am, halushki making, church kitchen

Mar. 5, Ash Wednesday liturgies & Polish food sale (11 am-5:30pm)

Mar. 5, 6:30pm, RCIA, church hall

Mar. 5, 7pm, HNS meeting, church hall

Mar. 6, 10am, church garage cleaning

Mar. 6, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft

Mar. 7, 7:30am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, church

Mar. 7, 7pm, Stations of the Cross, church

Mar. 9, 10:30am Mass, Rite of Sending for Catechumens, church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

Mar. 1-2

4pm: EM: M. Pistack, Lector: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: Collins family

8:30am: EM: C. Wesley, Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich

10:30am: EM: B. Jones, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: C., E., & J. Toalongo

Mar. 5: Ash Wednesday

7am: Lector: Betty Belles, Acolyte: E. Suchecki

12:10pm: Lector: S. Bartosiewicz

4pm: EM: Lector: H. Vogue

6pm: EM: B. Jones, Lector: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons, C., E., & J. Toalongo

Mar. 7: Stations of the Cross

7pm: Elijah & Josiah Lyons, *plus one volunteer*

“**Operation Rice Bowl**”: Cardboard boxes for pocket change for the poor can be found in the narthex if you wish to make use of them.

Lenten CCD Confessions: Fr. Petro will be hearing the confessions of our CCD students in church during the school period. CCD confessions will be heard as follows: Mar. 16 – grade 6 & 7, Mar. 23 – grades 3, 4 & 5.