

# 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.

## ✠ Sixth Sunday of Easter ♦ May 25, 2025 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

As previously indicated, the linkage between Queen of the Apostles Parish and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will be effective on July 1, 2025, upon the retirement of Father Sladicka, the current pastor of Avoca. Bishop Bambera has appointed me as Pastor of the new linkage. I will continue to reside in Sacred Heart Rectory but maintain parish offices in both rectories. Kathy Vojta will continue to serve as parish secretary of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and Kathy Hudzinski will serve as the new parish secretary of Queen of Apostles Parish.

For the past several weeks a “Transition Team” has met to plan a path forward and recommend a new schedule of Masses for both parishes. Father Sladicka and I selected team members to help prepare for the upcoming linkage. Nancy Adomiak, Lisa Allardyce, Maryanne Bennie, Michael Jake, Ed Kovalski, and Jane Maxwell represented Avoca. Gene Bartosiewicz, Jeremy Collins, Kathleen Hudzinski, Tina Petcaugh, Bethany Purdy, and William Satkowski represented Dupont. I thank them for their kind service to our parishes. They worked well together to recommend a new Mass schedule.

A new Mass schedule for both of our parishes is announced in our bulletins this weekend. Three primary considerations directed the process of creating this schedule. First, the ability of children to attend both Sunday school and Sunday Mass with their families in either church. Second, a desire to maintain as much continuity as possible with the historic Mass times. Third, an intent to preserve those Mass times and locations with the highest attendance. While this new schedule may require us to make some small adaptations to our weekend schedules, it is my belief, shared with the Transition Team members, that it will accommodate well the spiritual obligations of the faithful in both parishes. Do not see the new schedule as losing a Mass but rather gaining one. Soon, our parishioners from both parishes will have FOUR Mass options to choose each weekend instead of three. Parishioners from both parishes may attend Masses in either church and deposit their offertory envelopes in the collection basket to be credited to their respective parish.

Please be attentive to the bulletin in the weeks and months ahead as more information will be forthcoming regarding details of the pastoral, liturgical, catechetical and social developments in our linked parishes. In the meantime, contact me or any transition team member if you have questions about the linkage process. Continue to pray for both parish communities during this time of transition. *Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us! Saint Mary, Queen of Apostles, pray for us!*

Sincerely yours in Christ,  
Father Petro

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Ascension Thursday

Wednesday, May 28: 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 29: 7 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.

**Thank you** to all who supported the recent CCM bake sale and spring raffle. A net profit of \$4,251.79 was made!

**Tickets for the Picnic Raffle** will be available for pick-up in the narthex. Please purchase the tickets and return them by dropping them in the collection basket or mailing them to the Parish Office. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 and 4<sup>th</sup> \$100. The drawing will take place on Saturday, June 28, at 9 p.m.

**On Memorial Day**, May 26, Fr. Petro will celebrate Mass for Peace and Justice at 9am in the cemetery chapel. There will not be 7:30am Mass that day in the church. All are invited to attend.

**The parish office** will be closed May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. The parish office will be closed May 28-29.

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

### Join us in celebration of

#### Fr. Thomas Petro’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination!

Parishioners are invited to a celebration in honor of Fr. Petro’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priestly Ordination on Tuesday, June 24, 2025! A special Mass will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m., followed by a pig roast in the picnic grove. Parishioners can RSVP by returning this completed form to the parish office no later than June 1.

I will attend Mass \_\_\_\_\_

I will attend dinner \_\_\_\_\_

Number of parishioners attending \_\_\_\_\_

Parishioner Name \_\_\_\_\_

### Vision 2030 Linkage Update

*Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca (Saint Mary Church)  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Dupont*

#### New Mass schedule (effective July 1, 2025)

##### Weekend Masses

Saturday

4:00PM- SH (*Confessions will be heard at 3:00PM*)

5:30PM- SM\*

Sunday

8:00AM- SM

10:30AM- SH

##### Weekday Masses

Monday, Wednesday, Friday- 7:30AM (SH)\*

Tuesday, Thursday- 9:00AM (SM)\*

##### Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil- 4:00PM (SH)

Day- 7:00AM (SH)\*, 5:30PM (SM)

##### Religious Education

Classes for children in kindergarten through 8th grade will be held on Sundays during the academic year at **both** parishes from 9:15-10:15AM. Both programs will follow the same calendar.

SH (Sacred Heart) and SM (Saint Mary) denotes the church building in which the Mass is celebrated.

\*These Masses will be quiet or recited Masses without Music.

**The book for 2025 Mass intentions for July 1 through December 31, 2025** for our parish will open in the Parish Office on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 8:30 a.m. You may visit the parish office, use the Mass intention envelopes found in the narthex, or use the postal system to make your requests. The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10. The parish secretary will record the requests. Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca, is now accepting Mass intentions as well for dates up to December 31, 2025.

*We print our weekly bulletin in-house without advertisements. Since our parish does not receive advertising money from bulletin sponsors, we seek sponsorship donations from local vendors and others for our annual parish picnic. Each Sponsor has contributed \$250 or more in support of this year’s picnic and each Donor has contributed \$100 or more. Anyone wishing to sponsor our parish picnic is asked to submit their donation (any amount) to the parish office by June 22.*

**2025 Picnic Sponsors**  
Lokuta-Zawacki Funeral Home  
Kiesinger Funeral Services, Inc. – refreshment tickets  
Sacred Heart Holy Name Society  
**2025 Picnic Donors**  
Casey-Kassa Coal, Laflin – raffle tickets  
Jerry and Lynn Stanco  
Mayor Elaine Lello

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**2025 PICNIC DONATION FORM**

Business or personal name as you wish it to appear:

\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number:\_\_\_\_\_

Email:\_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to Sacred Heart Church.*

**Congratulations** to Ryan Orlandini and Sarah Satkowski who were recently married in our church. Please pray for them as they begin their new life together.

**Our 2025 Polish Picnic** will be held at the very start of summer on Friday, June 27, 5 to 9 p.m. and 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. The Picnic Chairmen are Charyl Nagy, Joe Petro, Liz Tomko.  
**Chairs are still needed for Food Stands and Games of Chance.**  
**Picnic food tickets** will be sold advance before and after Masses on May 31/June 1, June 7/8, and June 14 in the church narthex.  
**Food Prep:** There will be a morning shift beginning at 8am and an evening shift at 6pm daily for pierogi. Cabbage pierogi: June 3-6. Potato pierogi: June 20-23. Halushki: June 25. Sausage and Peppers: June 26. Piggies: June 26-28 (volunteers needed to begin at 6am).  
**Theme basket donations** are now being sought for our picnic. Baby themed baskets, pet supplies, entertainment, lottery trees, cooking and baking, liquor, seasonal, backyard and garden, tools, car care, summertime fun, toys...the theme possibilities are endless! A minimum value of \$35 per basket is requested. All items must be unused. Please bring them to the church narthex from now until the picnic. Call Marie Ferretti (570-905-0384) for details.  
**Instant Lottery Ticket donations sought for the Picnic:** please donate new instant lottery scratch off tickets for the lottery game. **Gift card donations** are also being sought for the gift card stand. Kindly deposit them in the collection basket. Liquor donations are still being accepted. Thank you!

**Columbarium niches and Mausoleums plots are available:** A columbarium for the interment of cremains is located in the Holy Sepulchre section of our cemetery. It is a 120 niche octagonal marble structure that will be accessible by way of a sidewalk from Pine St. The pricing for the niches of our columbarium - Level 1 (bottom): \$1,100 for single space, \$2,200 for double  
Level 2: \$1,200 single, \$2,400 double  
Level 3: \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double  
Level 4: \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double  
Level 5 (top): \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double  
In the Gethsemani section of our cemetery, at the corner of Wyoming Ave. and Oak St., ground has been aside solely for the placement of mausoleums. Both double (for two people to be entombed side by side) and single (for one person) mausoleums are available. Cost of plot for private family mausoleum - Single width: \$4,000, Stacking privilege: \$2,000 per tier (3 tier max), Double width: \$6,000, Stacking privilege: \$3,000 per tier (3 tier max). If you would like to purchase a columbarium niche or a mausoleum plot, contact our Parish Office to make an appointment. Also, a portion of the Calvary section of our parish cemetery has been designated for green burials. Call the parish office if you have any questions regarding an environmentally healthy green burial.

✠ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✠

**Monday (May 26) St. Philip Neri (Memorial Day)**

9:00 am Daniel Rankosky  
*by Diane and Raymond Cichocki*

**Tuesday (May 27) St. Augustine of Canterbury**

7:30 am Dorothy Trollo  
*by Ray Wasko and family*

**Wednesday (May 28) Easter Weekday**

7:30 am Barbara Ann Hanczyc  
*by Jackie Kmiec*

**Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord**

4:00 pm Bruno Marcellini  
*by wife and family*

**Thursday (May 29) The Ascension of the Lord**

7:00 am Our parishioners living and deceased  
5:30pm Deceased of our Confraternity of Christian Mothers  
*by Sacred Heart CCM*

**Friday (May 30) Easter Weekday**

7:30 am Joseph Chmiel  
*by Eloise Antal*

**Saturday (May 31) Vigil: 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

4:00 pm Donna Bartosiewicz  
*by Robert, Gene and Sharon Bartosiewicz*

**Sunday (Jun. 1) Seventh Sunday of Easter**

8:30 am Clara Berti  
*by Maria Elena and Thomas Petro*  
10:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

<i>“His Heart...</i>	<b>WEEKLY OFFERING</b>	<i>...Our Hands”</i>
	<b>Last Sunday:</b> \$4,235.39	
	<b>Building Fund:</b> \$57.00	
<i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>		

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*

Tabernacle: *Daniel Lello, by Elaine and family*

Blessed Mother: *Patricia Lello, by Elaine and family*

St. Joseph: *Aldina Bartoli, by Elaine and family*

St. Therese: *Chester Bartoli, by Elaine and family*

St. Francis: *Mary Lello and Tony Lello, by Elaine and family.*

May 29, Ascension Thursday – see Mass schedule  
Jun. 4, 7pm, HNS meeting, hall  
Jun. 6, 7:30 am, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Mass and devotions, church  
Jun. 7, 2pm, Confirmation practice & Confessions, church  
Jun. 7, 2:45-3:45pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Adoration/devotions, church  
Jun. 8, 10:30am, Confirmation Mass, End of the Easter season  
Jun. 22, 10:30am, Corpus Christi Mass & Procession  
Jun. 24, 5:30pm, Fr. Petro’s 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and dinner  
Jun. 27, 4pm, Parish Feastday Mass, church  
Jun. 27-28, 5-9pm, Polish Picnic, Picnic Grove

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
<i>May 24-25</i>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: Collins family
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: J. Roche, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: B. Jones, Lector: C. Purdy, Acolyte: C., E., & J. Toalongo
<i>May 28-29: The Ascension of the Lord</i>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, L: M. Pistak, Acolyte: Collins family
<b>7:00am:</b> L: B. Belles, Acolyte: E. Suchecki
<b>5:30pm:</b> EM: M. Moletsky, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<i>May 31-Jun. 1</i>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: Collins family
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: M. Moletsky, L: G. Purdy, Acolyte: C. Purdy
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: <i>volunteer</i> , L: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht

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

**The 2025 Dupont Memorial Day Parade and Service** will be held on Monday, May 26 beginning at 10:30 am. Fr. Petro will lead the Benediction at approximately 11am at the VFW Hall. All participants are invited for food and refreshments after the service. Our HNS will sponsor a car for the parade.

**The “Cemetery Care” envelope** appears each May in our packs. This month was chosen to correspond with Memorial Day. All money collected in this envelope will be deposited in our cemetery account and will be used solely for the upkeep of our venerable parish cemetery in Dupont. Please be generous in your financial support of the burial place of our spiritual forefathers.