

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.

✠ Third Sunday of Easter ♦ May 4, 2025 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

I ask you to pray for the four children from our parish who will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. May they and their families draw ever near to our Lord, growing in love as His faithful children. We pray for: *Michael Hudzinski, Reyse Kowalczyk, Tori Marcellini, and Nathaniel Rupprecht.*

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hudzinski, Sr. who so thoughtfully provided flowers for the altar on Holy Communion day, the choir who provided such uplifting music, their CCD teacher, Mary Ann Pistack, who prepared them so well, and their parents who bring them to Mass each Sunday. We thank God for the gift of Himself in the Eucharist!

This Sunday is a time of powerful spiritual grace for our parish - a plenary indulgence is granted the Christian faithful when they receive their first Communion and when they devoutly assist at a first Communion ceremony.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Father Petro

The College of Cardinals set May 7 as the date to begin the conclave to elect a new Supreme Pontiff. As the conclave officially begins, a Mass for the Election of a New Pope will be offered in our church on Wednesday, May 7, at 7:30 a.m. You are invited to attend this special parish Mass for the election of a new pope. Upon the election of the new Pope, we plan to offer another special Mass for the newly elected Pope in our church. Depending on the date of the election, it is our tentative plan to offer this Mass on the day immediately after the election is made known.

Prayer for the Sacred College of Cardinals gathered for the Conclave to elect the Roman Pontiff

I kneel before you, O Virgin Mother of God, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the compassionate mother of all who love you, cry to you, seek you, and trust in you. I plead for the Church at a time of great trial and danger for her. As you came to the rescue of the Church at Tepeyac in 1531, please intercede for the Sacred College of Cardinals gathered in Rome to elect the Successor of Saint Peter, Vicar of Christ, Shepherd of the Universal Church.

At this tumultuous time for the Church and for the world, plead with your Divine Son that the Cardinals of the Holy Roman Church, His Mystical Body, will humbly obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Through your intercession, may they choose the most worthy man to be Christ's Vicar on earth. With you, I place all my trust in Him Who alone is our help and salvation. Amen.

Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who trust in Thee, have mercy upon us! Our Lady of Guadalupe, Virgin Mother of God and Mother of Divine Grace, pray for us!

Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke

“May Crowning” of a statue of the Blessed Mother will be celebrated on Sunday, May 11, at 10:30 am by our First Communion children. The Blessed Virgin Mary is given special honor by the Church during the month of May. This whole month has been given to Mary. In churches throughout the world public honor is given to her during this month. The *Regina Coeli* (“Queen of Heaven”) hymn is sung as a post communion meditation hymn at Sunday Masses during Easter. The faithful are encouraged to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass. Also, free rosaries and other objects of devotion will be offered in the narthex throughout May.

New youth altar servers needed: Are you a young person who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in our parish? Are you interested in growing in the Church's spiritual and liturgical life? Why not become an acolyte (altar server)? Fr. Petro is in need of new acolytes to serve Mass. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Petro if you are interested in learning how to serve. Training will be held in June after First Holy Communion.

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for a celebration in honor of Fr. Petro's 25th 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. RSVP form will be forthcoming!

His Excellency, Bishop Joseph C. Bambera, announces the following appointments, effective July 1, 2025:

Reverend Thomas J. Petro, J.C.L., to Pastor, Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca. Father will continue to serve as Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Dupont, and Judge, the Diocesan Tribunal. Reverend Phillip J. Sladicka, from Pastor, Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca, to Pastor Emeritus, Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in our hall on Thurs., May 8, 12 - 4:30 p.m. Go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment. *Those who give blood are eligible to receive a \$20 gift card to a merchant of your choice!*

Mothers' Day Blessing: All mothers present at the Masses next weekend will receive a special Mothers' Day blessing.

The Mother's Day envelope is in your offertory pack. You may record your special intentions and memorials on these envelopes and drop them in the collection basket. They will be placed on the BVM side altar of our church throughout the month of May.

Tickets for the CCM Spring Raffle have been mailed to all parish households. Please purchase the tickets and return them to the Parish Office by May 16. 1st prize \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150 and 4th \$100.

A BAKE SALE will be held by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers on Saturday, May 17, 3 to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 18, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Those able to donate baked goods can drop them off in the church hall on May 17 beginning at noon. This Bake Sale is hosted in conjunction with the Spring Raffle. The winner of the Spring Raffle will be picked on Sunday, May 18 at the conclusion of the bake sale. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the church narthex for all willing to contribute. The CCM would like to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation and support in this effort.

An AED training class will be conducted by parishioner Don Hudzinski on Wednesday, May 7, at 6 p.m. in the church hall. All are invited to attend.

Rev. Chester H. Kolakowski, the fourth pastor of our parish from 1938 to 1971, died May 5, 1971. Please pray for the peaceful repose of his soul on the anniversary of his death.

Requiescant in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of John Scyrba and Daniel Rankosky, who were recently buried from our church.

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 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, especially if you have relatives or ancestors buried there. Please take time in May to put your envelope in the collection basket.

NOTICE: Dumping refuse or fill of any sort at our parish cemetery is strictly prohibited. Visitors are ONLY permitted from dawn to dusk at the cemetery. No pets are allowed at any time in the cemetery – dog walking is forbidden. Bicycles, skateboards and ATVs are not permitted at any time. If anyone should see someone violating these regulations, they are asked to report the incident to the parish office immediately. Such violations are acts of disrespect for the holy ground and those buried there.

Cemetery Clean-up Time: It’s that time of year to clean up the cemeteries and prepare for spring and grass-cutting season. We ask that all planters and decorations remaining on lots from last year be removed by May 15. After this date, items will be removed and discarded. Please note, we are not responsible for any items left at the grave sites after May 15. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 list of chairs is as follows: Picnic Chairmen/Inventory/Ordering – Charyl Nagy, Joe Petro, Liz Tomko; Grounds set-up/clean-up – Kevin Krawczyk; Theme Baskets – Marie Ferretti; Kitchen/Food Distribution – Mary Griffin; Beverages – Mark Kowalczyk; Food Runners – Beth Purdy; Children’s Games – Rupprecht family; Potato Pancake Garage – Ed Suchecki; Entertainment/Electrical – Mike Silla, Sr.; Profit Intake – Julie Bingham, Raffle – Kathy Hudzinski, Food Ticket Sales – Stanley Barket and John Bonczek, Advertising/Signage – Stan Sipko. Chairs are still needed for Food Stands and Games of Chance. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, at 6 p.m. in the hall.

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!

2025 Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversaries will be celebrated by the bishop at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, June 1, at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow. Requests for an invitation can be made by registering online at www.dioceseofscranton.org or calling 570-207-2213 ext. 1113 before May 11.

A Prayer for the Process of Linking Parishes
Heavenly Father, we come to you today asking for wisdom and support as we begin this parish linkage. May everything we do begin with your inspiration and continue with your help.
We ask for guidance throughout this linkage that all of our thoughts and actions would reflect your Holy will. Remember that all of our concerns are aimed at the spiritual transformation of our parish communities.
We do ask you to grant us the grace to love you and our neighbors more perfectly. And to remind us that all we do each day is for the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of you. We ask all these things in your name. Amen
As our parish prepares to link with Queen of Apostles Parish (St. Mary’s Church, Avoca) under the care of one pastor effective July 1, 2025, we are encouraged to recite this prayer daily.

The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton celebrating the 76th year of the choral group will be presented on Fri., May 16 at 7pm at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., Scranton and Sun., May 18 at 7pm at St. Ignatius Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston. The Catholic Choral Society is comprised of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties. Tickets are \$12/adults, \$8/seniors and students, free/children ages 12 and under.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (May 5) Easter Weekday
7:30 am Margaret Milewski
by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Goldevich

Tuesday (May 6) Easter Weekday
7:30 am Cassie Lopata
by Robert Lopata

Wednesday (May 7) Easter Weekday
7:30 am Caroline and Frank Kolankiewicz
by family

Thursday (May 8) Easter Weekday
7:30 am Theresa Haduch
by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kmiec

Friday (May 9) Easter Weekday
7:30 am Vincent Rosato
by Stanley and Elaine Warunek

Saturday (May 10) Vigil: 4th Sunday of Easter
4:00 pm Nora Gayza
by daughter, Marian

Sunday (May 11) Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am Ronald Renfer
by Robert Jenkins

“His Heart... WEEKLY OFFERING ...Our Hands”
Last Sunday: \$3,907.17
Building Fund: \$72.00
Catholic Home Missions: \$197.27
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle: William Klimek, by wife, Michelina
Blessed Mother: Edward Pistack, by MaryAnn Pistack
St. Joseph: John Lopata, by Bob Lopata
St. Therese: Joseph Pisano, by John & Mary Ellen Milewski family
St. Francis: Ann Tetlak, by children, John, Ronald and Judith.

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Bonnie Morreale, by AnnMarie & Robert Devlin.
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The altar flowers this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of Michael Hudzinski’s First Holy Communion, by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hudzinski, Sr.

May 3, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration & devotions, church
May 4, 10:30am, First Holy Communion, church
May 5, 6pm, CCM Mothers’ Day Dinner, hall
May 7, 7pm, Holy Name Society meeting, hall
May 8, 12 - 4:30pm, Red Cross Blood Drive, hall
May 8, 6:30pm, Choir practice, choir loft
May 12, 6:30pm, Transition Team Meeting, Avoca parish hall
May 14, 6pm, Picnic meeting, hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
<i>May 3-4</i>
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: M. Pistack, Acolyte: C. Purdy
8:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht
<i>May 10-11</i>
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: Collins family
8:30am: EM: <i>volunteer</i> , Lector: A. Devlin, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, Lector: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: A. & J. Rupprecht

CCD Sunday School dates to remember:
May 4, 10:30 am, First Communion Mass
May 11, 10:30 am, May Crowning Mass
June 7, 2:00 pm, Confirmation practice & Confessions, church
June 8, 10:30 am, Confirmation Mass

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life invites everyone to receive their monthly newsletter at *no charge*. **Membership** to the Pennsylvanians for Human Life is only \$10 per year or a one-time donation of \$100 for lifetime enrollment. To sign up for the newsletter or to join, call 570-826-1819.

The Costello Scholarship Program will award scholarships to PA students planning to attend college for the entire 2025-26 academic year. Applicants must be our diocesan Catholic high school students who plan to enroll in college for the upcoming year. The application deadline is June 3. For full details visit: <http://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/cotello>.