

# 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.

## ✠ Seventh Sunday of Easter ♦ June 1, 2025 ✠

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

The Parochial Pen

My dear parishioners,

I feel it is my responsibility as the pastor who will effect the linkage between the parishes of Avoca and Dupont to speak clearly, openly and honestly about aspects of the impending linkage to dispel any rumors. I want to cast out the spirit of fear from our midst that only serves to bring chaos and disunity. This is very important for me to do in these days leading up to Pentecost so that the Spirit of Truth may abide in all our hearts. Please kindly consider the following:

- We will not have “one parish community” but two separate ones under the care of one pastor. Both parishes will remain financially and legally separate.
- Neither parish is closing. At no point in our VISION 2030 planning was this discussed, and there are no plans to do so. However, people who suggest that parishioners should leave their parish and join another if they do not like the linkage are only serving to diminish the long-term vitality of their parish.
- Although I will be without the help of an assistant pastor or a deacon, I will have the regular assistance of Fr. Michael Wurtz, C.S.C. with the sacramental schedule of the parishes.
- No employees of either parish have been “fired.”
- No buildings from either parish are going to be closed or sold.
- Both choirs will be retained. Music is an important part of liturgy and singing is encouraged.
- There are no plans to end any societies or customs in either parish, such as Eucharistic adoration. However, alterations or adaptations may occur based on new realities.
- There will be one bulletin for both parishes once the linkage is realized.
- Parishioners of either parish may attend any of the four Masses each weekend at either parish and deposit their offertory envelope in the collection basket and it will be credited to their proper parish.
- Liturgical volunteers like lectors, acolytes, etc., will have the opportunity to assist in both parishes, if they wish.
- Both parishes are now accepting Mass intentions for dates up to December 31, 2025.

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 personally 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*

**Father’s Day envelopes** may be found in your offertory envelope pack. You may place them in the collection basket or mail them to the Parish Office. Father’s Day is celebrated on Sunday, June 16. All returned envelopes will be placed on the St. Joseph side altar throughout the month of June and the intentions for our fathers, living and deceased, will be remembered at all Masses.

**Rectory, Set, Cook IV** raised nearly \$230,000 to fight hunger and homelessness in our diocese. Our parish recently received a check in the amount of \$690 from the diocese, representing half of what we raised by participating in the fundraising program. It will be deposited into our St. Vincent de Paul Society account. Thank you to everyone who supported our parish’s participation this year.

**“Catholic Night” at PNC Field, Moosic:** Join the Diocese of Scranton on Friday, June 13 as they watch the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders take on the Syracuse Mets in a rivalry revival that’s sure to excite! Gates open at 5:35pm, with First Pitch at 6:35pm! Don’t run out too quick, either, as the RailRiders will be shooting off Post-Game Fireworks into the summer sky that is a sure fire way to end a perfect night at PNC Field! You can purchase tickets directly through the designated link on the flyer posted on the narthex bulletin board at a discounted rate of \$14 (+fees). *Fr. Petro plans to attend and invites the parishioners of BOTH Sacred Heart, Dupont, and Queen of the Apostles, Avoca, to socialize with him and get to know each other prior to our linkage.*

~**The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**~  
O, Most Holy Heart of Jesus, shower Your blessings in abundant measure upon Your holy Church, upon the Supreme Pontiff and upon all the clergy; to the just grant perseverance; convert sinners; enlighten unbelievers; bless our relations, friends and benefactors; assist the dying; deliver the holy souls in purgatory; and extend over all hearts the sweet empire of Your Love. Amen

**Some church improvements:** Please be mindful of the metal heat radiator housing on the floor of the nave near the pews. Do not trip over them. The heaters are in the process of being cleaned and repaired. The air conditioning is also being serviced and the wallpaper replaced. Your Building Fund donations at work!

**Twelve priests** who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of their ordination year will be recognized during the 2025 Mass for Priest Jubilarians at 12:10 p.m. on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton. Bishop Bambera will serve as principal celebrant and homilist. During the Mass, the Bishop will recognize a combine 565 years of service to the priesthood. Fr. Petro will be recognized for 25 years of priestly service. He was ordained a priest on June 24, 2000. The 2025 Mass for Priest Jubilarians will be broadcast live by CTV and will be available for viewing on the Diocese of Scranton website and YouTube channel. Our parishioners are invited to attend this special celebration!

### *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 \_\_\_\_\_

*The Schedule of Masses, effective July 1, 2025*  
Queen of Apostles Parish, Avoca & Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Dupont

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 p.m. (SH), 5:30 p.m. (SM)  
Sunday 8:00 a.m. (SM), 10:30 a.m. (SH)

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:30 a.m. (SH)  
Tuesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m. (SM)

Holy Day of Obligation Masses:

Vigil 4:00 p.m. (SH)  
Day 7:00 a.m. (SH), 5:30 p.m. (SM)

Please note: SH (Sacred Heart) and SM (St. Mary) denote the church building in which the Mass is celebrated. The 5:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass at SM and the 7:00 a.m. Holy Day of Obligation Mass at SH, as well as all weekday Masses, will be “quiet” or recited Masses without music. Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at SH. Religious education classes for children, kindergarten to eighth grade, will be held Sundays during the academic year in their respective schools from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Both religious education programs will follow the same calendar.

**The book for 2025 Mass intentions** for July 1 through December 31, 2025 for our parish is open. 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.

**New parishioners:** Please welcome to our parish William Jones of Pittston and Dana Shirk of Selinsgrove. Please kindly welcome them to Sacred Heart.

**First Saturday** is June 7. 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, April 7, from 2:45 to 3:45 pm in our church. All are invited to come and pray in preparation for the 4 pm Mass.

*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  
Joseph Petro and family  
Tom Lacomis and Debra Casey Lacomis  
Bob Lasota Roofing
- 2025 Picnic Donors**  
Casey-Kassa Coal, Laflin – raffle tickets  
Jerry and Lynn Stanco  
Mayor Elaine Lello  
John and Clare Murphy Bonczek  
Bob Lopata, in memory of Jimmy Lopata  
Marian Wanielista  
Henry Klimek, Jr.  
Anonymous  
Thomas and Maria Elena Petro  
Bruce and Debra Boedeker

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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.

✚ **MASS INTENTIONS** ✚

**Monday (Jun. 2) Sts. Marcellinus and Peter**  
7:30 am Paul Stonikinis  
*by Joe and Kathy*

**Tuesday (Jun. 3) St. Charles Lwanga and Companions**  
7:30 am Grace Fox  
*by Joe Fox*

**Wednesday (Jun. 4) Easter Weekday**  
7:30 am William Golla  
*by Joanne, children and grandchildren*

**Thursday (Jun. 5) St. Boniface**  
7:30 am Deceased family of Cecelia Bartosiewicz  
*by Gene, Sharon and Robert Bartosiewicz*

**Friday (Jun. 6) St. Norbert (First Friday)**  
7:30 am Helen Petro  
*by Laura Petro*

**Saturday (Jun. 7) Vigil: Pentecost Sunday**  
4:00 pm Louis and Evelyn Totaro  
*by family*

**Sunday (Jun. 8) Pentecost Sunday**  
8:30 am Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)  
10:30 am Michael Pramick  
*by daughter, Marcia Pramick*

<i>“His Heart...</i>	<b>WEEKLY OFFERING</b>	<i>...Our Hands”</i>
	<b>Last Sunday:</b> \$4,348.75	
	<b>Building Fund:</b> \$135.00	
<i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>		

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*  
Tabernacle: *Ann Skrzysowski, by Joan Vogue*  
Blessed Mother: *intentions of Barbara Hokien, by Donna Karwaski and Maria Graham*  
St. Joseph: *John Lopata, by Bob Lopata*  
St. Therese: *Gloria Balent, by Joseph Balent*  
St. Francis: *Catherine & Edward Vogue, Sr. by Joan Vogue family.*

UPCOMING EVENTS
Jun. 3, 8am, Picnic food prep begins, hall
Jun. 4, 7pm, HNS meeting, hall
Jun. 6, 7:30 am, 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday Mass and devotions, church
June 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. 12, 12:10pm, Priest Jubilarians’ Mass, cathedral
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
July 1, linkage with Queen of Apostles Parish takes effect

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
<b><i>May 31-Jun. 1</i></b>
<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
<b><i>Jun. 7-8</i></b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: M. Pistack, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy
<b>8:30am:</b> EM: M. Moletsky, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: D. Suchecki, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: Collins family, E. & J. Toalongo

**Free** “Word Among Us” prayer books are available in the narthex.

**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.**

**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.

**Tickets for the Picnic Raffle** can be picked up in the narthex.

**Food Prep:** morning shift starts at 8am and an evening shift at 6pm 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. 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, Gift Card and Liquor donations** are being sought for the Picnic. You can place the cards in the offertory basket or mail them to the parish office. Thank you for your help!