



Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

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Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 4 PM • Sunday 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses Vigil 4 PM • 7 AM (day of)

Weekday Masses 7:30 AM • Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Confessions are heard on Saturdays at 3:00 PM

Parish Office hours Monday to Thursday,
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, 1 to 3 PM; Friday, 8:30 AM to 12 PM



Saint Mary Church

(Queen of the Apostles Parish)

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Weekend Masses Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM • Sunday 8:00 AM

Holy Day Masses 5:30 PM

Weekday Masses 9:00 AM, Tuesday and Thursday

Parish Office hours Monday, 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM,
Tuesday, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM, Thursday, 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

Rev. Father Thomas J. Petro, J.C.L., KCHS, Pastor
Rev. Father Michael B. Wurtz, CSC, S.L.D., Supply Priest

✠ The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 13, 2025 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

A “Coffee Klatch” to socially gather and meet Fr. Petro, as well as our fellow parishioners from both parishes, will be held on Sunday, July 20, after the 8 a.m. in the Queen of the Apostles Hall and after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. These informal gatherings will allow us to chat, drink coffee, eat doughnuts, break the ice, make new friends and revive old acquaintances. Please try to attend either one of them (or both!) on July 20. Let’s get to know each other better! ☺

The Feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel is celebrated on July 16 and recalls the Divine assistance promised to those who are enrolled in the brown scapular. Brown scapulars will be blessed at the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Wednesday, July 16, and freely distributed.

The Annual Novena in honor of St. Ann will begin Thurs., July 17 and continue through Fri., July 26, the feast of Sts. Ann and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The relic will be offered, and the Novena prayers recited after Masses in both of our churches. Please join in this Novena.

The Air Conditioning Envelope appears in your envelope pack each July to help defray the cost of cooling our church buildings during the summer months. Please be as generous as your means allow to this important collection that directly benefits us.

An Adult Summer Theology Series will be offered in SH church hall at 6:30 p.m. by Bill Jones, a former Lutheran pastor and Catholic convert. Parishioners from both our parishes, and the public, are invited to attend. Wednesday, July 30 – a showing of “Heavens Above,” a 1963 satirical film starring Peter Sellers. Commentary and questions will follow on the notion of “What is real social justice that works?” Wednesday, August 6 – “Pope Leo XIII and Pope St. John Paul II: the right person for the right time selected by God.” Wednesday, August 13 – “Pope Pius XII: the right or very wronged Pope; not fairly judged in his efforts to save the Jews.”

If the Mass you are attending is requested by you or a family member, and you wish to participate in the Offertory Procession of the gifts, please see the ushers before Mass begins. *These processions only occur at Masses with music.* The usher carrying the offertory basket precedes the two people carrying the cruet of wine and the ciborium of unconsecrated hosts.

Requiescant in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Grace Johnson (SM) and Frank Norton (SH), who were recently buried from our churches.

Fr. Petro gratefully invites to an appreciation dinner all parishioners who volunteered to make the Sacred Heart Polish Picnic such a big success. The dinner will be on Saturday, July 19, in our church hall. The social will begin at 6pm and dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. To make a reservation, please complete the form below and submit it no later than July 14. You may place your form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. *Please do not telephone the parish office to make your reservation.*

2025 PICNIC APPRECIATION DINNER R.S.V.P.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Number attending: _____

Our churches are open daily for private prayer:

(SH) Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7 a.m. to Noon; Saturday, 2:45 p.m. to the conclusion of the 4 p.m. Mass; Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

(SM) Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon; Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to the conclusion of the 5:30 p.m. Mass; Sunday from 7 a.m. to the conclusion of the 8 a.m. Mass.

The book for 2025 Mass intentions for July 1 through December 31, 2025 is open for both of our parishes. Masses celebrated in Dupont can only be scheduled at the SH office and Masses celebrated in Avoca can only be scheduled at the SM office. 2026 intentions are not yet being accepted. Candles, bread and wine, and altar flowers may be memorialized at the respective parish office.

A new email address has been adopted for Queen of the Apostles Parish: stmaryavoca@gmail.com Please use this email for all electronic parish correspondence. Soon, the old email address and website will be permanently deleted since they were supported by the publisher of the Queen of Apostles bulletin, which has been discontinued. Kathy Hudzinski and Fr. Petro will monitor this new email account. *A new Queen of Apostles website is planned.* In the meantime, visit the Sacred Heart website for updates, bulletins, etc.

Be advised! The alarm system for St. Mary’s Church and Queen of the Apostles Hall is active. When these buildings are not being used, they will be monitored by the security system. If you wish to enter the church or the hall after hours, please request from the SM parish office that they be temporarily deactivated. Failure to do so will activate the alarm, which will notify the security company who will dispatch the police to the premises. Sacred Heart Church and rectory are also alarmed and monitored by security cameras.

The faithful who attend Mass without music, such as weekday Mass in our parishes, 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 missalette. 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. When a saint’s optional memorial is celebrated on a particular day, please note the feastday choice in the bulletin and use those antiphons.

The membership of the Pastoral and Finances Councils of Queen of the Apostles Parish will meet with Fr. Petro for the first time on Wednesday, July 23, at 6:30 p.m. in the Queen of the Apostles Hall. Members should make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Every parish in the Scranton Diocese financially supports our diocesan school system by paying monthly “taxes” to subsidize the entire system, not a particular parochial school. This fiscal year Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish will pay \$51,595.00 in school subsidies, and Queen of the Apostles Parish will pay \$54,403.00. This year, the Diocese of Scranton began a new program with the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) Program that will provide every parish the ability to get significant relief on its Catholic school assessments. All EITC donations made by parishioners (individuals or businesses) will go directly to EITC scholarships within the Diocesan Catholic School System. In return, the parish will receive relief on its Catholic School Assessments in the amount of 40% of the total tax credits that new parishioners/businesses donate to the EITC program. More information about this program will be forthcoming. Your participation is encouraged!

Vacation Bible School, hosted by the parishes of Avoca, Dupont, Duryea, and Old Forge, will be held at Holy Rosary School, Duryea, July 28-August 1, from 9:30am to 12pm. Children aged 4 to 11 years are invited to participate in this year’s event. Parents and guardians may join as volunteers, as well as students aged 12 to 18. Registration forms may be found on Nativity of Our Lord website.

The Diocesan Self-Insurance renewal rates for the 2025-2026 policy period reflect a 5% increase. The premium due for Queen of the Apostles Parish is \$23,226.00 and the premium due for Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish is \$34,248.00. The coverage includes Property-Fire, Lightning & Extended Coverage: Burglary, Automobile Liability (where applicable), General Liability, Workmens Compensation and Boiler.

Altar flower donations: commemorate a special occasion, or honor and remember a loved one by contributing to the weekly flowers that adorn the altar in our church. The donor’s name, and the name of the person or the occasion being honored or remembered, is published in the Sunday bulletin. The suggested donation is \$100. To make an altar flowers donation, please contact the parish office. The church secretary will take your information and place the order with the florist. In order to list the intention in the bulletin and create the floral arrangement for the weekend that you choose, a two-week lead time is necessary.

Only one offertory collection is taken at our Masses of obligation (i.e., weekends and holy days). Kindly place all envelopes and loose cash in the basket when it comes around to you. *Only money placed in the designated envelopes for diocesan collections will be credited to them.* The collection basket with the money in it is brought in the offertory procession and presented to the priest at the altar. If there is no music at a Mass when the collection is taken, then the ushers place the money in the basket and immediately walk it up the side aisle and place it near the Blessed Mother altar. At least two designated people are required to promptly secure the collection in bags after Mass in the sacristy.

NFP Awareness Week is July 20–26. “Pursue a lasting love ... Marriage. Create hope for the future! Natural Family Planning, Supporting God’s gifts of love and life in marriage” is the theme of this year’s national NFP Awareness Week. See, <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/parishlife/community/marriage/natural-family-planning/> to learn more about the methods of NFP offered in the Diocese of Scranton.

17th Diocese of Scranton Pilgrimage of Faith for the Jubilee Year of Hope to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, DC will be Wednesday, October 1. The day will include opportunities for public and private prayer, confession, touring the National Shrine and the campus of the Catholic University of America, concluding with Mass. There are two ways to register: either the diocesan website or by contacting our parish offices. Bus fare: \$80 per person made payable to either of our parishes with buses leaving from our deanery. The deadline for reservations is August 28.

Dear Queen of Apostles Choir Members: My name is Anthony George. I’ve been appointed as Music Director and Organist for St. Mary’s Church. I currently serve as Music Director/Organist for Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Dupont. Since I haven’t yet met any of you, I’d invite and encourage you to contact me, or come and introduce yourself, and I’ll give you a brief intro to our new music program. You may also feel free to contact me via telephone, text, or e-mail. I look forward to meeting you and working with you. Joint choir practices will begin in September at Sacred Heart Church. They take place on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft. Please be assured of a remembrance in my prayers, and I kindly ask a remembrance in yours as we begin this new journey together. In Christ Our King and Mary Our Queen, *Anthony George*, Music Director (Sacred Heart of Jesus and Queen of Apostles Parishes) 570-881-9991 Byzantinecatholic101@gmail.com

The faithful stand after the invitation to prayer - Paragraph 146 of the General Instruction of the Roman Missal states: “Upon returning to the middle of the altar, the priest, facing the people and extending and then joining his hands, invites the people to pray, saying, *Orate, fratres (Pray, brethren)*. The people rise and make their response: *Suscipiat Dominus (May the Lord accept)*. Then the priest, with hands extended, says the prayer over the offerings. At the end the people make the acclamation, *Amen.*” Please note that the people stand AFTER the priest’s invitation to prayer. Only upon rising do they properly make their response. There seems to be some confusion about this at our Masses. Please make this simple change so as to maintain “holy order” at Mass. Thank you!



Monday (July 14) St. Kateri Tekakwitha

7:30 am (SH) Thomas Petro, Sr.
by Thomas and Maria Elena Petro

Tuesday (July 15) St. Bonaventure

9:00 am (SM) Rocco Scaramastro
by Mark & Jeri Scaramastro

Wednesday (July 16) Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

7:30 am (SH) Richard, Jean, & Mary Allison Bushinski
by Gene, Sharon, & Bob Bartosiewicz

Thursday (July 17) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) John & Sophie Biga
by Maryann Jadus & family

Friday (July 18) St. Camillus de Lellis

7:30 am (SH) Matilda Drost
by Stanley and Deborah Budzilek

Saturday (July 19) Vigil:16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
5:30 pm (SM) George Kubasko
by M/M Dave Laeffler

Sunday (July 20) Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) Ellie & Jack Clifford
by family
10:30 am (SH) Edward Babiarz
by Andrew Babiarz

WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: (SH)\$4,204.59 (SM)\$ 3,735.42 Building Fund: (SH)\$463.00 Care and Education of Priests: (SH) \$164 (SM) \$109 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>
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The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): Irene Mengak, *by Judy Lendacky*
Blessed Mother (SH): Aniel Gruszka Skrzysowski, *by son, Paul*
St. Joseph (SH): intentions of Gilbert Carozzi, Sr., *by Donna Karwaski*
Tabernacle (SM): Edward & Mary Kraynick & Maryann,
by Ann Marie Farrell
Sacred Heart Shrine (SM): Edward Carlin, *by family*
Sanctity of Life (SM): Peter Jadus *by wife Maryann & family*



The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Vincent Bryk, *by wife, Bernadine Bryk, and family.*
The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of the deceased members of the Scaramastro family, *by Scaramastro family.*

UPCOMING EVENTS July 19, 6pm, SH Picnic Appreciation Dinner, SH hall July 20, Coffee Klatch, after 8am and 10:30am Masses, halls July 23, 6:30pm, SM Pastoral/Finance Council meeting, SM hall July 30, 6:30pm, Summer Theology Series meets, SH hall
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Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
July 12-13
4pm: EM: M. Pistack, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: Collins family
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: J. Coffey, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, J. Galvin
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: K. Gill, Acolyte: C. Ziobro, J. Dudzinski, A. Maruska
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski, E. & J. Lyons
July 19-20
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: E. & J. Lyons
5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, M. Phillips
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski, G. Orr, C. Ziobro
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich

St. Joseph Marello Parish will hold their Summer Picnic at 237 William St., Pittston, July 17-19, from 5 to 10pm nightly. The picnic includes food, live music, games of chance, and a flea market!

The Catholic Men’s Conference will be held Sat., Oct. 4, 8am-3pm at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre. Register online at www.BeACatholicMan.com. The cost is \$40 for adults, early bird pricing of \$30 by Sept. 15 and \$15 for students. For details, contact Mike Kilmer at 570-721-0872 or mkilmer@thekilmergroup.com.

The Social Concerns/Respect Life group will meet Thurs., Aug. 7, at 6pm in SM hall. New members are welcome to attend.