



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 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ July 6, 2025 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

Fr. Petro and the Sacred Heart 2025 Picnic Chairmen wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Annual Polish Picnic so very successful. We are very grateful to those who prepared, executed, cleaned-up and patronized our picnic. Your wonderful service to God and neighbor at Sacred Heart Church is most appreciated! The picnic's financial report is currently being compiled and will be published in the near future.

New parish office hours at St. Mary's Rectory, effective July 1:

Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Kathy Hudzinski is the church secretary in Avoca.

Please direct all SM church business to her attention.

John Labrosky continues to serve as the sexton of both parishes and assumes the responsibility of coordinator of Queen of the Apostles Hall. Please contact the SM church office for hall reservations - John L. and Kathy H. handle all hall use issues.

Anthony George will serve as the organist and Director of Music for both parishes. He will be responsible for training cantors and conducting choir rehearsals. Each parish will have its own separate choir, but they will join for rehearsals and special occasions. Our choirs are currently on summer recess. Our cantors may serve at Masses in either or both parishes according to their preferences.

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

One bulletin will be published for both parishes beginning the weekend of July 5/6. Please contact either Kathy Vojta (SH) or Kathy Hudzinski (SM) for announcement publication requests.

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: _____

After prayerful consideration and discussion with parishioners, Fr. Petro will rescind the proposed schedule for Eucharistic Adoration in Avoca planned for July 8. Instead, the schedule will remain unchanged. *That is, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the altar of St. Mary's Church from the conclusion of the 9 a.m. Mass until 8 p.m. each Tuesday.* If there is a funeral scheduled on a Tuesday in SM, Adoration is suspended until after the funeral Mass. Adorers must be present in church before the exposed Blessed Sacrament throughout the entirety of Adoration. Would you consider setting aside an hour for this special type of Eucharistic prayer? You are encouraged to make a notation on your calendar now and plan to attend weekly Eucharistic Adoration at SM and monthly First Friday and First Saturday devotions at SH. Come, you who hunger for a deeper contemplative prayer life. Come, young and old alike. Come, let us adore Him! Come, make a visit to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament!

Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary Devotions: Following the First Friday morning Mass at SH church on July 4, devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be prayed in common. Solemn Exposition, Adoration, Benediction and Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be celebrated in SH church on Saturday, July 5 at 2:45pm. Our Lord is exposed on the altar in Dupont for our prayers each first Saturday of every month from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. On the First Saturday of each month, devotions to Mary's Immaculate Heart take place during Adoration, confessions are heard during the Holy Hour and the rosary is prayed in common.

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.

2025 Polish Picnic Raffle Cash Winners *Congratulations to the following winners:* 1st prize: \$500 – Donna Cottone, 2nd prize: \$250 – Karen Augenstein, 3rd prize: \$150 – Virginia Clarke, 4th prize: \$100 – Judith Draus; **50/50 winner:** \$87.50 – Patty Durkan; **Wheelbarrow of Cheer:** Shelly Williams.

Liturgical Volunteer Schedules will remain separate for each parish throughout the summer. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, lectors and acolytes will be given the opportunity to serve at Masses in either or both parishes according to their preferences by September. Presently, it is preferred to have one Eucharistic minister, one lector, one cantor, and three acolytes per Mass with music. For Masses without music, one Eucharistic minister, one lector and two acolytes are needed.

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.

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.”

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 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.

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 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal of the Diocese of Scranton has officially concluded with end of the fiscal year. We thank everyone who has supported the needs of the diocese by way of their charitable gifts. Queen of the Apostles Parish – Avoca: Goal: \$35,752, Pledged: \$19,048.59, Cash Received: \$18,813.59, Goal reached: 53.28%, Number of donors: 146, Percentage of parishioner support: 22.71%. Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish – Dupont: Goal: \$32,953, Pledged: \$19,000.00, Cash Received: \$18,945.00, Goal reached: 57.66%, Number of donors: 131, Percentage of parishioner support: 17.85%.

St. Mary’s Church steeple restoration work was recently completed by Tim Wren of Glen Lyon. The work included the following: remove and replace bad lumber crown molding and fascia rear corner of the tower, secure loose panels and trim the exterior tower section of the steeple, install metal panel front rear section of the tower, repair failing metal over eaves, scrape all loose paint, dirt and residue with glossy areas sanded, patching compound applied to seal voids and separation in lumber, two coats of paint applied to designated areas. An initial total estimate of \$16,258 was accepted. But due to unforeseen problems in the project, an additional \$5,000 was paid for a grand total of \$21,258 in project expenses.

An income and expense statement will be published in the bulletin for the recent SM fundraisers executed to raise money for Fr. Sladicka’s farewell party. A cookbook sale, a golf tournament, and a gift card raffle were sponsored by SM. A financial report is currently being compiled and will be published to reveal the income, the expense and the net profit for Queen of the Apostles Parish.

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 annual Mass in remembrance of victims of violent or tragic death is being offered for the families and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide, and accident. It is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, at 7 p.m. in St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton. All who have lost a loved one tragically are invited to this liturgy. Names of deceased loved ones will be inscribed in the “Book of Remembrance.” Visit www.dioceseofscranton.org to register the name of a loved one by July 11.

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.*

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (July 7) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Barbara Hanczyc
by Theresa Palenski

Tuesday (July 8) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Frances & Joseph Scaramastro
by Barb Maxwell & Lee Lachette

Wednesday (July 9) St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions

7:30 am (SH) Helen Kulick
by Ellie, Pat, Sue, Mary and Mel

Thursday (July 10) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Cas & Robert Haduch
by Judith Rasimas

Friday (July 11) St. Benedict

7:30 am (SH) Grace Sheridan
by Thomas and Dorothy Sheridan

Saturday (July 12) Vigil:15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Edward Zielinski
by sister-in-law, Ann Zielinski

5:30 pm (SM) Jimmy Slusark
by Robert & Diane Devlin

Sunday (July 13) Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) Ronnie Casper
by Marie Payne
10:30 am (SH) Casimir Haduch
by Paul and Jackie Kmiec

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SH)\$3,990.39 (SM)\$ 5,877.00
Building Fund: (SH)\$106.0
Peter’s Pence: (SH)\$261.00 (SM)\$ 515.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): Vincent Bryk, by wife, Bernadine Bryk, and family
Blessed Mother (SH): Louise Hokien, by granddaughters, Donna Karwaski and Maria Graham
St. Joseph (SH): Joseph & Helen Kulick, by Ellie, Pat, Sue, Mary & Mel
St. Francis (SH): John Lopata, by Robert Lopata
Tabernacle (SM): Joe & Agne Farrell, by Ann Marie Farrell, and family
Sacred Heart Shrine (SM): Deceased members of the Jadus family
Sanctity of Life (SM): Peggy Rutledge by Jadus 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

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

July 5-6
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: C. Purdy
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, J. Galvin, A. Lawler
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: B. Gregorio, Acolyte: C. Ziobro, J. Dudzinski, A. Maruska
10:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: Rupprecht family
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

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.