



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 Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 3, 2025 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

The following is an income and expense statement for the recent SM fundraisers. Contact the parish office if you have any questions or would like further details:

Summary of "Gala Account" that was closed 6/30/2025

Golf Tournament

Income	19,545.00
Expense	(7,692.81)
Profit	11,852.19

Cookbooks

Income	3,420.00
Expense	(2,378.75)
Profit	1,041.25

Fr. Sladicka Gala

Fundraising Income:

Golf Tournament	11,852.19
Cookbooks	1,041.25
May Calendar Returns	6,650.00
Social Concerns Soup & More	1,232.00

Donations & St. Joseph/St. Patrick Raffle 9,550.00

Total Gala Income 30,325.44

Total Gala Expense 19,816.01

Payment to Diocesan Loan (2,000.00)

Deposit into General Account (8,509.43)

Last week's meeting of the SM Finance and Pastoral Councils revealed that a significant turnover of membership has occurred. Only one Finance Council member attended, and only five Pastoral Council members attended. Of the five Pastoral Council members who attended, four wish to remain members. It was reported at the meeting that those members who did not participate in last week's meeting do not wish to continue to serve as council members. They did not communicate this to the Pastor but resigned to their fellow parishioners, allegedly. Also, there is some confusion as to who belongs to which council since no list of members was left in the SM parish office. If this assumption of resignation is in error, *members of both councils who wish to continue to serve must notify Fr. Petro by August 10.*

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Please note that Friday, Aug. 15, is a holy day of obligation binding for all Catholics to attend Mass. The Church celebrates the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass schedule: Thurs., Aug 14, Vigil Mass: 4pm (SH); Fri., Aug. 15, Masses: 7am (SH) and 5:30pm (SM).

ASSUMPTION HARVEST BLESSING: On Friday, August 15, the whole Church celebrates the solemn feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Throughout the ages the Church in her ritual commemorated the feast of the Assumption by the blessing of herbs, flowers and other produce brought to church by the faithful. The Blessed Mother is seen as the protector of the earth's abundance. To perpetuate this pious custom, Fr. Petro will bless the herbs, flowers, fruits and vegetables from your gardens during the 4 p.m. Mass on Aug. 14 and the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Aug. 15. Please bring these items to the sanctuary of the church before Mass and place them on the table by the Blessed Mother altar. After the Prayer of the Faithful they will be blessed.

CCD Registration for both our parishes will begin August 16. CCD registration forms will be available in the narthex of both our churches as well as online at www.sacredheartdupont.com. After filling out the form for each child you may deposit it in the weekend collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Please include the required fee and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate (if they are a new student and were not baptized in our church). CCD begins on Sunday, Sept. 28 from 9-10 a.m. *All school-aged children (both public and homeschoolers) who do not attend Catholic schools in grades 1 to 8 are required to attend CCD classes.* A few of our Catholic school students have attended our classes and are most welcome! Contact DRE Mrs. Nancy Beccaloni (SH) with questions at sacredheartccd@comcast.net or Deborah Yuschovitz (SM) at 457-1284.

Is your child missing the sacraments? Sometimes children miss the traditional timing for receiving the Sacraments. Whatever the reason, we are always happy to welcome these children and their families and will guide them through the process. For more info., contact DR Nancy Beccaloni (SH) at sacredheartccd@comcast.net or Deborah Yuschovitz (SM) at 457-1284

Many people choose to go on vacation during the summer months. When away, please remember to attend Mass on Sunday. Determine the location and Mass times for the Catholic church nearest your vacation area *before* leaving home. Also, please do not forget to contribute to your home parish when you return from vacation by offering your missed weekly donations in addition to your regular Sunday contributions. *Remember: your parish's expenses never take a vacation!*

A Giant Indoor Flea Market will be held Saturday, Sept. 13 and Sunday, Sept. 14 in the SH church hall. *Donated items will be accepted from Aug. 1 – Sept. 6. (no clothing and no electronics.)* Please deposit them in the Walnut Street vestibule. Parishioners from both of our parishes are invited to participate! If you can help at this year's flea market, please contact Gene and Sharon Bartosiewicz (457-6945) or Bob Bartosiewicz (457-8403).

Requiescant in pace: pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Eleanor Hallas (SH) and John J. Manalas (SM) who were recently buried from our church.

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, 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."

Planning a Catholic Wedding? Your parish is here to support you throughout your wedding preparations. Engaged couples should notify the priest at least six months prior to their proposed date. To begin planning your celebration of the holy sacrament of matrimony, contact Fr. Petro at the parish office.

We are happy to welcome to SH parish Michael Pasquariello and family of West Wyoming. A warm welcome to you!

Join in praying the St. Michael Prayer at the conclusion of all Masses: *St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

The book for 2026 Mass intentions for our parishes will open on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. In the interest of fairness, please do not make any earlier requests ahead of time. You may visit the parish office, use the Mass intention envelopes found in the narthex, or use the postal system to make your 2026 requests. The offering of Mass for deceased loved ones is a real spiritual gift to assist souls in purgatory and allow our beloved dead to know of our loving remembrance. Many people have Masses said in their parishes on death anniversaries or other significant dates. Masses may also be offered for the intentions of the living. The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10. Our parish secretaries record the requests.

Four Masses are celebrated each weekend in our parishes. Parishioners are encouraged to attend any of these four Masses in either church building. Parishioners may deposit their collection envelopes in the baskets of either church and they will be returned to their respective parish office for deposit and posting.

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.

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. Register either via the diocesan website or contact our parish offices. Bus fare: \$80 per person made payable to either of our parishes with buses leaving from our deanery. Reservations are due by August 28.

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!

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!

Eucharistic Adoration will be sponsored by the Diocesan Vocations Office on Thursday, Aug. 7, at St. Maria Goretti Church, 42 Redwood Dr., Laflin. Adoration will begin at 7pm and the evening will include a speaker, reconciliation and a social.

After practicing Roman Catholics, the second largest religious grouping in our country is “fallen-away” Catholics, i.e., those who rarely or no longer practice the Faith. A website has been created to assist those who wish to become active Catholics once again: www.catholicscomehome.org. If you want to “come home” or know someone who needs some encouragement to do so, visit this site for some inspiration.

The 2025 Celebrate Life Banquet will be held Friday, Oct. 24 at 6:30pm, at Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. Keynote Speaker will be Kayleigh McEnany, former White House Press Secretary. To reserve your seating, call 717-541-0034.

The Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg will be held on Monday, Sept. 22, at the State Capital. The rally will begin at 11am and the march will follow at noon. For details, call 717-541-0034.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Aug. 4) St. John Vianney

7:30 am (SH) Elias, Helen, and Arnold Barket
by Vivian and Stanley Barket

Tuesday (Aug. 5) Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

9:00 am (SM) John J. Kuchar
by Mary Jane Kuchar

Wednesday (Aug. 6) The Transfiguration of the Lord

7:30 am (SH) Carl and Elizabeth Rosa
by Gene and Sharon Bartosiewicz

Thursday (Aug. 7) St. Sixtus II and Companions

9:00 am (SM) Ronnie Casper
by Marie Payne

Friday (Aug. 8) St. Dominic

7:30 am (SH) Sophie and Andrew Matt
by Marian Wanielista

Saturday (Aug. 9) Vigil:19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Michael Rowan
by family

5:30 pm (SM) Ray McDonald
by Jean & Mike Carroll

Sunday (Aug. 10) Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) Our Parishioners (Missa pro populo)
10:30 am (SH) Deceased members of Sacred Heart CCM
by Sacred Heart CCM

<p>WEEKLY OFFERING</p> <p>Last Sunday: (SH) \$3,929.00 (SM) \$2,293.00</p> <p>Building Fund: (SH) \$217.00</p> <p>Air Conditioning: (SH)\$176.00</p> <p><i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i></p>

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): *Anthony Haduck, by Bernadette Bocci & Ramona*
Blessed Mother (SH): *Denise Skrzysowski, by family*
St. Joseph (SH): *John Lopata, by Robert Lopata*
St. Therese (SH): *Bernadine Bryk, by Walter Bryk & family*
St. Francis (SH): *Eleanore Bryk, by Walter Bryk & family*
Tabernacle (SM): *Richard O’Hop, by Ann Marie O’Hop*
Sacred Heart Shrine (SM): *Prayers for the healing of Barbara*
Jadus Pearce, by Mom & family
The offertory gifts (SM) *bread & wine for the month of August are*
IMO Anthony & Frances Krisiewicz, by Peg & Ed Krisiewicz

<p>UPCOMING EVENTS</p> <p>Aug. 6, 6:30pm, Summer Theology Series meets, SH hall</p> <p>Aug. 7, 6pm, Social Concerns/Respect Life meeting, SM hall</p>
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<p>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</p>
<p><i>August 2-3</i></p>
<p>4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: C. Purdy</p>
<p>5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: B. Gregorio, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, JJ Galvin</p>
<p>8am: EM: N Adomiak, L: K. Gill, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski, C. Hoover, R. Kellogg</p>
<p>10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich</p>
<p><i>August 9-10</i></p>
<p>4pm: EM: <i>volunteer</i>, L: C. Purdy, Acolyte: Collins family</p>
<p>5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, M. Phillips</p>
<p>8am: EM: A. Jake, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski, G. Orr, T. Roxby</p>
<p>10:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: Toalongos</p>

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue. On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart.

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.

Please be kind, don’t leave your bulletin behind! Please help us keep God’s house clean – if you take a bulletin before Mass, do not leave it in the pew; take it home with you. You are encouraged to pray quietly before the pulpit announcements and take a bulletin as you exit the church at the end of Mass. ☺