



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 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 31, 2025 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

A special Mass on Labor Day will be celebrated in our church (SH) on Mon., Sept. 1, at 9 a.m. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass to thank God for the sanctification of human labor.

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, Sept. 1, in observance of Labor Day. It will open again on Sept. 2 at 8:30 a.m. (SH) and 9:30 a.m. (SM).

A mandatory training class for ALL YOUTH ALTAR SERVERS from Queen of the Apostles Parish will be held Saturday, August 30, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in St. Mary's Church. The class will begin at approximately 6 p.m. and will last for one hour.

Volunteers catechists are needed for Queen of the Apostles CCD program! At this time, not every class has a catechist. Please contact Deborah Yuschovitz, the SM DRE, at 457-1284 to help.

After a summer recess, our SH parish Holy Name Society will resume meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 3, at 7 p.m. in the school. Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will start meeting again on Monday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. in the school (note the location change due to the flea market). The societies will discuss at these initial meetings their calendar of events for the year ahead. Greg Zawacki is the HNS president and Tina Petcaugh is the CCM president. *New members are always needed and welcomed!*

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers (CCM) is inviting all women from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church to join our women's organization. We pray together, participate in fun-filled fundraisers, charitable events, and gather in celebration of special occasions.

Free "Word Among Us" prayer books for the month of September are available in the SH narthex.

Are you interested in the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? If you are interested in entering the Church, please contact Fr. Petro for more information.

At the recommendation of the Property & Risk Management Office of the diocese, an air quality and environmental study was conducted at the Queen of the Apostles rectory, school and church in July. It was recommended that the areas be thoroughly cleaned, rubbish discarded, and dehumidifiers utilized. A total of \$775 was paid to the Quad Three Group, Inc. for the study.

New professional cleaners have been hired by Queen of the Apostles Parish to help keep our buildings clean. Anita Miller of Exeter and Raynee Roxby of Inkerman will now clean the church, school and rectory. Please welcome them if you meet them.

Dear Parishioners of Queen of the Apostles Parish,

As we prepare for the fall season, there are several clean-up and maintenance tasks that need attention around our church property. To help keep our parish home welcoming and beautiful, we are looking for volunteers to assist with these projects during the month of September 2025.

If you have some time to give—whether it's a few hours or a full day—your help would be greatly appreciated. Tasks may include light cleaning, yard work, organizing, and other small maintenance needs. Thank you for considering lending your time and talents to care for our church. Your generosity and dedication make a true difference in the life of our parish. If you are able to volunteer, please contact me at your earliest convenience so we can coordinate efforts:

John Labrosky, Sexton
570-881-3959 - johnlabrosky@gmail.com

We are happy to welcome Jennifer Susko and Regina Wright as new lectors (SM). If you, too, are interested in serving your parish as a lector, altar server, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, then please speak to Fr. Petro.

Have you ever thought that God might be calling you to serve Him as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? If so, perhaps you may want to answer that call at this time in your parish. What are the basic requirements for an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion? The person must be a regularly practicing Catholic 21 years of age or older. If married, the person must be in a sacramentally valid union. The person must remain in a state of grace by regularly celebrating the sacrament of Confession. The person must regularly attend Mass at our parish, not just when they are scheduled to serve. The person must be physically able to execute this ministry by easily entering and exiting our sanctuary and being able to consume a regular wheat host and drink wine. Speak to Fr. Petro if you feel called to serve the Lord in this way.

What is a "Marriage Validation?" The term means to have your marriage recognized or blessed by the Catholic Church. Those who seek a validation were usually married outside the Catholic Church. If you and your spouse wish to begin the validation process, please contact the parish office.

CCD Registration for both our parishes has begun. CCD registration forms are 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. It will meet at the Avoca campus from 9 to 10 a.m., and at the Dupont campus from 9:15 to 10:15 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! Questions? Contact Deborah Yuschovitz (SM) at 457-1284 or Nancy Beccaloni (SH) at sacredheartccd@comcast.net

An offering of \$3.00 per candle is requested for votive candles in St. Mary's Church. You may deposit your offering in either of the two wooden collection boxes located on the walls near the candle racks. Your sacrificial offering expresses your sincerity and gratitude in making your private prayer intention before the images of the saints and the Blessed Mother located in the niches.

Attention adorers! A wooden collection box has been placed near the side entrance to St. Mary's Church. Those individuals, both parishioners and guests, who visit the church for Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesdays are asked to make a small donation for the upkeep and maintenance of St. Mary's Church. The contributions received will help offset the utility bills and other expenses incurred from keeping the church open for twelve hours every Tuesday throughout the year. Parishioners may also safely deposit offertory envelopes in the wooden lockbox, if they wish. Please note: only the side entrance door to the church will remain open throughout the day for Eucharistic Adoration. The front entrance doors will be locked after morning Mass.

The winner of the June HNS Match the Daily Number raffle was Victoria Morningstar. Congratulations!

Requiescat in pace: pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Thomas Carroll, Sr. (SM) who was recently buried from our church.

First Saturday is Sept. 6. 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, Sept. 6, from 2:45 to 3:45 pm in our church (SH). All are invited to pray in preparation for the 4 pm Mass.

Annual Blue Mass: borough council members, law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders from Avoca, Dupont, Hughestown, Moosic and other municipalities are invited to a “Blue Mass” celebrated on Patriot Day, September 11, at 7 p.m. in St. Mary’s Church, Avoca. This is a special liturgy, held annually, that honors and prays for the safety and well-being of all public safety personnel. A “Blue Mass” is a Catholic Eucharistic liturgy celebrated to honor and pray for law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders. It is a way to express gratitude for their service and to seek God’s blessing for their safety and protection. The name “Blue Mass” comes from the traditional color of many first responder uniforms. The tradition of the Blue Mass began in 1934, but in recent decades its celebration has been tied to the remembrance of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our country, as well as the memory of those first responders who have died this past year. This Mass will include prayers for the fallen, those currently serving, and their families. It will also feature a procession of first responders in their dress uniforms from the Avoca Fire Department building to St. Mary’s Church, a homily focused on the importance of their service, and a blessing of their equipment. All present are invited to a light social in our Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall following the Mass.

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).

Pennsylvania March for Life: Bishop Bambera and the Office for Parish Life invite you to the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on September 22. The diocese is coordinating a bus trip to the March with stops in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. The registration fee is \$20 and includes the bus trip, snacks, and a t-shirt. To register, please visit dioceseofscranton.org or scan the QR code. Space is limited on the bus, register today! Call Bridget Guarnieri at (570) 207-2213 ext 1133.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, Dupont, is selling columbarium niches on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact Kathy at the SH parish office should you like to reserve your spot in advance for future use – there is no need to wait until the time of death to purchase a columbarium niche. The pricing for the columbarium niches: Level 1 (bottom): \$1,100 for single space, \$2,200 for double; Level 2: \$1,200 single, \$2,400 double; Level 3: \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double; Level 4: \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double; Level 5 (top): \$1,300 single, \$2,600 double. Parishioners from both our parishes may purchase niches for cremated remains.

Cremation burial at our cemeteries: Are you holding the remains of a family member or friend? During this Jubilee of Hope, kindly consider where those remains will reside in 5, 15 or 50 years from now, and who will have the authorization to consent to burial. Making interment arrangements now in the sacred ground at a Catholic cemetery ensures that the remains of deceased loved ones receive perpetual care with memorialization in a public space. It also enables descendants to easily locate a family grave and freely visit in prayer and remembrance. If you would like to arrange for the interment of ashes in any of our three parish cemeteries, please contact the parish office.

The Diocese of Scranton will host the annual Diocesan Youth Rally on Saturday, September 27 at Notre Dame Junior/Senior High School, East Stroudsburg. This event is for students in grades 7 through 12. The Rally will be from 1:30-8pm, with check-in beginning at 12:30pm. The theme for this year’s Youth Rally is Anchored in Hope, taking its inspiration from Jeremiah 29:11-12. The day will consist of prayer, music, Adoration, keynote speakers, Mass, and community. To sign up, please reach out to your parish Director of Religious Education by September 12.

The Lay Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Inc., Caretakers of the Our Lady of Fatima Blessed Grotto, will pray the rosary to honor the Blessed Mother’s Birthday on Sunday, Sept. 7, at the grotto at 51 W. North Street, Wilkes-Barre at 6 pm. The public is invited to attend. A light social will follow.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Sept. 1) Weekday (Labor Day)

9:00 am (SH) Robert Strelish
by Lynne Getz

Tuesday (Sept. 2) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Nellie Allardyce
by Eileen & Ray Krzak

Wednesday (Sept. 3) St. Gregory the Great

7:30 am (SH) Edward Zielinski
by Michael and Donna Lazowski

Thursday (Sept. 4) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Thomas Quinnan
by Barbara & family

Friday (Sept. 5) St. Theresa of Calcutta (First Friday)

7:30 am (SH) Joseph W. Tetlak
by daughters and family

Saturday (Sept. 6) Vigil: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Bruno Marcellini, Jr.
by wife, children and grandchildren

5:30 pm (SM) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

Sunday (Sept. 7) Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) Judith Warnek
by husband, Ron
10:30 am (SH) Deceased members of our Holy Name Society
by Sacred Heart HNS

<p>WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: (SH) \$3,940.75 (SM) \$2,805.25 Building Fund: (SH) \$224.00 Mission Appeal: (SH) \$1,452.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i></p>
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The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): *Krista Marie Vogue, by her grandma, Joan*
Blessed Mother (SH): *intentions of Frank and Diane Skrzysowski on their 60th wedding anniversary, by family*
St. Joseph (SH): *Joseph Tetlak, by daughters Marina & Evelyn*
St. Therese (SH): *Michael Rowan, by Georgann Gall*



The offertory gifts (SM) *of bread & wine for the month of August are IMO Anthony & Frances Krisiewicz, by Peg & Ed Krisiewicz*

<p>UPCOMING EVENTS Sept. 3, 7pm, HNS meeting, SH school Sept. 4, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice resumes, SH choir loft Sept. 5, 7:30 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, SH church Sept. 6, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, SH church Sept. 8, 6pm, CCM meeting, SH school Sept. 11, 7pm, Blue Mass, SM church Sept. 13, 5pm, SH catechists meeting, SH school</p>

<p>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</p>
<p><i>August 30-31</i></p>
<p>4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski, E. Lyons</p>
<p>5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, M. Phillips</p>
<p>8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: C. Hoover, A. Maruska, G. Orr</p>
<p>10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: Toalongo</p>
<p><i>September 1: Labor Day</i></p>
<p>9am: L: D. Sheridan, Acolyte: E. Suchecki</p>
<p><i>September 6-7</i></p>
<p>4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: M. Phillips, Acolyte: C. Purdy</p>
<p>5:30pm: EM: R. Lee, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, J. Galvin</p>
<p>8am: EM: B.A. Flannelly, L: K. Gill, Acolyte: G. Orr, K. Brogan</p>
<p>10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: G. Purdy, Acolyte: Rupprecht</p>

The Third Order of Franciscans Secular will celebrate a Day of Recollection for their Order on Saturday, October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, at Sacred Heart School and Church, Dupont. If you are interested in finding out more about this group of Franciscans, you may call Ed Schirra, OFS at 570-396-5122 or email eschirra@msn.com. Third Order of Franciscan Secular Saint Joseph Fraternity Day of Recollection: 9:30AM – Gathering & Continental Breakfast, 10AM – Welcome, 10:30AM – Franciscan Prayer Service, 11AM – Franciscan Spirituality 101 presented by Father Joseph Schwab, OFM, 12:00 – Lunch (Franciscan Soup, crust of bread and beverage), 1PM – Small Group Faith Sharing, 2PM – Franciscan Crown / Renewal of Commitment / Closing Prayer, 3PM – Adoration and Confession, 4PM – Mass.