



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

✠ **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **September 28, 2025** ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

Bishop Bambera has appointed Fr. Petro as Judicial Vicar of the diocesan Tribunal. Fr. Petro will continue to serve as Pastor of Queen of the Apostles Parish, Avoca, and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Dupont. As Judicial Vicar, Fr. Petro will oversee all canonical processes related to marriage law, including marital annulments, dispensations and permissions. This assignment takes effect October 1. Fr. Petro does not expect anything to change in either parish regarding Mass schedules or office hours. Half of Fr. Petro's salary will now be paid by the Tribunal and 25% by Sacred Heart Parish and 25% by Queen of the Apostles Parish. Fr. Wurtz will continue to assist monthly in both parishes as a visiting supply priest. Fr. Petro asks that you continue to keep him in prayer, and that you continue your volunteer service to your parish.

The 2025-26 Catholic Ministries Appeal has begun. Commitment cards for the Appeal have been mailed and will be in the pews this weekend. Parishioners are asked to consider what they can contribute to the Appeal. The Catholic Ministries Appeal benefits thousands of people throughout our diocese and beyond through good works funded by the Appeal. As parish support is critical to the success of the Appeal, our participation is key. Gifts of all sizes are welcome. Thank you to those who have provided their generous financial support for this year's Appeal so far.

SH Goal: \$33,534.00 - Total Committed: \$6,305.00

SM Goal: \$35,767.00 - Total Committed: \$5,901.00

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends coupons will be sold by SH Confraternity of Christian Mothers to help you get a jump on Christmas shopping! For a \$5 donation, you will receive a coupon offering 25% off items purchased at any Boscov's location and/or online, one day only, Wednesday, October 22, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Each coupon provides an opportunity to win a \$100 Boscov's gift card. Coupons will be available after Masses from October 4 through October 19 while supplies last.

ZITI PASTA DINNER will be held in the SH Church Hall on Saturday, October 11, 3 to 6pm. Dine in or take out. Cost is \$12 per dinner, and includes ziti with red sauce, salad, cake and "Eddie's Famous Meatballs!" Tickets will be sold after weekend Masses or can be purchased from any member of our Holy Name Society.

"Cemetery Sunday" devotions will take place this year on Sun., Nov. 2, beginning at 1pm in SH church. We will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The names of parishioners from both our parishes who died and were buried from our churches since last year's devotions will be read aloud. *You are invited to bring photos of your deceased loved ones and place them on the table in front of the St. Joseph side altar.* After Solemn Benediction and Reposition, a procession will form to SH cemetery while the faithful sing the Litany of the Saints. The faithful who cannot walk in the procession may drive to the cemetery. Father will then bless the cemetery and visitation of the graves by the faithful will follow. Traditional Polish, Latin and English hymns will be sung. Please join in praying for the peaceful repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

The Order for Visiting a Cemetery will be celebrated by Fr. Petro on All Saints Day at noon on Saturday, November 1, at Ss. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Moosic, and at 12:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery, Avoca. All are invited to attend this traditional blessing ritual.

Congratulations to Marcus Lipinski and Rhonda Miller who were recently married in SH church. Please pray for them as they begin their new life together.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society: this parish account is used solely to support the charitable work of our parish (SH). An annual envelope appears in your packets, around the September 27 feast day of St. Vincent de Paul, which you may use to make a direct donation to support the charitable needs of our local parishioners. Anyone wishing to make a monetary donation toward this much needed outreach apostolate is asked to place their donation in the envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul Society" and drop it in the basket or send it to the parish office.

The School Support envelope can be found in this month's envelope pack (SH). Your school support contributions help defray expenses incurred by our CCD program through the academic year.

The Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux is celebrated Wed., Oct. 1. She was known as the "Little Flower" and died of tuberculosis in France at the age of 24. She was a Carmelite nun who, in her biography, *The Story of a Soul*, urged all to follow "the little way." Not only does SH parish possess a beautiful statue of her located in the sanctuary, but we also have a first-class relic of St. Therese. *All the faithful will be blessed with her relic at the conclusion of the 7:30 a.m. Mass on Wed., Oct. 1.*

"The Month of the Rosary" is October. Please join in praying the rosary prior to each Mass in our churches on weekdays and weekends throughout the month. Free rosaries are in the narthex.

AUTUMN BAKE SALE will be held by our Confraternity of Christian Mothers on Cemetery Sunday weekend, November 1/2. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the SH church hall on the weekend of the sale before the Masses. Some gluten free options will be available. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ADVENT PIEROGI SALE will be held by the CCM again this year! Food prep will take place at the SH church hall starting Tuesday, Oct. 14 and continuing each following day until completed. Work will resume on Oct. 21 and if necessary, Oct. 28, following the same schedule. Work will begin each day at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. until complete. Potato pierogi will be made fresh and immediately frozen for distribution during the Cemetery Sunday Bake Sale on Nov. 1 from 1 to 5 p.m. and on Nov. 2 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers are needed to peel, boil and mash potatoes, roll potato balls, prepare and cut dough rounds, pinch, freeze and package pierogi, and clean up the church hall and kitchen. Day and evening shifts will be available on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and possibly Friday for the weeks of Oct. 14, Oct. 21, and possibly Oct. 28. ALL are encouraged and welcome to participate! Please contact Liz at 570-905-1906 or Marie at 570-905-0384 with questions. Potato/cheese pierogi will be \$12.00 a dozen. Orders must be paid in advance and submitted along with a completed bulletin order form that can be dropped off in the collection basket during all masses, at the rectory during office hours, or with any CCM officer.

Sacred Heart's CCM Advent Pierogi Sale

Return this form to the Parish Office or drop in the collection basket no later than Oct. 12 along with payment. Distribution will be Nov. 1 from 1 to 5pm and Nov. 2 from 9:30 to 11:30am in the SH Church Hall. Write quantity by the dozen:

\$12/dozen POTATO-CHEESE: _____

Name: _____

Phone No.: _____

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, Oct. 4. Fr. Petro will administer a special blessing to all pets on Sunday, Oct. 5, at 9:00 a.m. in Avoca in the rectory backyard and at 10:00 a.m. in Dupont in the picnic grove. Parishioners and friends of our parish are invited to bring their animals to the church to pray for the intercession of the saint who loved nature and all of God’s creatures. Members of SH Holy Name Society will host a light outdoor social following the blessing in Dupont. To provide a safe environment for all who attend this event, please be sure that all pets are properly restrained.

29th Anniversary of the Wyoming Valley Knights of Columbus “Tomb of Unborn” — Respect Life Sunday, October 5 at 2 pm. Prayerful commemoration at the Knights’ Tomb of the Unborn, located at the top of Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Carverton. Fr. Petro, chaplain of Greater Pittston Knights of Columbus Assembly 948 will celebrate the Order for Visiting a Cemetery, followed by the recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. All Knights of Columbus, our parishioners and area faithful are invited to attend.

A “Pro-Life Baby Shower” sponsored by our SH Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be held to benefit the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life. They are now collecting baby items (new, unused) such as sleepers, blankets/afghans, quilts, washcloths and towels (sizes newborn to 24 months), disposable diapers, etc. Donations can be dropped off before or after all Masses and can be placed in the play pen located in the SH church narthex. Monetary donations will also be gratefully accepted and can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the parish office in a marked envelope indicating a donation to the “Baby Shower.” The CCM will host a mock baby shower on Monday, October 6, after their 6 p.m. meeting in the SH church hall.

CCD classes have begun! Registration forms are in the narthex and on our website. All school-aged children (both public and homeschoolers) who do not attend Catholic schools in grades 1 to 8 must attend CCD. Questions? Contact Deborah Yuschovitz (SM) at 457-1284 or Nancy Beccaloni (SH) at sacredheartccd@comcast.net

Children and Student Envelopes: If you would like your child to receive a boxed set of donation envelopes for 2026, please contact the parish office. Envelopes will be available in the narthex during the month of December for those who have requested them.

For the month of October, our parishes along with parishes around the country conduct the “October count,” a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. The measure has been taken for many centuries, and in some European dioceses it is possible to measure the level of engagement in worship by the population over the course of many centuries. The October count has proven especially critical in the life of our Church as bishops use the figures to measure the vitality of parish life, to sketch parish boundaries, and even to decide when to close, merge, or form new parishes. The ushers are asked to count at all Masses.

John Labrosky, Sexton of both of our parishes, has recently resigned from his position for reasons of health. He will continue to be employed by SM as the Hall Manager. We are now looking to hire a replacement sexton (church maintenance person) for both of our parishes. Duties will include light maintenance work and groundskeeping. Parties interested in learning more about the work description or applying for this part-time job should speak to Fr. Petro directly. John had agreed to help train his successor.

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 Church and School, 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 eschirra@msn.com.

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.

Please note that choir practice will not be held on Thurs., Oct. 2. The choirs and cantors from both our parishes practice on Thursdays at 6:30 pm in the SH choir loft.

The Women’s Guild (SM) will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 10 am in the parish hall. Activities for the upcoming year will be discussed. All ladies of Queen of the Apostles Parish are welcome to attend.

The Social Concerns/Respect for Life Committee (SM) will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:00 pm in SM rectory. New members are invited to attend.

Prayer to your Guardian Angel: Angel sent by God to guide me, be my light and walk beside me; be my guardian and protect me; on the paths of life direct me.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Sept. 29) Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

7:30 am (SH) James Lopata
by Rosemary Dwyer

Tuesday (Sept. 30) St. Jerome

9:00 am (SM) Sam & Rose Rosetti
by Mike & Ann Jake

Wednesday (Oct. 1) St. Therese of the Child Jesus

7:30 am (SH) Florence Babiarz
by Andrew Babiarz

Thursday (Oct. 2) The Holy Guardian Angels

9:00 am (SM) Glenard, Margaret & William Houston
by Mary M. Houston

Friday (Oct. 3) Weekday (First Friday)

7:30 am (SH) Susan Matthews
by Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Purdy

Saturday (Oct. 4) Vigil: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Joseph and Lillian Gromala and Donna Bartosiewicz
by Gene, Sharon and Bob Bartosiewicz

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

Sunday (Oct. 5) Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) Helen Brogan
by Jane Maxwell

10:30 am (SH) Peter Sroka
by Thomas and Dorothy Sheridan

<p>WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: (SH) \$4,417.75 (SM) \$4,658.00 Building Fund: (SH) \$889.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i></p>

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): Felix Skrzysowski, by grandsons
Blessed Mother (SH): living & deceased clergy, by Tina Petcaugh
St. Therese (SH): in honor of St. Therese, by a devotee
St. Francis (SH): in honor of St. Francis, by a devotee



The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated
in memory of Thomas W. Coolbaugh, by family
The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine for September are IMO
Veronica & John Yuschovitz, by children & grandchildren

<p>UPCOMING EVENTS Sept. 28, First day of CCD: 9am (SM), 9:15am (SH) Oct. 1, 7pm, HNS meeting, SH hall Oct. 3, 7:30 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, SH church Oct. 4, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, SH church Oct. 5, 9am, Pet Blessing, SM rectory backyard Oct. 5, 10am, Pet Blessing, SH picnic grove Oct. 6, 6pm, CCM meeting & mock baby shower, SH hall Oct. 8, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft Oct 14, 10am, Women’s Guild meeting, SM parish hall Oct 15, 6pm, Social Concerns/Respect for Life, SM rectory Oct. 16, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft Oct. 19, 8 & 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 8 assists Oct. 23, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft</p>

<p>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</p>
<p><i>September 27-28</i></p>
<p>4pm: EM: M. Phillips, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: Collins, M. Hudzinski</p>
<p>5:30pm: EM: N. Adomiak, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: JJ Galvin., T. Gilchrist</p>
<p>8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: J Susko, Acolyte: K. Brogan, J. Dudzinski, G. Orr</p>
<p>10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: Rupprecht</p>
<p><i>October 4-5</i></p>
<p>4pm: EM: B. Jones, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy</p>
<p>5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: R. Wright, Acolyte: JJ Galvin, T. Gilchrist</p>
<p>8am: EM: B. A. Flannelly, L: R. Lee, Acolyte: K. Brogan, G. Orr</p>
<p>10:30am: EM: M. Phillips, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: Toalongo</p>

Liturgical volunteers: If you are unable to serve as scheduled, it is your responsibility to find a replacement. *Volunteers are asked to be present in the sacristy 15 minutes prior to their scheduled Mass.*

A Craft Fair and Home Showcase will be held at Holy Cross HS, 501 E. Drinker St., Dunmore, on Sunday, Oct. 19, 10am-4pm. For more info. call Krista Rossi at 570-346-7541.

All parishioners with families buried at our three cemeteries are requested to clean their graves prior to Cemetery Sunday.