



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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **October 12, 2025** ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church

Income

General Fund Income:

Collections	\$288,313.49
Religious Ed Program	1,846.00
Fundraising/Development	44,282.16
Other Income	50,393.05

Total General Fund Income	\$384,834.70
Non-Operating Income	10,586.52
Restoration Fund	42,070.40

TOTAL GENERAL FUND & NON-OPERATING INCOME
\$437,491.62

Expense

General Fund Expenditures:

Administration	\$170,012.49
Rectory Expense	24,153.71
Liturgy	24,333.99
Religious Education Program	13,744.31
Fixed Expense	33,144.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	38,068.88
Capital Outlays	12,956.00

Total General Fund Expenses	\$316,413.38
Non-Operating Expense	70,718.52

TOTAL GENERAL FUND & NON-OPERATING EXPENSE
\$387,131.90

CASH INCREASE (DECREASE)	\$50,359.72
CASH BEGINNING BALANCE	\$1,380,465.04
CASH ENDING BALANCE	\$1,430,824.76

A new sexton has been hired to serve both our parishes. Beginning this week, Jerry Stefanowicz of Dupont will provide maintenance duty for Sacred Heart of Jesus and Queen of the Apostles Parishes. Jerry and his wife Sharon are parishioners of Sacred Heart. John Labrosky, the outgoing sexton, remains employed as the hall manager of Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall in Avoca. Please welcome Jerry to his new position in our parishes!

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 ushers are asked to count at all Masses.

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 can be purchased at the door.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Please take home a baby bottle located in the narthex, fill it with pocket change, cash or a check (payable to PA for Human Life), and return it on the weekend of Oct. 25/26. The donations will be used to promote respect for life, to educate the public, and to help women choose life during crisis pregnancies or heal after an abortion. Thank you, CCM for organizing this!

American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Queen of the Apostles Parish will be held in the SM parish hall Tues., Oct. 21 from 1 to 6pm. You can register at www.redcross.org

The SH parish office will be closed on Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 8:30am.

Queen of the Apostles Parish

Income

General Fund Income:

Collections	\$316,550.28
Religious Ed Program	1,530.00
Fundraising/Development	42,109.28
Other Income	29,498.54

Total General Fund Income	\$389,688.10
Non-Operating Income	8,181.91

TOTAL GENERAL FUND & NON-OPERATING INCOME
\$397,870.01

Expense

General Fund Expenditures:

Administration	\$187,130.75
Rectory Expense	15,988.49
Liturgy	38,768.89
Religious Education Program	26,907.46
Social Justice	11,286.36
Fixed Expense	21,295.80
Debt Service	20.00
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	47,911.49
Capital Outlays	21,458.00

Total General Fund Expenses	\$370,767.24
Non-Operating Expense	58,588.00

TOTAL GENERAL FUND & NON-OPERATING EXPENSE
\$429,355.24

CASH INCREASE (DECREASE)	(\$31,485.23)
CASH BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 130,939.50
CASH ENDING BALANCE	\$ 65,100.49

Published in this bulletin are the Income and Expense Statements for our parishes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. Thank you for your charitable support. May the Lord reward your generosity.

Youth Altar Server robes will be purchased for the dedicated servers (SM). This project is funded by proceeds received from the recently combined parish flea market. Altar servers (SM) will be measured on Oct. 12 at 8:45 a.m. in the altar server sacristy (SM).

St. Jude Thaddeus is the patron saint of lost causes. He was one of the Twelve Apostles and a cousin of Our Lord. He also authored the New Testament epistle that bears his name. Faithful people have turned to him as a powerful intercessor since the earliest days of the Church. We will continue this tradition of prayer in our parishes and ask St. Jude’s intercession for our many needs. The Novena to St. Jude begins Sunday, Oct. 19, and concludes on Monday, Oct. 27.

A Halloween Trunk R Treat will be held on Sat., Oct. 25, 5-7 p.m. in the SH church parking lot. This event is sponsored by the Dupont Neighborhood Crime Watch. Our Holy Name Society will participate. A small pumpkin will be given to each child in costume! Call 570-903-8194 if you would like to sponsor a trunk.

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. The first R.C.I.A. class will be on Wed., October 22, at 6 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church Hall.

The 2025-26 Catholic Ministries Appeal: commitment cards for the Appeal are available in the church narthex. All parishioners are asked to contribute to the Appeal and fill out a card indicating their pledge. Completed cards can be placed in the collection basket.
SH Goal: \$33,534.00 - Total Committed: \$7,290.00
SM Goal: \$35,767.00 - Total Committed: \$7,891.00

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 Wed., Oct. 15 at 6 pm in SM rectory.

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

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.

“Cemetery Sunday” devotions will take place 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.

Requiescant in pace: pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Jaszak and Charles Daczka who were buried from SH church.

World Mission Sunday is the weekend of October 18-19. A second collection will be taken up next weekend in Avoca because the Missions collection envelope was not included in the mailing.

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 through October 19 while supplies last.

AUTUMN BAKE SALE will be held by our CCM on Cemetery Sunday weekend, November 1/2. Donations of baked goods can be dropped off in the church hall on Saturday, Nov. 1, starting at 1pm. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles! A sign-up sheet is located in the church narthex for those interested in participating. *Please contact Marie at 905-0384 if you are interested in donating a basket.* Thank you!

ADVENT PIEROGI SALE: Food prep will take place at the SH church hall starting Tuesday, Oct. 14 and continuing daily 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 Tue. Through Thurs. and possibly Friday for the weeks of Oct. 14 and 21, and possibly Oct. 28. Please contact Liz at 905-1906 or Marie at 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.: _____

Monday (Oct. 13) Weekday (Columbus Day)

7:30 am (SH) Bruno Marcellini
by wife and family

Tuesday (Oct. 14) St. Callistus I

9:00 am (SM) Thomas Carroll Sr.
by Joseph & Marion Carroll

Wednesday (Oct. 15) St. Teresa of Jesus

7:30 am (SH) Walter and Camille Kmiec
by Paul and Jackie Kmiec

Thursday (Oct. 16) St. Hedwig

9:00 am (SM) Corey John Nawrocki
by Nawrocki family

Friday (Oct. 17) St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30 am (SH) Eleanor Hallas
by Thomas and Maria Elena Petro

Saturday (Oct. 18) Vigil: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) George Vojta
by Sacred Heart CCM
5:30 pm (SM) Deceased of the John & Anna Clifford family
by Pat Clifford

Sunday (Oct. 19) Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am (SH) Joseph Justick
by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Hudzinski, Sr.

WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: (SH) \$4,722.59 (SM) \$3,441.00 Building Fund: (SH) \$468.00 Care and Education of Priests: (SH) \$402.00 (SM) \$217.00 St. Vincent de Paul Society: (SH) \$408.00 School Support: (SH) \$83.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>
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The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): Penny Biscotto, by Patti Stonikinis
Blessed Mother (SH): intentions of Makenzie Colarusso, by Eric and Ashley Petrini
St. Therese (SH): Cassie Lopata, by Robert Lopata



The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine for October are IMO Sam Rosetti by Mike & Ann Jake
Tabernacle (SM): IMO Peter Jadus, by wife & children
The altar flowers (SM) last weekend were donated for a special intention, by a parishioner of SM.

UPCOMING EVENTS Oct. 13, 6pm, outdoor rosary, SH churchyard 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. 22, 6pm, RCIA, SH hall Oct. 23, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
<i>October 11-12</i>
4pm: EM: B. Jones, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: Collins, M. Hudzinski
5:30pm: EM: R. Lee, L: J. McMahon, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: K. Gill, Acolyte: M. Phillips
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: C. Purdy, Acolyte: JJ Galvin, C. & T. Papiercavich
<i>October 18-19</i>
4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: Collins family
5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: JJ Galvin, T. Gilchrist
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: K. Brogan, G. Orr
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, L: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: Rupprecht

The All Souls Day offertory envelope is in your envelope pack. November is the month when we especially remember in our prayers the faithful departed. Kindly inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and return it in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on the altar and your intentions will be remembered in the masses celebrated throughout November.

A Thanksgiving Food Drive for the local poor is being sponsored by our CCD students in both parishes. All CCD students are invited to bring non-perishable food items to class from Sunday, Oct. 12 until Sunday, Nov. 16. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable food to church and place it in the bin which will be in the narthex of both our churches. This drive will support the Avoca Food Pantry at Bethel United Methodist Church.