



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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 19, 2025 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

Thank you to all who patronized or volunteered at our recent Sacred Heart Holy Name Society Ziti Dinner. A profit and expense report will be forthcoming. Anthony Ferretti won the 50/50 raffle!

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.

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.

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.

Votive Candles placed in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues located in the sanctuary are now available at SM. The offering is \$10 for a candle that will burn for one week. You are invited to make use of the envelopes found in the narthex labeled “Votive Candles.” Please consider taking one of these and completing the information on it and putting your money in the envelope. The completed envelope can be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the Parish Office. You may make your donation in memory of someone, in honor of someone or for a special intention. You may also request a specific week to which your gift can be applied.

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

All Saints Day Mass Schedule: (SH) Saturday, November 1 at 9am.

An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. This indulgence is a *plenary* one from November 1 through November 8 and can be gained each one of these days. On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

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.

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.

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 has begun! If you are able to volunteer, please contact Liz at 905-1906 or Marie at 905-0384 for the food prep schedule. 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.

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: \$8,175.00

SM Goal: \$35,767.00 - Total Committed: \$9,121.00

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 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.

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 can be found on the printouts located in the narthex of both churches. *To participate, complete the form and return it to the Parish Office.*

The Match the Daily Number raffle held by our Holy Name Society has resumed. \$5 will give you ten chances to win by matching your numbers to the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3. The winner with an exact matching set of the Pick 3 (excluding the wild ball) will win \$250. Raffle tickets can be purchased from any HNS member. The winning ticket must be presented. If you have the winning number, call HNS president Greg Zawacki, 570-947-8200.

The winner of the September HNS Match the Daily Number raffle is Rose Bowanko. Congratulations!

The members of Order of Alhambra, local caravan Alhamar #4 will attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on October 26 for their deceased members. The Order of Alhambra is dedicated to assisting those with intellectual disabilities and is recruiting new members. Please contact GC Donna Magni at 570-357-0507 for more information or see a member after mass.

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.

Columbarium niches and Mausoleums plots now available for sale: If you would like to purchase a columbarium niche or a mausoleum plot, or would like more information, contact Kathy Vojta at our SH Parish Office to make an appointment.

Baby Bottle Campaign: Please take home a baby bottle located in the SH 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!

If you have moved in the past year, have a new phone number, or e-mail address, please let us know so our records will be up to date by contacting the Parish Office.

Four new chasubles, white, red, green and violet have been donated to SH by Marian Wanielsta in memory of Nora, Theresa, and George Gayza. We are most grateful for her kindness. If you are interested in memorializing a gift for liturgical use in either of our parishes, please speak to Fr. Petro.

REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS – You can express your commitment to our parish by making a bequest to Sacred Heart Church. Simply include the following statement in your will: “I LEAVE TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH, DUPONT, PA, THE SUM OF \$_____ (or _____% of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works.” *May God abundantly bless you for bequeathing a spiritual legacy to your parish family!*

Pre-Arranging a Funeral Mass: If you would like to plan your Mass of Christian Burial in advance, then contact the parish office to request a funeral planning booklet so that you can make a record of what you have designated (readings, hymns, etc.) for your funeral to be celebrated in our church. You are encouraged to keep it in a confidential file to be shared with your family at the appointed time, who will then share it with the undertaker and the priest.

If the Mass you are attending is being 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. Please go to the back of the church and pick up the gifts during the collection so as not to delay the procession. Walk behind the usher carrying the collection basket and approach the priest.

The parish religious education program (CCD) is off to a good start. If you have not registered your child for CCD, you may still do so. Forms are available in the narthex of our church or the parish office during office hours. All children enrolled in public and home schools from First through Eighth Grade are required to attend CCD.

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. ☺

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.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Oct. 20) St. Paul of the Cross

7:30 am (SH) Zachary Menefee
By Vivian and Stanley Barket

Tuesday (Oct. 21) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) George Dieffenbach
by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hudzinski Sr.

Wednesday (Oct. 22) St. John Paul II

7:30 am (SH) Edward and Anna Orlinski
by family

Thursday (Oct. 23) St. John of Capistrano

9:00 am (SM) Andrew & Helen Kaplavka
by son Thomas

Friday (Oct. 24) St. Anthony Mary Claret

7:30 am (SH) John Lopata
by Robert Lopata

Saturday (Oct. 25) Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
5:30 pm (SM) Nadine Giampietro
by Alicia Adams & family

Sunday (Oct. 26) Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM)Lorraine Borthwick
by Donovan & Flannelly families
10:30 am (SH) Stanley Kivak
by Gayle, Andrew, Matthew and Sarah Gromala

WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: (SH) \$3,858.57 (SM) \$4.307.00 Building Fund: (SH) \$229.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle (SH): *Felix Skrzysowski, by grandsons*
Blessed Mother (SH): *Joseph Justick, by family*
St. Joseph (SH): *Anthony Dudzinski, by Ron and Sharon Ziobro and family*
St. Francis (SH): *John Cebula, by the McLaughlin family*



The offertory gifts (SH) *of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of William and David Klimek, by Michelina, wife and mother.*

The offertory gifts (SM) *of bread & wine for October are IMO Sam Rosetti by Mike & Ann Jake*

Sanctity of Life candle (SM): *for the improved health of Barbara Pearce, by mom & family.*

UPCOMING EVENTS Oct. 19, 8 & 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 8 assists Oct. 21, 1-6pm, Red Cross Blood Drive, SM hall Oct. 22, 6pm, RCIA, SH hall Oct. 23, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft Oct. 30, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft Nov. 1, 9am, All Saints Day Mass, SH church Nov. 1, 12pm, Cemetery blessing, Ss. Peter & Paul Cem., Moosic Nov. 1, 12:30pm, Cemetery blessing, St. Mary’s Cem., Avoca Nov. 2, 1pm, Cemetery Sunday devotions, SH church
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Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
<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
<i>October 25-26</i>
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: M. Phillips
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: JJ Galvin, T. Gilchrist
8am: EM: R. Lee, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski, G. Orr
10:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: B. Jones, Acolyte: Toalongo

The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth invite all young women in grades 9-12 to join them on Saturday, Nov. 8, from 11am - 4:30pm. Come and learn more about the Faith, make wholesome friendships, and grow more in love with Jesus through prayer and hearing inspirational talks. For more information or to RSVP by November 6, please call Sister Angela in Tunkhannock at 570-836-2737 or Sister Clare in Williamsport at 570-745-3334. Calling times are Mon-Thurs and Sat: 9-11:30am; 1-4:30pm; 7-8:15pm.

Requiescant in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Alice Coyle, M.D. (SM), Joanne Schrader (SM) and Frances Lenchak (SH), who were buried from our churches.

