



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

✠ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 26, 2025 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

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.

St. Jude Thaddeus is the patron saint of lost causes. He was one of the Twelve Apostles and a cousin of Our Lord. We continue this tradition of prayer in our parishes and ask St. Jude’s intercession for our many needs. The Novena to St. Jude concludes Mon., Oct. 27.

Votive Candles placed in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues located in the church 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.

All Saints Day Mass Schedule: (SH) Saturday, November 1 at 9am.
Not a holy day of obligation this year.

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.

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 will also be a 50/50 and basket raffles! *Please contact Marie at 905-0384 if you are interested in donating a basket.* Thank you!

Advent pierogi distribution will take place 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. in the SH church hall.

The members of the Order of Alhambra will attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on October 26 for their deceased members.

Please pray for the priests of the Scranton Diocese who will be gathered at their annual convocation this week with the bishop.

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! *All children from both our parishes are invited to attend.*

The bells of St. Mary’s have been silenced due to electronic damage to the antiquated computer system in the sacristy. The bell system, and the timer for the lights that illuminate the church façade, were disabled during a late summer storm. While the timer for the lights was able to be restored, the bell system was rendered inoperable. After an inspection of the bell computer system by someone familiar with its operation, and telephone conversations with the Verdin Company, the manufacturer of the bell system, it was determined that the antiquated bell system was permanently disabled. It was suggested that someone with a knowledge of electronics may be able to repair it, but Verdin no longer offers support for the outdated equipment. *Sadly, we are now unable to ring either the electronic bells or the original bronze bell.* The financial situation of Queen of the Apostles Parish prohibits us from purchasing a new system. If someone would like to attempt a repair of the bell system, or have an idea for a fundraiser to acquire a new system, which will cost thousands of dollars, please speak to Fr. Petro.

Gallagher Bassett, the insurer for our parishes, recently informed Fr. Petro that they will not provide coverage for the repair of the mural on the ceiling of St. Mary’s Church that was damaged in August by the malfunctioning air conditioner because the repairs will cost approximately \$2,600 and on July 1 they raised the deductible for claims from \$1,000 to \$5,000. We have contracted with Ritterbeck of Moosic to repair the damage this December.

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: \$9,045.00

SM Goal: \$35,767.00 - Total Committed: \$9,931.00

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 next R.C.I.A. class will be on Wed., November 5, at 7 p.m. in Sacred Heart of Jesus School of Religion.

The All Souls Day offertory envelope is in your envelope pack. Kindly inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and return it in the collection basket. 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.*

Baby Bottle Campaign: Please return your bottles filled with spare change THIS WEEKEND of Oct. 25/26. The donations support the Wyoming Valley pro-life group. Thanks, CCM for organizing this!

The Queen of the Apostles Women’s Guild Christmas Party will be held on Sat., Dec. 13 at 1pm at Arcaro & Genell's in Old Forge. Buffet menu consists of pizza, salad, penne with vodka sauce, glazed ham, chicken strips in butter/garlic, eggplant parmesan, oven roasted potatoes, glazed carrots, rolls, butter, and dessert. Coffee, tea, and soda are included. Cost.is \$30 per person. Reservations and payment are due by Dec. 7. Please call Jane Maxwell (570) 335-8678 for information or reservations.

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.

Faith and Family Night with the WBS Penguins: Friday, Nov. 14, at the Mohegan Sun Arena. Join the Diocese of Scranton in cheering on the Penguins as they take on the Islanders. Bring your family, friends and neighbors as we come together as a diocesan family. Gates open at 6pm, puck drops at 7:05pm. There are two pricing options: Green Zone (\$25+fees) or Blue Zone (\$23+fees). To purchase tickets visit www.dioceseofscranton.org.

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 are 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.

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, (or QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH, AVOCA, 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.

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Angelica Borysewicz (SH), who was buried from our church.

Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, will hold an Open House on Sunday, Nov. 2, 1-3 p.m. Talk to students, faculty, and coaches to learn about what the school offers pupils.

Prayer to St. Joseph after rosaries prayed in October

To you, O blessed Joseph, we have recourse in our affliction. And having implored the help of your thrice-holy Spouse, we now, with hearts filled with confidence, earnestly beg you to take us also under your protection. By that charity with which you were united to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly love with which you cherished the Child Jesus, we beseech you and we humbly pray that you will look down graciously upon that inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by His Blood, and will help us in our need by your power and strength. Defend, O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, the chosen off-spring of Jesus Christ. Keep from us, O most loving Father, all blight of error and corruption. Aid us from on high, most valiant defender, in this conflict with the powers of darkness. As you once rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now defend God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity. Shield us ever under your patronage, that, following your example and strengthened by your help, we may live a holy life, die a happy death, and attain to everlasting bliss in Heaven. Amen.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Oct. 27) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Bernadine Tetlak
by daughters, Evelyn and Marina

Tuesday (Oct. 28) Ss. Simon and Jude

9:00 am (SM) Thomas McLaughlin
by Darlene Homschek & Robin Slusser

Wednesday (Oct. 29) Weekday

No Mass

Thursday (Oct. 30) Weekday

No Mass

Friday (Oct. 31) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Loretta Przypek
by Barbara Sito

Saturday (Nov. 1) All Saints Day

9:00 am (SH) Krista Vogue
by her grandmother

Vigil: All Souls

4:00 pm (SH) Veronica Kobylus
by Edward Kobylus and Lisa

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

Sunday (Nov. 2) All Souls’ Day

8:00 am (SM) Joanne Phillips
by Janet Fela

10:30 am (SH) Alice Bonk
by daughter, son, and family

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SH) \$3,553.39 (SM) \$3,922.00
Building Fund: (SH) \$234.00
World Mission Sunday: (SH) \$169.00 (SM) \$273.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle (SH): *Rev. Thomas Yaszcz*
Blessed Mother (SH): *Rev. Stephen Yaneka*
St. Joseph (SH): *Blanche Pisano, by John and MaryEllen Milewski and family*
St. Therese (SH): *Sr. Mary Grace Yaneka*



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

Sacred Heart Shrine (SM): *Joanne Phillips by Janet Fela*
Sanctity of Life candle (SM): *Peter Jadus by wife & family*

UPCOMING EVENTS

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. 1, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, SH church
Nov. 2, 1pm, Cemetery Sunday devotions, SH church
Nov. 3, 6pm, CCM meeting, SH church hall
Nov. 5, 7pm, HNS meeting, SH church hall
Nov. 6, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft
Nov. 7, 7:30 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, SH church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

<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
<i>Nov. 1: All Saints</i>
9am: L: B. Belles, Acolyte: M. Phillips
<i>November 1-2</i>
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: B. Jones, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski, M. Phillips
5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: JJ Galvin
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: K. Brogan
10:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: Rupprecht
<i>November 2: Cemetery Sunday Devotions</i>
1pm: L. M. Ferretti, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, M. Phillips

The Altar and Rosary Society of St. Joseph Marello Parish will host a Fall Craft Fair on Sat., Nov. 8, 10am - 3pm in their Parish Center, 237 William St., Pittston. A variety of vendors will be onsite with an assortment of homemade and craft goods. Lunch food will be available for purchase. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, contact Pattie Gregorio at craftypattiec@gmail.com