



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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 5, 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 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.

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.

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.

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).

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.

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Charlotte Barnak who was recently buried from our church.

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.

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

“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.

Baby Bottle Campaign: the Wyoming Valley Pennsylvanians for Human Life is conducting a fundraiser in which SH parish will be participating. Beginning the weekend of Oct. 4/5, please take home a baby bottle, 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!

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.

A special Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples will be celebrated on Columbus Day, Mon., Oct. 13 at 7:30 am in SH church. All parishioners and members of the Knights of Columbus are encouraged to attend.

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

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 church hall on Saturday, Nov. 1, starting at 1pm. There also will be 50/50 and basket raffles! A sign-up sheet will be located in the church narthex for those interested in participating. Please contact Marie at 570-905-0384 if you are interested in donating a basket. Thank you!

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 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.: _____

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: \$6,400.00
SM Goal: \$35,767.00 - Total Committed: \$6,591.00

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 Wednesday, Oct. 15 at 6:00 pm in SM rectory. New members 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.

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.

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.

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.

“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.

All are invited to join with members of the CCM as they recite the rosary on Mon., Oct. 13 at 6pm at the statue of the Blessed Mother located in the flower garden on the side of SH Church. This will be last outdoor rosary recited this year.

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.

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.

We are happy to welcome to Sacred Heart Parish Michele Kocher of Ashley. A warm welcome to you!

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Oct. 6) St. Bruno

7:30 am (SH) Joseph Kolankiewicz
by family

Tuesday (Oct. 7) Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 am (SM) Charles Andrewsavage
by Marie Payne

Wednesday (Oct. 8) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Arlene Skrzysowski
by Helen Vogue and Metro Kerrick

Thursday (Oct. 9) St. Denis and Companions

9:00 am (SM) Robert Adomiak
by Nancy & family

Friday (Oct. 10) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Clara Dulny
by Vivian and Stanley Barket

Saturday (Oct. 11) Vigil: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Robert Haduch
by Paul and Jackie Kmiec

5:30 pm (SM) Brian Wood
by his Mom & Dad

Sunday (Oct. 12) Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) Jerry & Nellie Allardyce
by Kathy & Paul Franceschelli

10:30 am (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

<p>WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: (SH) \$3,343.39 (SM) \$3,690.25 Building Fund: (SH) \$150.00 St. Vincent de Paul Society: (SH) \$632.00 School Support: (SH) \$496.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i></p>
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The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): *Leonarda Skrzysowski, by grandsons*
Blessed Mother (SH): *Krista Marie Vogue, by her grandma*
St. Joseph (SH): *Frank Smithonic, by David and Marina Smithonic*
St. Therese (SH): *intentions of Joseph and Marie Pistack, by family*
St. Francis (SH): *intentions of Mary Pistack, by family*



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

<p>UPCOMING EVENTS 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</p>
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<p>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</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: L. Orr, Acolyte: K. Brogan, G. Orr</p>
<p>10:30am: EM: M. Phillips, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: Toalongo</p>
<p><i>October 11-12</i></p>
<p>4pm: EM: B. Jones, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: Collins, M. Hudzinski</p>
<p>5:30pm: EM: R. Lee, L: J. McMahon, Acolyte: JJ Galvin., T. Gilchrist</p>
<p>8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: K. Gill, Acolyte: M. Phillips</p>
<p>10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: C. Purdy, Acolyte: JJ Galvin, C. & T. Papiercavich</p>

The **Altar and Rosary Society** of St. Joseph Marello Parish will host a Fall Craft Fair on Sat., Nov. 8, 10am to 3pm, in the Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish Center, 237 William St., Pittston. A variety of vendors will be onsite with an assortment of homemade and craft goods. Lunch items will also be available for purchase. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Pattie Gregorio at craftypattiec@gmail.com to register or for more information.

An **Organ Concert for All Hallows Eve** will be held Sun., Oct. 19 at 2pm, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 William St., Pittston. Parish organist Michael Sowa will present this program featuring organ music that is both powerful and peaceful for the upcoming celebrations of All Saints Day and All Souls Day, with a little bit of Halloween mischief, just for fun. A free-will offering will be taken.