



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

✠ The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed ♦ November 2, 2025 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

November is the month in which we honor the Holy Souls who have died. We first acknowledge the saints in heaven, who by their exemplary lives on earth, now enjoy the eternal bliss of heaven. On November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and pray to them for intercession, protection and guidance. On November 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls. This is when we pray for all people who have died, especially our family and friends. We remember the souls in purgatory and pray that they may soon attain the reward of heaven. Ancient Christian tradition acknowledges that it is good and pleasing to God that we remember at Mass the peaceful repose of the souls that have gone before us in death.

The Church has been called a Communion of Saints. That is, She includes the *Church Militant*, the living souls of us who are still fighting the good fight on earth. The *Church Suffering*, the deceased souls being purified in purgatory for entrance into heaven, and the *Church Triumphant*, those holy souls who have fought the good fight of faith on earth and are now enjoying the victorious reward of the Beatific Vision. Each of us is thus reminded by the feasts of November that we, the living and the dead, are linked by a common faith in Jesus Christ and a common goal, which is heaven. We alive on earth are thus commended to pray to and for the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven assist us as powerful intercessors in heaven. May their saintly example spur us on to victory in Christ as we continue to do battle with sin.

✠ Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of our parishioners who have died and were buried from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church since last Cemetery Sunday: *Edward Tetlak, Harold Wesley, Jr., Alice Bonk, Helen Piechota, Harry Lyons, Valera Roman, Joseph Mihalka, Sr., Elizabeth Lizak, Walter Ruda, Jr., Mildred Mlodzienski, Albert Strucke, Louis Zack, Sr., Paul Stonikinis, Zigmond Romanczuk, Norma Patrick, Martin McDonald, Louis P. Micklasavage, Louis M. Micklasavage, Paul Opalack, Joseph Chmiel, Jr., John Scyrba, Daniel Rankosky, Jr., Irene Mengak, Edward Zielinski, Sr., Mary Opiela, Joseph Justick, Matilda Drost, Francis Norton, Bernadine Bryk, Eleanor Hallas, Dorothy Novak, Robert Strelish, Daniel Skrzysowski, Charlotte Barnak, Mary Jasczak, Charles Daczka, Frances Lenchak, Angelica Borysewicz.*

✠ Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of our parishioners who have died and were buried from Saint Mary Church since last Cemetery Sunday: *Michael George, Rachael Snopek, Jackie Purdy, Anne Dillon, Cathy Wruble, Casimir Haduch, Margaret Rutledge, Leonard Ziobro, Peter Jadus, Robert Avisato, Thomas Lampman, John Higgins, Ernest Cavalari, Christine Martin, Phyllis Hapersberger, Eugene George, Michael Adomiak, John Moon, Mary MacDonald, Marie Domoracki, Jeanne Gutowski, Thomas Zaladonis, Marian Kolback, Marlene Stalbird, Grace Johnson, Lorraine Borthwick, Nancy Hamilton, John Manalas, Charlotte Karuzie, Thomas Carroll Sr., Alice Coyle, Joanne Schrader.*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

“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. Father will then bless the cemetery and visitation of the graves by the faithful will follow.

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 Souls Day Envelopes have been placed near the tabernacle and will remain there the entire month of November. Our dearly departed will be remembered in a special way at all Masses.

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: \$9,755.00

SM Goal: \$35,767.00 - Total Committed: \$10,546.00

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.

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 2, at 2 a.m. Please remember to “Fall Back” one hour!

AN AUTUMN BAKE SALE will be held by our CCM this weekend, November 1-2, in the church hall. There will also be a 50/50 and basket raffles! **Advent pierogi distribution** will take place during the 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.

A Veterans’ Day Mass on the Feast of St. Martin of Tours, patron of soldiers, will be celebrated on Tues., Nov. 11, at 9 a.m. in Saint Mary’s Church. We will pray at this Mass for our deceased and living veterans by name. *If you would like the name of a veteran read at this Mass, then please contact either parish office by email or phone by Friday, Nov. 7, to submit their names.* All parishioners from both our parishes are invited to attend.

We are happy to welcome to our parish (SH) Julie Wilson of Dupont. A warm welcome to you!

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Come sing your favorite Thanksgiving hymns and participate in this ultimate act of thanksgiving before turning to your family celebrations later in the day.

Thursday, November 27, 9 a.m. ~ St. Mary Church

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.

Be aware of Scams! As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, please do not respond to emails or texts claiming to be from one of the priests or staff from any of the parishes in the diocese requesting gift cards or other donations.

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

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 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.

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.

St. Mary’s Social Concerns/Respect Life Committee is conducting its annual Thanksgiving Food Project. If you or someone you know needs a Thanksgiving food bag, please contact Ann Jake at 457-3521. Suggested food donation lists will be available at the entrances of SM church this weekend and special food boxes available for item returns. Deadline for food donations is November 20 to allow for preparation and distribution.

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.

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.

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.

Church etiquette: The Sunday Mass is and should be the central and most important event of your spiritual life in the week. It is the Lord’s Day, a day of rest from our normal activities and work. Although we have the serious obligation to attend church Services on Sunday and holy days of obligation, this should never been seen as a “chore” or duty to get over and done with. It is the time we gather together as a parish family to worship God. We should arrive not just on time but ahead of time to prepare ourselves for worship and remain through the entire Liturgy. God gives us 168 hours in a week; surely we can give Him back one on Sunday morning! Everyone should fully participate in the Liturgy by singing all the responses. No one should walk out of church before the Liturgy has ended or without receiving the Final Blessing. PLEASE – do not leave bulletins in the pew; take them home with you.

O Saint Joseph, foster father of the Child Jesus and true spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, pray for us and for the dying of this day (or this night). Amen.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (Nov. 3) St. Martin de Porres (31st week in OT)

7:30 am (SH) Eleanore Bryk
by children, David and Michelle Bryk

Tuesday (Nov. 4) St. Charles Borromeo

9:00 am (SM) Zachary Bryk
By Jeannette Gronski

Wednesday (Nov. 5) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Deceased members of the Halat family
by family

Thursday (Nov. 6) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Kelly O’Brien
by The Michael Clifford family

Friday (Nov. 7) Weekday (First Friday)

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

Saturday (Nov. 8) Vigil: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

4:00 pm (SH) George Gayza
by daughter, Marian

5:30 pm (SM) Edward Carlin
by family

Sunday (Nov. 9) Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 am (SM) Helen Kuchar
by Mary Jane Kuchar
10:30 am (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: (SH) \$4,243.75 (SM) \$3,770.00 Building Fund: (SH) \$154.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): *Helen Haduck, by Bernadette and Ramona Bocci*
Blessed Mother (SH): *Michael Rowan, by Georgann Gall*
St. Joseph (SH): *Robert Sedlak, by Patti and Tim Stonikinis*
St. Therese (SH): *Irene Mengak, by Judy Lendacky*
St. Francis (SH): *Thomas Skrzysowski, by daughter, Joan Vogue*
Blessed Mother (SM): *Barbara Pearce for good health by mother*
St Joseph (SM): *Peter Jadus by wife*

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The offertory gifts of bread & wine this Sunday are donated for the intentions of Carol and Jeff Nebraska, by MaryAnn Pistack.
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The altar flowers (SH) this weekend are donated in memory of
Alice Bonk, by family.
The altar flowers (SM) this weekend are donated for a special intention by a parishioner of SM.

UPCOMING EVENTS
Nov. 1, 2:45-3:45pm, 1 st 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, 1 st Friday Mass and devotions, SH church
Nov. 9, 9:15 am, Confirmation parent mtg., SH school
Nov. 11, 10:30am, Altar & Rosary Society meeting, SM hall
Nov. 13, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft
Nov. 16, 8 & 10:30am, CCD Mass, grades 6 and 7 assist
Nov. 20, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
<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
<i>November 8-9</i>
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: Collins family
5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: R. Wright, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: R. Lee, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: Papiercavich

Wilkes University Polish Room members will hold their annual Wigilia Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 1-4 pm at the Amber Palace, 228 George Ave., Wilkes-Barre. The cost is \$35. Those attending will enjoy singing and listening to Polish Christmas carols. Reservations can be made by calling Barbara at 570-542-7447. The deadline is Nov. 26