



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.V., J.C.L., KCHS, Pastor
Rev. Father Michael B. Wurtz, CSC, S.L.D., Supply Priest

✠ **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **February 8, 2026** ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

Our Diocese continues to plan for the future with the Vision 2030 process. By order of Bishop Bambera, just like the Financial Transparency Initiative, every parish of the Scranton Diocese is required to share in the bulletin their annual Attendance and Parish Life Statistics on the Second Weekend of February (February 7/8). On the reverse side of this bulletin, you will find our parish reports, which include a 5-year trend of attendance and parish life statistics. *Please review it with your family to make sure they know that their participation in parish life matters.* The data contained in these reports comes directly from the diocese and is based on the information submitted by our parish offices.

The World Day of the Sick is celebrated Wed., Feb. 11, feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, with the anointing of the sick at 7:30 am Mass.

Our annual Sacred Heart Ash Wednesday Potato Pancake & Lenten Food Sale will be held on Wed., Feb. 18, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in SH church garage. Volunteers are needed to help make homemade pierogi on Tue., Feb. 10, beginning at 10am in the church hall. The evening shift will begin at 6pm. Volunteers are asked to contact Charyl Nagy: 540-5478 (please text during the day and provide your name or call after 5pm). The menu will be: potato pancakes \$20/dozen, potato/cheese pierogi \$12/dozen, halushki \$5/pint, soup \$12/quart: seafood bisque, lentil, potato leek, Manhattan clam chowder. Food will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. All items are homemade!

Please return the blessed palm received last Palm Sunday by Feb. 15. A basket for palm branches is in the narthex of our churches.

An Easter Food Drive is being sponsored by SH/SM 6 and 7th grade CCD students during Lent. Parishioners are invited to bring non-perishable foods to church and place them in the bin located in the narthex from Feb. 21 until Sunday, March 29. This drive will support the Avoca Food Pantry at Bethel United Methodist Church.

An Altar & Rosary Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. in SM parish hall. Plans for the upcoming Lenten Food Sale will be discussed.

You are invited to our Parish Lenten Retreat!

Return to the Heart of the Father: A Three-day Parish Lenten Retreat will be held February 26-28, presented by guest speaker Allan Wright. Anyone wishing to attend either or both catered meals as listed below is asked to contact the SH parish office at shojesuschurch@gmail.com or 654-3713. Please provide your name, the date of the meal you will attend and the number attending.

Feb. 26 – held at Sacred Heart, Dupont

5:30pm, Mass

6:15pm, Catered dinner in the church hall (RSVP required)

7pm, Presentation in hall: *Disciples on Journey with Christ to the Cross*

Feb. 27 – held at Saint Mary's, Avoca (two sessions)

1pm, Stations of the Cross

1:30pm, Presentation in church: *Return to the Heart of the Father*

5:30pm, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

6pm, Catered light meal (RSVP required)

6:45pm, Presentation in church: *Return to the Heart of the Father*

7:45pm, Stations of the Cross

Feb. 28 – held at Sacred Heart, Dupont

9am, Mass

9:30am, Presentation in church: *Living this Lent with Intention: Bringing Joy and Charity to a Broken World*

Penance service to immediately follow in church.

† MASS INTENTIONS †

Monday (Feb. 9) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Jessica Rose Webb

by Andrew Babiarz

Tuesday (Feb. 10) St. Scholastica

9:00 am (SM) Mary Corcoran

by Michael & Elaine Corcoran

Wednesday (Feb. 11) Our Lady of Lourdes

7:30 am (SH) Deceased members of Sacred Heart CCM

by Sacred Heart CCM

Thursday (Feb. 12) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Anne Dillon

by Mary Ann Faust

Friday (Feb. 13) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Richard Krappa and family

by John Gerlak

Saturday (Feb. 14) Vigil: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Elaine Czarnecki

by husband, Henry

5:30 pm (SM) Helen O'Hop & Helen Bartnicki

by Joseph & Pat Bartnicki

Sunday (Feb. 15) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) George & Barbara Jadus & family

by Mary Ann Jadus & family

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SH) \$6,261.59 (SM) \$5,524.50

Building Fund: (SH) \$396.00

Care and Education of Priests: (SH) \$304.00 (SM) \$262.91

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle (SH): *living and deceased clergy, by Tina Petcaugh*

Blessed Mother (SH): *Emmanuel Ziobro, by children*

St. Therese (SH): *Beverly Moletsky, by Michele & Brian Moletsky*

Blessed Mother (SM): *John & Nellie Serafin by Jeanette*

St. Joseph (SM): *Peter Jadus, by Jadus family*



The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Vincent and Bernadine Bryk, by their family.



The altar flowers (SH) this weekend are donated in memory of Vincent and Bernadine Bryk, by family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 9, 6pm, SH/SM Security Committee meeting, SH hall

Feb. 12, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft

Feb. 15, 8 & 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 1 assists

Feb. 18, Ash Wednesday liturgies: SH 7am & 12:10pm; SM 4 & 6pm

Feb. 19, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft

The Parish Offices will be closed on Mon., Feb. 16 in observance of Presidents' Day. The offices will reopen Tues., Feb. 17 at 8:30 am and 9:30am.

A 2026 Polish Picnic meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in SH church hall. This very important first meeting will determine the scope and dates of our biggest fundraiser in 2026. All parishioners are encouraged to attend!

Requiescant in pace: pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Gilbert Antal (SH), Joseph Dente, Jr. (SM), and Michael Boyko (SM), who were recently buried from our church.

Queen of the Apostles Parish

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Pittston Deanery

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- Our Lady of the Eucharist, Pittston
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PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Number of Households	507	652	643	753	790
Number of Parishioners	990	1197	1297	1465	1487
Total Number of Weekend Masses	2	3	3	3	3
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	217	201	281	279	283

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Baptisms	21	29	17	16	14
First Holy Communions	18	15	20	13	23
Confirmations	22	14	16	17	38
OCIA/Baptism	3	5	1	3	3
OCIA/Full Communion	0	0	6	0	0
Marriages	5	1	5	8	0
Funerals	43	60	48	57	57

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Religious Education K-8	45	76	80	70	121
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	20	16	19	24	25
Adult Faith Formation	4	2	6	2	2

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PARISH DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Number of Households	821	848	734	845	891
Number of Parishioners	1230	1270	1074	1240	1339
Total Number of Weekend Masses	2	3	3	3	3
Total Average Weekend Mass Attendance	295	316	292	313	300

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Baptisms	8	9	7	5	4
First Holy Communions	6	15	12	11	7
Confirmations	13	4	11	13	12
OCIA/Baptism	2	2	0	1	0
OCIA/Full Communion	0	1	0	0	0
Marriages	2	3	1	1	2
Funerals	37	23	35	36	31

FAITH FORMATION PARTICIPATION

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Religious Education K-8	45	42	42	53	39
Religious Education 9-12	0	0	0	0	0
Catholic School Students	21	12	12	5	5
Adult Faith Formation	4	12	12	0	0

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