



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

✠ **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord** ♦ **March 29, 2026** ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

A solemn blessing and procession of palms will be held prior to the 10:30 am Mass at SH church on Palm Sunday, March 29. The faithful are asked to gather at the school on Sunday, March 29, by 10:30 am. The palms will be blessed there, and all will process into the church for Mass. The choir will lead us in song as we process through the rectory driveway, up the ramp and into the church. Palms will also be blessed in a simple ritual and distributed at all Masses in both of our parishes that weekend.

On Good Friday, our parishes will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Church in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines.

Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Fasting prescribes that only one full meal be taken. Two smaller meals may be taken to maintain strength, but these taken should not equal another full meal. Fasting obliges from the 18th to the 59th birthday. Abstinence forbids the eating of meat. Abstinence obliges from the 14th birthday on.

The blessing of Easter food will be held on Holy Saturday, April 4, at 11:30am (SH) and 1 pm (SM) in the church hall. The faithful are invited to bring the cooked food that they will eat on Easter Sunday in baskets for blessing. This Eastern European custom spiritually links the nourishment we receive from our table with the nourishment we receive from the Eucharist. **SH Holy Name Society will distribute the pre-ordered *kolaczki* in SH hall that day from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Homemade pizzelles by Mike Silla will be sold by SH Holy Name Society on Saturday, April 4, 11am - 12pm in the church hall during the blessing of Easter baskets. Pizzelles will be available in anise flavor, chocolate and vanilla with sprinkles. They will be sold in containers of 8 pieces for \$5 while supplies last!

Our parish will sing the "Missa Simplex" setting for the Triduum and "The Heritage Mass" for the sung parts of all Masses for the Easter season. Please participate in Mass by singing the responses.

Please make use of the Easter Flower envelope in your offertory envelope pack. Donations will help defray the cost of purchasing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Easter.

The parish offices will be closed on Holy Thursday and on Good Friday. They will open again on Monday, April 6, (SH) 8:30am-12pm and (SM) 9:30am-12:30pm.

The 2026 Paschal Candle for Sacred Heart Church has been donated in memory of George Vojta by Maria Vojta. The paschal candle for St. Mary Church is donated in memory of Anthony Blaskiewicz by his family.

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Thursday (April 2) Holy Thursday

7:00 pm (SM) Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
10:00 pm (SM) Eucharistic Reposition & Night Prayer

Friday (April 3) Good Friday

3:00 pm (SH) Liturgy
7:00 pm (SM) Stations of the Cross

Saturday (April 4) Holy Saturday

11:30 am (SH) Blessing of Easter food baskets
1:00 pm (SM) Blessing of Easter food baskets
8:00 pm (SM) Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday (April 5) Easter Sunday Masses:

7:30 am (SH), 9:30 am (SM), 11:00 am (SH)

Thank you to the CCM and all those who donated goodies for our reception following last Sunday's *Gorzkie zale* devotions. Tony and our choir did a great job singing the Polish hymns!

The deanery penance service will be on March 30, 6:30pm at St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston. There will not be the "Light is on for You" 5:30pm Confessions that day in our church.

The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated in SM church on Thursday, Apr. 2 at 7 pm. This Mass commemorates Jesus' institution of the Holy Eucharist, His Holy Priesthood and His Holy Command to love and serve one another. *All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are requested to vest in their albs and participate in the Eucharistic procession. All adult and youth altar servers are also encouraged to vest and participate. Our First Holy Communion children will also participate.* Holy Communion will be administered under both kinds. 12 men will have their feet washed. The Blessed Sacrament will be reposed in the church for a period of silent adoration until 10 pm when Night Prayer will be celebrated. Members of the Holy Name Society, Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Altar & Rosary Society will assist with adoration and pray the rosary.

The faithful who devoutly visit the Blessed Sacrament in the repository on Holy Thursday, and recite *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be*, five times in order to return due thanks for the institution of the Holy Eucharist, and one *Our Father, Hail Mary and Glory be* for the intentions of the Pope, are granted a plenary indulgence.

Adoration of the Cross: a *plenary indulgence* is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly take part in the adoration of the cross during the solemn liturgy of Good Friday.

The *Rezurekcja* (Resurrection) procession will take place during the (SH) 7:30am Easter Mass according to the Polish custom by the Holy Name Society members. The Easter Sequence will be proclaimed and the Renewal of Baptismal Promises will take the place of the Creed at all the Easter Sunday Masses.

Christmas decorations must be removed from the graves in all three of our cemeteries by Easter Sunday. *Please clean your loved ones' graves for Easter.* Any old or decrepit decorative items that remain on the graves will be discarded by the cemetery caretakers.

The Easter Food Drive sponsored by SH/SM 6 and 7th grade CCD students ends Sunday, March 29. Thank you to all who generously donated non-perishable items which will support the Avoca Food Pantry at Bethel United Methodist Church.

CCD News: classes will be canceled on April 5 for Easter.

Thank you to our SH Holy Name Society who generously donated holy water bottles free of charge for those who wish to take home the newly blessed Easter water on Easter Sunday from our churches.

The Easter bunny will be appearing with a basket of goodies after the 11am Mass on Easter Sunday at SH church steps. We thank the Holy Name Society for continuing this custom.

Tickets for the Confraternity of Christian Mothers' Spring Raffle are available for pick-up in the SH narthex. Please purchase the tickets and return them to the Parish Office by May 3. 1st prize \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150 and 4th \$100. The drawing will take place on Monday, May 4, at the CCM Mother's Day Dinner.

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in SH hall on Thurs., May 7, 12:30 – 5:00pm. Those who donate will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card via email. Go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule an appointment.

Homemade Chocolate Eggs will be sold before and after the Masses this weekend in the SH church narthex.

CASH BINGO will take place on Sunday, April 19, 2026, in Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Bingo begins at 1 p.m. Players must be 18 years of age or older. Cash prizes range from \$50–\$200 per game. Admission: \$25 in advance. \$30 at the door. There are only a handful of seats remaining! Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Individual game sponsors, donations of baskets for a basket raffle, and volunteers to help work the event needed. Theme basket donations can be dropped off in the church narthex during weekend Masses at both Sacred Heart and St. Mary’s Church. If you or your business would like to sponsor a game prize, if you would like to volunteer, or if you would like to purchase a ticket, contact John Labrosky, 570-881-3959.

MARRIAGE BANNS

II. Christopher Navarro, Catholic, to **Megan Price**, Catholic, on April 18, 2026, in St. Mary Church.
II. Emil Ishley, Catholic, to **Victoria Barnett**, Protestant, on May 23, 2026, in St. Mary Church.

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for the Diocesan Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the USA on the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12, here at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont! A Solemn Pontifical Mass with Bishop Bambara will be celebrated at 5:30 p.m., followed by a catered/potluck social in the picnic grove. This is an event not to be missed!

Congratulations to the HNS 300 Club Week 4 winners: 1st prize: \$100, Tom Paddock, 2nd prize: \$50, MaryAnn Smithonic, 3rd prize: \$25, Larry Robacheski, 4th prize: \$25, Dorothy Sheridan.

Sacred Heart will be hold its annual Polish Picnic on Saturday, June 27, from 1 to 8pm. This year’s chairmen are Mary Griffin, Charyl Nagy and Joe Petro. Please volunteer by contacting Charyl Nagy: 540-5478 (please text during the day and provide your name or call after 5pm). The next meeting will be Tues., April 7, at 6 p.m.

Instant Lottery Ticket donations sought for the SH Picnic: please donate new instant lottery scratch off tickets for the lottery game. Kindly deposit them in the collection basket. Thank you!

Easter Food Basket donations for the needy are now being sought. The SM St. Vincent de Paul Society is in the process of creating food baskets that will be blessed and distributed on Holy Saturday in Queen of the Apostles Hall. Monetary donations are requested so that food can be purchased for the baskets. Please place your monetary gift in an envelope marked “Easter Food Baskets” and either drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. If you or someone you know needs food for their Easter Sunday meal, please contact the SM parish office as soon as possible. *The baskets will be arranged in the SM hall in preparation for the 1 p.m. blessing, after which they will be distributed.*

A 20th Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 4 in the backyard of Kiesinger Funeral Home, 255 McAlpine St., Duryea. To register your child call Robin Kiesinger at 570-357-0370 and leave a message with the names and number of children attending. Donations of plastic eggs, candy, or small prizes can be placed in the Easter box located in the church narthex. Monetary gifts are also appreciated and can be sent to Kiesinger’s directly. Volunteers are needed to help fill eggs on Wed., April 1, at 6pm in SM Parish Hall. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the hunt at Kiesinger’s from 7:30 to 10am.

All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, on Tues., Mar. 31 at 4 p.m. At this Mass priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for our diocesan priests.

2026 Wedding Anniversary Mass for couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversaries will be celebrated by the bishop at St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton, on Sunday, June 28, at 2:30 p.m. A reception will follow at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Register online at www.dioceseofscranton.org or call Bridget Maille at 570-207-2213 ext. 1113 by June 7 to participate.

Easter Duty: All Catholics have the serious obligation to make a worthy Confession and receive the Holy Eucharist during Paschal Time which runs from the beginning of holy Lent through Pentecost.

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Theresa Petruska who was recently buried from SH church.

Monday (Mar. 30) Monday of Holy Week

7:30 am (SH) Angelica Borysewicz
by Jeffrey and Heather Roche

Tuesday (Mar. 31) Tuesday of Holy Week

9:00 am (SM) Mary Ann Corcoran
by Jack Galvin

Wednesday (Apr. 1) Wednesday of Holy Week

7:30 am (SH) Irene and Edward Sutkowski
by family

Thursday (Apr. 2) Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper

7:00 pm (SM) Salvation of the souls of all clergy
by Tina M. Petcaugh

10 pm (SM) Night Prayer

Friday (Apr. 3) Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion

3:00 pm (SH) Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion
 7:00 pm (SM) Stations of the Cross

Saturday (Apr. 4) Holy Saturday: Vigil in the Holy Night

8:00 pm (SM) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

Sunday (Apr. 5) Easter Sunday of the Lord’s Resurrection

7:30 am (SH) Martin McDonald
by family

9:30 am (SM) Raul Caltenco
by Blanca Caltenco

11:00 am (SH) Henry and Mary Czarnecki
by daughter, Maryann

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SH) \$5,819.75 (SM) \$4,343.35
Building Fund: (SH) \$12.00 **Civil Taxes:** (SM) \$617.00
Easter Flowers: (SH) \$1,143.00 (SM) \$586.00
Rice Bowl: (SH) \$398.00 (SM) \$333.80
May the Lord reward your generosity.

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
 Tabernacle (SH): Irene Mengak, by cousin, MaryAnn*



The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Ann and Ted Potera, by the Colarusso family.

The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of David Jones & Lisa Jones Kutra, by Ned & Mary Kay Jones

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 2, 7pm, Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper, SM church
 Apr. 2, 10 pm, Night Prayer, SM church
 Apr. 3, 3pm, Good Friday Liturgy, SH church
 Apr. 3, 7pm, Stations of the Cross, SM church
 Apr. 4, 9am, RCIA rehearsal, SM church
 Apr. 4, 11:30 am (SH) & 1 pm (SM), blessing of Easter food, hall
 Apr. 4, 8 pm, Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, SM church
 Apr. 5, Easter Masses - 7:30am (SH), 9:30am (SM), & 11am (SH)

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

March 28-29
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: J. Roche, J. Klenner, Acolyte: Collins
5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: R. Wright, J. Susko, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski, T. Roxby
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: M. Phillips, L. Orr, Acolyte: K. Brogan, G. Orr
10:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: G. Purdy, M. Ferretti, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, Rupprecht family
April 2: Holy Thursday
7pm: EM: M. Moletsky, D. Suchecki, C. Wood; L: J. Susko; Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, Max Collins, M. Hudzinski, G. Orr
April 3: Good Friday
3pm: no EM needed; L: J. McMahon, G. Purdy; Acolyte: J. Barket, T. Gilchrist, A., J. & N. Rupprecht
April 3: Stations of the Cross
7pm: K. Brogan, JJ Galvin, T. Gilchrist
Apr. 4: Easter Food Blessing (church hall)
11:30am: Acolyte: Rupprecht, 1pm: T. Roxby
Apr. 4: Easter Vigil
8pm: EM: N. Adomiak; L: B. Jones, R. Wright; Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, Collins family, J. Barket
Apr. 5: Easter Sunday
7:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: E. Suchecki
9:30am: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: JJ Galvin, G. Orr, T. Roxby
11am: EM: C. Wesley, L: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: Rupprecht