



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

✠ Divine Mercy Sunday ♦ April 12, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, is also known as the Solemnity of Divine Mercy. Jesus Christ has promised to grant complete forgiveness of sins and punishment on Divine Mercy Sunday as recorded in the diary of St. Maria Faustina. The spiritual conditions for this indulgence are as follows: attend Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, sincerely repent of all our sins and place our complete trust in Jesus, go to confession preferably before that Sunday, receive Holy Communion on that Sunday, venerate the Divine Mercy image, and be merciful to others through our actions, words and prayers on their behalf. *We will celebrate a holy hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12 at 3 p.m. in SH church.* At this time special prayers will be said and the chaplet will be prayed in common. Confessions will also be heard. Please plan to attend to receive many graces. "Jesus, I trust in you!"

The Octave of Easter ends with the celebration of Evening Prayer on April 12. This weekend at all Masses, instead of the customary Penitential Act, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water will take place as a reminder of Baptism.

The Easter Season, also known as Paschaltide, extends from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. During this time we commemorate the three glorious mysteries of the Resurrection of Our Lord (celebrated during fifty days), of His Ascension (ten days before Pentecost) and of the Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost, the conclusion of the Season). The Easter Season bears the character of a time of renewal. It corresponds to the forty days between Our Lord's Resurrection and Ascension during which He built up His Church. During this time we are reminded of the infant Church herself, which is the reason why at this time the Acts of the Apostles are read at Mass.

Thank you to the Holy Name Society for sponsoring the visit of the Easter Bunny with his candy to the front sidewalk of SH church following the 11 a.m. Easter Sunday Mass.

Thank you to all who supported the HNS Holy Saturday kolache and pizzelle sale. The net profit was \$408.

Thank you to all who supported the CCM chocolate egg sale. The total gross amount raised was \$2,726.00, expenses totaled \$501.17, and the net profit was \$2,224.83

Congratulations to Kathy Vojta, SH parish secretary, who was recently commissioned as a Notary Public by the Pennsylvania Department of State. She is happy to assist with your notarial needs. You may contact her at the parish office during office hours.

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.

CASH BINGO will take place on Sunday, April 19 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. *All baskets for the basket raffle must be received by Wed., April 15.* 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.

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 Bambera 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!

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.

The SH St. Vincent de Paul Society is in the process of working with funeral homes in the Pittston Deanery to collect all unclaimed urns of cremated remains for burial in the Holy Sepulchre section of SH parish cemetery. *A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in SH church during the Easter season, and the urns will be interred afterwards, free of charge.* No fees are asked of the families or funeral homes – all expenses for the liturgy and the burial will be covered by the charity of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Parishioners and friends of both our parishes are invited to participate in the funeral liturgy when a date is finally selected. If you would like to assist in this very special corporal work of mercy, please speak to Fr. Petro. The SH SVDP is also seeking monetary donations to assist with the purchase of tombstones. Please place your donation in an envelope marked "SVDP Funeral" and either mail it to the SH parish office or drop it in the collection basket. To date, \$100 has been raised to help with the purchase of tombstones. Sometimes families do not take an interest in the passing of their members. Other times, people die without family and friends. Resources may be lacking in giving them a proper burial, especially when they have been cremated. Cremated remains of people are left unclaimed from time-to-time, and funeral homes may bear the responsibility of storing the urn for a long period. It is sad that not all are remembered and given a proper burial.

The SM St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks all who contributed to their annual Easter Food Basket project for the needy. Four families were able to enjoy an Easter dinner.

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., May 5, 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. **Liquor donations** are sought for the wheelbarrow of cheer. Please drop off donations in the marked bin in the narthex.

~ On Divine Mercy ~

"This consoling message is addressed above all to those who, afflicted by a particularly harsh trial or crushed by the weight of the sins they committed, have lost all confidence in life and are tempted to give in to despair. To them the gentle face of Christ is offered; those rays from his heart touch them and shine upon them, warm them, show them the way and fill them with hope. How many souls have been consoled by the prayer *Jesus, I trust in you*, which Providence intimated through Sister Faustina! This simple act of abandonment to Jesus dispels the thickest clouds and lets a ray of light penetrate every life. *Jezu, ufam tobie.*" – Pope St. John Paul II

The Lord's Real Presence: We are fortunate to worship in churches in which the Body of Christ is reserved. It is right to acknowledge the Lord's Real Presence with a brief act of worship on entering or leaving the church and every time passing by the sanctuary. Normally, a genuflection in the direction of the Tabernacle is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a profound bow at the waist.

The Mother's Day envelope is in your offertory pack. You may record your special intentions and memorials on these envelopes and drop them in the collection basket. They will be placed on the BVM side altars of our churches throughout the month of May.

The "Cemetery Care" envelope appears each May in our packs. This month was chosen to correspond with Memorial Day. All money collected in this envelope will be deposited in our cemetery account and will be used solely for the upkeep of our venerable parish cemeteries in Dupont, Avoca and Moosic. Please be generous in your financial support of the burial places of our spiritual forefathers, especially if you have relatives or ancestors buried there. Please take time in May to put your envelope in the collection basket. ***Queen of the Apostles parishioners** may wish to indicate on their Cemetery Care envelope if they would like their donation to be deposited in either St. Mary's Cemetery Account or Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery Account.

Confirmation interviews with Fr. Petro and our DREs for children from both of our parishes will be at 9am in the Sacred Heart of Jesus School of Religion on Sun., April 12. **Confirmation practice** will be on April 15 at 6:30pm in St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston. Students and their sponsors will gather in the Pastoral Center at 6:30pm. **The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated by Bishop Bambara at St. John the Evangelist Church, April 20, at 5pm.

Children from our parishes will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time on Sunday, May 3, at 8am (SM) and 10:30 am (SH). "May Crowning" of a statue of the Blessed Mother will be celebrated on Sunday, May 10, at 8am (SM) and 10:30 am (SH) by our First Communion children. Friends and family of our children are invited to attend these Masses and pray for them as they receive this sacrament of initiation.

Sacramental Sponsors: All parishes require certificates of sponsorship for baptism godparents and confirmation sponsors. If you are asked to be a sponsor for Confirmation or a godparent for a Baptism, you must: be a registered, participating member of Sacred Heart, have received all Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation), if married, be married in the Catholic Church and providing for the religious education of your own children (if applicable). If you have a question about your eligibility or need a sponsor form, you may contact the parish office.

New altar servers are needed: Are you a young person who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in our parishes? Are you interested in growing in the Church's spiritual and liturgical life? Why not become an acolyte (altar server)? Fr. Petro needs new acolytes to serve Mass. Please contact either Parish Office or Fr. Petro if you are interested in learning how to serve. *Training will be held in June after First Holy Communion.*

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, will have their annual Spring Rummage Sale in the school gym on Monday, April 13, 9am-5pm, and Tuesday, April 14, 9am-3pm. Tuesday is \$2/bag day. There will be a bake sale and refreshments.

A Spaghetti Dinner will be at St. Lucy's Church, 949 Scranton St., Scranton, on Sunday, April 26. Enjoy St. Lucy's famous sauce along with a full dinner including pasta, bread, salad, and cake. Take-out dinner is 3-4pm and sit-down service 4-7pm. Cost is \$15 per dinner.

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.

The annual Mother's Day Social hosted by the SH Confraternity of Christian Mothers will be held on Monday, May 4 in SH church hall following their monthly meeting which begins at 5:30pm. Dinner is for members only and is free of charge. Reservations are required so that the proper amount of food can be ordered. Kindly deposit this form in the collection basket by April 26.

Name of member attending: _____

Monday (Apr. 13) St. Martin I

7:30 am (SH) Sophia Tomaszewski
by family

Tuesday (Apr. 14) Easter Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Ellen Lee Shiffer
by Elaine Booth

Wednesday (Apr. 15) Easter Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Emmanuel Ziobro
by family

Thursday (Apr. 16) Easter Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Robert Haduch
by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Klimec

Friday (Apr. 17) Easter Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Mary Opiela
by the Antoine family

Saturday (Apr. 18) Vigil: 3rd Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm (SH) Genevieve Pramick
by daughter, Marcia

5:30pm (SM) Catherine Donelan
by Jim, Jackie, JJ & Tom Galvin

Sunday (Apr. 19) Third Sunday of Easter

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

10:30 am (SH) Victoria Tetlak

by daughters, Joanne and Marie, and families

WEEKLY OFFERING

***Last Sunday:** (SH) \$4,397.79 (SM) \$ 4,121.95

Building Fund: (SH) \$154.00

*Triduum & Easter collections will be in next week's bulletin.

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle (SH): Theresa Gayza, by sister, Marian

Blessed Mother (SH): Daniel Skrzysowski, Sr., by family

St. Joseph (SH): Emmanuel Ziobro, by family

St. Therese (SH): Helen M. Romanko, by family

St. Francis (SH): Leonard Kucehmba, MD, by Donna Karwaski

Blessed Mother (SM): Barbara Pearce, by Mark & Veronica Seber & family



The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Theresa Gayza, by sister, Marian.

The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Bertha Eaton, by Debra Lynch.



The altar flowers (SH) this weekend are donated in memory of Theresa Gayza, by sister, Marian.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 12, 3pm, Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour, SH church

Apr. 13, 6pm, SH/SM Security Committee mtg, SH hall

Apr. 14, 10:30am, Altar & Rosary Society meeting, SM hall

Apr. 27, 6pm, Pastoral/Finance Council meeting, SH hall

Apr. 29, 5pm, 1st Communion Practice & confessions, SM church

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

May 1, 7:30 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, SH church

May 2, 1:30pm, 1st Communion Practice & confessions, SH church

May 2, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, SH church

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

April 11-12

4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski, C. Purdy

5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: J. McMahon, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist

8am: EM: A. Jake, L: K. Price, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski

10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich

April 12: Divine Mercy Holy Hour

3pm: L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: 2 volunteers needed

April 18-19

4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: JJ Galvin, C. Purdy

5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Roxby

8am: EM: M. Phillips, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: M. Phillips

10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: C., E. & J. Toalongo

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

Thank you for silencing your cell phone and refraining from texting while in church.