



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

✠ **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord** ♦ **April 5, 2026** ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

Welcome home! We are most happy to welcome Tyler William Joseph Mulvihill (SH), Michael Anthony LaRocca (SM), Heather Maria Baldacci (SH), and Victoria Angeles Anastasia Rivera (SM) as members of our parishes! Tyler William Joseph Mulvihill received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist and Michael Anthony LaRocca received the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist. Heather Maria Baldacci and Victoria Angeles Anastasia Rivera received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. They were received into the fullness of the Christian faith at this year's Easter Vigil. Please be sure to congratulate them and welcome them to their new spiritual home.

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. On Easter Sunday, the rite of the renewal of baptismal promises, used at the Easter Vigil, takes the place of the Creed after the homily. A *partial indulgence* is granted the Christian faithful who renew their baptismal promises through the customary formula. When they do this during the celebration of the Easter Vigil or the anniversary of their own baptism, they obtain a *plenary indulgence*.

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.

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

Father Petro wishes to thank all those individuals who worked so hard to beautify our churches for Easter. Special mention is given to those who cleaned the churches, the volunteers who decorated the sanctuaries, the musicians and choir members who gave us such beautiful music and anyone who helped in any way to make this Triduum and Easter so special.

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 parish offices will be open on Monday, April 6, (SH) 8:30am-12pm and (SM) 8:30am-12:30pm.

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

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!

Our parishes will sing "The Heritage Mass" for the sung parts of all Masses for the Easter season. Please participate in Mass by singing the responses.

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.

Thank you to all who supported the Altar & Rosary Soup and Hoagie Sale. The total gross amount raised was \$1,407.00, expenses totaled \$372.00, and the net profit was \$1,035.00. An Altar & Rosary Society meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14 at 10:30 a.m. in SM parish hall.

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 St. Vincent de Paul Society of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church 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. 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 the funeral director may bear the responsibility of storing the urn in the funeral home for a long period of time. It is a sad reality that not everyone is remembered and given a proper burial. The season of Lent provides us with an opportunity to focus spiritually on the suffering and death of Jesus, which leads us to celebrate with joyful hearts his Resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

Sacred Heart will 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!

**“Chrystus Zmartwychwsta!” (Christ is risen!)
“Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!” (Truly He is risen!)**

Pray the *Regina Caeli* during the Easter season. A *partial indulgence* is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly recite it during this joyful season. According to praiseworthy custom this prayer is usually recited at dawn, noon and in the evening:

“Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For Christ, your Son and Son of God, has risen as he said, alleluia.

Pray to God for us, alleluia. Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary, alleluia. For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. God of life, you have given joy to the world by the resurrection of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through the prayers of his mother, the Virgin Mary, bring us to the happiness of eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.”

MARRIAGE BANNES

III. **Christopher Navarro**, Catholic, to **Megan Price**, Catholic, on April 18, 2026, in St. Mary Church.

III. **Emil Ishley**, Catholic, to **Victoria Barnett**, Protestant, on May 23, 2026, in St. Mary Church.

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. Please do not neglect this.

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.

Confirmation News: Confirmation interviews with Fr. Petro and our DREs for children from both of our parishes will take place at 9:15 a.m. in the Sacred Heart of Jesus School of Religion on Sun., April 12. **All Confirmation students** from both of our parishes will be attending the required Diocesan Confirmation Retreat at St. Maria Goretti Church, Laflin, on Saturday, April 11. Students will meet in the parking lot of St. Maria Goretti Church at 8:30am. **Confirmation practice** will be held on April 15, at 6:30pm, at 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 with Bishop Joseph Bambera, at Saint 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.

New altar servers are needed: Are you a young person who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in our parish? 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 the Parish Office or Fr. Petro if you are interested in learning how to serve. *Training will be held in June after First Holy Communion.*

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.

Congratulations to the HNS 300 Club Week 5 winners: Grand Prize: \$500, Andrew Renfer, 1st prize: \$100, Justin Roche, 2nd prize: \$50, Justin Roche, 3rd prize: \$25, Barbara Evans, 4th prize: \$25, Clare Bonczek.

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.

Monday (Apr. 6) Monday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am (SH) Thomas M. Sheridan

by *Thomas and Dorothy Sheridan*

Tuesday (Apr. 7) Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 am (SM) Joseph Dente

by *Timothy Healey & family*

Wednesday (Apr. 8) Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am (SH) Donna Bartosiewicz

by *Bob Bartosiewicz*

Thursday (Apr. 9) Thursday within the Octave of Easter

9:00 am (SM) Ernie Cavalari

by *Joseph & Mary Ellen Lampman*

Friday (Apr. 10) Friday within the Octave of Easter

7:30 am (SH) Adam Chmiel

by *Joseph and Kathy*

Saturday (Apr. 11) Vigil: Divine Mercy Sunday

4:00 pm (SH) Theresa Gayza

by *sister, Marian*

5:30pm (SM) James A Galvin

by *Jim, Jackie & JJ Galvin*

Sunday (Apr. 12) Divine Mercy Sunday

8:00 am (SM) Carol A. Mack

by *Joan Lilli*

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SH) \$3,794.39 (SM) \$3,336.00

Building Fund: (SH) \$308.00 (SM) \$331.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle (SH): *Doris & Frank Kremitske, by Mark & Diana Kremitske*

Blessed Mother (SH): *intentions of Thomas & Angeline Pistack, by family*

St. Joseph (SH): *intentions of Alex Nebraska, by family*

St. Therese (SH): *Steve & Loretta Haluschak, by Michele & Brian*

St. Francis (SH): *intentions of Amanda Pflanz, by Bethany Purdy*

Blessed Mother (SM): *Janet Koenig, by Mark & Veronica Seber & family*



The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of John and Marion Babiarz, by Valerie, Sherwood, and Gregory Grabiec.

The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of John Tobin, by Maryann Tobin

UPCOMING EVENTS

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)

Apr. 6, 6pm, CCM meeting, SH hall

Apr. 7, 6pm, Picnic meeting, SH hall

Apr. 9, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft

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

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

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

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

Apr. 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

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

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

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

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