



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

✠ **Sixth Sunday of Easter** ♦ **May 10, 2026** ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Ascension Thursday

Wednesday, May 13: (SH) 4 p.m.

Thursday, May 14: (SH) 7 a.m. & (SM) 5:30 p.m.

“**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. The Blessed Virgin Mary is given special honor by the Church during the month of May. The *Regina Coeli* (“Queen of Heaven”) hymn is sung as a post communion meditation hymn at Sunday Masses during Easter. The faithful are encouraged to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass. Also, free rosaries and other objects of devotion will be offered in the narthex throughout May.

Mothers’ Day Blessing: All mothers present at the Masses this weekend will receive a special Mothers’ Day blessing.

The Altar & Rosary Society (SM) and the Confraternity of Christian Mothers (SH) will hold their annual Mother’s Day Carnation Sale. For a \$1 donation per flower, you can honor a living or deceased mother, grandmother, or special loved one. Flowers are available before and after the masses this weekend in the narthex of both churches. All proceeds benefit the Scranton Chapter of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life. This fundraiser is intended to honor mothers and to promote the value and dignity of human life. The funds will be used to continue the chapter’s pro-life work. Vases are placed near the BVM side altar. You may place your carnation in the vase or take it home to adorn your Blessed Mother shrine.

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.

Congratulations to the Confraternity of Christian Mothers Spring Raffle winners! 1st prize of \$500 – Brittany Field, 2nd prize of \$250 – Lisa Pernot, 3rd prize of \$150 – Michael Silla, Jr., 4th prize of \$100 – Lisa Twardowski. **Thank you** to all who supported the spring raffle. A net profit of \$1,986.28 was realized!

The SH St. Vincent de Paul Society is working with funeral homes in the Pittston Deanery to collect unclaimed urns of cremated remains for burial in SH parish cemetery. *A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in SH church on Saturday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m. and the urns will be interred afterwards.* 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. 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, \$615 has been raised for the purchase of tombstones.

On Memorial Day, May 25, Fr. Petro will celebrate Mass for Peace and Justice at 9 a.m. in the Pope St. John Paul II Chapel in Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, Dupont. There will not be 7:30am Mass that day in the church. He will also celebrate Mass that day at 10:30 a.m. in the Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery Chapel, Moosic. All are invited to attend.

New youth altar servers are needed for both of our parishes! Are you a young person who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in our parish? Why not become an acolyte (altar server)? Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in learning how to serve. Training will be held in June.

Come celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the church dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12, here in Dupont! The Diocesan Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the USA will take place here in Dupont on that day. Every parishioner is encouraged to make a special effort to celebrate our parish’s patronal feastday in some way. Our feastday schedule is as follows: 7:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Exposition and First Friday devotional prayers. Eucharistic Adoration from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (a sign-up sheet for adorers is in the narthex) concluding with Benediction. Devotional prayers led by Bishop Bambera consecrating our diocese and country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be recited at the Mass. Following the Mass, at approximately 6:30 p.m., a potluck social will be enjoyed by all under a tent in our picnic grove. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish or some type of food for everyone to share (a food sign-up sheet is in the narthex). Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will decorate the grounds and organize the event, and our Holy Name Society will provide the beverages. A buffet will be arranged for the food that you bring, and everyone can sample the various foods and enjoy a nice evening of fellowship, family, faith and music – free of charge. Let’s gather as a parish family to pray and share a meal together with our Bishop and guests from throughout the diocese!

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).

Instant Lottery Ticket donations and Gift Cards are sought for the SH Picnic: please donate new instant lottery scratch off tickets and gifts cards for the lottery/gift card stand. Ideas for gift card donations can be found on the easel located in the church narthex. 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.

Theme basket donations are now being sought for our picnic. Baby themed baskets, pet supplies, entertainment, lottery trees, cooking and baking, seasonal, backyard and garden, tools, car care, summertime fun, toys...the theme possibilities are endless! A minimum value of \$35 per basket is requested. All items must be unused. Please bring them to the church narthex from now until the picnic. Call Sharon Ziobro (570-332-7780) for more details.

Volunteers are needed to help make homemade pierogi! Pierogi prep will take place Monday, June 1, in the church hall and will continue through June 6 as needed. A morning shift will begin at 8am and an evening shift at 5pm. Please contact Joe Petro at 570-947-0991 with any questions or to double check the work schedule for the day.

If you would like to volunteer at this year’s picnic, but are not sure what opportunities are available, please do not hesitate to contact one of the picnic chairmen. Many hands make for light work!

A new section has been mapped in the Holy Sepulchre section of SH cemetery for the in-ground burial of urns containing cremated ashes. Each section measures 3’ x 3’ and can accommodate up to two urns. Each section will have a matching gray granite flat marker. Visit the area near the columbarium on Pine Street to see the survey lines. This section is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners. Contact the SH parish office for details and pricing.

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. ****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.**

Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery is upgrading its maintenance services to include grass-cutting for all individual grave sites. These professional services are scheduled to begin in May. *All three of our cemeteries* now have lawncare professionals to cut the grass and trim around the headstones. Please be generous in your gift to the “Cemetery Care” envelope so that the perpetual care accounts remain funded, especially now for our Moosic cemetery.

Cemetery Clean-up Time: It’s that time of year to clean up the cemeteries and prepare for spring and grass-cutting season. We ask that all planters and decorations remaining on lots from last year be removed by May 15. After this date, items will be removed and discarded. Please note, we are not responsible for any items left at the grave sites after May 15. Thank you for your cooperation.

Charlie Vermack, SM parishioner and gravedigger, is available to level the cemetery plots in *all three of our cemeteries* by removing excess dirt and rock and replacing it with topsoil and applying grass seed for new burial graves. His fee is \$75 per grave. If you would like Charlie to improve your family’s plot, call him at 570-947-5981.

Scott Hilenski, SH parishioner and owner of Memento Mortuos, LCC, is available for full-service grave care, including headstone cleaning, mulching and flower planting, in *all three of our cemeteries*. For more information, call Scott at 570-519-8200 or go to www.NepaCemeteryCare.com.

Our two parishes have been invited by Fr. Petro and the Diocesan Office for Parish Life to participate in the Genesis Mission — an opportunity to enter into the kind of intentional encounters seen throughout the Gospels, where Jesus sought out those in need of healing, forgiveness, or simply to be seen. Encounters like the woman at the well or Zacchaeus in the tree reveal how personal and life-changing these moments can be. Today, we are called to continue this mission. The Genesis mission helps participants recognize daily opportunities for grace, where ordinary moments can become sacred encounters. To learn more, contact Regina Wright at (570) 207-2213 or rwright@dioceseofscranton.org

The Diocese of Scranton will celebrate its annual Mother’s Day Adoption Mass on Sunday, May 10, at 10 a.m. in St. Peter’s Cathedral, 315 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. This liturgy prayerfully recognizes all mothers, with a special emphasis on adoptive and foster mothers. Bishop Bambera will be the principal celebrant.

The Order of Alhambra will celebrate its 120th anniversary on June 6 with a Founder’s Day Mass at 4pm in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Dupont, followed by a reception at The Venue, 28 Concorde Dr., Dupont, from 6 to 9pm. Alhamar Caravan is the oldest caravan in the Order and is dedicated to assisting the intellectually disabled. All are welcome to attend. Cost of dinner is \$35 per person and includes chicken francaise, vegetables, salad, ice cream sundae and cake. Checks may be made payable to Alhamar Caravan No. 4 and can be sent to Alhamar Caravan No. 4, 17 English St., West Wyoming, PA 18644. RSVP deadline is May 21.

Nazareth Group Meeting - The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth invite girls in grades 9 – 12 to join them on Saturday, June 6, from 11am-4:30pm. Learn more about the Faith, make wholesome friendships, and grow more in love with Jesus through prayer and hearing inspirational talks. For more information or to RSVP by June 3, please call Sister Angela in Tunkhannock at 570-836-2737 or Sister Clare in Williamsport at 570-745-3334. Calling times are Mon-Thurs. and Sat: 9-11:30am, 1-4:30pm, 7-8:15pm.

8th Annual Catholic Women’s Conference at Marywood University: COURAGEOUS FAITH. To be held Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Nazareth Hall, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509. For Conference information, call 570-430-2735 or visit <https://www.cwcnepa.com/>

The Costello Scholarship Program will award scholarships to PA students planning to attend college for the entire 202-27 academic year. Applicants must be our diocesan Catholic high school students who plan to enroll in college for the upcoming year. The application deadline is June 3. For details visit: <https://scholarshipamerica.org/scholarship/costello/>

Monday (May 11) Easter Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Albert and Helen Cocco
by Betty Belles

Tuesday (May 12) St. Pancras

9:00 am (SM) Phyllis Hapersberger
by Dorothy Kishel

Wednesday (May 13) Our Lady of Fatima

7:30 am (SH) Edward Koteck
by Rosalie Kaplan

Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord

4:00 pm (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

Thursday (May 14) The Ascension of the Lord

7:00 am (SH) Mary Opiela
by Dianne and Steve McKitish

5:30 pm (SM) Peter Judus

by Lorraine Bartush

Friday (May 15) St. Isidore

7:30 am (SH) Zackary Bryk
by Amanda Bryk

Saturday (May 16)

9:30 am (SH) St. Vincent de Paul Mass of Christian Burial

Vigil: 7th Sunday of Easter

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

5:30pm (SM) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

Sunday (May 17) Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00 am (SM) Scott Kryeski
by Ron, Sarah & Ken

10:30 am (SH) Deceased members of our CCM
by Sacred Heart CCM

<p>WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: (SH) \$5,441.00 (SM) \$ 4,508.46 Building Fund: (SH) \$172.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i></p>

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

Tabernacle (SH): intentions of Catherine Helminiak, by Georgann

Blessed Mother (SH): intentions of Mary Pistack, by family

St. Joseph (SH): James Lopata, by Robert Lopata

St. Therese (SH): Richard A. Champi, Sr., by Joseph & Patricia Champi

St. Francis (SH): Joseph Szulewski, Sr., by children

Tabernacle (SM): Dennis Fitzgerald, by June Fitzgerald & family

Blessed Mother (SM): Barbara Pearce, by family

St. Joseph (SM): Peter Judus, by family



The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Cassie Lopata, by Robert Lopata.

UPCOMING EVENTS
May 9, 1pm, May Crowning practice, SM Church
May 10, 8am & 10:30am, May Crowning, church
May 14, Ascension Thursday – see Mass schedule
May 16, 9:30am, St. Vincent de Paul Mass of Christian Burial, SH
May 21, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft
May 25, 9am, Mass, SH cemetery chapel
May 25, 10:30am, Mass, Ss. Peter & Paul cemetery chapel
May 28, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
May 9-10
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski, C. Purdy
5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Roxby
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: B. Janek, Jase Dudzinski
10:30am: EM: M. Phillips, L: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: C., E., & J. Toalongo
May 13-14: Ascension of the Lord
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: Collins family
7am: EM: <i>no EM needed</i> , L: D. Sheridan, Acolyte: B. Satkowski
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: R. Wright, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
May 16-17
4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: Collins family
5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: JJ Galvin
8am: EM: M. Phillips, L: K. Price, Acolyte: M. Phillips
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: C. Purdy, Acolyte: Rupprecht family

The annual spring concerts of the Catholic Choral Society of Scranton will be presented on Friday, May 15 at 7pm at Holy Rosary Church, 316 William St., Scranton, and on Sunday, May 17 at 7pm, at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston.