



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



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(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

✠ Pentecost Sunday ♦ May 24, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

COME, CREATOR SPIRIT

O, Holy Spirit, by whose breath life rises vibrant out of death; come to create, renew, inspire; come, kindle in our hearts your fire. You are the seeker's sure resource, of burning love the living source, protector in the midst of strife, the giver and the Lord of life. In you God's energy is shown, to us your varied gifts made known. Teach us to speak, teach us to hear; yours is the tongue and yours the ear. Flood our dull senses with your light; in mutual love our hearts unite. Your power the whole creation fills, confirm our weak, uncertain wills. From inner strife grant us release; turn nations to the ways of peace. To fuller life your people bring that as one body we may sing: Praise to the Father, Christ, his Word, and to the Spirit: God the Lord, to whom all honor, glory be both now and for eternity. Amen. *A plenary indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly recite the "Come, Creator Spirit" (Veni, Creator) publicly on the first day of January and on the Solemnity of Pentecost.*

With the Solemnity of Pentecost comes the end of the Easter Season. Next week with the feast of the Most Holy Trinity, we go back to Ordinary Time. At that time, we will begin using the *Missa Simplex* Mass setting. This setting is not found in our hymnals but is a simple melody that one can easily follow.

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.

The parish offices will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. The SH parish office will be closed May 28.

We print our weekly bulletin in-house without advertisements. Since our parish does not receive advertising money from bulletin sponsors, we seek sponsorship donations from local vendors and others for our annual parish picnic. Each Sponsor has contributed \$250 or more in support of this year's picnic and each Donor has contributed \$100 or more. Anyone wishing to sponsor our parish picnic is asked to submit their donation (any amount) to the parish office by June 22.

2026 Picnic Sponsors

Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

Lokuta-Zawacki Funeral Home – raffle tickets

Kiesinger Funeral Services, Inc. – refreshment tickets

Bob Lasota, Sr., Roofing

2026 Picnic Donors

Sherwood and Valerie Grabiec

Mayor Elaine Lello, in memory of Mayor Dan Lello

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2026 PICNIC DONATION FORM

Business or personal name as you wish it to appear:

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Please make your check payable to Sacred Heart Church.

After nine years of faithful service to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, **Kathy Vojta** is leaving as Parish secretary. She has accepted the position of Executive Assistant to the Judicial Vicar at the Diocesan Tribunal located at the Chancery Office in Scranton. In this full-time capacity she will assist Fr. Petro, the Judicial Vicar, and other members of the Tribunal staff with the application of the Church's canon law pertaining to marriage. We are very grateful for her good work in Dupont and are also happy to announce that Kathy will remain in the service of Sacred Heart Parish in the part-time position of Financial Secretary, for which she will be responsible for bill pay and budgeting.

We are also happy to announce that Sacred Heart parishioner and local funeral director, **Gregory Zawacki**, will assume the new part-time position of Administrative Assistant of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish. Gregory is well-known in the community and serves as the President of the SH Holy Name Society, a Picnic Committee member and a member of the SH Finance Council. He will continue in these positions, as well as funeral director of the Lokuta-Zawacki Funeral Home, Dupont. In this capacity he will assist Fr. Petro in the administration of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Office.

We are also happy to announce that the new housekeeper for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Rectory and Parish Office will be Fr. Petro's mother, **Maria Elena Petro**. Having retired from the family business, the former Petro Hardware & Supply Co., Inkerman, she will be responsible for the part-time work involved in keeping her son, his house and his cat tidy. "Thanks, mom!"

These parochial assignments become effective June 1. At that time the new office hours for Dupont will take effect: *Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.* Please welcome our new parish employees. They look forward to working with their fellow employees as well as their counterparts in Avoca for the benefit of all our parishioners.

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. All parishioners and friends are invited to this day-long celebration.

Our Feastday Schedule

7:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Exposition and First Friday devotional prayers.

8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration concluding with Benediction. *A sign-up sheet for hourly adorers is in the narthex.*

5:30 p.m. Mass with devotional prayers led by Bishop Bambera consecrating our diocese and country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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). *If you are unable to bring a food item, you may make a monetary donation that will be used to purchase supplemental food.* Make checks payable to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church. 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!

SM Altar & Rosary Society will meet on Tuesday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m. in SM parish hall. All members are asked to attend.

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*) is celebrated on Sunday, June 7. This feast is a great occasion to emphasize Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. At all Masses the weekend of June 6-7, Holy Communion under both species will be offered to the faithful. *All the faithful are also encouraged to join in an outdoor procession of the Blessed Sacrament after 10:30 a.m. Mass from SH church to the picnic grove via the rectory driveway.* Members of our Holy Name Society will hold the canopy over the Blessed Sacrament, members of the choir will lead us in song, members of the CCM will lead us in the rosary prior to the 10:30 am Mass, and all extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion and altar servers are invited to vest in their robes and process. Plan to be a part of these beautiful public devotions!

Father's Day envelopes may be found in your offertory envelope pack. You may place them in the collection basket or mail them to the Parish Office. Father's Day is celebrated on Sunday, June 21. All returned envelopes will be placed on the St. Joseph side altar throughout the month of June and the intentions for our fathers, living and deceased, will be remembered at all Masses.

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.

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 and provide your name or call after 5pm).

Tickets for the Picnic Raffle will be available for pick-up in the narthex. Please purchase the tickets and return them by dropping them in the collection basket or mailing them to the Parish Office. 1st prize \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$150 and 4th \$100. The drawing will take place on Saturday, June 27, at 8 p.m.

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 begin Monday, June 1, in the church hall and will continue through June 6 as needed. The morning shift will begin at 8am and the evening shift at 5pm. Please contact Joe Petro (947-0991) with any questions or to 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 a picnic chairman. 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.

Live out your faith: Genesis Mission, an evangelization initiative that equips ordinary Catholics with the confidence and skills to share their faith by promoting simple, natural ways of talking about God with others, is in the process of being formed at our parishes. Through seven short sessions, participants will deepen their relationship with Jesus, grow in faith, and discover how everyday encounters can become opportunities to bring others closer to Christ. Summer sessions are now forming and will meet Wednesdays from June 17 through July 29 from 2:30-4pm or 7-8:30pm. To learn more, contact Regina Wright at (570) 207-2213 or rwright@dioceseofscranton.org

Monday (May 25) BVM Mother of the Church (Memorial Day)

9:00 am (SH) Zigmund Romanczuk
by wife, Betty, and children, Lynn and Joyce
10:30 am (SM) For the repose of the souls of all deceased veterans
by a parishioner

Tuesday (May 26) St. Philip Neri

9:00 am (SM) Glenard, Margaret & William Houston
by Mary M. Houston

Wednesday (May 27) St. Augustine of Canterbury

7:30 am (SH) Daniel Lello
by Viginia Chase

Thursday (May 28) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Elaine Warman
by Scott Hilenski

Friday (May 29) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Albert Lenchak
by family

Saturday (May 30) Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

4:00 pm (SH) Peter and Mary Yablonski
by family
5:30pm (SM) Dennis Fitzgerald
by June Fitzgerald & family

Sunday (May 31) The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am (SM) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am (SH) Ann Skrzysowski
by daughter, Joan Vogue

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: (SH) \$3,591.39 (SM) \$3,849.25
Building Fund: (SH) \$48.00
Ascension: (SH) \$503.00 (SM) \$412.00
Catholic Communications Campaign: (SH) \$47.00 (SM) \$65.00
<i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): Daniel Lello, by Elaine
Blessed Mother (SH): intentions of Collins Nebraski, by grandmother, Maryann
St. Joseph (SH): Pat Lello, by Elaine
St. Therese (SH): Chester and Aldina Bartoli, by Elaine
St. Francis (SH): Tony and Mary Lello, by Elaine
St. Joseph (SM): Thomas Brunton, by Mary Blaskiewicz

UPCOMING EVENTS
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
Jun. 4, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft
Jun. 5, 7:30 am, 1 st Friday Mass and devotions, SH church
Jun. 6, 2:45-3:45pm, 1 st Saturday Adoration/devotions, SH church
June 9, 10:30am, Altar & Rosary Society meeting, SM Hall
Jun. 11, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft
Jun. 12, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
May 23-24
4pm: EM: B. Jones, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: J. McMahon, Acolyte: T. Roxby
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: B. Janek, J. Dudzinski
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich
May 30-31
4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: Collins family
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: M. Phillips, Acolyte: JJ Galvin
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: G. Orr
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: Toalongo family

The Orpheus Choral Society of the Wyoming Valley will present its Spring Concert at St. John the Evangelist Church on Saturday, May 30 at 2pm. The program will run approximately 45 minutes and include beloved religious, secular, and patriotic selections.

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 Order of Alhambra, local caravan Alhambra #4 will celebrate their 119th anniversary on Saturday, June 6 at 4 p.m. Mass. The organization is dedicated to assisting those with intellectual disabilities and is always looking for new members. See members after Mass for more information.