



# 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 and Wednesday,  
8:30 AM to 2:30 PM; Friday, 8:30 AM to 11:30 AM



# 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

## ✠ Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ June 14, 2026 ✠

*Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.*

**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. Fr. Petro will bless all fathers present at the Masses that weekend.

**Congratulations** to Troy Papiercavich from SH and Gregory Orr from SM who graduated 8<sup>th</sup> grade. They serve our parishes as acolytes. Also, congratulations to Jack Coffay from SM who graduated 12<sup>th</sup> grade and serves as a cantor. The SH Holy Name Society presented Troy with a graduation card and a gift of \$50 and the SM Altar & Rosary Society presented Gregory with a graduation card and gift of \$50 and Jack \$100.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who made our Sacred Heart feast day celebration so very special! We are grateful to Bp. Bambera for his gracious words and presence among us. We thank those who made our liturgy so beautiful and the social so welcoming, especially Tina Petcaugh. What a historic day for our parish and our diocese! It was a great day to be Catholic AND American.

*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 SH 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

Megan Culp, eXp Realty

Domiano Appliance Repair

### 2026 Picnic Donors

Sherwood and Valerie Grabiec

Mayor Elaine Lello, in memory of Mayor Dan Lello

Thomas & Maria Elena Petro

Robert Lopata in memory of Jimmy Lopata

Joseph Petro

Tom & Deb Lacomis

Michele Moletsky

Stan & Vivian Barket

Marian Wanielista

Charles, Jeanine & Chuck Wanalista

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### 2026 PICNIC DONATION FORM

Business or personal name as you wish it to appear:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please make your check payable to Sacred Heart Church.*

**St. Mary's "AVOCA IRISH NIGHT"** will be held on Saturday, August 29, at 6 p.m. in the Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall. This fun evening for the family will feature LIVE Irish music played by The Quietmen, a band from Factoryville known for their traditional Irish tunes and contemporary favorites. Food, beverages, theme baskets and more will be available! Save the date and watch the bulletin for updates and visit <https://quietmenmusic.com/index.html>

**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 (text and provide your name or call after 5pm). 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!

**Tickets for the Picnic Raffle** can be returned by dropping them in the collection basket or mailing them to the Parish Office. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 and 4<sup>th</sup> \$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 (332-7780) for more details.

**PRE-SALE Picnic Refreshment Tickets** will be on the following days in the narthex of **both** churches: **June 13** - 4 pm – SH., Dupont. **June 14** - 8 am – SM, Avoca and 10:30 am Dupont. **June 20** - 4 pm - SH, Dupont. **June 21** - 8 am - SM, Avoca and 10:30 am SH, Dupont  
*Please know only cash will be accepted for payment.*

### Golombki (Piggie) Making Schedule for the Picnic:

Monday June 22, 5:30 p.m. - Coring

Tuesday June 23, 5:30 p.m. - Boiling and preparing  
leaves for refrigeration

Wednesday June 24, 5:30 p.m. - Boiling and preparing  
leaves for refrigeration

Friday June 26 9 a.m. - Boiling rice, cutting garlic and  
onions and preparing the roasters

Saturday June 27 6 a.m. – Mixing meat, making meat  
balls and rolling piggies

**The books for 2027 Mass intentions** for our parishes will open in the Parish Offices on **Monday, August 17, 2026 at 8:30 a.m.** In the interest of fairness, please do not make any earlier requests. You may visit the parish office, use the Mass intention envelopes found in the narthex, or use the postal system to make your 2027 requests. The offering of Mass for deceased loved ones is a real spiritual gift to assist souls in purgatory and allow our beloved dead to know of our loving remembrance. Many people have Masses said in their parishes on death anniversaries or other significant dates. Masses may also be offered for the intentions of the living. The stipend for a Mass intention is \$10. The parish secretary will record the requests.

**Effective June 1**, the new office hours for the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish Office are Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Gregory Zawacki is the new Administrative Assistant.

**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 Tuesdays from June 16 through August 4 from 2:30-4pm or 7-8:30pm. To learn more, contact Regina Wright at (570) 207-2213 or [rwright@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:rwright@dioceseofscranton.org)

**Were you traveling** over the weekend and attended Mass at a parish other than your own? If so, you're invited to bring back a bulletin from the parish to share with Fr. Petro. He enjoys learning what is happening in other parishes both within and outside our diocese. Plus, you get "credit" for going to Mass should he notice your absence from our parish on a particular weekend!

**SAVE THE DATE!** Join us for the celebration of the parish feast day of Queen of the Apostles Parish on Sunday, August 23, at the Mercatilli-Segilia picnic pavilion in Moosic! An outdoor rosary will be prayed at 12:30 p.m., followed by a potluck picnic lunch in the pavilion. This is an event open to parishioners from both our parishes and is sponsored by the SM Altar & Rosary Society.

**Congratulations** to the winner of the May HNS Match the Daily Number Raffle, Tom Lello

**Columbarium niches and Mausoleums plots available for sale:** A columbarium for the interment of cremains is located in the Holy Sepulchre section of SH cemetery. It is a 120 niche octagonal marble structure that is now accessible by way of a sidewalk from Pine St. If you would like to purchase a columbarium niche or a mausoleum plot, or would like more information, contact Gregory Zawacki at our Parish Office to make an appointment. Lots for in-ground burial of urns are also available.

**"Find A Grave"** is the world's largest gravesite collection website. Over 238 million memorials have been created by the community since 1995. Find the graves of ancestors, create virtual memorials or add photos, virtual flowers and a note to a loved one's memorial. Search or browse cemeteries and grave records for ordinary and famous people from around the world! Find information about *all three of our cemeteries* at: <https://www.findagrave.com/>

**Are you interested** in your family history? Catholic Church records have been digitized by NEPGS. They invite genealogists and family historians from beginner to advanced to visit and research with them. NEPGS in partnership with the Diocese of Scranton has digitizing parish records in eleven northeastern Pennsylvania counties. Please check out [www.nepgs.com](http://www.nepgs.com) for the latest information.

**Altar flower donations:** commemorate a special occasion, or honor and remember a loved one by contributing to the weekly flowers that adorn the altar in our churches. The donor's name, and the name of the person or the occasion being honored or remembered, is published in the Sunday bulletin. The suggested donation is \$100. To make an altar flowers donation, please contact the parish office. Your information will be taken, and the order will be placed with the florist. To list the intention in the bulletin and create the floral arrangement for the weekend that you choose, a two-week lead time is necessary.

**The votive candle** offering is \$10 per candle and may be submitted via the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Please note that candle donations must be received in the office in advance of the requested week.

**Offertory Gifts:** Would you please consider giving of yourself for the spiritual sustenance of all who partake of the Eucharist in our church for a weekend? A gift of \$20 provides for the Eucharistic elements for the Masses celebrated each weekend. You are invited to make use of the envelopes found in the narthex labeled "Offertory Gifts." Please consider taking one of these and completing the information on it and putting your money in the envelope. Offertory Gift donation envelopes for the bread and wine may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office. You may make your donation in memory of someone, in honor of someone or for a special intention. You may also request a specific weekend to which your gift can be applied.



**Monday (June 15) Weekday**

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

**Tuesday (June 16) Weekday**

9:00 am (SM) Michael, Catherine, & Joseph Gilroy  
*by Mary Janet Gilroy*

**Wednesday (June 17) Weekday**

7:30 am (SH) Donna Bartosiewicz  
*by Bob Bartosiewicz*

**Thursday (June 18) Weekday**

9:00 am (SM) James & Mary O'Malley  
*by their daughters*

**Friday (June 19) St. Romuald**

7:30 am (SH) Emmanuel Ziobro  
*by his family*

**Saturday (June 20) Vigil: Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm (SH) Deceased of the Frank & Rose Skrzysowski family  
*by their family*

5:30pm (SM) Nancy Kobal.

*by Jim, Jackie, JJ, & Tom Galvin*

**Sunday (June 21) Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am (SM) JoAnn Ceresi

*by Silla family*

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

**WEEKLY OFFERING**  
**Last Sunday:** (SH) \$4,770.44 (SM) \$3,554.15  
*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*  
Tabernacle (SH): Living and Deceased Clergy, by Tina Petcaugh  
Blessed Mother (SH): intentions of Charolette Verbraski, by family  
St. Joseph (SH): Emmanuel Ziobro, by his grandchildren  
St. Therese (SH): Agnes Szulewski, by her children  
St. Francis (SH): Ed, Dorothy, Len & Michael Ziobro, by Cousins  
Tabernacle (SM): Joseph Chrobak, by Eloise Chrobak  
Blessed Mother (SM): Barbara Pearce, by her family  
St. Joseph (SM): Dennis Fitzgerald, by June Fitzgerald & family



The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Edward Pistack, by wife MaryAnn

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
June 22, 6 pm, SM Finance & Pastoral Councils meet, SM rectory  
June 27, 1 pm to 8 pm Polish Picnic at Sacred Heart Picnic Grove

<b>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</b>
<b>June 13-14</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, L: Ann Marie Devlin, Acolyte: JJ Galvin, M. Hudzinski
<b>5:30pm:</b> EM: C. Wood, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
<b>8am:</b> EM: A. Jake, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: G. Orr
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: B. Jones, L: G. Purdy, Acolyte: C., E., & J. Toalongo
<b>June 20-21</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, L: J. Klemmer, Acolyte: Collins Family
<b>5:30pm:</b> EM: M. Phillips, L: J. McMahan, Acolyte: M. Phillips
<b>8am:</b> EM: B. Jones, L: K. Price, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: M. Moletsky, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. and T. Papiercavich

**Our choir** has taken a much-deserved break for the summer. The choir adds much beauty to the Holy Mass, and we thank them profoundly for their talents and generosity of time to make the Mass more beautiful for the honor and glory of God.

**Our parishes** maintain lists of homebound parishioners who, because of illness or advanced age, are unable to attend Mass. We visit them monthly on First Fridays to offer prayers and distribute Holy Communion. If you are a homebound parishioner, and would like monthly visits, please contact the parish office so that your name may be added to the visitation list.

**A "Padre Pio Healing Mass"** will be celebrated in St. Paul's Church, 1510 Penn Ave., Scranton, on Sat., June 20, at 2pm by Fr. Pio Mandato. Confessions will be at 1pm and rosary at 1:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

**If the Mass you are attending** is being requested by you or a family member, and you wish to participate in the Offertory Procession of the gifts, please see the ushers before Mass begins. Please go to the back of the church and pick up the gifts during the collection so as not to delay the procession. Walk behind the usher carrying the collection basket and approach the priest.