



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

✠ Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ June 21, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

Father's Day envelopes may be placed in the collection basket or mailed 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 this weekend.

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. Please respond by June 22.

2026 Picnic Sponsors

Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

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2026 Picnic Donors

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Walter Ruda, Sr., Helen Ruda and Walter Ruda, Jr.

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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). 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. 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 (332-7780) for more details.

PRE-SALE Picnic Refreshment Tickets will be on the following days in the narthex of both churches: 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. – Making 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.

Congratulations to Father Thomas Petro who will celebrate his 26th anniversary of priestly ordination on Wednesday, June 24, and his 10th anniversary as pastor of Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and his 1st anniversary as pastor of Queen of the Apostles Parish in July.

Masses for Independence Day will be celebrated on Saturday, July 4 at 4 p.m. in Sacred Heart Church and 5:30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. All are invited to attend these Masses and pray for the needs of our country. The Parish Offices will be closed on July 3 and will open on Monday, July 6, at 8:30 am.

St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen expressed gratitude to the St. Vincent de Paul Society (SM) for the generous donation of \$125. The support directly funded a hot meal for their guests on June 29, 2026. They are deeply grateful for our kindness in serving our community.

The Scranton Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life extends its gratitude to both the Altar & Rosary Society (SM) and the CCM (SH) for participating in the 2026 Mother's Day Carnations 4Life fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, \$300 was raised by the Altar & Rosary Society and \$320 by the CCM. These contributions will directly support the chapter's ongoing pro-life educational efforts and community work.

Food trays from SH potluck dinner may be picked up in the church hall by those who donated food. Please take them home prior to the Polish Picnic.

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 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

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.

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.

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.

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.

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Marie Barnett who was recently buried from SM church.

Monday (June 22) Ss. John Fisher & Thomas More

7:30 am (SH) Roy Matte & Family
by John Gerlak

Tuesday (June 23) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Al Redington
by family

Wednesday (June 24) The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

7:30 am (SH) Intentions of Father Petro
by Barbara Hopkins

Thursday (June 25) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Brian Wood
by his Mom & Dad

Friday (June 26) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Stanley and Irene Kivak
by daughter, Paula

Saturday (June 27) Vigil: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Richard and Arlene Sable
by their family

5:30pm (SM) Dennis Fitzgerald
by June Fitzgerald & family

Sunday (June 28) Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30 am (SH) Joseph Justick
by his family

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: (SH) \$3,940.24 (SM) \$4,745.50
Building Fund: (SH) \$232.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): Kevin Milewski, by family
Blessed Mother (SH): Edward Pistack, by wife, Mary Ann
St. Joseph (SH): John Lopata, by Robert Lopata
St. Therese (SH): Michael Rowan, by Georgann Gall
St. Francis (SH): Adam Rafalko, Jr., by wife and children
Blessed Mother (SM): Barbara Pearce, by her family
St. Joseph (SM): Carl Sr., John, Anthony Angelella & family

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The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Emmanuel Ziobro, by grandsons
Altar Flowers (SH) this weekend are donated in memory of
Edward Pistack, by wife, Mary Ann

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

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
June 20-21
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: J. Klemmer, Acolyte: Collins Family
5:30pm: EM: M. Phillips, L: J. McMahan, Acolyte: M. Phillips
8am: EM: B. Jones, L: K. Price, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
10:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. and T. Papiercavich
June 27-28
4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: C. Purdy
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: JJ Galvin
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: R. Wright, Acolyte: Collins family
10:30am: EM: M. Phillips, L: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: A., J. & N. Rupprecht

Ordination to the Priesthood: On Saturday, June 27, at 10 a.m. in St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton, Bishop Bambera will ordain Rev. Mr. Jan Carlo Perez to the Order of the Priesthood for service in the Diocese of Scranton. Pray for him.

We need our parishioners to volunteer as altar servers, lectors, cantors, choir members and Eucharistic ministers (especially to bring Holy Communion to the homebound). Is God calling you to serve Him in this way? If so, please speak to Fr. Petro.

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.

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.

