



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

✠ **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **June 28, 2026** ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

~ 2026 Polish Picnic Sponsors ~

Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

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Each Sponsor has contributed \$250 or more in support of this year's picnic and each Donor has contributed \$100 or more.

First Saturday is July 4. It is very important in these times to pray the Rosary, meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries, and make sacramental confession and Communion in reparation for sins and blasphemies against Mary's Immaculate Heart. A Eucharistic Holy Hour will be held on Saturday, July 4, from 2:45 to 3:45 pm in our church. All are invited to pray in preparation for the 4 pm Mass.

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! The chairmen are Jim McMahon and John Labrosky. They will be assisted by members of the SM Pastoral and Finance Councils. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Irish Night! If you would like to help plan this event, you are invited to attend the next meeting on Monday, July 6 at 6 pm at the OAP Parish Hall. Save the date and watch the bulletin for updates and visit <https://quietmenmusic.com/index.html>

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.

The Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle is celebrated Friday, July 3. The faithful will be blessed with his relic at the end of the 7:30 a.m. Mass and it will be offered for individual veneration.

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.

Our churches are open daily for private prayer:

(SH) Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7 a.m. to Noon; Saturday, 2:45 p.m. to the conclusion of the 4 p.m. Mass; Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

(SM) Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon; Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to the conclusion of the 5:30 p.m. Mass; Sunday from 7 a.m. to the conclusion of the 8 a.m. Mass.

Fr. Petro wishes to thank everyone who sent him cards or gave him gifts on the occasion of his 26th anniversary of priesthood.

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

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.

ONLINE GIVING: To set up your account, log on to our parish website and then click on the "online giving" tab. This will bring you to the online giving site. By following the easy online instructions, you can have your account set up in no time. Contact the parish office if you have questions.

Many people choose to go on vacation during the summer months. When away, please remember to attend Mass on Sunday. Determine the location and Mass times for the Catholic church nearest your vacation area *before* leaving home. Also, please do not forget to contribute to your home parish when you return from vacation by offering your missed weekly donations in addition to your regular Sunday contributions. *Remember: your parish's expenses never take a vacation!*

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!

A Great Resource for Catholic Married Couples and for Catholic Families! (www.foryourmarriage.org) This website is a fantastic resource. Daily marriage tips, articles on pressing issues relating to marriage, parenting, courting, careers, finances, etc. Check this site out for the holiness of your own marriage.

The Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life have been providing practical and compassionate help for 30 years to mothers to help them choose life for their babies. Their Pro-Life Center, located at 31 Hanover St., Wilkes-Barre, and which is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 3 pm, serves as a crisis pregnancy center. Their website: www.prolifeluzernecounty.com. They are looking for new volunteers to assist them in their pro-life work. Please call them at 570-826-1819 if you can be of service.

Ministry to the sick: Please call the parish office when one is seriously ill, in the hospital, a nursing home, or anticipating surgery. Members of the parish are available to take Holy Communion to the homebound. Father is available for the Anointing of the Sick.

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 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.

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.

Neighborhood Crime Watch is sponsoring a community event to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America on July 25, 2026 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dupont Community Park on Elm and Walnut Street in Dupont and also at the Park on Hemlock Street in Dupont.

Nativity of Our Lord Parish invites you to their annual picnic on the Parish Grounds at Holy Rosary Church and School, 127 Stephenson St. Duryea. Friday, July 10, 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 5 - 11 p.m.

St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish Summer Bazaar, 226 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, will be held on July 16, 17, 18 on the parish grounds of St. Nicholas Church. Bazaar times: Thursday & Friday 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. and Saturday 5 - 10:30 p.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville Will have a Summer Festival Thursday-Friday-Saturday, July 9-10-11, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Monday (June 29) Ss. Peter & Paul

7:30 am (SH) Frank & Catherine Halat
by their family

Tuesday (June 30) First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

9:00 am (SM) Thomas Brunton
by Pat Clifford

Wednesday (July 1) St. Junipero Serra

7:30 am (SH) Richard, Jean & Mary Allison Bushinski
by Gene, Sharon & Bob Bartosiewicz

Thursday (July 2) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Stephen Romanecz
by Brigitte Gawelko

Friday (July 3) St. Thomas (First Friday)

7:30 am (SH) Arlene Skrzysowski
by Karen & Henry Augenstein & Sons

Saturday (July 4) Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
5:30pm (SM) Elaine Blazosek
by June Fitzgerald & family

Sunday (July 5) Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) Barbara Jadus Pearce
by her family
10:30 am (SH) Charles Rydzy
by wife & children

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: (SH) \$8,278.24 (SM) \$3,713.00
Building Fund: (SH) \$248.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:

- Tabernacle (SH): Joseph Justick by family
- Blessed Mother (SH): Geraldine Gall by Linda
- St. Joseph (SH): Andrew and Laura Starzec by daughter Ann
- St. Therese (SH): intentions of Lori Freiberger by Donna Karwaski & Jim
- St. Francis (SH): intentions of Bryant by Jim Quinlan
- St. Joseph (SM): Peter Jadus, by family



The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Alica Kearney, by Marilyn Redington

UPCOMING EVENTS
June 27, 1 pm to 8 pm Polish Picnic at Sacred Heart Picnic Grove
July 6, 6 pm, Irish Night meeting, QAP Hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
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
July 4-5
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy
5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: R. Wright, Acolyte: T. Roxby
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: K. Price, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: C., E. & J. Toalongo

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.

Saint Joseph's Center is having their Summer Festival on July 24, 25 and 26 and they have a wish list for the Afghan Booth asking for New Handmade Items including Afghans, Quilts, Baby Items, Cards, Dolls, Dolls Clothes, etc. Call 207-6656 for details.