



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

✠ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 16, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

CCD Registration for both our parishes begins August 15. CCD registration forms will be available in the narthex of both our churches as well as on the websites of our parishes. After filling out the form for each child you may deposit it in the weekend collection basket or mail it to the parish office. Please include the required fee and a copy of your child's baptismal certificate (if they are a new student and were not baptized in our churches). *All school-aged children (both public and homeschoolers) who do not attend Catholic schools in grades 1 to 8 are required to attend CCD classes.* Please contact either DRE with questions: Nancy Beccaloni (SH) at sacredheartccd@comcast.net or Deborah Yuschovitz (SM) at 457-1284. Catechetical Sunday will be celebrated at SH on September 20, at the 10:30 am Mass. Our first day of CCD is Sunday, September 27.

The celebration of the parish feast day of Queen of the Apostles Parish will be on Sunday, August 23, at the Mercatilli-Segilia picnic pavilion (address: 4046 Birney Ave., 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. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish or some type of food to share. A food sign-up sheet is near the entrance of SM church.

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

We are seeking sponsorship donations from local vendors and others for our Avoca Irish Night. Each Sponsor contributes \$250 or each Donor contributes \$100 more. All Sponsors and Donors will be listed on signs that will be displayed on each table as well as published in the bulletin. Anyone wishing to sponsor our Irish Night is asked to submit their donation (any amount) to the parish office by August 21, 2026.

~ 2026 Avoca Irish Night Sponsors~

Domiano Appliance Repair
State Representative Jim Haddock
Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Pittston
Kiesinger Funeral Services, Inc.
Avoca Order of Hibernians

~ 2026 Avoca Irish Night Donors ~

Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home, Inc
Kniffen O'Malley Leffler Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc
EZ Corner Mart
Anonymous Parishioner
John Fischer, OD PC
Michaleen Harned
IMO Jim & Betty (Clifford) Timlin & Jim Thomas by Timlin
children & their families

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2026 AVOCA IRISH NIGHT DONATION FORM

Business or personal name as you wish it to appear:

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Please make checks payable to Queen of the Apostles Parish.

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 Mass intention is \$10. The parish secretary will record the requests

Queen of the Apostles Parish at St. Mary's Church will host an IRISH NIGHT at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, in the Parish Hall. Enjoy an evening of authentic Irish cuisine prepared by Chef Eugene Philbin, featuring traditional favorites, homemade desserts, and soft drinks. Guests are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages. The night will also feature live music by The Quietmen, performing Irish and Celtic favorites, folk classics, and popular acoustic hits, along with a theme basket raffle, 50/50, and more. *Tickets are \$45 each or \$320 for a table of eight (a \$40 savings).* To reserve your seat, call or text Jim McMahon at 570-881-5068 or register online at <https://tinyurl.com/StMarysIrishNight>. Reservations are due by Aug. 17.

A note of introduction from The Quietmen:

In the iconic film The Quiet Man, John Wayne returns to his roots in Ireland. In much the same way, The Quietmen return again and again to their musical home: traditional and contemporary acoustic and Irish music.

Our shows combine the best of Irish and Celtic music, old-time folk tunes, and popular acoustic songs from the '50s and '60s, right up to the hits of today.

The Quietmen's earliest musical influences include The Irish Rovers; The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem; and The Dubliners. The list has grown over the years to include Great Big Sea, The Saw Doctors, Christy Moore, The Pogues, Jimmy Buffett, The Eagles, Simon & Garfunkel; Crosby, Stills & Nash; The Monkees, Guy Clark, and many, many more.

Getting their start in Scranton, Pennsylvania, family members Jamie, Paddy, and Danny Ratchford, and Molly Malone have been playing at festivals and fairs, parties and pubs for 25 years. The Quietmen include (but are not limited to): Jamie Ratchford on guitar, vocals, harmonica, and kazoo; Paddy Ratchford on vocals, keyboards, and bodhran (the Irish hand drum); Danny Ratchford on mandolin, banjo, guitar, ukulele, and vocals; Molly "Quietgirl" Malone on Irish tin whistle.

Even though they are scattered from the New Jersey Shore, the Poconos, and Northeastern Pennsylvania, the band family still enjoy getting together to share their musical vision.

The Quietmen love to play the great songs that people remember. Come out, sing along, and join the Quietmania!
quietmenmusic.com, on Twitter/X @quietmen, The Quietmen on Facebook, Quietmen Music on YouTube

Theme basket donations are now being sought for our AVOCA IRISH NIGHT. Irish 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 Irish Night. Regina Wright and Nancy Adomiak are the chairs for the theme baskets.

Tickets are \$45 each or \$320 for a table of eight (a \$40 savings). To reserve your seat, call or text Jim McMahon at 570-881-5068; register online at <https://tinyurl.com/StMarysIrishNight>; or clip out the form and put it with the payment (cash or check) in an envelope and place it in the collection basket, or mail or drop it off at the Parish Office. Reservations are due by Aug. 17.

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2026 AVOCA IRISH NIGHT RESERVATION FORM

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

of reservations \$45 each _____Amt. enclosed _____
or

of tables of 8 @ \$320 /table _____Amt. enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to Queen of the Apostles Parish.

Our churches are not currently conducting food or toy drives. Non-perishable food items and children’s toys have recently been left in the narthex of both of our churches. Kindly refrain from doing so until further notice. Food collections are only taken by our CCD children during Thanksgiving and Lent. The Christmas Giving Tree appears only in Advent at SM. Donations given outside of those timelines will not reach their intended destinations.

Fr. Michael Wurtz, CSC, our Supply Priest, has recently returned from visiting his family in Arkansas. Please pray for his father, Ron, who is experiencing some serious health complications. Also, please welcome him back to Avoca and Dupont as he resumes his ministry among us beginning this weekend.

Annual Blue Mass: borough council members, law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders from Avoca, Dupont, Hughestown, Moosic and other municipalities are invited to a “Blue Mass” celebrated on Patriot Day, September 11, at 7 p.m. in St. Mary’s Church, Avoca. This is a special liturgy, held annually, that honors and prays for the safety and well-being of all public safety personnel. A “Blue Mass” is a Catholic Eucharistic liturgy celebrated to honor and pray for law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders. It is a way to express gratitude for their service and to seek God’s blessing for their safety and protection. The name “Blue Mass” comes from the traditional color of many first responder uniforms. The tradition of the Blue Mass began in 1934, but in recent decades its celebration has been tied to the remembrance of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on our country, as well as the memory of those first responders who have died this past year. This Mass will include prayers for the fallen, those currently serving, and their families. It will also feature a procession of first responders in their dress uniforms from the Avoca Fire Department building to St. Mary’s Church, a homily focused on the importance of their service, and a blessing of their equipment. All present are invited to a light social in our Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall following the Mass.

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart. The physical heart of Mary is venerated (and not adored as the Sacred Heart of Jesus is) because it is united to her person and is the seat of her love (especially for her divine Son), virtue, and inner life. Such devotion is an incentive to a similar love and virtue. On October 31, 1942, Pope Pius XII made a solemn Act of Consecration of the Church and the whole world to the Immaculate Heart.

Men’s Conference: “Just be Catholic,” Saturday, October 10 at Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre from 7:30 AM to 3 PM. Cost is \$30. Call Mike at 570-721-0872 to register.

“The Italian Colony of St. Lucy” will conduct a drive-through pasta dinner on Thurs., Sept. 17 in the parking lot of St. Lucy’s Church, 949 Scranton St., Scranton. Cost of the dinner is \$15 and includes penne pasta with meatballs, salad, bread, and biscotti. For tickets or more information, contact Joe Guido 570-955-7469.

An appreciation dinner for those volunteers who worked at this years’ SH Polish Picnic will be held Saturday, September 12, 6 pm in SH church hall. Please RSVP by September 1 by completing this form and returning it to the parish office.

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2026 PICNIC APPRECIATION DINNER RESERVATION

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Number attending: _____

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (August 17) Weekday

No Mass Scheduled

Tuesday (August 18) Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Harry Schoonover
by his family

Wednesday (Aug. 19) St. John Eudes

No Mass Scheduled

Thursday (August 20) St. Bernard

No Mass Scheduled

Friday (August 21) Saint Pius X

No Mass Scheduled

Saturday (August 22) Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Guido Toalongo
by daughters, Hilda & Jhanet

5:30pm (SM) Jason Kuna
by Jeanine Kuna

Sunday (August 23) Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am (SH) Joseph W. Tetlak

by daughters Joanne, Marie and families

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SH) \$4,508.24 (SM) \$3,818.00

Building Fund: (SH) \$153.00

Mission Appeal: (SH) \$1,160.00 (SM) \$642.60
May the Lord reward your generosity.

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of
Blessed Mother (SH): Emmanuel Ziobro, by family
St. Joseph (SH): Ken Francis, Sr., by wife, Ann
Tabernacle (SM): John & Marilyn Monahan, by family*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 23, 12:30pm, Outdoor rosary & picnic, pavilion in Moosic
Aug. 29, 6pm, Avoca Irish Night, SM parish hall
Sept. 4, 6pm, SH Polish Picnic Appreciation Dinner, SH parish hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

Aug 15-16

4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: Collins family

5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Roxby

8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: G. Orr

10:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: Toalongos

Aug 22-23

4pm: EM: B. Jones, L: A. M. Devlin, Acolyte: Collins Family

5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: JJ Galvin

8am: EM: A. Jake, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist

10:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: A. JJ. & N. Rupprecht & G. Donahue

All Masses this weekend in both of our churches will be “quiet Masses” without music because our organist, Anthony George, is on vacation. Please recite the antiphons and Mass parts.

Please remember our Parish Poor Box located in the narthex of St. Mary’s Church. Your donations serve our local community through our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Gluten free? Kindly approach the sanctuary with the Eucharistic minister at either the 5:30 p.m. or 8 a.m. Mass at St. Mary’s Church if you require a low gluten host because of a medical condition. Please sit in one of the pews immediately behind the Eucharistic minister during the Mass.

The Genesis Mission: Taking the Next Step in Faith - Are you looking to deepen your relationship with Jesus and learn how to share your faith naturally in everyday life? Supported by a recent diocesan ministry grant, our parish is launching new Genesis Mission small groups this Fall! This 7-week journey is open to all parishioners. Groups are forming now! To register, contact Regina Wright at (570) 207-2213 x 1135.

A Flea Market will be held at Ss. Peter and Paul Church, Plains, on Sat., Aug. 15, 8am-6pm, and Sun., Aug. 16, 8am-2pm in Bernardine Hall, 13 Hudson Road, Plains.

Nazareth Group Meeting - The Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth invite young women (grades 9 – 12) to join them on Sat., Sept. 26, from 11am to 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 Sept. 24, call Sr. Angela in Tunkhannock at 570-836-2737 or Sr. Clare in Williamsport at 570-745-3334. Calling times are Mon-Thurs & Sat - 9am-11:30am; 1pm-4:30pm; 7pm-8:15pm.