



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

✠ Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 23, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

CCD Registration for both our parishes began 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.

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

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Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home, Inc
Kniffen O'Malley Leffler Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc
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Michaleen Harned
IMO Jim & Betty (Clifford) Timlin & Jim Thomas by Timlin
children & their families
K of C Redemptoris Custos Assembly 3755
IMO Lorraine & Jack Borthwick & Carol & Jim Galvin, Sr.
by Jackie, Jim, JJ & Tom

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 2026 Mass book is now open. Anyone wishing to request a specific date on which Mass may be celebrated for their deceased loved one may visit the parish office during office hours or make use of the Mass Intention envelope in the narthex. The stipend is \$10 per requested Mass. Our parish secretaries record the requests.

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.

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.

Theme Basket Raffle baskets for our AVOCA IRISH NIGHT are on display and tickets are available for purchase in the Narthex (SM) after both masses this weekend.

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.

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.

A special Mass on Labor Day will be celebrated in SH church on Mon., Sept. 7, at 9 a.m. Parishioners are invited to attend this Mass to thank God for the sanctification of human labor.

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of Marc Thomas (SM) and Nancy Appel (SH) who were recently buried from our churches.

After a summer recess, our SH parish Holy Name Society will resume meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. in the hall. Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will start meeting again on Monday, Sept. 14, at 6 p.m. in the hall. The societies will discuss at these initial meetings their calendar of events for the year ahead. Greg Zawacki is the HNS president and Tina Petcaugh is the CCM president. *New members are always needed and welcomed!*

What is a “Marriage Validation?” The term means to have your marriage recognized or blessed by the Catholic Church. Those who seek a validation were usually married outside the Catholic Church. If you and your spouse wish to begin the validation process, please contact the parish office.

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.

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.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday (August 24) St. Bartholomew
7:30 am (SH) Daniel Boccardi
by family

Tuesday (August 25) St. Louis
9:00 am (SM) Anthony Kryeski
by Ron, Sarah & Ken

Wednesday (Aug. 26) Weekday
7:30 am (SH) Thomas O’Donovan
by Betty Belles

Thursday (August 27) St. Monica
9:00 am (SM) Thomas Joseph Carroll, Sr.
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Saporito

Friday (August 28) St. Augustine
7:30 am (SH) Donna Bartosiewicz
by Bob Bartosiewicz

Saturday (August 29) Vigil: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (SH) Rosemary & Frank Haddock
by son, Frank Haddock, Jr.
5:30pm (SM) Dennis Fitzgerald
by June Fitzgerald & family

Sunday (August 30) Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am (SM) Jason Kuna
by Klimchak family
10:30 am (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SH) 3,023.24 \$ (SM) \$3,573.85

Building Fund: (SH) \$ 117.00

Feast of the Assumption: (SH) \$548.00 (SM) \$294.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of
Blessed Mother (SH): Margaret Milewski, *by family*
St. Joseph (SH): Joseph P. Cottone, *by sister & family*
The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated
by the Bingham and Donahue families for the intentions of the
sanctity of human life

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug. 23, 12:30pm, Outdoor rosary & picnic, pavilion in Moosic

Aug. 29, 6pm, Avoca Irish Night, SM parish hall

Sept. 2, 7pm, HNS meeting, SH hall

Sept. 4, 7:30 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, SH church

Sept. 10, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice resumes, SH choir loft

Sept. 11, 7pm, Annual Blue Mass, SM Church

Sept. 12, SH Catechists meet after 4pm Mass, SH school

Sept. 12, SM Catechists meet after 5:30pm Mass, SM school

Sept. 12, 6pm, SH Polish Picnic Appreciation Dinner, SH parish hall

Sept. 14, 6pm, CCM meeting, SH hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
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
Aug 29-30
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: G. Purdy, Acolyte: Collins Family
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: K. Price, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich

An offering of \$3.00 per candle is requested for votive candles in St. Mary’s Church. You may deposit your offering in either of the two wooden collection boxes located on the walls near the candle racks. Your sacrificial offering expresses your sincerity and gratitude in making your private prayer intention before the images of the saints and the Blessed Mother located in the niches.

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.

2026 PICNIC APPRECIATION DINNER RESERVATION

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Number attending: _____