



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

✠ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ August 9, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

ASSUMPTION HARVEST BLESSING: On Saturday, August 15, the Church celebrates the solemn feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Throughout the ages the Church in her ritual commemorated the feast of the Assumption by the blessing of herbs, flowers and other produce brought to church by the faithful. In Poland, the Assumption is also called *Matka Boska Zielna* – Blessed Mother of the Herbs, or the feast of Our Lady of the Herbs. The Blessed Mother is seen by the Polish as the protector of the earth's abundance. To perpetuate this pious custom, Fr. Petro will bless the herbs, flowers, fruits and vegetables from your gardens during the 9 a.m. Mass on Aug. 15 at Sacred Heart Church. Please bring these items to the sanctuary of the church before Mass and place them on the table by the Blessed Mother altar. After the Prayer of the Faithful they will be blessed. *Please note: since it falls on a Saturday, the Assumption is not a holy day of obligation this year.*

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.

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.*

The Fatima Rosary will be recited on August 13, September 13 and October 13 at the outdoor Blessed Mother statue on the rear rectory side of Sacred Heart Church.

Baptized in Christ! Andrew John Wayne Rabender was recently baptized in SM church. Please pray for him and his family as they grow in God's wisdom and grace.

We are happy to welcome to Queen of the Apostles Parish Sam & Jillian Dunlop of Scranton and Francis Supinski of Moosic. A warm welcome to you!

A total of \$489 was raised in the special second collection taken up at the Masses last weekend in Avoca to collect money to pay the Pittston Area School District property taxes levied against Queen of the Apostles Parish. The amount of the tax bill was \$486.65.

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.

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.

Fr. Hugo Danilo Ramos, a priest representing the Missionary Fraternity of Mary from Guatemala, will visit our parishes this weekend. He will hear confessions and celebrate all Masses. Fr. Ramos will speak about his mission as well as his seminary and formation programs, which was established in 1985. With the permission of Bishop Bambera, Fr. Ramos will make a missionary appeal in both parishes to assist his work of evangelization. A second collection will be taken for him this weekend. The funds that he hopes to collect will be used to support their missions and the formation of their 45 seminarians. Most come from extremely poor families in Central and South America and are being formed to serve as missionary priests throughout the world. In 1985 the Missionary Fraternity of Mary was canonically established by the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Santiago de Guatemala. In 1990, the Holy See granted permission to the Fraternity to be established as a Society of Apostolic Life of diocesan right. From the seven young men with whom they started, they are today: 175 missionary priests, serving 60 missions in 26 dioceses of 14 countries on 3 continents. Their missions are typically located in the poorest and most distressed areas. Because of this situation, they must look for financial support, especially for their seminary. The yearly expenses for the education of a seminarian are \$6,000. From their families or local support, they are able to collect a maximum of 10%. Additional support from benefactors outside of Guatemala amount to 30% of their budget. Other institutions help with approximately 15% of their expenses. They rely on missionary appeals, preached in the USA and Canada, for the remaining income (over 45%). Sufficient income to maintain their seminary continues to be their greatest challenge.

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
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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
EZ Corner Mart
Anonymous Parishioner
John Fischer, OD PC

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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 your check payable to Queen of the Apostles Parish.

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

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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 your check payable to Queen of the Apostles Parish.

The SM Altar & Rosary Society will meet Tuesday, August 11 at 10:30 AM in SM parish hall. All members are asked to attend.

Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall is available for hosting funeral repasts, weddings, baptisms, or community functions. If you are considering hosting an event or would like to learn more about our rental offerings, please contact John Labrosky, Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall Manager at 881-3959 (cell) or johnlabrosky@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE! Join us for the annual Blue Mass on Friday, September 11, at 7:00 PM at St. Mary’s Church in Avoca. This special liturgy is celebrated each year to honor and pray for our law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics, and all first responders. The event is open to parishioners from both of our parishes, as well as all members of the wider community.

SAVE THE DATE! An appreciation dinner for those volunteers who worked at this years’ SH Polish Picnic will be held Saturday, September 12 in the church hall. Details to follow.

✝ MASS INTENTIONS ✝

Monday (August 10) St. Lawrence
7:30 am (SH) Marion Babiarz
by Andrew Babiarz
Tuesday (August 11) St. Clare
9:00 am (SM) Frank Flynn
by Kay Price
Wednesday (Aug. 12) St. Jane Frances de Chantal
7:30 am (SH) Stephen Bryk
By family
Thursday (August 13) Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus
9:00 am (SM) Eve Bielavitz
by M/M Donald Hudzinski, Sr
Friday (August 14) St. Maximilian Kolbe
7:30 am (SH) Andrew & Sophie Matt
by Marian Wanielista
Saturday (August 15) Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 am (SH) Scott Sito
by his mother
Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
5:30pm (SM) Jack Borthwick
by Jim, Jackie, JJ & Tom Galvin
Sunday (August 16) Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am (SM) John & Marilyn Monahan
by family
10:30 am (SH) Deceased members of our CCM
by Sacred Heart CCM

WEEKLY OFFERING

Last Sunday: (SH) \$5,857.44 (SM) \$3,591.40

Building Fund: (SH) \$602.00

Tax Collection: (SM) \$489.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of
Tabernacle (SH): Daniel Skrzysowski, Sr., by family
Blessed Mother (SH): Marion Babiarz, by daughter Valerie, Sherwood & Gregory
St. Joseph (SH): Steve Haluschak, by Michele & Brian Moletsky
St. Therese (SH): Helen Sedlak, by children & grandchildren
Blessed Mother (SM): Janik family, by Bob Janik

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
Aug 8-9
4pm: EM: Michele Moletsky, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: J. McMahon, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: M. Phillips, Acolyte: volunteer needed
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: G. Donahue, A., JJ, N. Rupprecht
Aug 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00am: L: B. Jones, Acolyte: C. Purdy
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: C., E., J., Toalongo

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.

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.

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.