

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

✠ All Saints Day ♦ November 1, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

November is the month in which we honor the Holy Souls who have died. We first acknowledge the saints in heaven, who by their exemplary lives on earth, now enjoy the eternal bliss of heaven. On November 1, we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and pray to them for intercession, protection and guidance. On November 2, the Church celebrates the Feast of All Souls. This is when we pray for all people who have died, especially our family and friends. We remember the souls in purgatory and pray that they may soon attain the reward of heaven. Ancient Christian tradition acknowledges that it is good and pleasing to God that we remember at Mass the peaceful repose of the souls that have gone before us in death.

The Church has been called a Communion of Saints. That is, She includes the *Church Militant*, the living souls of us who are still fighting the good fight on earth. The *Church Suffering*, the deceased souls being purified in purgatory for entrance into heaven, and the *Church Triumphant*, those holy souls who have fought the good fight of faith on earth and are now enjoying the victorious reward of the Beatific Vision. Each of us is thus reminded by the feasts of November that we, the living and the dead, are linked by a common faith in Jesus Christ and a common goal, which is heaven. We alive on earth are thus commended to pray to and for the souls in purgatory, and the saints in heaven assist us as powerful intercessors in heaven. May their saintly example spur us on to victory in Christ as we continue to do battle with sin.

✞Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of our parishioners who have died and were buried from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church since last Cemetery Sunday: Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of our parishioners who have died and were buried from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church since last Cemetery Sunday: *Josephine Nesgoda, Stephen Bryk, Joseph Srafin, Jr., William Luvender, Rosemary Borkowski, Gilbert Antal, Dolores Jones, Raymond Cichocki, Theresa Petruska, Bernadine Matechak, Adam Rafalko, Jr., Alice Kuchinski, Katherine Elizabeth Van Horn, Ruth Ellen Coplan, Edgar Clarence March, Clinton Dewitt Van Valkenburgh, Kathryn S. Jackson, George G. Miller, George A. Berkey, Richard F. Jumper, Jr., Roseann Lohrberg, Joseph P. Cottone, John A. Renfer.*

✞Please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of our parishioners who have died and were buried from Saint Mary Church since last Cemetery Sunday: *Catherine Casper, Ann Marie O'Hop, Marlene Kolveck, Ann Creedon, Margaret Ostir, Mary Ann Corcoran, Marie Wilk, Joseph Dente, Jr., Michael Boyko, Donna Jezorwski, Joann Bennie, Lynn Bennie, Marie Teresa Barnett, Sandy Gedrich, Joan Marie Davis, Irene Pierce, Marc Thomas, Elizabeth Ann McAndrew, Janet Donati, Theresa Janes, Francoise Ryczak.*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Two Masses will be celebrated on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2, by Fr. Petro. The first at *7:30 am at Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel, Dupont*, and the second at *12:10 pm at SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery Chapel, Moosic*. Following the noon Mass, the traditional *Order for Visiting a Cemetery will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Avoca at 1:00 pm.* All are invited to attend as we remember and pray for our faithful departed.

The All Souls Day offertory envelope is in your envelope pack. November is the month when we especially remember in our prayers the faithful departed. Kindly inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and return it in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on the altars, and your intentions will be remembered in the masses celebrated throughout November.

"Cemetery Sunday" devotions will take place this year on Sunday, Nov. 1, beginning at 1pm in SH church. We will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The names of parishioners from both our parishes who died and were buried from our churches since last year's devotions will be read aloud. *You are invited to bring photos of your deceased loved ones and place them on the table in front of the St. Joseph side altar.* After Solemn Benediction and Reposition, a procession will form to SH cemetery while the faithful sing the Litany of the Saints. The faithful who cannot walk in the procession may drive to the cemetery. Father will then bless the cemetery and visitation of the graves by the faithful will follow. Traditional Polish, Latin and English hymns will be sung. Please join in praying for the peaceful repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

The Chaplet for the Dead, a powerful devotion, prayed for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, has 40 beads which represent and honor the hours that Jesus Christ descended into Hell delivering the souls of the just who died before His Resurrection to Heaven. Devotional materials promoting this chaplet are freely distributed and are available in the Narthex of both churches. You are invited to pick up these materials and pray for the faithful departed.

Stocking Stuffer Pot of Gold tickets will be sold after the weekend Masses (SM). Match the evening daily number during January to win. Cost is $10 per ticket. Win $50 daily, $100 every Sunday, and $250 on January 1, January 18, and January 31. For more info, contact Jane Maxwell at 335-8678. This fundraiser supports the Altar & Rosary Society of Queen of the Apostles Parish.

THANK YOU to all who helped in any way to make the recent HNS pasta dinner and 50/50 fundraiser a success. The gross receipts totaled $1,862.00. After accounting for $685.18 in expenses, the total profit was $1,176.82. Congratulations to Joe Champi, the winner of the 50/50 raffle. The 50/50 payout was $52.00.

Dupont Advent Pierogi: if anyone is interested in organizing the making of pierogi for the Advent Pierogi sale, please notify the SH Parish Office or Father Petro. This has customarily been a popular and profitable fundraiser. Without volunteer leadership and interest, it cannot continue.

Lighting problem in St. Mary's Church: the electrical connection to the lights above the tabernacle in the sanctuary has recently stopped working. The darkness is not intentional. If anyone can offer a suggestion or assistance with this problem, please contact the SM Parish Office or Father Petro.

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers at SH church are currently not meeting. Some of the CCM officers are not able to continue serving and nobody has come forward to assume leadership. If anyone is interested in continuing this women's group at SH Church, please contact the SH Parish Office or Father Petro.

Our sexton, Jerry Stefanowicz, has been on sick leave since August. Please continue to pray for him during this time of illness. Our parishes are in need of someone to help with maintenance work until such time as Jerry makes a full recovery and can return to work. If anyone is interested in this part-time employment, please contact either of our Parish Offices or Father Petro.

The members of the Order of Alhambra will attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on November 1 to pray for their deceased members.

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A Veterans' Day Mass on the Feast of St. Martin of Tours, patron of soldiers, will be celebrated on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7:30 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. We will pray at this Mass for our deceased and living veterans by name. *If you would like the name of a veteran read at this Mass, then please contact either parish office by email or phone by Friday, Nov. 6, to submit their names.* All parishioners from both our parishes are invited to attend.

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Come sing your favorite Thanksgiving hymns and participate in this ultimate act of thanksgiving before turning to your family celebrations later in the day.

Thursday, November 26, 9 a.m. ~ Sacred Heart Church

A Thanksgiving Food Drive for the local poor is being sponsored by our CCD students in grades 4 & 5 in both parishes. All CCD students are invited to bring non-perishable food items to class through Sunday, Nov. 15. Parishioners are also invited to bring non-perishable food to church and place it in the bin which will be in the narthex of both our churches. This drive will support the Avoca Food Pantry at Bethel United Methodist Church.

Free 2026 liturgical calendars are available on the tables in both churches. These calendars, printed by the Catholic Church Extension Society, benefit the Church's missionary efforts in the United States. They have been generously donated to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church by the Lokuta-Zawacki Funeral Home, Dupont and to St. Mary's Church by Kiesinger Funeral Home, Duryea. These beautiful calendars feature each month Catholic artistic images. They list all solemnities, feasts and memorials of the liturgical calendar as well as the color of the vestments worn each day, the days of fast and abstinence, and the holy days of obligation. Every Catholic household should have one!

Children and Student Envelopes: If you would like your child to receive a boxed set of donation envelopes for 2027, *please contact the parish office.* Envelopes will be available in the narthex during the month of December for those who have requested them.

The 2025-26 Catholic Ministries Appeal: commitment cards for the Appeal are available in the church narthex. All parishioners are asked to contribute to the Appeal and fill out a card indicating their pledge. Completed cards can be placed in the collection basket.
SH Goal: $33,534.00 - Total Committed: $ 12,619.00
SM Goal: $35,767.00 - Total Committed: $ 9,443.00

Are you interested in the Catholic faith and becoming Catholic, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? If you are considering entering the Church, please contact Fr. Petro for more information. Our upcoming OCIA sessions will begin soon.

Join award winning Catholic singers and songwriters Sarah Hart and Francesca LaRosa as they share an evening of songs and stories bringing peace and hope on Saturday, November 14 at 7:00PM at Saint Maria Goretti Church, Laflin. It's an opportunity to pause and refresh, connecting with our Lord and our Lady, as we prepare our hearts for Advent and the coming of Christ. Admission is $10 per person. All are invited for fellowship and light fare after the concert in the parish hall. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org/night-of-peace or call Parish Renewal, Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213.

The University of Scranton will host an Open House event for prospective students and their families on Sunday, Nov. 8. At the Open House, participants can learn about undergraduate majors, meet with faculty, students, admissions, counselors and financial aid representatives. Call 1-888-SCRANTON for more information.

The Wilkes University Polish Room will hold its 15th annual Wigilia on Sunday, November 29 at Amber Palace, Wilkes-Barre from 1-4 pm. Traditional Polish foods will be served alongside the joyful singing and listening to classic Polish Carols. The cost to attend is $35. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Barbara at 570-542-7447.

Save the Date! A combined parish Flea Market will take place on the weekend of May 22-23, 2027, in SH church hall. As you do your fall cleaning, we ask that you hold onto gently used items you no longer want or need until we begin accepting donations on April 12, 2027. Items that will be accepted include household goods, toys, holiday decorations, and more. Please note that electronics or clothing will not be accepted. *All proceeds from this event will directly benefit both of our parish communities, so please save the date and help support this joint effort.*

Inactive Catholics: Baptized Catholics who have not been practicing their faith are most welcome to return. Please call or email the parish office if you have any questions.

✞ MASS INTENTIONS ✞

Monday (November 2) All Souls Day
7:30 am (SH Cem. Chapel) Robert Sedlak
b*y his grandchildren*
12:10 pm (SSPP Cem. Chapel) For all of our deceased parishioners
Tuesday (November 3) St. Martin de Porres
9:00 am (SM) Patricia Krukowski
b*y Thomas & Maria Elena Petro*
Wednesday (November 4) St. Charles Borromeo
7:30 am (SH) Loretta Przypek
b*y Barbara Sito*
Thursday (November 5) Weekday
9:00 am (SM) Helen & David Berlew & sons
b*y their family*
Friday (November 6) Weekday (First Friday)
7:30 am (SH) Halat Family
b*y their family*
Saturday (November 7) Vigil: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo)*
5:30pm (SM) Patrick Plastow
b*y Mrs. June Fitzgerald & family*
Sunday (November 8) 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am (SM) Carol Mack
by Joan Lilli
10:30 am (SH*)* Irene & Vincent Orloski
by Mary Ann & Ron Rinaldi & family

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: (SH) $3,163.60 (SM) $2,843.50
Building Fund: (SH) $255.00
Care & Education of Priests: (SH) $240.00 (SM) $169.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of
Tabernacle (SH): *Barbara Hilenski, by Tina Petcaugh*
Blessed Mother (SH): *John Lopata, by Bob Lopata*
St. Joseph (SH): *Bernadine Tetlak by daughters Marina & Evelyn*
St. Therese (SH): *Michael Rowan, by family*
St. Francis (SH): *Anthony Dudzinski, by Ron & Sharon Ziobro & family*
Blessed Mother (SM): *in Thanksgiving for prayers answered, by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hudzinski, Sr.*
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The offertory gifts (SH): *of bread & wine this Sunday in memory of John Lopata by Robert Lopata*

UPCOMING EVENTS
Nov. 1, 1pm, Cemetery Sunday devotions, SH church
Nov. 2, 7:30 am, All Souls Day Mass, SH Cemetery Chapel, Dupont
Nov. 2, 12:10 pm, All Souls Day Mass, Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery Chapel, Moosic
Nov. 2, 1pm, Cemetery blessing, St. Mary's Cemetery, Avoca
Nov. 5, 6:30 pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft
Nov. 12, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft
Nov. 15, 8 & 10:30am, CCD Mass, grades 6 & 7 assist

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
Oct 31-Nov 1
4pm: EM: C. Wesley L: G. Purdy, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski
5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Roxby
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: B. Jones, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
10:30am: EM: J. Donahue, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: G. Donahue, AJ, N. Rupprecht
Nov 7-8
4pm: EM: B. Jones, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: C. Purdy
5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Roxby
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: M. Phillips, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
10:30am: EM: M. Moletsky, L: G. Becaloni, Acolyte: T., C. Papiercavich

First Saturday is Nov. 7. 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, Nov. 7, from 2:45 to 3:45 pm in SH.

Homebound parishioners from both our parishes are reminded that they may have Holy Communion brought to them on the First Friday of each month by calling the Parish Office and requesting this service. The sacraments of confession and anointing of the sick are offered to all homebound parishioners every Advent and Lent. Fr. Petro will visit the homebound this December 3 and 4.

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