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

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(Queen of the Apostles Parish)

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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

✠ Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe ♦ November 22, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King on Sunday, Nov. 22. The Feast of Christ the King is a day when we focus on Christ reigning, enthroned in heaven, King of Heaven and Earth for all time. It reminds us that Jesus is the source and center of our lives. This day also marks the end of our liturgical year. The following Sunday we begin anew with the First Sunday of Advent. Did you know that Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 to respond to growing nationalism and secularism? He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. The Feast of Christ the King reminds us that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever. A partial indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly recite the Act of Dedication to Christ the King. This indulgence will be a plenary one when this Act is publicly recited on the solemnity of Christ the King, which we will do this weekend.

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

The Advent Wreath will be blessed and lit following the General Intercessions during the 4 pm and 5:30 pm Vigil Masses in both churches on the First Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29. The use of the Advent Wreath is a traditional practice which has found its place in the Church as well as in the home. Customarily the Advent Wreath is constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, three are violet and one is rose. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent and the number of candles lit each week corresponds to the number of the current week of Advent. The rose candle is lighted on the Third Sunday of Advent. You are encouraged to place an Advent Wreath in your home to anticipate the coming of Christ's birth by praying this tradition.

Oplatki, the traditional Eastern European Christmas Eve wafers, will be blessed during the 4:00 pm and 5:30 pm Masses on Saturday, Nov. 28. These blessed wafers will be available for parishioners to pick up immediately following both Masses. *The suggested offering is $3 per envelope.*

We are happy to welcome to Queen of the Apostles Parish Frank, Angeles & Karina Youells from Moosic. A warm welcome to you!

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Robert P. Praschunus who was recently buried from (SH) church.

Due to recent incidents of illegal dumping at St. Mary's Cemetery, the discarding or dumping of any unauthorized materials on cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited. Effective immediately, clean fill is also no longer needed or accepted. St. Mary's Cemetery is not a community dump, and any unauthorized disposal of items on the property is a violation of cemetery rules. We appreciate your strict cooperation in keeping these sacred grounds clean, respectful, and well-maintained for all families.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, December 8, is a holy day of obligation and is binding for all Catholics to attend Mass. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the patronal feast day of our country. The Mass schedule: Monday, Dec. 7 Vigil Mass: (SH) 4 pm.; Tuesday, Dec. 8 Masses: (SH) 7 am, and (SM) 5:30 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration at SM Church will be cancelled on Tuesday, Dec. 8 due to our parishes' holy day Mass schedule.

An Adult Education Class entitled *An Adult Christ at Christmas* will be held on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 6 pm in the SH Church Hall. The presentation will be led by Bill Jones, a former Lutheran pastor and Catholic convert. He will discuss the latest developments in archaeological and historical discoveries surrounding the birth of Our Lord. The session will explore the history of how Christmas has been celebrated in America, with a special focus on NEPA traditions. Attendees are invited to participate in a discussion sharing their own family Christmas traditions, exploring how those customs began and how they continue to be practiced today. Parishioners from both parishes as well as the general public are invited to attend as we prepare our hearts and minds for the season of Advent.

CCD News: CCD classes will be canceled on Nov. 29 for Thanksgiving break. Classes resume Dec. 6.

The Parish Offices will be closed Thursday, Nov. 26 and Friday, Nov. 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. *The offices will reopen Monday, Nov 30. 1, at 8:30 am.*

Sacred Heart Parish will hold its annual Advent Pierogi Fundraiser featuring potato & cheese pierogi prepared fresh by dedicated volunteers and immediately frozen for your convenience. Pierogi will be sold at $12 per dozen on a first-come, first-served basis. Mark your calendar for the pickup, which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 am to 1 pm. Come early to guarantee your holiday pierogi for your traditional Wigilia feast.

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

The SM Altar & Rosary Society will host its annual Christmas Party Sunday, Dec. 13 at 1 pm at Arcaro & Genell's, Old Forge. A delicious buffet will be served and the cost to attend is $30 per person. Gather with fellow members to celebrate the holiday season together. Call Jane Maxwell 335-8678 or Nancy Adomiak 954-0817 for more information or to make reservations by Dec. 6.

The Annual Christmas Cookie Walk will take place on Saturday, Dec. 12 from 10 am to 1 pm in the SH Church Hall. Volunteer bakers are needed to help make this event a success by donating homemade baked goods. Bakers are asked to prepare a double or triple batch of their favorite cookies, candies, or other holiday treats. To participate, please sign up using the sheet located in the (SH) narthex, or contact Tammy Satkowski at 457-3855 to register the specific type of cookie or candy you plan to bake.

Baked goods may be dropped off at the Church Hall on Friday, Dec. 11, 6-8 pm, and Saturday, Dec. 12, 8-10 am. *Cookies will be sold for $10 per pound.*

In conjunction with the upcoming Cookie Walk, a lottery ticket basket raffle will also be held. If you would like to donate scratch-off lottery tickets for the basket, please place them in an envelope labeled *"Cookie Walk–Lottery Tickets"* and drop it into the collection basket. All lottery ticket donations must be received by Tuesday, Dec. 8. All proceeds from the Cookie Walk and Lottery Basket Raffle will be deposited in the Building Fund to help cover the expense of purchasing new gas stoves for the church hall kitchen. Thank you for your continued generosity and support; we deeply appreciate everyone who helps to make this festive event a wonderful Christmas tradition for our church community.

A St. Nicholas Party will be held by SH parish Holy Name Society on Wednesday Dec. 2 at 6 pm in the SH church hall. All HNS members are invited to attend *and are asked to make their reservation with Greg Zawacki by calling 947-8200.*

The Pastoral, Finance & Security Councils of both parishes will hold a joint meeting on Monday, Dec. 14 at 6 pm in SH Church Hall. The members of the Security Committee from both parishes will also meet at this time. All members of the three councils are strongly encouraged to attend this important meeting.

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 Dec. 3 and 4.

American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Sacred Heart of Jesus Church will be held in SH parish hall Wednesday Dec. 16, from 12:30-5 pm. You may register in advance at www.redcross.org.

Beginning the first weekend of Advent, we will be using the Mass of *Charity and Love* music setting for the sung parts of the Mass. The *Mass of St. Francis* will used for the Christmas season.

The Fuel Envelope appears in your envelope pack each November to help defray the cost of heating our church buildings during the winter months. Please be as generous as your means allow in contributing to this important collection that directly benefits us.

A Cemetery clean-up: All families of those buried in our parish cemeteries are asked to be sure their graves are cleaned for the winter by removing all old decorations and dead flowers.

A**ll Souls Day Envelopes** have been placed near the tabernacle and will remain there the entire month of November. Our dearly departed will be remembered in a special way at all Masses.

Free 2027 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!

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. Completed cards can be placed in the collection basket.
SH Goal: $33,534.00 - Total Committed: $ 16,009.00
SM Goal: $35,767.00 - Total Committed: $ 9,978.00

Scranton Tribunal News: The forms used to petition for marriage annulments have recently been updated and placed online. The petition for a declaration of marriage nullity due to lack of canonical form has also been updated to a single page and placed online. These easy-to-use and simplified forms may be completed on your personal computer and printed before being brought to a priest or deacon to be notarized. Currently, no fees are attached to these petitions. Visit the Office of the Tribunal on the Diocese of Scranton website to see the new paperwork and the information needed to petition for an annulment after a divorce: https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/directory/offices/diocesan-tribunal/ Your parish priest or deacon can assist you in beginning the annulment process. You may also call the Tribunal with your canon law questions, 570-207-2246.

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 Wilkes University Polish Room will hold its 15th annual Wigilia on Sunday, Nov. 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. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Barbara at 570-542-7447.

The Cathedral of Saint Peter Music Ministry will present a traditional *Festival of Lessons and Carols* with Bishop Joseph Bambera presiding. The festival will be held at St. Peter's Cathedral on Friday, Dec. 4 at 6:30 pm. There is no charge to attend this beautiful evening of music and scripture in preparation for the Christmas Season.

✞ MASS INTENTIONS ✞

Monday (Nov. 23) St. Clement I
7:30 am (SH) Joseph Berti
by Maria Elena & Thomas Petro
Tuesday (Nov. 24) St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
9:00 am (SM) Harry Schoonover
by family
Wed. (Nov. 25) St. Catherine of Alexandria
7:30 am (SH) Stephen Bryk
by family
Thursday (Nov. 26) Thanksgiving Day
9:00 am (SH) Helen & Edward Romanko, Sr.
by family
Friday (Nov. 27) Weekday
7:30 am (SH) Laura Gerlak & family
by John Gerlak
Saturday (Nov. 28) Vigil: First Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm (SH) Joseph Bekanich
by Bill & Joanne Elko
5:30pm Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo)*
Sunday (Nov. 29) First Sunday of Advent
8:00 am (SM) John Renfer
by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hudzinski, Sr.
10:30 am (SH*)* Stella & Julius Kobylus
by Lisa Ostrowski

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: (SH) $3,003.24 (SM) $3,062.42
Building Fund: (SH) $62.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development:
(SH) $115.00 (SM) $255.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of
Tabernacle (SH): *Frank, Dolores & Dee Ruda, by family*
Blessed Mother (SH): *Genevieve Pramick, by daughter Marsha*
St. Joseph (SH): *Vincent & Bernadine Bryk, by family*
St. Therese (SH): *Edward & Frances Milewski, by family*
St. Francis (SH): *John Malinoski, by Maria Graham & Donna Karwaski*
Tabernacle (SM): *John & Marilyn Monahan, by family*
Blessed Mother (SM): *Barbara Pearce Jadus, by mother & family*
St. Joseph (SM): *Peter Jadus, by wife & children*
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The altar flowers (SH) *this weekend are donated in George Gayza, by daughter Marian*
The offertory gifts (SH): *of bread & wine this Sunday in memory of the George Gayza, by daughter Marian*

UPCOMING EVENTS
Nov. 22, 6 pm, *An Adult Christ Christmas* Presentation, SH Hall
Nov. 26, 9am, Thanksgiving Day Mass, SH church
Dec. 2, 6pm, HNS St. Nicholas Party, SH Hall
Dec. 3, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft
Dec. 4, 7:30am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, SH church
Dec. 5, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, SH church
Dec. 8, Holy Day of Obligation, see Mass schedule
Dec. 10, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft
Dec. 12, 10am-1pm, Cookie Walk, SH Hall
Dec. 12, 10am-1pm, Pierogi sale, SH Hall
Dec. 13, 1pm, A&R Society Christmas Party, Arcaro & Genell
Dec. .14, 6pm, Pastoral, Finance & Security Councils Meeting, SH Hall
Dec. 16, 12:30-5pm, Red Cross Blood Drive, SH Hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
Nov 21-22
4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski
5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: J. McMahon, Acolyte: T. Roxby
8am: EM: N. A. Jake, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: G. Orr
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: C., E., J. Toalongo
Nov. 26: Thanksgiving
9:00am: EM: M. Phillips, L: G. Purdy, Acolyte: C. Purdy, T. Gilchrist
Nov 28-29
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: Collins Family & P. Suchecki
5:30pm: EM: M. Phillips, L: R. Wright, Acolyte: M. Phillips
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
10:30am: EM: J. Donahue, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: G. Donahue, A. J. & N. Rupprecht