



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 to Thursday,
8:30 AM to 12:30 PM, 1 to 3 PM; Friday, 8:30 AM to 12 PM



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

✠ Seventh Sunday of Easter ♦ May 17, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

The weekdays after the Ascension through the Saturday before Pentecost is a time of preparation for the coming of the Holy Spirit. During these days the hymn, *Veni, Creator Spiritus* may be appropriately sung at Mass. The Easter candle remains in place near the ambo and continues to be lit through Pentecost day. In 1897, Pope Leo XIII asked the whole Church to renew its devotion by praying a Novena to the Holy Spirit in the nine days leading up to Pentecost (*Divinum Illud Munus*), from Friday after Ascension Thursday to Saturday, the Vigil of Pentecost. The Novena is still the only novena officially prescribed by the Church. Addressed to the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, it is a powerful plea for the strengthening of the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit in our souls. Copies of this novena are available as you enter our churches.

On Memorial Day, May 25, Fr. Petro will celebrate Mass for Peace and Justice at 9 a.m. in the Pope St. John Paul II Chapel in Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery, Dupont. There will not be 7:30am Mass that day in the church. He will also celebrate Mass that day at 10:30 a.m. in the Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery Chapel, Moosic. All are invited to attend.

New youth altar servers are needed for both of our parishes! Are you a young person who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in our parish? Why not become an acolyte (altar server)? Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in learning how to serve. Training will be held in June.

The parish offices will be closed May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. The SH parish office will be closed May 28.

Thank you for your support of the Mother's Day carnation sale. The funds collected totaled (SH) \$330.00 and (SM) \$300.00. All proceeds benefit the Scranton Chapter of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life.

The American Red Cross sent a thank you letter to the SH parish office for hosting the recent blood drive in our church hall. Our blood drive collected 16 units to assist patients in need.

We print our weekly bulletin in-house without advertisements. Since our parish does not receive advertising money from bulletin sponsors, we seek sponsorship donations from local vendors and others for our annual parish picnic. Each Sponsor has contributed \$250 or more in support of this year's picnic and each Donor has contributed \$100 or more. Anyone wishing to sponsor our parish picnic is asked to submit their donation (any amount) to the parish office by June 22.

2026 Picnic Sponsors

Sacred Heart Holy Name Society

Kiesinger Funeral Services, Inc. – refreshment tickets

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2026 PICNIC DONATION FORM

Business or personal name as you wish it to appear:

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Email: _____

Please make your check payable to Sacred Heart Church.

Come celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the church dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 12, here in Dupont! The Diocesan Celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the USA will take place here in Dupont on that day. Every parishioner is encouraged to make a special effort to celebrate our parish's patronal feastday in some way.

Our Feastday Schedule

7:30 a.m., Mass, followed by Eucharistic Exposition and First Friday devotional prayers.

8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Eucharistic Adoration concluding with Benediction. A sign-up sheet for adorers is in the narthex

5:30 p.m., Mass with devotional prayers led by Bishop Bambera consecrating our diocese and country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

6:30 p.m., A potluck social will be enjoyed by all under a tent in our picnic grove. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish or some type of food for everyone to share (a food sign-up sheet is in the narthex). Our Confraternity of Christian Mothers will decorate the grounds and organize the event, and our Holy Name Society will provide the beverages. A buffet will be arranged for the food that you bring, and everyone can sample the various foods and enjoy a nice evening of fellowship, family, faith and music – free of charge. Let's gather as a parish family to pray and share a meal together with our Bishop and guests from throughout the diocese!

Sacred Heart will hold its annual Polish Picnic on Saturday, June 27, from 1 to 8pm. This year's chairmen are Mary Griffin, Charyl Nagy and Joe Petro. Please volunteer by contacting Charyl Nagy: 540-5478 (please text during the day and provide your name or call after 5pm).

Instant Lottery Ticket donations and Gift Cards are sought for the SH Picnic: please donate new instant lottery scratch off tickets and gifts cards for the lottery/gift card stand. Ideas for gift card donations can be found on the easel located in the church narthex. Kindly deposit them in the collection basket.

Liquor donations are sought for the wheelbarrow of cheer. Please drop off donations in the marked bin in the narthex.

Theme basket donations are now being sought for our picnic. Baby 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 picnic. Call Sharon Ziobro (570-332-7780) for more details.

Volunteers are needed to help make homemade pierogi! Pierogi prep will take place Monday, June 1, in the church hall and will continue through June 6 as needed. A morning shift will begin at 8am and an evening shift at 5pm. Please contact Joe Petro at 570-947-0991 with any questions or to double check the work schedule for the day.

If you would like to volunteer at this year's picnic, but are not sure what opportunities are available, please do not hesitate to contact one of the picnic chairmen. Many hands make for light work!

Easter Duty: All Catholics have the serious obligation to make a worthy Confession and receive the Holy Eucharist during Paschal Time which runs from the beginning of holy Lent through Pentecost. Please do not neglect this.

Requiescant in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of those who were recently buried from SH church on May 16 in a special Mass of Christian burial sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Sacred Heart Church:

- Katharine E. Van Horn, aged 78, died March 19, 1982
- Ruth Ellen Coplan, aged 50, died April 19, 1982
- Edgar C. March, aged 70, died July 10, 1982
- Clinton D. Van Valkenburgh, aged 77, died January 26, 1984
- Kathryn S. Jackson, aged 75, died April 6, 1996
- George G. Miller, aged 46, died October 14, 2016
- George A. Berkey, aged 68, died September 5, 2018
- Richard F. Jumper, Jr., aged 67, died November 10, 2018
- Roseanne Lohrberg, aged 102, died June 1, 2019

Special thanks are given to those who assisted in the burial of these cremated remains, especially Gregory Zawacki, funeral director of the Lokuta-Zawacki Funeral Home, Dupont, the members of the SH Holy Name Society, the members of the SH Confraternity of Christian Mothers, Raphael Micca, organist, and members of the SH St. Cecilia Choir, Kathy Vojta, parish secretary, Gregory Timonte of Dupont Monumnet, and all parishioners and friends of the parish that donated a total of \$715 for the purchase of tomb stones.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

A new section has been mapped in the Holy Sepulchre section of SH cemetery for the in-ground burial of urns containing cremated ashes. Each section measures 3' x 3' and can accommodate up to two urns. Each section will have a matching gray granite flat marker. Visit the area near the columbarium on Pine Street to see the survey lines. This section is open to both parishioners and non-parishioners. Contact the SH parish office for details and pricing.

The "Cemetery Care" envelope appears each May in our packs. This month was chosen to correspond with Memorial Day. All money collected in this envelope will be deposited in our cemetery account and will be used solely for the upkeep of our venerable parish cemeteries in Dupont, Avoca and Moosic. Please be generous in your financial support of the burial places of our spiritual forefathers, especially if you have relatives or ancestors buried there. **Queen of the Apostles parishioners may wish to indicate on their Cemetery Care envelope if they would like their donation to be deposited in either St. Mary's Cemetery Account or Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery Account.

Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery is upgrading its maintenance services to include grass-cutting for all individual grave sites. These professional services are scheduled to begin in May. *All three of our cemeteries* now have lawncare professionals to cut the grass and trim around the headstones. Please be generous in your gift to the "Cemetery Care" envelope so that the perpetual care accounts remain funded, especially now for our Moosic cemetery.

Charlie Vermack, SM parishioner and gravedigger, is available to level the cemetery plots in *all three of our cemeteries* by removing excess dirt and rock and replacing it with topsoil and applying grass seed for new burial graves. His fee is \$75 per grave. If you would like Charlie to improve your family's plot, call him at 570-947-5981.

Scott Hilenski, SH parishioner and owner of Memento Mortuos, LCC, is available for full-service grave care, including headstone cleaning, mulching and flower planting, in *all three of our cemeteries*. For more information, call Scott at 570-519-8200 or go to www.NepaCemeteryCare.com.

REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS – You can express your commitment to our parish by making a bequest to Sacred Heart Church. Simply include the following statement in your will: "I LEAVE TO SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHURCH, DUPONT, PA, (or QUEEN OF THE APOSTLES PARISH, AVOCA, PA) THE SUM OF \$_____ (or _____% of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works." *May God abundantly bless you for bequeathing a spiritual legacy to your parish family!*

Live out your faith. Our two parishes have been invited by Fr. Petro and the Diocesan Office for Parish Life to participate in the Genesis Mission, an evangelization initiative that equips ordinary Catholics with the confidence and skills to share their faith by promoting simple, natural ways of talking about God with others. Through seven short sessions, participants will deepen their relationship with Jesus, grow in faith, and discover how everyday encounters can become opportunities to bring others closer to Christ. Summer sessions are now forming and will meet Wednesdays from June 17 through July 29 from 2:30-4pm or 7-8:30pm. Discover how ordinary moments can become sacred encounters. To learn more, contact Regina Wright at (570) 207-2213 or rwright@dioceseofscranton.org

Monday (May 18) St. John 1

7:30 am (SH) Robert Kobylus
by Lisa Ostrowski

Tuesday (May 19) Easter Weekday

9:00 am (SM) Francis Ochman
by Scott Hilinski

Wednesday (May 20) St. Bernardine of Siena

7:30 am (SH) Naomi and Joseph Rinkus
by Nancy Cronick

Thursday (May 21) St. Christopher Magallanes

9:00 am (SM) Christine Martin
by Chrissy George

Friday (May 22) St. Rita of Cascia

7:30 am (SH) William Redicka and family
by John Gerlak

Saturday (May 23) Vigil: Pentecost Sunday

4:00 pm (SH) Donna Bartosiewicz
by Bob Bartosiewicz
5:30pm (SM) Intentions of Father Petro
by Kay Price

Sunday (May 24) Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am (SM) Carol A. Mack
by Joan Lilli
10:30 am (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: (SH) \$5,216.57 (SM) \$ 4,693.50
Building Fund: (SH) \$523.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:
Tabernacle (SH): intentions of Marie Pistack, by family
Blessed Mother (SH): Nora Gayza, by daughter, Marian
St. Joseph (SH): Raymond J. Cichocki, by Diane Wylam
St. Therese (SH): Anthony Caltagirone, by wife
St. Francis (SH): Marianne Redicka, by friends
St. Joseph (SM): Thomas Brunton, by Mary Blaskiewicz

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The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Nora Gayza, by daughter, Marian.

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The altar flowers (SH) this weekend are donated in memory of Nora Gayza, by daughter, Marian.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 21, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft
May 25, 9am, Mass, SH cemetery chapel
May 25, 10:30am, Mass, Ss. Peter & Paul cemetery chapel
May 28, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft
Jun. 4, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft
Jun. 5, 7:30 am, 1st Friday Mass and devotions, SH church
Jun. 6, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, SH church
Jun. 11, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft
Jun. 12, Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
May 16-17
4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: A. Devlin, Acolyte: Collins family
5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: JJ Galvin
8am: EM: M. Phillips, L: K. Price, Acolyte: M. Phillips
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: C. Purdy, Acolyte: Rupprecht family
May 23-24
4pm: EM: B. Jones, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: J. McMahon, Acolyte: T. Roxby
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: B. Janek, J. Dudzinski
10:30am: EM: C. Wesley, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich

The winner for the April HNS Match the Daily Number raffle is Vince Struiezzi. Congratulations!

The Wyoming Vally Pennsylvanians for Human Life have on their wish list: diapers size 4-6, baby wipes, bibs, towels, washcloths, socks sizes 12-36 months, winter clothes sizes 12-24 months, and gently used maternity clothes. Those wishing to donate can call them, 570-826-1819.

8th Annual Catholic Women's Conference at Marywood University: COURAGEOUS FAITH. To be held Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, 2026, at Nazareth Hall, 2300 Adams Ave., Scranton, PA 18509. For Conference information, call 570-430-2735 or visit <https://www.cwcnepa.com/>