



# 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

✠ **Fifth Sunday of Easter** ♦ **May 3, 2026** ✠

*Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.*

**Please pray for the children from our parishes** who will receive Our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday. May they and their families draw ever near to our Lord, growing in love as His faithful children. We pray for: (SH) *Gabriel Cartagena, Jaiyleanne Cartagena, Willow Cotter, Gabriel Donahue, Lacey Gale, Jaxson Malys, Madelyn Murphy, Joseph Pasquariello, Alexandra Salitis, (SM) Abigail Culp, Shawn Felter, Francis French, Anna Maruska, and Richard Mills.*

Thank you to the SH Confraternity of Christian Mothers and SM Altar & Rosary Society who so thoughtfully provided flowers for the Holy Communion day, the choir who provided such uplifting music, their CCD teachers, Mary Ann Pistack (SH) and Deborah Callahan (SM) who prepared them so well, and their parents who bring them to Mass each Sunday. We thank God for the gift of Himself in the Eucharist! This Sunday is a time of powerful spiritual grace for our parish - a plenary indulgence is granted the Christian faithful when they receive their first Communion and when they devoutly assist at a first Communion ceremony.

**“May Crowning”** of a statue of the Blessed Mother will be celebrated on Sunday, May 10, at 8am (SM) and 10:30 am (SH) by our First Communion children. A *plenary indulgence* is granted the Christian faithful when they receive their first Communion and when they devoutly assist at a first Communion. The Blessed Virgin Mary is given special honor by the Church during the month of May. This whole month has been given to Mary. In churches throughout the world public honor is given to her during this month. The *Regina Coeli* (“Queen of Heaven”) hymn is sung as a post communion meditation hymn at Sunday Masses during Easter. The faithful are encouraged to pray the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary before Mass. Also, free rosaries and other objects of devotion will be offered in the narthex throughout May.

**Thank you** to all who supported the Queen of the Apostles Parish Cash Bingo. Between the games, basket raffles, food, and 50/50, the gross amount raised was \$9,197.35, expenses totaled \$3,024.57, and the net profit was \$6,172.78.

**New youth altar servers needed:** Are you a young person who attends Mass every Sunday and Holy Day in our parish? Are you interested in growing in the Church’s spiritual and liturgical life? Why not become an acolyte (altar server)? Fr. Petro is in need of new acolytes to serve Mass. Please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Petro if you are interested in learning how to serve. Training will be held in June after First Holy Communion.

**Mothers’ Day Blessing:** All mothers present at the Masses next weekend will receive a special Mothers’ Day blessing.

**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.

**First Saturday** is May 2. 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, May 2, from 2:45 to 3:45 pm in SH church. All are invited to pray in preparation for the 4 pm Mass.

**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 250<sup>th</sup> 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 is as follows: 7:30 a.m. Mass, followed by Eucharistic Exposition and First Friday devotional prayers. Eucharistic Adoration from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (a sign-up sheet for adorers will be in the narthex) concluding with Benediction. Devotional prayers led by Bishop Bambera consecrating our diocese and country to the Sacred Heart of Jesus will be recited at the Mass. Following the Mass, at approximately 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 will be 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!

**The SH St. Vincent de Paul Society** is in the process of working with funeral homes in the Pittston Deanery to collect all unclaimed urns of cremated remains for burial in the Holy Sepulchre section of SH parish cemetery. *A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in SH church on Saturday, May 16, at 9:30 a.m. and the urns will be interred afterwards, free of charge.* No fees are asked of the families or funeral homes – all expenses for the liturgy and the burial will be covered by the charity of our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Parishioners and friends of both our parishes are invited to participate in the funeral liturgy when a date is finally selected. If you would like to assist in this very special corporal work of mercy, please speak to Fr. Petro. The SH SVDP is also seeking monetary donations to assist with the purchase of tombstones. Please place your donation in an envelope marked “SVDP Funeral” and either mail it to the SH parish office or drop it in the collection basket. To date, \$540 has been raised to help with the purchase of tombstones.

**Our two parishes have been invited** by Fr. Petro and the Diocesan Office for Parish Life to participate in the Genesis Mission — an opportunity to enter into the kind of intentional encounters seen throughout the Gospels, where Jesus sought out those in need of healing, forgiveness, or simply to be seen. Encounters like the woman at the well or Zacchaeus in the tree reveal how personal and life-changing these moments can be. Today, we are called to continue this mission, becoming instruments through whom others encounter Christ’s Love. The Genesis mission helps participants recognize daily opportunities for grace, where ordinary moments can become sacred encounters. To learn more, contact Regina Wright at (570) 207-2213 or [rwright@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:rwright@dioceseofscranton.org)

**The Mother’s Day envelope** is in your offertory pack. You may record your special intentions and memorials on these envelopes and drop them in the collection basket. They will be placed on the BVM side altars of our churches throughout the month of May.

**Tickets for SH Confraternity of Christian Mothers’ Spring Raffle** have been mailed to all parish households. Please purchase the tickets and return them to the Parish Office by May 3. 1<sup>st</sup> prize \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$250, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 and 4<sup>th</sup> \$100. The drawing will take place on Monday, May 4, at the CCM Mother’s Day Dinner.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – Ascension Thursday**

**Wednesday, May 13:** (SH) 4 p.m.

**Thursday, May 14:** (SH) 7 a.m. & (SM) 5:30 p.m.

The SH parish office will be closed on Friday, May 8. The office will reopen on Monday, May 11, at 8:30am.

The Altar & Rosary Society (SM) and the Confraternity of Christian Mothers (SH) will hold their annual Mother's Day Carnation Sale. For a \$1 donation per flower, you can honor a living or deceased mother, grandmother, or special loved one. Flowers will be available before and after the masses on the weekend of May 9-10 in the narthex of both churches. All proceeds benefit the Scranton Chapter of the Pennsylvanians for Human Life. This fundraiser is intended to honor mothers and to promote the value and dignity of human life. The funds will be used to continue the chapter's pro-life work. A vase will be placed near the BVM side altar. You may place your carnation in the vase or take it home to adorn your Blessed Mother shrine.

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). The next meeting will be Tues., May 5, at 6 p.m.

Instant Lottery Ticket donations sought for the SH Picnic: please donate new instant lottery scratch off tickets for the lottery game. 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.

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](http://www.NepaCemeteryCare.com).

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held in SH hall on Thurs., May 7, 12:30 – 5:00pm. Those who donate will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card via email. Go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) to schedule an appointment.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Join us for the celebration of the parish feast day of Queen of the Apostles Parish on Sunday, August 23, at the Mercatilli-Segilia picnic pavilion in 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.

**Cemetery Clean-up Time:** It's that time of year to clean up the cemeteries and prepare for spring and grass-cutting season. We ask that all planters and decorations remaining on lots from last year be removed by May 15. After this date, items will be removed and discarded. Please note, we are not responsible for any items left at the grave sites after May 15. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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/>

**Membership to the Pennsylvanians for Human Life** is only \$10 per year or a one-time donation of \$100 for lifetime enrollment. To sign up for the newsletter or to join, call 570-826-1819.

**Monday (May 4) Easter Weekday**

7:30 am (SH) Stephen Bryk  
by Ed and Carolyn Klimek

**Tuesday (May 5) Easter Weekday**

9:00 am (SM) Deceased members of the O'Malley family  
by Rich & Betty Ann Diskin

**Wednesday (May 6) Easter Weekday**

7:30 am (SH) Cassie Lopata  
by Robert Lopata

**Thursday (May 7) Easter Weekday**

9:00 am (SM) Shirley Connors  
by Mary Janet Gilroy

**Friday (May 8) Easter Weekday**

7:30 am (SH) William Luvender  
by Joseph Ozark

**Saturday (May 9) Vigil: 6th Sunday of Easter**

4:00 pm (SH) Joseph Szulewski  
by family  
5:30pm (SM) Rosemary & Frank Haddock  
by Frank Haddock, Jr.

**Sunday (May 10) Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 am (SM) Flynn, Price & Navarro families  
by Kay Price  
10:30 am (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

**WEEKLY OFFERING**  
**Last Sunday:** (SH) \$4,716.75 (SM) \$ 4,035.50  
**Building Fund:** (SH) \$82.00  
**Catholic Home Missions:** (SH) \$248.00 (SM) \$ 202.00  
*May the Lord reward your generosity.*

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:  
Tabernacle (SH): intentions of Brian Moletsky, by Michele Moletsky*

*Blessed Mother (SH): Ann Skrzysowski, by Joan Vogue*

*St. Joseph (SH): Irene Mengak, by MaryAnn Pistack*

*St. Therese (SH): in gratitude for blessings received, by Chris and Bryanna Colarusso*

*St. Francis (SH): Ann Tetlak, by children, John, Ronald, and Judith*

*Blessed Mother (SM): Barbara Pearce, by family*

*St. Joseph (SM): Peter Jadus, by family*



*The altar flowers (SH) this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God on the occasion of the reception of First Holy Communion, by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers.*

*The altar flowers (SM) this weekend are donated in honor of the First Communion Class, by the Altar & Rosary Society*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 2, 1:30pm, 1st Communion Practice & confessions, SH church  
 May 2, 2:45-3:45pm, 1st Saturday Adoration/devotions, SH church  
 May 4, 5:30pm, CCM meeting and Mother's Day social, SH hall  
 May 5, 6pm, Picnic meeting, SH hall  
 May 6, 7pm, HNS meeting, SH hall  
 May 7, 6:30pm, SH/SM Choir practice, SH choir loft  
 May 9, 1pm, May Crowning practice, SM Church  
 May 10, 8am & 10:30am, May Crowning, church  
 May 14, Ascension Thursday – see Mass schedule

<b>Liturgical Volunteer Schedule</b>
<b>May 2-3</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: B. Jones, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. Purdy
<b>5:30pm:</b> EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: M. Phillips
<b>8am:</b> EM: N. Adomiak, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist, G. Orr
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: M. Moletsky, L: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: A., J., & N. Rupprecht
<b>May 9-10</b>
<b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski, C. Purdy
<b>5:30pm:</b> EM: C. Wood, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Roxby
<b>8am:</b> EM: A. Jake, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: B. Janek, Jase Dudzinski
<b>10:30am:</b> EM: M. Phillips, L: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: C., E., & J. Toalongo

We are happy to welcome to SH parish Brenda Brudnicki and Robert Kuna of Dupont. A warm welcome to you!

The Wyoming Vally Pennsylvanians for Human Life have on their wish list: diapers size 5-6, baby wipes, bibs, and socks sizes 12-36 months. Those wishing to donate can call them, 570-826-1819.

Avoca Fire Department is sponsoring "Touch a Truck" on May 9, 10am to 2:30pm. at 824 McAlpine St, Avoca. Admission is \$5.