



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

✠ **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **July 12, 2026** ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

The Air Conditioning Envelope appears in your envelope pack each July to help defray the cost of cooling our church buildings during the summer months. Please be as generous as your means allow to this important collection that directly benefits us.

July is dedicated to the Precious Blood

Eternal Father, I offer You the merits of the Precious Blood of Jesus, Your beloved Son, my Savior and my God, for the spread and exaltation of my dear mother, Your holy Church, for the preservation and welfare of her visible Head, the sovereign Roman Pontiff, for the Cardinals, Bishops and Pastors of souls, and for all the ministers of the sanctuary. Blessed be Jesus Christ, who has saved us with His Most Precious Blood! Amen.

The Annual Novena in honor of St. Ann will begin Friday, July 17 and end the day prior to the feast of Sts. Ann and Joachim, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, July 26. The relic will be offered, and the Novena prayers recited after Masses. Please join in this Novena.

Queen of the Apostles Parish received a \$4,675 Diocese of Scranton Faith Formation Grant. The funds will support new Faith Formation Initiatives, including OCIA and missionary outreach. The parish recognizes Regina Wright and Kay Price for submitting the successful grant proposal. We look forward to this new initiative enriching our parish spiritually.

We are pleased to offer the 2027 Workbook for Lectors to all Lectors from both parishes. This helpful resource is excellent for preparing your weekly readings. If you would like to receive a copy, please contact Kathy Hudzinski at the Queen of the Apostles Parish Office no later than Friday, July 31 to place your request.

The annual diocesan Mass of Remembrance will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2026, at 7 p.m. at St. Peter's Cathedral, Scranton. This Mass is offered for family and friends of those who have died in tragedy, especially through murder, suicide and accident. Bishop Bambera will offer the Mass. To register the name of your loved one for this liturgy, please contact the Diocesan Office for Parish Life at (570) 207-2213. CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will provide live coverage of the Mass of Remembrance.

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.

Due to necessary road work at SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery, Moosic, the entrance and exit to the cemetery will be closed from Friday, July 10, through Sunday, July 12. If you are planning a visit, please plan around these dates. Sealcoating and crack repair will be done. We appreciate your patience as we improve our cemetery.

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 list of Theme Basket Winners from the Polish Picnic can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex of Sacred Heart Church.

Our churches are open daily for private prayer:

(SH) Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 7 a.m. to Noon; Saturday, 2:45 p.m. to the conclusion of the 4 p.m. Mass; Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

(SM) Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to Noon; Saturday, 4:30 p.m. to the conclusion of the 5:30 p.m. Mass; Sunday from 7 a.m. to the conclusion of the 8 a.m. Mass.

St. Mary's "AVOCA IRISH NIGHT" will be held on Saturday, August 29, at 6 p.m. in the Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall. This fun evening for the family will feature LIVE Irish music played by The Quietmen, a band from Factoryville known for their traditional Irish tunes and contemporary favorites. Food, beverages, theme baskets and more will be available! The chairmen are Jim McMahon and John Labrosky. They will be assisted by members of the SM Pastoral and Finance Councils. Volunteers are needed to assist with the Irish Night! Visit <https://quietmenmusic.com/index.html>
The next Avoca Irish Night planning meeting will be held on Monday, July 27, at 6 p.m. in the SM parish hall. Parishioners from both of our parishes are invited to attend. Please watch the bulletin for more details as the event draws nearer.

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.

If you would like to be involved with the planning or volunteer at the Irish Night event, please complete the volunteer coupon, indicate your preference and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the office. Many hands make for light work!

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2026 AVOCA IRISH NIGHT VOLUNTEER FORM

Name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Assist with planning? Yes Volunteer at the event? Yes

Volunteer in another way? _____

A Polish Picnic wrap up meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, at 6:00 pm in SH church hall. Anyone who worked on the picnic is encouraged to attend. At this meeting there will be a discussion about the pros and cons of this year's picnic, as well as the scheduling of the annual appreciation dinner for all the volunteers who assisted with church activities and festivities. If anyone has questions, call or text Charyl Nagy at 540-5478 after 5pm.

Join in praying the St. Michael Prayer at the conclusion of all Masses: *St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*

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.

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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.

Hit a Home Run with the Diocese of Scranton! Gather your family and friends for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Scranton Night at the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders on Friday, July 17 at 7:05 PM. Enjoy discounted tickets and an exciting matchup against the Worcester Red Sox. Fireworks follow the game! Buy discounted tickets here: <https://www.gofevo.com/event/Diocesescranton275>

Motorcycle Rally sponsored by St. Michael’s Church, 107 N. Washington Street, Canton, PA 17724. Check-in begins at 7:00 am. Breakfast: 8:00 am. Kickstands up: 9:00 am. GPS file and written route instructions. Approximately 80-mile all pavement route. Destination: The American Legion, Troy, PA. Lunch: 1 pm. After Lunch: “Show Me the Money” (a bingo-like card game). Online Registration: \$35 for Ride, Breakfast and Lunch (plus \$10 for passengers – meals included). Online registration closes on August 15. Day of event registration will be \$45 for a solo rider and \$60 for a rider with a passenger – cash or credit card. To register, visit: <https://stmichaelscanton.com/news/motorcycle-rally/>

St. Ann Novena Walking Pilgrimage to take place Saturday, July 25. Meet at 11:45 p.m. at St. Mary, Help of Christians Church, 535 N. Main St., Pittston and walk to St. Ann’s Basilica for the 4:30 a.m. Mass. Wear comfortable sneakers and reflective clothing or tape. Bring a water bottle, flashlight, and a rosary.

National NFP Awareness Week: July 19-26, 2026. NFP is an umbrella term for certain methods used to achieve and avoid pregnancies. These methods are based on observation of the naturally occurring signs and symptoms of the fertile and infertile phases of a woman’s menstrual cycle. Couples using NFP to avoid pregnancy abstain from intercourse and genital contact during the fertile phase of the woman’s cycle. No drugs, devices, or surgical procedures are used to avoid pregnancy. NFP reflects the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, promotes openness to life, and recognizes the value of the child. By respecting the love-giving and life-giving natures of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. (*Standards for Diocesan Natural Family Planning Ministry*, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2010, p. 23) Learn about Catholic teaching on responsible parenthood and Natural Family Planning. Visit the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops NFP Program’s website at: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriageand-family/natural-family-planning>

ONLINE GIVING: To set up your account, log on to our parish website and then click on the “online giving” tab. This will bring you to the online giving site. By following the easy online instructions, you can have your account set up in no time. Contact the parish office if you have questions.

Requiescant in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Sandy Gedrich who was recently buried from SM church and Joseph Cottone who was recently buried from SH church.

Neighborhood Crime Watch is sponsoring a community event to celebrate the 250th anniversary of America on July 25, 2026 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dupont Community Park on Elm and Walnut Street in Dupont and also at the Park on Hemlock Street in Dupont.

Cash Bingo in St. Maria Goretti Parish Hall, Laflin, to be held on Saturday August 8. Doors open at 10 a.m. Bingo from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Basket raffle, bake sale and 50/50 drawing. For tickets call their Parish Office, 570-655-8956

Saint Joseph’s Center is having their Summer Festival on July 24, 25 and 26 and they have a wish list for the Afghan Booth asking for New Handmade Items including Afghans, Quilts, Baby Items, Cards, Dolls, Doll Clothes, etc. Call 207-6656 for details.

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (July 13) St. Henry
7:30 am (SH) Thomas Petro, Sr.
by Thomas & Maria Elena Petro
Tuesday (July 14) St. Kateri Tekakwitha
9:00 am (SM) John Price
by his family

Wednesday (July 15) St. Bonaventure
No Mas scheduled
Thursday (July 16) Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
No Mass scheduled

Friday (July 17) Weekday
No Mass scheduled
Saturday (July 18) Vigil: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
5:30pm (SM) Lorraine Borthwick
by Jim, Jackie, JJ & Tom Galvin

Sunday (July 19) Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am (SM) Eugene O’Hop, Sr.
by Joe & Pat Bartnicki
10:30 am (SH) Edward Babiarz
by Andrew Babiarz

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: (SH) \$4,702.94 (SM) \$3,970.00
Building Fund: (SH) \$397.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of
Tabernacle (SH): *Living and deceased clergy, by Tina Petcaugh*
Blessed Mother (SH): *Intentions of Mary Ann Smithonic, by Sacred Heart CCM*
St. Joseph (SH): *Joseph Tetlak, by daughters Marina & Evelyn*
St. Francis (SH): *Joseph & Helen Kulick, by Ellie, Pat, Sue, Mary & Mel*
Blessed Mother (SM): *Barbara Pearce, by her family*
St. Joseph (SM): *Peter Jadus, by his family*
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The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Alice Kearney, by Marilyn Redington

UPCOMING EVENTS
July 15, 6pm, Polish Picnic Wrap-Up meeting, SH church hall
July 17-25, St. Ann’s novena prayed in both churches
July 27, 6pm, Avoca Irish Night planning meeting, SM parish hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
July 11-12
4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: C. Purdy
5:30pm: EM: C. Wood, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
8am: EM: M. Phillips, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: M. Phillips
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: G. Purdy, Acolyte: A., J. & N. Rupprecht
July 18-19
4pm: EM: C. Wesley, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: J. McMahon, Acolyte: JJ Galvin
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: G. Orr
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C. E. & J Toalongo

When you go on vacation in the summer, do you take a vacation from Mass? Do you make summer lazy by staying home on Sunday? Here are four reasons to fit Mass into your summer schedule:
1. After Jesus’ resurrection, his followers formed the early Church by gathering and keeping his message alive. Every time you attend Mass, you help to keep Jesus’ message alive – but that can only happen in church.
2. At Sunday Mass, millions of people you don’t know are praying for you and with you. Where else can you get that kind of help?
3. Attending Mass connects you to the Communion of Saints – the saints in heaven, the souls in purgatory, and believers on earth. That’s powerful company!
4. Mass is the way a Catholic fulfills the commandment to keep holy the Sabbath day. If God tells you to do something, it’s a good idea to do it.
Information on Mass times can be obtained by phone, 734-794-2100, or on the internet: www.Masstimes.org. Going on vacation should not mean taking a vacation from God!

Mass will be celebrated in Polish on the feast of St. Ann, Sun., July 26, in St. Ann’s Basilica, Scranton, at 1:30 p.m. Also, a Byzantine Liturgy for the novena will be celebrated in the Basilica on Tues., July 21, at 6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend.