



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

✠ **Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **July 19, 2026** ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

We are happy to welcome a father and son to our corps of liturgical volunteers at SH Church. Jesse Donahue has volunteered as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and his son, Gabriel Donahue, has volunteered to serve as an acolyte. Best of all, they are willing to serve at both of our churches. They were recently trained and commissioned by Fr. Petro. Might God be calling YOU to serve Him at His altar?

Please remember our Parish Poor Box located in the narthex of St. Mary's Church. Your donations serve our local community through our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

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.

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.

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 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.

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.

~ 2026 Avoca Irish Night Sponsors~

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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.

Queen of the Apostles Parish at St. Mary's Church will host an **IRISH NIGHT** at 6 p.m. on Saturday, August 29, in the Parish Hall. Enjoy an evening of authentic Irish cuisine prepared by Chef Eugene Philbin, featuring traditional favorites, homemade desserts, and soft drinks. Guests are welcome to bring their own alcoholic beverages. The night will also feature live music by The Quietmen, performing Irish and Celtic favorites, folk classics, and popular acoustic hits, along with a theme basket raffle, 50/50, and more.

Tickets are \$45 each or \$320 for a table of eight (a \$40 savings). To reserve your seat, call or text Jim McMahon at 570-881-5068 or register online at <https://tinyurl.com/StMarysIrishNight>.

Reservations are due by Aug. 17.

A note of introduction from The Quietmen:

In the iconic film *The Quiet Man*, John Wayne returns to his roots in Ireland. In much the same way, The Quietmen return again and again to their musical home: traditional and contemporary acoustic and Irish music.

Our shows combine the best of Irish and Celtic music, old-time folk tunes, and popular acoustic songs from the '50s and '60s, right up to the hits of today.

The Quietmen's earliest musical influences include The Irish Rovers; The Clancy Brothers and Tommy Makem; and The Dubliners. The list has grown over the years to include Great Big Sea, The Saw Doctors, Christy Moore, The Pogues, Jimmy Buffett, The Eagles, Simon & Garfunkel; Crosby, Stills & Nash; The Monkees, Guy Clark, and many, many more.

Getting their start in Scranton, Pennsylvania, family members Jamie, Paddy, and Danny Ratchford, and Molly Malone have been playing at festivals and fairs, parties and pubs for 25 years. The Quietmen include (but are not limited to): Jamie Ratchford on guitar, vocals, harmonica, and kazoo; Paddy Ratchford on vocals, keyboards, and bodhran (the Irish hand drum); Danny Ratchford on mandolin, banjo, guitar, ukulele, and vocals; Moll "Quietgirl" Malone on Irish tin whistle.

Even though they are scattered from the New Jersey Shore, the Poconos, and Northeastern Pennsylvania, the band family still enjoy getting together to share their musical vision.

The Quietmen love to play the great songs that people remember. Come out, sing along, and join the Quietmania!

quietmenmusic.com, on Twitter/X @quietmen, The Quietmen on Facebook, Quietmen Music on YouTube

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.

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.

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.

Requiescat in pace: please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of John Renfer who was recently buried from SH church.

Bishop Bambera’s Statement on the Society of St. Pius X:

It is with great sadness that I join the universal Church in acknowledging the painful division that has resulted from the Society of Saint Pius X’s (SSPX) decision to proceed with the unauthorized ordination of four bishops on July 1, 2026, without the proper pontifical mandate and against the will of the Holy Father.

Throughout the years, several popes have worked to restore full communion with the SSPX which is why these recent events have been so painful. Please join me in praying that these efforts may one day bear fruit and that the unity for which Christ prayed will be restored.

While the Society of Saint Pius X maintains a presence within the geographic boundaries of the 11 counties of the Diocese of Scranton, it is important for me to note that no parish, chapel, school, or ministry of the Diocese is currently administered by the Society or its clergy.

For any individual who has worshipped with the Society of Saint Pius X, or who may have questions about these recent developments, I want to assure you of my prayers and pastoral concern. The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has issued guidance for both clergy and lay faithful who wish to remain in full communion with the Catholic Church.

Most importantly, in light of the formal schism of the SSPX, Roman Catholics who desire to remain in good standing with the Church should not participate in liturgies celebrated by bishops or priests of the Society of Saint Pius X or receive the sacraments from them, including Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, Penance, Marriage, and Holy Orders. Canon law provides an exception only in the case of immediate danger of death.

I recognize that many Catholics who have attended the Society’s chapels have done so because of their deep love for the Church’s liturgical tradition, especially the celebration of the Mass according to the 1962 Roman Missal. That desire for the traditional Latin Mass can be fully lived within the communion of the Catholic Church.

Here in the Diocese of Scranton, the traditional Latin Mass is celebrated regularly at Saint Michael Parish in Scranton by priests of the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter (FSSP), a priestly fraternity that is in full communion with the Holy Father and the Catholic Church.

At this challenging time, I ask all faithful to pray for healing, reconciliation, and unity within the Church, that we remain steadfast in our fidelity to the Successor of Saint Peter.

Faithfully yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D, J.C.L.
Bishop of Scranton

Father Micheal Wurtz, CSC, our Supply Priest, has taken a much-deserved vacation to visit his parents in Pocohontas, Arkansas. He will return to celebrate Masses in our parishes by the middle of August.

Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall is available for hosting funeral repasts, weddings, baptisms, or community functions. If you are considering hosting an event or would like to learn more about our rental offerings, please contact John Labrosky, Queen of the Apostles Parish Hall Manager at 881-3959 (cell) or johnlabrosky@gmail.com

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.

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.*

Motorcycle Rally on Saturday, August 29, sponsored by St. Michael’s Church, 107 N. Washington Street, Canton, PA 17724. Check-in begins at 7 am. Breakfast: 8 am. Kickstands up: 9 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/>

A missionary priest will visit our parishes August 8/9 to make the annual missions appeal. More details will be forthcoming.

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MASS INTENTIONS

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Monday (July 20) St. Apollinaris
7:30 am (SH) Sy & John Hudzinski
by Betty Belles

Tuesday (July 21) St. Lawrence of Brindisi
9:00 am (SM) Carol Mack
by Joan Lilli

Wednesday (July 22) St. Mary Magdalene
7:30 am (SH) Rosemary Borkowski
by Michael & Brenda Bosch

Thursday (July 23) St. Bridget
9:00 am (SM) Agnes Lavelle
by June Fitzgerald & family

Friday (July 24) St. Sharbel Makhluf
7:30 am (SH) Geraldine Gall
by Linda

Saturday (July 25) Vigil: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00 pm (SH) Frank & Cecelia Bartnicki
by Linda Ostrowski
5:30pm (SM) Dennis Fitzgerald
by June Fitzgerald & family

Sunday (July 26) Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 am (SM Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)
10:30 am (SH) Krista Vogue
by Grandma J.

WEEKLY OFFERING
Last Sunday: (SH) \$4,101.54 (SM) \$4,207.10
Building Fund: (SH) \$92.00
May the Lord reward your generosity.

The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of
Tabernacle (SH): Bernadine Bryk, *by family*
Blessed Mother (SH): Raymond J. Cichoki, *by Diane Wylam*
St. Joseph (SH): Edward Pistack, *by family*
St. Therese (SH): George Balent, *by sister Eleanor*
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
The offertory gifts (SH) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated in memory of Thomas Coolbaugh, by family
Altar Flowers (SM) *this weekend are donated in memory of Lorraine Borthwick, by Tom, Jackie, Jim & JJ Galvin*

UPCOMING EVENTS
July 17-25, St. Ann’s novena prayed in both churches
July 27, 6pm, Avoca Irish Night planning meeting, SM parish hall
Aug. 23, 12:30pm, Outdoor rosary & picnic, pavilion in Moosic
Aug. 29, 6pm, Avoca Irish Night, SM parish hall

Liturgical Volunteer Schedule

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: Toalongo’s

July 25-26
4pm: EM: M. Moletsky, L: J. Roche, Acolyte: C. Purdy
5:30pm: EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: T. Kaplavka, Acolyte: T. Roxby
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: M. Phillips, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
10:30am: EM: B. Jones, L: T. Satkowski, Acolyte: Rupperecht’s

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.

Communion of Saints Picnic at St. John the Evangelist Church, William St., Pittston, from August 6 to 8, 5 to 10 p.m. each evening Food and entertainment will be on the church grounds.

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 at the Park on Hemlock Street in Dupont.

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.

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