



## 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

✠ **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** ♦ **July 5, 2026** ✠

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

**Fr. Petro and the Sacred Heart 2026 Picnic Chairmen** wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make our Annual Polish Picnic so very successful. We are very grateful to those who prepared, executed, cleaned up and patronized our picnic. Your wonderful service to God and neighbor at Sacred Heart Church is most appreciated! The picnic's financial report is currently being compiled and will be available in the near future.

### 2026 Sacred Heart Picnic Raffle Winners

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$500 Joy Tetlak
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$250 Brenda Brudnicki
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$150 Elaine Warunek
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize \$100 Glenn & Sandra Jonelunas

**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.

**The Memorial of St. Maria Goretti** is celebrated on Mon., July 6. All the faithful will be blessed with her relic at the conclusion of the 7:30 a.m. Mass.

**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, no later than Friday, July 10, 2026. CTV: Catholic Television of the Diocese of Scranton will provide live coverage of the Mass of Remembrance.

**Bishop Bambera will embark on a unique spiritual journey** that he has never undertaken before. Beginning July 13, he will walk a portion of the Camino de Santiago, an ancient Christian pilgrimage route that has drawn believers from around the world for centuries. Over the course of seven days, through July 19, he will walk approximately 100 miles across northern Spain, traveling toward Santiago de Compostela and its cathedral, the traditional burial place of Saint James the Apostle, the destination of all those pilgrims who walk the Camino. For many pilgrims, the Camino is much more than a physical challenge. It is a time of prayer, reflection, renewal, and a deeper encounter with God. Each step becomes an opportunity to slow down, listen to the Lord's voice, and reflect upon the blessings and challenges of life. As Bishop Bambera prepares for this pilgrimage, which has long been a personal goal and one that has special significance for him this year, having celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday and 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Bishop of Scranton, he would like to carry the people of the Diocese of Scranton with him in a special way. The Bishop plans to pray for the intentions of the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton. All prayer intentions should be submitted online prior to noon, July 8. To submit a Prayer Intention to the Bishop, go to: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaminoPrayers>

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**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.

### 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! If you would like to help plan this event, you are invited to attend the next meeting on Monday, July 6 at 6 pm at the QAP Parish Hall. Visit <https://quietmenmusic.com/index.html>

**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 IRISH NIGHT VOLUNTEER FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Assist with planning? Yes Volunteer at the event? Yes**

**Volunteer in another way?** \_\_\_\_\_

*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.*

**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 a Mass intention is \$10. The parish secretary will record the requests.

**Offertory Gifts:** *Would you please consider giving of yourself for the spiritual sustenance of all who partake of the Eucharist in our church for a weekend? A gift of \$20 provides for the Eucharistic elements for the Masses celebrated each weekend. You are invited to make use of the envelopes found in the narthex labeled “Offertory Gifts.”* Offertory Gift donation envelopes for the bread and wine may be placed in the collection basket or mailed to the Parish Office. You may make your donation in memory of someone, in honor of someone or for a special intention. You may also request a specific weekend to which your gift can be applied.

**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.

**When you go on vacation in the summer,** do you take a vacation from Mass? Do you make the days of 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](http://www.Masstimes.org). Going on vacation should not mean taking a vacation from God!

**Were you traveling** over the weekend and attended Mass at a parish other than your own? If so, you’re invited to bring back a bulletin from the parish to share with Fr. Petro. He enjoys learning what is happening in other parishes both within and outside our diocese. Plus, you get “credit” for going to Mass should he notice your absence from our parish on a particular weekend!

**The votive candle** offering is \$10 per candle and may be submitted via the collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Please note that candle donations must be received in the office in advance of the requested week.

**Altar flower donations:** commemorate a special occasion, or honor and remember a loved one by contributing to the weekly flowers that adorn the altar in our churches. The donor’s name, and the name of the person or the occasion being honored or remembered, is published in the Sunday bulletin. The suggested donation is \$100. To make an altar flowers donation, please contact the parish office. Your information will be taken, and the order will be placed with the florist. To list the intention in the bulletin and create the floral arrangement for the weekend that you choose, a two-week lead time is necessary.

**We need our parishioners to volunteer** as altar servers, lectors, cantors, choir members and Eucharistic ministers (especially to bring Holy Communion to the homebound). Is God calling you to serve Him in this way? If so, please speak to Fr. Petro.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish**, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville  
Will have a Summer Festival Thursday-Friday-Saturday, July 9-10-11, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

**Local Outreach Services**

AA Helpline: 1-800-640-7545

Al Anon: 1-800-339-9006

Bread Basket of NEPA: 570-343-2324

Greater Pittston Food Pantry: 570-654-9923

Birthright of Scranton: 570-961-1133

Rachel’s Vineyard Post-Abortive Healing: 1-877-467-3463

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

**Monday (July 6) St. Maria Goretti**

7:30 am (SH) John Stanley Lacomis  
*by cousins, Mary Ann & Ron Rinaldi*

**Tuesday (July 7) Weekday**

9:00 am (SM) Eleanor & Robert Joyce, Sr.  
*by Noreen & Bob Joyce*

**Wednesday (July 8) Weekday**

7:30 am (SH) Roger Mattei & family  
*by John Gerlak*

**Thursday (July 9) St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions**

9:00 am (SM) Robert Olenick  
*by Elizabeth White*

**Friday (July 10) Weekday**

7:30 am (SH) Angelica Borysewicz  
*by Phillis Bonomo*

**Saturday (July 11) Vigil: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 pm (SH) Grace Sheridan  
*by Thomas & Dorothy Sheridan*  
5:30pm (SM) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)  
**Sunday (July 12) Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 am (SM) John & Sophie Biga & sons, John Jr. & Joseph  
*by daughter, Mary Ann & family*  
10:30 am (SH) Frances & Albert Lenchak  
*by family*

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Last Sunday: (SH) \$4,683.24.00 (SM) \$2,617.25

Building Fund: (SH)\$266.00 (SM) \$224.00

Care & Education of Priests: (SH) \$108.00 (SM) \$259.00

Peter’s Pence: (SH) \$222.00 (SM) \$86.00

May the Lord reward your generosity.

*The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of:*  
Blessed Mother (SH): Arlene Skrzysowski, *by friends*  
St. Therese (SH): Cassie Lopata, *by Robert Lopata*  
Blessed Mother (SM): Special Intentions, *by a parishioner*  
St. Joseph (SM): Peter Jadus, *by his family*



The offertory gifts (SM) of bread & wine this Sunday are donated  
*in memory of Alica Kearney, by Marilyn Redington*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

July 6, 6 pm, Irish Night meeting, QAP Hall

| Liturgical Volunteer Schedule                                                   |
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| <i>July 4-5</i>                                                                 |
| <b>4pm:</b> EM: C. Wesley, L: S. Bartosiewicz, Acolyte: C. & T. Papiercavich    |
| <b>5:30pm:</b> EM: P. Krisiewicz, L: R. Wright, Acolyte: T. Roxby               |
| <b>8am:</b> EM: N. Adomiak, L: K. Price, Acolyte: J. Dudzinski                  |
| <b>10:30am:</b> EM: D. Suchecki, L: G. Beccaloni, Acolyte: C., E. & J. Toalongo |
| <i>July 11-12</i>                                                               |
| <b>4pm:</b> EM: B. Jones, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: C. Purdy                        |
| <b>5:30pm:</b> EM: C. Wood, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist              |
| <b>8am:</b> EM: M. Phillips, L: J. Susko, Acolyte: M. Phillips                  |
| <b>10:30am:</b> EM: L. Rupprecht, L: G. Purdy, Acolyte: A., J. & N. Rupprecht   |

***Requiescat in pace:*** please pray for the peaceful repose of the soul of Patricia Welch who was recently buried from SM church.

**Neighborhood Crime Watch** is sponsoring a community event to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> 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

**Nativity of Our Lord Parish** to be held on the Parish Grounds at Holy Rosary Church and School, 127 Stephenson St. Duryea. Friday, July 10, 5 to 10 p.m. Saturday, July 11, 5 -11 p.m.

**St. Nicholas-St. Mary Parish Summer Bazaar**, 226 S. Washington Street, Wilkes-Barre, will be held on July 16, 17, 18 on the parish grounds of St. Nicholas Church. Bazaar times: Thursday & Friday 5:30 - 10:30 p.m. and Saturday 5 - 10:30 p.m.

**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.