



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

✠ Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ♦ October 18, 2026 ✠

Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.

A “Pro-Life Baby Shower” sponsored by SH Parish will be held to benefit the Wyoming Valley Chapter of Pennsylvanians for Human Life. The requested donations include *new and unused baby items* such as sleepers, blankets/afghans, quilts, washcloths and towels (sizes newborn to 24 months), disposable diapers, etc. Donations can be placed in receptacle located in the SH church narthex until November 1. Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted and can be placed in the collection basket or sent to the parish office in a marked envelope indicating a donation to the “Baby Shower.” Checks should be made payable to *Pennsylvanians for Human Life*.

Thank you to all who patronized or volunteered at last Saturday’s SH Holy Name Society Ziti Dinner. A profit and expense report will be forthcoming.

The winner for the September Holy Name Society Match the Daily Number raffle is Heather Roche. Congratulations!

Thank you to everyone who attended or supported last Sunday’s Harvest Festival at QAP. A special thanks goes to the hostesses for their creative table decorations, and to all the guests who contributed to this fundraiser. A profit and expense report will be forthcoming.

“Cemetery Sunday” devotions will take place this year on Sunday, Nov. 1, beginning at 1pm in SH church. We will begin with the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary. The names of parishioners from both our parishes who died and were buried from our churches since last year’s devotions will be read aloud. *You are invited to bring photos of your deceased loved ones and place them on the table in front of the St. Joseph side altar.* After Solemn Benediction and Reposition, a procession will form to SH cemetery while the faithful sing the Litany of the Saints. The faithful who cannot walk in the procession may drive to the cemetery. Father will then bless the cemetery and visitation of the graves by the faithful will follow. Traditional Polish, Latin and English hymns will be sung. Please join in praying for the peaceful repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.

Two Masses will be celebrated on All Souls Day, Monday, November 2, by Fr. Petro. The first at 7:30 am at Sacred Heart Cemetery Chapel, Dupont, and the second at 12:10 pm at SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery Chapel, Moosic. Following the noon Mass, the traditional *Order for Visiting a Cemetery* will be held at St. Mary’s Cemetery in Avoca at 1:00 pm. All are invited to attend as we remember and pray for our faithful departed.

An indulgence is granted the Christian faithful who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, if only mentally, for the dead. This indulgence is applicable only to the souls in Purgatory. This indulgence is a *plenary* one from November 1 through November 8 and can be gained each one of these days. On other days of the year this indulgence is a partial one.

The All Souls Day offertory envelope is in your envelope pack. November is the month when we especially remember in our prayers the faithful departed. Kindly inscribe the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope and return it in the collection basket. These envelopes will be placed on the altars, and your intentions will be remembered in the masses celebrated throughout November.

The 2025-26 Catholic Ministries Appeal: commitment cards for the Appeal are available in the church narthex. All parishioners are asked to contribute to the Appeal and fill out a card indicating their pledge. Completed cards can be placed in the collection basket.

SH Goal: \$33,534.00 - Total Committed: \$11,504.00

SM Goal: \$35,767.00 - Total Committed: \$7,688.00

St. Jude Thaddeus is the patron saint of lost causes. He was one of the Twelve Apostles and a cousin of Our Lord. He also authored the New Testament epistle that bears his name. Faithful people have turned to him as a powerful intercessor since the earliest days of the Church. We will continue this tradition of prayer in our parishes and ask St. Jude’s intercession for our many needs. The Novena to St. Jude begins Monday, Oct. 19, and concludes on Tuesday, Oct. 27.

A two-part Adult Theology Series will be held in the SH church hall at 6:30 pm. Presented by Bill Jones, a former Lutheran pastor and Catholic convert, these presentations will explore areas of our faith. The first session, held on Thursday, Oct. 22 entitled *The Magnificent, Awesome and Sacred Truth of What the Church Calls the Real or True Presence of Christ*. The series will conclude on Thursday, Nov. 19 with a presentation entitled *An Adult Christ at Christmas*. Parishioners from both our parishes as well as members of the general public are invited to attend these inspiring evenings.

A Halloween Trunk-or-Treat, sponsored by the Dupont Neighborhood Crime Watch will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25, 4-6 pm in the SH church parking lot. The HNS is participating again this year and will be handing out fresh popcorn to every child who arrives in costume.

For the month of October, our parishes along with parishes around the country conduct the “October count,” a measure of attendance at Sunday Mass. *The ushers are asked to count at all Masses.*

Save the Date! A combined parish Flea Market will take place on the weekend of May 22-23, 2027, in SH church hall. As you do your fall cleaning, we ask that you hold onto gently used items you no longer want or need until we begin accepting donations on April 12, 2027. Items that will be accepted include household goods, toys, holiday decorations, and more. Please note that electronics or clothing will not be accepted. *All proceeds from this event will directly benefit both of our parish communities, so please save the date and help support this joint effort.*

The parish religious education program (CCD) is off to a good start. If you have not registered your child for CCD, you may still do so. Forms are available in the narthex of our churches or the parish offices during office hours. All children enrolled in public and home schools from First through Eighth Grades are required to attend CCD.

Students currently enrolled in a Catholic school who are planning to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation this year are required to complete a Religious Formation (CCD) registration form. Even though these students receive daily religious education at school, this separate parish registration ensures they are properly included in all parish sacramental records and preparation events. Copies of the form can be picked up in the Narthex of both churches, downloaded from the Parish websites, or requested by calling the Parish office.

A Thanksgiving Food Drive for the local poor is being sponsored by our CCD students in grades 4 & 5 in both parishes. All CCD students are invited to bring non-perishable food items to class through Sunday, Nov. 15. Parishioners are also invited to bring non-perishable food to church and place it in the bin which will be in the narthex of both our churches. This drive will support the Avoca Food Pantry at Bethel United Methodist Church.

American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by Queen of the Apostles Parish will be held in the QAP parish hall Tues., Oct. 20

from 1:30 to 6pm. You can register at www.redcross.org.

It is with sincere regret that I must inform everyone that our Queen if the Apostles Parish Hall Bingo fundraiser has been **CANCELLED**. First, I would like to sincerely thank the 12 individuals who reserved a spot for this event. I truly appreciate your willingness to participate and support our parish. I have heard from several people who felt that the \$50 up front admission fee was too high. I understand that everyone has a budget to consider, but I would like to offer some perspective on the difference between this bingo and our previous event in April. For the April bingo, admission was \$25, with an additional \$20 required, bringing the total cost to \$45. The payouts for that event were: Regular games: \$50 for each of 15 games, Special games: \$100 for each of 4 games, Jackpot game: \$200, *Total payouts: \$1,350*. In comparison, the payouts planned for this bingo were significantly higher: Regular games: \$100 for each of 20 games, Jackpot game: \$1,000, *Total payouts: \$3,000*. That represents an additional \$1,650 in prize money for just \$5 more in admission costs. I genuinely believed that the increased payouts would more than offset the small difference in admission price. Unfortunately, I was mistaken. I fully understand that money is tight for many families and that the cost of just about everything continues to rise. However, I would be remiss if I did not point out that these same rising costs affect our parish, too. The expenses associated with keeping our church and hall open, the lights on, the building heated and cooled, and the facilities clean and properly maintained continue to increase.

Fundraisers are not simply social events; they are an important part of keeping our parish operating and our doors open to the community. Unfortunately, our parish depends on these events to help meet the financial obligations necessary to maintain our church and hall. It is truly disappointing to have to cancel an event that was planned with the intention of offering better prizes while also raising much-needed funds for our parish. I hope that, as future fundraisers are scheduled, we can all keep in mind the important role they play in supporting our parish. Every event, every admission, and every contribution helps us continue to maintain the place that brings our community together. Once again, thank you to those who supported this bingo by reserving a spot. Your support is sincerely appreciated, and I hope we can count on one another as we continue working to support our parish. Thank you for your understanding. John Labrosky Parish Hall Manager

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor-It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis . To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551. Additional Safe Environment Compliance information may be found at <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/child-protection-victim-assistance/>

Holy Cross High School, Dunmore, will hold an Open House on Sunday, Nov. 1, 11am-3 pm. Talk to students, faculty, and coaches to learn about what the school offers pupils.

Holy Redeemer High School, Wilkes-Barre, will hold an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 25, 1-3 pm. Talk to students, faculty, and coaches to learn about what the school offers pupils.

Scranton Preparatory High School will hold an Open House on Sunday, October 18 from 12:00-4:00pm. Registration is required at

www.scrantonprep.org/openhouse. 7th and 8th grade students and their families are encouraged to attend to learn more!

✠ MASS INTENTIONS ✠

Monday (October 19) Sts. John deBrebeuf & Isaac Jogues

7:30 am (SH) James Jones
by the Jones family

Tuesday (October 20) St. Paul of the Cross

9:00 am (SM) Rodolfo, Roberto & Raul Caltenco
by Blanca Caltenco

Wednesday (October 21) Weekday

7:30 am (SH) Chester Gall
by Linda

Thursday (October 22) St. John Paul II

9:00 am (SM) Todd & Rita Burns
by their family

Friday (October 23) St. John Capistrano

7:30 am (SH) Anna & Ed Orlinski
by their family

Saturday (October 24) Vigil: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm (SH) Michael Rowan
by his family
5:30pm (SM) Dennis Fitzgerald
by June Fitzgerald & family

Sunday (October 25) 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SM) Scott Kryeski
by Ron, Sarah & Ken
10:30 am (SH) Our Parishioners (*Missa pro populo*)

WEEKLY OFFERING Last Sunday: (SH) \$3,760.24 (SM) \$ 3,079.00 Building Fund: (SH) \$224.00 <i>May the Lord reward your generosity.</i>
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The sanctuary candles burn this week in memory of
Tabernacle (SH): Rose & Nicholas Loncala, by Marian Wanielista
Blessed Mother (SH): Mary Cichocki, by Diane Wylam
St. Joseph (SH): Mrs. Helen Champi, by Joseph & Patricia Champi
St. Therese (SH): Joseph Cottone, by Cottone family
St. Francis (SH): Anthony Dudzinski, by Ron & Sharon Ziobro
Blessed Mother (SM): Stephen Koval, by Aunt Jeanne



The offertory gifts (SH): of bread & wine this Sunday in memory of Mary Kaminski, by Diane Cichocki Wylam

UPCOMING EVENTS Oct. 18, 8 & 10:30am, CCD Mass, grade 8 will assist Oct. 20, 1:30-6pm, American Red Cross Blood Drive, QAP Hall Oct. 22, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft Oct. 22, 6:30pm, Theology Series, Part 1, SH Hall Oct. 29, 6:30pm, SM/SH Choir practice, SH choir loft Nov. 1, 1pm, Cemetery Sunday devotions, SH church Nov. 2, 7:30 am, All Souls Day Mass, SH Cemetery Chapel, Dupont Nov. 2, 12:10 pm, All Souls Day Mass, Ss. Peter & Paul Cemetery Chapel, Moosic Nov. 2, 1:pm, Cemetery blessing, St. Mary’s Cem., Avoca
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Liturgical Volunteer Schedule
Oct 17-18
4pm: EM: B. Jones, L: H. Vogue, Acolyte: M. Hudzinski
5:30pm: EM: C. Trzcinski, L: J. McMahon, Acolyte: JJ Galvin
8am: EM: A. Jake, L: CCD Students, Acolyte: T. Gilchrist
10:30am: EM: J. Donahue, L: L. Rupprecht, Acolyte: A., J., & N. Rupprecht
Oct 24-25
4pm: EM: B. Jones, L: J. Klenner, Acolyte: Collins family & P. Suchecki
5:30pm: EM: M. Phillips, L: P. Bartnicki, Acolyte: M. Phillips
8am: EM: N. Adomiak, L: L. Orr, Acolyte: G. Orr
10:30am: EM: D. Suchecki, L: M. Ferretti, Acolyte: C., E., J. Toalongo

Children and Student Envelopes: If you would like your child to receive a boxed set of donation envelopes for 2027, *please contact the parish office*. Envelopes will be available in the narthex during the month of December for those who have requested them.

The Month of the Rosary is October. Please join in praying the rosary prior to each Mass in our churches on weekdays and weekends throughout the month. Free rosaries are available in the narthex.

All parishioners with families buried at our three cemeteries are requested to clean their graves prior to November 1.

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