



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**DECEMBER 18,
2016**

**FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

Weekdays

Please check for schedule in
bulletin

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday

3:00 PM

or by appointment

Religious Education

Grades K – 8

Sunday

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

Parish Mission Statement

We, All Saints Parish, are unified together by the power of the Holy Spirit to be a living and convincing sign of God's unconditional love. We are gifted to build bonds among ourselves and others in order to live the Gospel in word, worship, community and service for the salvation of all and the building of God's kingdom.



The message of the angel of the Lord given to Joseph in his dream tells us much about the child that Mary bears and his role in God's plan. He is conceived by the Holy Spirit. His name will be Jesus, which in the Hebrew means "Yahweh saves." He will be the fulfillment of the prophecy heard in today's first reading from Isaiah: ". . . The virgin shall be with child . . . and shall name him Emmanuel [God with us]."

Joseph does as the angel of the Lord directs. He takes Mary to be his wife and accepts the child in her womb as his own. Joseph and Mary are both cooperative with God's plan. They are both models for us of what it means to be faithful servants of God.

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 18th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Anna Mizzer (Rose Mary)

Monday, December 19th

6:00 PM **NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 20th

12:05 PM Brandon Ginthner (Parents, Donna & Eric)

Wednesday, December 21st

12:05 PM Raymond Souder (June Chopack)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FROM 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday, December 22nd

12:05 PM Helen Prego (Son, Frank)

Friday, December 23rd

12:05 PM Stephen Skovira (Joe Dotzel)

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 PM Children's Mass

6:00 PM For all Parishioners

10:30 PM For all Parishioners

Sunday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord

10:00 AM For all Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – T. Bradley, S. Starosta,

R. Heck, D. Prutzman

Lectors – Children

Altar Servers – R. Kutish, V. Kutish, N. Powell

6:00 pm:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Butler, C. Kellar, T. Kirby, J. Kurilla

Lectors – P. Merman, C. Mihoch

Altar Servers – P. Pritchard, S. Pritchard, T. Marchlenski

10:30 PM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – M. Sipper, T. Walker, J. Sipper, J. Sipper Jr.

Lectors – F. Josephs, A. Walker

Altar Servers – A. Warman, H. Williams, Z. Walker, A. Molitoris

Sunday, December 25, 2016

10:00 AM:

December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24 (10)

December 19

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

Lk 1:5-25 (195)

December 20

Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38 (196)

December 21

St. Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14 or

Zep 3:14-18a

Lk 1:39-45 (197)

December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28

Lk 1:46-56 (198)

December 23

St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66 (199)

December 24

Morning:

2 Sm 7:1-5,

8b-12, 14a, 16

Lk 1:67-79 (200)

December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10/

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18 or

1:1-5, 9-14 (16)

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – D. Butz, A. Brunick, P. Roan, A. Mizzer

Lectors: – Jonathan Korus, E. Koons

Altar Servers – Jacob Rokosz, N. Rokosz, Jonathan Rokosz

If you are unable to fulfill your obligation, please find a replacement.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Adult preparation for the Sacrament of Initiation. If you know of anyone who might be interested in inquiring about the Catholic Faith, call the parish office or Maureen Dillon at (570) 779-9874. Classes are generally held on Sunday mornings after the 8:30 AM Mass.



Baptism of Infants: Parents requesting Baptism for their children should make an appointment with the Pastor to begin the process. The months of preparation before the birth of a child are the appropriate time to plan for the Sacrament.



Catholic Marriage: Diocesan Policy states that those considering celebrating the Sacrament of Marriage must meet with the pastor at least six months before any desired wedding date. Please call the office to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.



Communion for the Homebound: We invite homebound parishioners who wish to receive Holy Communion to call the office.



Hospital Visitation: Please notify the Parish Office if you or a loved one is hospitalized as the hospital no longer notifies the parish. If a patient would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation or Anointing of the Sick or if he or she would just like a visit, please call the office to make arrangements.

Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn all creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness.

Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life.

Grant this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God Forever and ever. Amen.

If you would like to purchase Altar Breads or Sanctuary Candles for a week in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact Jackie Karnes at 570-332-1176 (**Monday thru Friday only**) for available dates. Altar Breads are \$25.00 per week and Sanctuary Candles are \$15.00 per week.

Week of December 18th

Sanctuary Candle – in memory of Anna Mizzer Hicks & James W. Behm

PARISH EVENTS

MEETING

Ushers Club – Sunday, December 18th, 2 PM, at HCFFC, meeting and Christmas Party. Anyone interested in joining the ushers club is welcome to attend.

PRO-LIFE TREE



We would like to have a “pro-life tree” which will be placed next to the baptismal font. It will be decorated with the pictures of a new born/baptized babies. if you have some pictures of your babies and would like to have them displayed on that tree please call the parish office (570) 779-5323.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

The children’s Christmas Eve Liturgy will be on Saturday, December 24th at 4:00 PM. All children of the parish who would like to participate in this Liturgy are invited to come to a practice on **Tuesday, December 20th, at 6:00 PM in the church.**

CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice for the Christmas Liturgies will be held on Sunday, December 18th, at 3:00 PM.

There will also be a practice on Thursday, December 22nd, at 6:30 PM

The Eucharistic Adoration schedule will be changed effective this Wednesday, December 21st. Adoration will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There are not enough volunteers during the winter months to keep the regular schedule. Anyone is welcome during these hours. If you are able to schedule a time, please call Joan Kaye at 570-779- 2998.

CATECHISM STUDY GROUP

The Catholic Catechism study group will meet on Wednesday, December 21st, at 7PM. in the rectory. We will reflect on the Divine Revelation as presented in the Sacred Scriptures.

CAN YOU HELP?

If your ministry or organization would like to sponsor Coffee and Doughnuts the weekend of January 7/8, 2017 (Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, please call the parish office at 570-7795323. Thank you.

BAPTISM

Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian Life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213)

The Baptism Committee is in need of Baptism Coordinators to instruct a class and assist the family during the Baptism Sacramental process. Each coordinator is scheduled for a specific month. If you are interested in learning more or serving in this gratifying ministry please contact Audrey Kocher (570-779-4850) or the parish office (570-779-5323).

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, January 26th**, 9am – 11am. The Christian Service Center is in **DIRE NEED OF CANNED FRUIT, DRIED PASTA, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CEREALS & JUICES.**



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has distributed 901 shawls. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is always in need of additional hands to stitch. Please call Dona @ 570-771-6316 for time and place of next get together.

GIVING A MEMORIAL GIFT TO YOUR PARISH WHEN THERE IS A DEATH OF A LOVED ONE AND MAKING YOUR WILL: Have you ever considered giving a monetary gift to your parish in memory of a deceased loved one at the time of death or later on? It's a beautiful expression of love for both the person who died and your parish. We always need money to enable us to continue to accomplish the mission of Jesus and for the general upkeep of our parish properties. Please consider this unique expression of giving in lieu of flowers, Mass cards and other expressions. When making your Will, remember All Saints Parish & the good that can come because of the legacy you leave your parish. Monetary donations would be gratefully appreciated if made to the Parish Building Fund, The Christian Service Center, Parish Cemeteries or All Saints Catholic School Education Fund, to be used by a family or families who need assistance with sending their child to a Catholic School. Thank you.

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Please always remember to pray for those in our nation's military; for firefighters, police and EMT's. Please also pray for all in the Parish who are ill or in any way distressed, especially those who have asked for prayers: *Irene, Nathan Grey, Eugene, Mark, Emma, George, Joseph, John, Danielle, Joseph, Sean Henry, Rose Mary, Leah, Ed Harenza, George, Michelle, Stanley, Tom, Raina, Seth, Dorothy, Dave & Darius*. If you or a loved one would like to be on the parish prayer list, please notify the office. *If you are calling for someone else, please make sure you have that person's permission to publish their name in the bulletin.*

GRANT ETERNAL REST, O GOD, TO ALL WHO HAVE DIED: *Paul Chesluk, John Klim.*

Our parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

- ~ In memory of ***Stanley Gulbish*** by Felicia Perlick, Irene & Jack Williams, Rose Mary Zbiek, Christine Pagoda
- ~ In memory of ***Florence Owens*** by Mary & Bob Williams, Stephen & Coletta Bodnar, Donna Warren, Robert & Jeane Hogan

<p>THANK YOU</p> <p><i>Knights of Columbus</i></p> <p><i>Council 11901</i></p> <p><i>For supporting me in my studies</i></p> <p> Remember in Prayer <i>the priesthood.</i></p> <p><i>David Sebolka</i></p>	<p>Place your ad here</p> <p>\$5.00 per week</p>	
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 10th & December 11th

Offertory: \$6244.00

Loose Collection: \$238.00	Candles: \$123.00
Energy: \$25.00	Insurance: \$20.00
Catholic Ed.: \$2.00	Holiday: \$725.00
All Saints: \$5.00	Flowers: \$58.00
Office: \$1004.38	Wafers: \$175.00
Clergy Care: \$36.00*	
Religious Retirement: \$418.00*	

Total: \$9073.38

Thank you! Your stewardship and generosity toward your parish is greatly needed and appreciated.

**Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to \$454.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*



Calling all Youth in Grades 8-12

Meet in December for taco's, talk, trivia and mucho mas!!!

Sunday, December 18th
12:15 PM in the Church Basement

Feliz  Navidad

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Thanks to Christopher Hoffman 12-24-1998
HOW ABOUT IF INSTEAD OF GIVING YOU EVERYTHING THAT YOU THINK YOU WANT FOR CHRISTMAS I GIVE YOU WHAT YOU NEED?



PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 18th – 7:00 PM – St. Ignatius, Kingston

Tuesday, December 20th – 7:00 PM – St. John's, Larksville

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

... are available at the entrances of the church. Please place a free will offering in the envelope.

Mass schedule for The Nativity of the Lord – Christmas

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 PM, 6:00 PM & 10:30 PM

Sunday, December 25th

10:00 AM

PARISH LOTTERY – winners for the week of December 5th: \$50.00: #787 Carolyn Belcastro, #445 N/A, #985 Mary Ellen Demchak, #035 Mary Ann Vasell, #068 Michael Belak.

\$100.00: #740 Edith A. Kachurak.

NEW LOTTERY: Tickets for our new Lottery, which will begin in February, are now available and can be purchased at the parish office. **Lottery tickets make great Christmas gifts.**

PLEASE NOTE

This year we will be sending letters at the end of the year to those whose offertory donations were \$250.00 or more pursuant to IRS Publication No. 1771. If you donated less than that amount and require a letter at the end of the year, please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church or in the ramp area or call the parish office. January 15 will be the last date that donations can be added to the totals used in the letters.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS

Religious across the United States offer sincere thanks for your generosity to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Amount collected was \$418.00.

SHARE YOUR GIFTS WITH YOUR PARISH

Adult Altar Servers for funerals and/or daily Mass, plus additional adults are needed to pray the funeral Vigil Prayer Service at funeral homes. If interested, please call the rectory office.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$40,000.00

Amount pledged: \$29,803.00

Amount needed: \$10,197.00

DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE IN LAY MINISTRY PROGRAM, 2017

The Office for Parish Life encourages parish leaders to consider application for the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry for January 2017!

The Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry is a ministry formation program designed to equip and advance the servant leadership capacities of individuals serving their parish in areas such as:

- *Pastoral Council,
- *Directory of religious Education and Catechist,
- *Liturgical Coordinator,
- *Parish Staff,
- *Volunteer Ministry teams,
- * and others!

Through independent online study with the University of Dayton's Virtual learning community for Faith Formation (VLCFF), as well as regional skills workshops and opportunities for prayer and reflection, Diocesan Certificate candidates enrich their knowledge base, while also learning practical tools for effective parish ministry in their faith communities.

Starting with our New Candidate Orientation Retreat on Saturday, January 28, 2017, the Office for Parish Life anticipates welcoming new candidates into the Diocesan Certificate in Lay Ministry program in the New Year.

Prospective candidates are encouraged to contact Kitty Scanlan, Coordinator for Lay Ministry Formation, at 570-207-2213, or by email at Kitty-Scanton@dioceseofscranton.org for application information, materials and application submissions.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11th. The event includes a 2:30 pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through the parish office before March 13th.

#GIVINGTUESDAY #GIVINGDECEMBER

From the Development Office of Scranton: the Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools continue to participate in #GivingTuesday and #GivingDecember. A gift option is available at each of our 20 schools and all donations, in any amount, are appreciated. For more information, or to make a gift, visit the following link:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/DiocesefofScrantonCatholicSchoolsGivingTuesdayCampaign>.

PLEASE NOTE

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 23rd, and Monday, December 26th. Only emergency calls will be accepted. Merry Christmas!