



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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JANUARY 8, 2017 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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 Three Kings or the Three Wise Men are representatives for us all, people from every nations, from every languages and origins, from all the ends of the earth, who came to worship the Lord and who want to believe in Him. They were following the Star of Bethlehem, which represented the coming of the Lord, Who is indeed the Light of the world. Amidst the darkened sky, the star shone brightly, visible from afar, all the way to the lands where the Magi lived in.

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 8th

8:30 AM Stanley & Frances Mikush (Stan & Phyllis Mickish)

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

Monday, January 9th

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 10th

12:05 PM Florence Owens (Jack & Cindy Owens & Family)

Wednesday, January 11th

12:05 PM Joseph Ruddy (Wife & Family)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FROM 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, January 12th

12:05 PM John Pavlick (John Lelak)

Friday, January 13th

12:05 PM Paul J. Chesluk (Carl & Rosemary Coates)

Saturday, January 14th

4:00 PM Mary Zafia (Son, Gary)

Sunday, January 15th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Jessie Sulcoski (Karen & Dennis Beres)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 14, 2017

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – S. Starosta, A. Butler,
A. Brunick, C. Kellar

Lectors – M. Kopko, T. Kirby

Altar Servers – P. Pritchard, S. Pritchard, A. Molitoris

Sunday, January 15, 2017

8:30 AM

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

Lectors – F. Josephs, A. Walker

Altar Servers – Z. Walker, V. Kutish, R. Kutish

11:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Mizzer, P. Roan,
T. Bradley, J. Karnes

Lectors – C. Mihoch, J. Farrell

Altar Servers – A. Young, J. Young, T. Young

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

January 8

The Epiphany of
The Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12 (20)

January 9

The Baptism of
the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17 (21)

January 10

Heb 2:5-12

Mk 1:21-28 (306)

January 11

Heb 2:14-18

Mk 1:29-39 (307)

January 12

Heb 3:7-14

Mk 1:40-45 (308)

January 13

St. Hilary

Heb 4:1-5, 11

Mk 2:1-12 (309)

January 14

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 2:13-17 (310)

January 15

Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Is 49:3, 5-6

1 Cor 1:1-3

Jn 1:29-34 (64)



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 January 8th

Hosts & Sanctuary Candle – in memory of John Palovchak

PARISH EVENTS

MEETINGS

All Saints Ushers Club – Sunday, January 8th, 2:00 PM, at HCFFC. All ushers are asked to attend this meeting. Anyone wishing to join the ushers club are invited to attend.

Finance Committee – Tuesday, January 10th, 6:00 PM, at the rectory.

Parish Council - Tuesday, January 17th, 6:00 PPM, at the rectory.

Bingo Committee Meeting – Thursday, January 19th, 6:30 PM, at the rectory. Anyone interested in helping with the bingo, please come to this meeting.



The Eucharistic Adoration schedule has been changed.

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, January 11th, at 7PM. in the rectory. We will reflect on the Nicene Creed.

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).

MUSIC MINISTRY

If you are interested in joining the choir and/or becoming a cantor please see Bill Loyack after Mass or call him @ 570-885-4307.

THANK YOU

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank those parishioners who donated Christmas gifts, gift certificates and food gift certificates for the 30 children that we sponsored this year on our Christmas Giving Tree. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU

The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank Karley Wolfe, Shelby Lewis and Richard Castle for volunteering and helping at the Bingo's that were held at the Dan Flood apartments in Plymouth.

“Love is the beauty of the soul.” -St. Augustin

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: *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 & Anthony Yuscavage.*

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: *Julia Ferkel* (mother of Mrs. Barbara Young, 221 Barnes St., Plymouth, PA 18651), *Rita Steckman* (mother of Mr. David Steckman, 537 Wilkes-Barre St., Hanover Twp., PA 18706), *Ruth Petcavage* (wife of Mr. Al Petcavage, 56 Academy St., Plymouth, PA 18651), *Mary Dula*

POPE FRANCIS' EVANGELIZATION PRAYER INTENTION That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Place your ad here

\$5.00 per week

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 31st & January 1st

Offertory: \$6,386.75

Loose Collection: \$170.000 Candles: \$177.00
Energy: \$35.00 Holyday: \$1,435.50
Flowers: \$12.00 Wafers: \$120.00
Insurance: \$25.00 Maintenance: \$25.00
Christmas: \$1,559.00 Catholic Ed.: \$5.00
CSC: \$6.00 Cemetery: \$10.00
Manger: \$41.00 Ash Wednesday: \$3.00
Clergy Care: \$219.00* Good Friday: \$3.00*
Religious Retirement: \$22.00*
Human Development: \$5.00*

Total: \$10,259.25

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to \$246.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*

Did You Hear That?



What's the message you got this Christmas?

Let's meet and find out.

All Saints Youth in grades 8-12 are welcome to attend our next meeting on Saturday, January 28th after the 4 PM Mass in the School Building.

Pizza, Planning & PB&J.

Yeah, but not the sandwiches.



**You never listen properly.
You're gonna be in so much trouble!**

*Feast of the
Epiphany*

PARISH LOTTERY Winners for the week of December 26th: \$50.00: #740 Edith Kachurak, #471 Tabatha Sipper, #114 James Ford, #300 Jean & Richar Dydynski, #589 Adam Kachurak.\$2,000.00: #033 Eric Zolner.

NEW LOTTERY: Tickets for our new Lottery, which will begin in February, are still available and can be purchased at the parish office or in Church. **Support your parish by purchasing a Lottery Ticket.**

USHERS CLUB LOTTERY: Tickets for the Ushers Club Lottery for the month of March are available at the parish office or from any member of the Ushers Club. Tickets are \$3.00.

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.

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

MOTHER THERESA HAVEN

All Saints Parish will be hosting the men from Mother Theresa Haven for the week of February 20th thru February 26th. Anyone interested in providing and serving a cooked meal for these men can contact the office (570-779-5323) for the available dates.

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.

"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others."

- Pope John Paul II

SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY

This Sunday we celebrate the solemnity of the Epiphany. The Gospel reading tells us that the Wise men brought gifts to present to the child Jesus. They did not come empty handed but they wanted to bring something important to honor God.

It is one of the ways we show that we care. We bring something.

As we come into Church this weekend, we too are asked to bring something of value to our God. First, it is our lives. We honor God by the simple visit we make and the time we spend in church. Next, we bring our talents. We share ourselves in Church, we sing, we participate, we pray. Finally, we bring our "gold" and we offer a gift to God through the parish we attend.

The Wise men were the first stewards of our faith. We thank God for their gifts. May they guide us as we decide what is it that we should bring to visit the King in this coming New Year.

I thank God for the gift that you are for our/your parish.

One of the great traditions of the church associated with the solemnity of the Epiphany is the blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above the main door. It can be performed either by a priest or the father of the family. We usually make chalk and blessed water available for you to bless your homes.

This year in addition to that I will be available to bless your homes and mark the door with the initials of the three Magi. If you wish to have me bless your home please call the rectory to make an appointment.

In Christ's peace, Father Jacek

HOUSE BLESSING PRAYERS

Every year people are invited to bless their home and family through the use of blessed water. For some, this custom comes at Easter, for others around the time of the Epiphany. One custom is to trace crosses, the initials of the "kings" and the numerals of the year over the doorway with chalk.

20+C+M+B+17

Some say the initials stand for Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar; others say they mean: Christus Mansionem benedicat. May Christ bless this house. Whatever the custom, the tradition is a beautiful prayer for the domestic church, led by the father or mother of the family.

LEADER: *"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with His Love. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.*

A reading from the Gospel of Luke, Chapter 19, versus 1 to 9, are appropriate. It tells of the visit of Jesus to the house of Zacchaeus. A response to the Reading can be Psalm 72 followed by family prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY FOLLOWS:

LEADER: *:Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Then the leader may sprinkle those present and the house with holy water, and may use these words: "Let this water call to mind our Baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection had redeemed us. The door post may now be signed (20+C+M+B+17).

CONCLUDING PRAYER

"May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and now make us one in mind and heart now and forever." Amen.

**SERVICE/SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF
DECEMBER 1, 2016**

Opening prayer at 6:35 PM

1. Issues and updates

A. Christmas Giving Tree

- a. placed in the ramp area of the Church
- b. gift tags placed on tree
- c. will separate and pack up the gifts on December 18th, after the 11:00 Mass.
- d. contact Catholic Social Services to set up date & time for pick up.

B. Prayer Shawl delivery

- a. received nursing home & homebound list
- b. distribute shawls starting in 2017
- c. work on a schedule for delivery

C. Christmas Bingo at Dan Flood Apartments

- a. to be held on December 7th, at 6PM
- b. 41 people signed up
- c. purchase food & prizes
- d. 3 CCD students volunteered to help & donate some prizes
- e. Tammy will supply donated treats

C. Mother Theresa Haven

- a. received available dates from MTH
- b. looking at the month of February to host men
- c. place information in bulletin
- d. see if CCD students can volunteer 1 day to serve dinner
- e. contact St. Johns
- f. contact organizations with the dates

II. Old Business

A. Mother Theresa Haven

- a. CCD students participated in "Happy Feet Collection"
- b. socks were delivered to MTH

III. New Items

- a. looking into new ideas to help Catherine McCawley House
- b. will keep updated on the Pro Life Center through their news letter
- c. "Keep Christ in Christmas" bracelet idea brought up by Jackie Karnes, will forward information to Father Jacek and will research prices
- d. submit outreach letter from Mike and Theresa Flynn to Father Jacek the letter will then be placed in Christmas cards & will be attached to the gifts from the Giving Tree

Next meeting: January 12, 2017 at 6:30 PM

Closing prayer at 7:30 PM

TRIP Sr. Citizens Friendship Club of St. Mary's/All Saints Parish, Plymouth, are sponsoring a trip on April 25, 2017, to Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster, to see "Jonah" and to Shady Maples after the show for dinner. Cost is \$93.00 and includes: bus, show, dinner, and all gratuities. Seats are always assigned as they are paid in full. There is a \$25.00 Deposit with each reservation. Please call Ann @ 570-779-3203.

RESPECT LIFE MASS

The Knights of Columbus of Wyoming Valley is sponsoring a Respect Life Mass. This Mass will be held Sunday, January 15th @ 10:00 AM, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. Following Mass refreshments will be available in the parish hall. Father Joseph Pisaneschi, Pastor, welcomes all.

MARCH FOR LIFE BUS

A bus to the March For Life, Washington, D.C., Friday, January 27th, will leave from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Swoyersville. For information & reservations, call Chris Calore @ 570-824-5621.

"Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Wednesday, JANUARY 25, 2017 at 12:20 PM, in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton."

"The Diocese of Scranton will again participate in the worldwide Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, which is celebrated each year in January.

The Diocese of Scranton will host an Ecumenical Celebration of God's Word on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 12:10 PM in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton. There will be no 12:10 PM Mass that day in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend. In addition, CTV: Catholic Television will broadcast the service live. The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, will preside, and Rev. Dr. Robert Zanicky of First Presbyterian Church in Wilkes-Barre will deliver the homily. Clergy and representatives from various Christian traditions and ecumenical agencies will be present. Liturgical music will be provided by Saint Clare/Saint Paul School.

FAILED MARRIAGES

When marriages fail, Catholics may be unclear about their relationship to the Church. In the Diocese of Scranton, the annulment process is now more "user friendly" than you might expect, and there is no longer a processing fee. Please contact your pastor or the Diocesan Tribunal Office at 570-207-2246 to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to your questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

A PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. PAUL

Travel in the "footsteps of St. Paul" with Fr. Thomas Petro, pastor of Our Lady of the Abingtons Church, Dalton, and St. Patrick Church, Nicholson, on a trip to Greece and Turkey. The trip will be April 22nd – May 4, 2017. Cost is \$4,600.00 which includes airfare and expenses ALL-included. To register contact 855-842-8001 or 508-340-9370. You can also register online at www.proximotravel.com or contact Fr. Petro 2 570-563-1622.

"Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven." Pope St. Pius X