

# ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**DECEMBER 3, 2017**

**FIRST 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 drawn 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.

There is a common image many people share the night before Christmas. A little child goes to bed on Christmas Eve with the excitement of what Santa will bring on Christmas Day — a child with a sense of wonder and awe of what may happen in the morning. It is this excitement that is stored in the child's memory for years to come. It is the beginning of wonder and awe building our hopes as we anticipate something great. The word "advent" means an anticipation of the arrival of a person or an event. Advent is the season that reminds us of an arrival of something great. As a season in the Church, it is placed at the beginning of the Church year. It is the beginning of a new spiritual journey for each of us. We are reminded once again that the promise God made about our salvation has come. This promise is the true hope beyond any other hope we have. We build our traditions around this time to remind us of that great mystery of Christ's coming for our salvation.

# COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Bernice Simonds (Deborah Burns & Joann)

### **Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS**

### **Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Joseph Mangan (Ellen Jo)

### **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Richard Skovira (Mother & Family)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FROM 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

### **Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 PM Mary Nicolina Weihbrecht & Immaculata Altavilla  
(Ed Weihbrecht & Family)**

### **Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

**6:00 PM Lorraine Navroth (Ken & Sandy Boback)**

### **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM Deceased Members Knights of Columbus, Council 11901

### **Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Joan A. Coughlin (John & Ann Brunick)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### **Saturday, December 9, 2017**

#### **4:00 PM:**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – R. Heck, C. Kellar,  
M.J. Wojtowicz, A. Brunick

**Lectors** – M. Kopko, C. Piczak

**Altar Servers** – P. Pritchard, V. Stritzinger, J. Stritzinger

### **Sunday, December 10, 2017**

#### **8:30 AM**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – J. Sipper, M. Sipper,  
J. Sipper Jr., D. Butz

**Lectors** – J. Gabriel, E. Keating

**Altar Servers** – J. Bozek, M. Bozek, M Weihbrecht

#### **11:00 AM**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – T. Bradley, A. Mizzer,  
K. Narcum, P. Roan

**Lectors** – M. Dillon, J. Farrell

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

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

#### **December 3**

First Sunday of  
Advent  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b,  
64:2-7

1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mk 13:33-37 (2)

#### **December 4**

St. John

Damascene

Is 2:1-5

Mt 8:5-11 (175)

#### **December 5**

Is 11:1-10

Lk 10:21-24  
(176)

#### **December 6**

St. Nicholas

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37  
(177)

#### **December 7**

St. Ambrose

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27  
(178)

#### **December 8**

The Immaculate  
Conception of the  
Blessed Virgin  
Mary

Gn 3:9-15,  
20/Eph 1:3-6,  
11-12

#### **December 9**

St. Juan Diego

Is 30:19-21,  
23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a,  
6-8 (180)

#### **December 10**

Second Sunday of  
Advent

Is 40:1-5,  
9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8 (5)

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHEDULE

**December 7<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – R. Heck, T. Kirby, M.J. Wojtowicz, T. Bradley  
**Lectors** – M. Burns, R. Burns

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

**December 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – K. Narcum, R. Coates, A. Mizzer, J. Karnes  
**Lectors** – M. Sipper, P. Merman

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

## UPCOMING LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, St. Ignatius, Kingston

Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, St. John the Baptist, Larksville

### CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE – ALL SAINTS

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 PM and 10:00 PM

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 AM

## PARISH EVENTS

### MEETINGS

**All Saints Ushers Club:** Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2:00 PM, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. All ushers are asked to attend this meeting. Anyone wishing to join the ushers club is invited to attend.

**Worship Committee:** Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM, at the rectory.



### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration is held from **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM every Wednesday**

If you are able to schedule a time, please call Joan Kaye at 570-779-2998.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus!

### PARISH LOTTERY

**Winners for the week of November 20<sup>th</sup>:** \$50.00: #906 Charles Goldsmith, #350 George Young, #692 N/A, #371 Janice Carr, #037 Edward Bezdziecki. \$500.00: #414 Pat Partilla.

**Tickets for our new Lottery, which will begin in February, are now available. Lottery Tickets make great Christmas gifts.**

## **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY**

The Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy will be on Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 4:00 PM. All children of the parish who would like to participate in this Liturgy are invited to come to the following rehearsals: December 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. All rehearsals are from 5:45 to 6:45 PM in the Church.

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

On Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 9:45 AM, there will be practice for all Altar Servers in Church. Please call Ed Bozek at 570-472-1474 for further information.

## **CHOIR**

Choir practice will be held on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 3:00 PM and Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, after the 6:00 PM Mass. The Hymn-fest will be held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, in the Church.

## **CHRISTMAS WAFERS – OPLATKI**

The Christmas Wafers, Oplatki, are available at the entrances of the Church and also at the parish office. Please place a free will offering in the envelope.

## **ADVENT WREATH CANDLE**

There are sign-up sheets on the ramp area and vestibule of the Church for you to volunteer to light the Advent Candle before the Masses on the weekends during Advent. Please sign up today.

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

We are asking you to place your name in the basket for a prayer partner. You can put as much information on the Angel Paper's as you would want. If you only want prayers then just put your name on the Angel. If you would like to have more contact with a parishioner then you can put your address, phone number, etc. You will be able to take a name from the basket the week of December 2/3, the First Sunday of Advent.

## **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

The Companion Missals are no longer available in separate books. Our new Breaking Bread Hymnal now contains the full readings. Also, there are Little Blue Books, of Advent and Christmas on the ramp area of the Church.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

The parish office will be closed on Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, because of the Holyday. Only emergency calls will be accepted.

## **COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS**

The Worship Committee is sponsoring Coffee and Doughnuts this weekend December 2/3.

We are now accepting Mass intentions for 2018. We would like to review our Mass scheduling policy. Presently, we will be scheduling Mass intentions for the entire year. Mass availability is on a first-come, first serve basis. We have only two Mass intentions per weekend because one weekend Mass must be said for the intention of the parishioners. In order to give as many families as possible the opportunity to have a Mass, only one weekend Mass intention per family can be scheduled per year. There is no limit to the number of Mass intentions per family scheduled for daily Masses. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 570-779-5323. Thank you.

## **COOKIE WALK**

The first ever All Saints Parish Cookie Walk will be held on December 10th, from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, in the Holy Child Faith Formation Center basement. Purchase a box and fill it with as many cookies as you can. Prices are \$5 for a small box and \$10 for a large box. It is a great opportunity for you to buy a variety of homemade cookies for the holiday season. We are looking for some dedicated bakers to help with the event. Sign-up sheets are in both the ramp and back of the church or you can contact the parish office at 570-779-5323 or Debbie Madrack at 570-779-4913. Please put your name, the type of cookie and quantity. Anyone baking cookies for the cookie walk is asked to please drop them off on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, between 9 and 11:00 AM, in the school basement.



## **SNOWBLOWER WINNER**

The drawing for the Cub Cadet Snowblower was held on Tuesday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, in the rectory office. Father Jacek picked the winning ticket, and the lucky winner was Karen Kratz. Congratulations to Karen! Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket or several tickets in the hope of winning the Snowblower. While we didn't sell all 300 tickets, we still make a profit of \$1260.00, which as always benefits All Saints Parish. One final thought for everyone who purchased a ticket and didn't win, let us all pray that we don't get any snow this year!



## **PARISH MINISTRY**

### **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE / CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

The Social Service Committee will be sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree starting on the weekend of November 25<sup>th</sup> and ending on the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Catholic Social Services supplies us with the names of children from our surrounding area. They also include a list of requested Christmas items from each child. We will then place tags on our Christmas Giving Tree specifying the items that the children requested. When a tag is removed we then ask you to bring back the gift wrapped and place it under the tree. The last weekend for the drop off of gifts will be the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.



## **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**

Cards are located in the ramp area and vestibule of the Church explaining how you can use texting to make your gift to the Diocesan Annual Appeal. Gifts are appreciated in any amount and are fully tax-deductible. We appreciate your generosity and may God bless you.

\$40,000.00      Amount Pledged: \$25,837.00, which is 64.6% of our goal.

## **CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER**

Next food distribution, **Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**, 9am – 11am. The Christian Service Center is in dire need of canned fruit, dried pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereals & juices.

## **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, Rose Mary, Leah, Ed Harenza, George, Michelle, Stanley, Tom, Raina, Seth, Dorothy, Dave, Ray, Anthony Yuscavage, Anna Regan, Kubik & Rudnik Families,**



**Kathleen K., Edmund Havira, John Brunick, Rose Mahoney, Aaron, Joel Rivera, John S. Nowak, Joseph M., Donna, Frank, Daniel, Rosalie, Al & Joe McGill and Marge Demarco. 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: *Rose Marie Jago, Gloria Wanyo* (mother of Mrs. Donna Coughlin, 13 Girard Ave., Plymouth, PA 18651) *Alan Hornick* (brother of Mr. Matt Hornick, 52 Turner St., Plymouth, PA 18651-2013)**

## **THANK YOU**

The Human Life Resource Center thanks everyone for all the wonderful items Mike Flynn brought into the Center. The babies will be truly blest. The Center cannot thank you enough for each and every item. May God bless everyone!

## **KNIGHT OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL 11901**

A heartfelt thank you to all that contributed to last weekend's "Coats for Kids" collection after the Masses. This week our parish Knights of Columbus, Council 11901, delivered 33 new winter jackets to needy children at State Street School. This brings a total of 100 coats to three schools where youngsters will feel warm thanks to your generosity. It illustrates last Sunday's Gospel in action. Thank you and God bless. Also, on Thanksgiving, Council 11901 Knights of Columbus teamed with the St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen to deliver 67 turkey dinners to residents of Dan Flood Senior Apartments and St. Vincent de Paul Apartments.





**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. Also, parents seeking Baptism must attend a Baptism preparation class prior to their child's Baptism.



**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:** Homebound parishioners who wish to receive Holy Communion please call the office at 570-779-5323.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Sanctuary Candle— in memory of Irene Shemanski**



If anyone is interested in donating flowers for the altar in memory of someone, please contact the office at 570-779-5323.

ADS ARE  
\$5.00 EACH

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

November 25<sup>th</sup> & November 26<sup>th</sup>

Offertory: \$5810.00

Loose Collection: \$68.00      Energy: \$85.00

All Saints: \$6.00      Insurance: \$17.00

Candles: \$119.00      Catholic Ed.: \$146.00

Church Maintenance: \$7.00

Clergy Care: \$32.00\*

**\$6290.00**

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

*\*Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to  
\$32.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of  
Scranton.*



All Saints Youth in grades 7-12  
Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
After the 4 PM Mass downstairs in  
the basement of the church.  
*Food, Fun and Bring a Friend!!!*

*Miraculous Medal Novena  
Prayed on Tuesdays*

*Novena to St. Jude  
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday  
Prayer to  
The Sacred Heart*

