



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**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 3:00PM -3:50PM
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.

Advent

Advent is essentially a season of waiting. It is a season so close to Christmas, but it has its own meaning, its own grace, its own value. This Advent, God has desired to give each of us graces to prepare us to receive the incarnate Christ into our hearts. We wait for God Emmanuel to come among us as a child, born of Mary. When we are asked to wait, we can try to fill up that time with some plan or schedule that we make our own. But this would just be to lose sight of what God has in store for us by his divine plan. God wants to visit us at a time that is best for us, even if we don't know when that time will be, even if it comes to us unexpectedly. The proper response in moments of waiting is to have hop—hope that no matter how distant we are from God, it is the Lord himself who will come to visit us. And in the time before his arrival, we can wait, like Mary, with longing expectation.

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 25th

10:00 AM For all Parishioners – Christmas Mass

Tuesday, December 26th

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 27th

NO MASS

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

Thursday, December 28th

NO MASS

Friday, December 29th

NO MASS

Saturday, December 30th

4:00 PM Leo Dougherty (Family)

Sunday, December 31st

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Julia Ferkel (Carol Brzezinski)

Monday, January 1st

10:00 AM Lorraine Navroth (Irene Hornish)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 30, 2017

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, R. Coates, M.J. Wojtowicz, R. Heck

Lectors – M. Janoski, C. Kellar

Altar Servers – A. Langdon, L. Taylor, P. Pritchard

Sunday, December 31, 2017

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: P. Motyka, R. Motyka, D. Prutzman, T. Kirby

Lectors – M. Sipper, F. Josephs

11:00 AM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – J. Karnes, T. Bradley, K. Narcum, P. Roan

Lectors – P. Merman, J. Farrell

Altar Servers – H. Williams, M. Bozek, J. Bozek

December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38 (11)

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)

December 26

St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59

Mt 10:17-22 (696)

December 27

St. John

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697)

December 28

The Holy

Innocents

1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2

Mt 2:13-18 (698)

December 29

St. Thomas

Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35 (202)

December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17

Lk 2:36-40 (203)

December 31

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Lk 2:22-40 or

2:22, 39-40 (17)

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

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, A. Butler, R. Heck, D. Prutzman

Lectors – C. Mihoch

Altar Servers – N. Powell, T. Marchlenski, M. Marchlenski

10:00 PM:

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

Lectors – P. Merman, A. Walker

Altar Servers – Z. Walker, H. Williams, M. Bozek, J. Bozek

Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day

10:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – D. Butz, M. McNelis, T. Kirby, C. Kellar

Lectors – Jonathan Korus, E. Koons

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

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
JANUARY 1ST**

10:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – K. Narcum, A. Butler, D. Prutzman, J. Kurilla

Lectors: C. Piczak, E. Keating

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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE – ALL SAINTS

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24th, 4:00 PM,

9:30 PM Christmas Carols and Mass starts at 10:00 PM

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th, 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1st, 10:00 AM

NOTE

Please accept our apology that Christmas Cards from Fr. Jacek were not mailed this year. There was a mix-up with the order and it was too late to re-order the cards by the time the mistake was discovered.

PARISH EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



CHOIR

The choir will begin singing Christmas Carols at 9:30 PM on Sunday, December 24th, Christmas Eve.

PARISH LOTTERY

Winners for the week of December 11th: \$50.00: #159 Mary Ellen Demchak, #690 Deb Jannuzzi, #398 Robert Wojtowicz, #140 Peter Winters, #580 Ed Brozena.

\$100.00: #878 Vickie Voyton.

Tickets for our new Lottery, which will begin in February, are now available.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For the past several months we have been updating our Parish Census and our mailing list. This information is very important not only for religious statistics report for the Diocese but also it helps us to better plan for the future of our Parish.

Therefore, beginning in January 2018, those parishioners who have not used their envelopes for the last five years will not be sent offertory envelopes. If you find that we inadvertently removed you from the offertory mailing list, and you want to continue to get the envelopes, please call Mollie at the office at 570-779-5323.

We thank you for your continued financial support of our parish.

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. December 31st will be the last date that donations can be added to the totals used in the letters.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE AT ALL SAINTS PARISH

This project was quite a success for the Parish, and we thank all who participated! There will be a Remembrance Mass scheduled for Saturday, January 6th, at 10:00 AM for the intentions of all ornamental remembrances sponsored. All people who contributed to the Remembrance Tree are invited to take a memento booklet that is being produced. These booklets should be available in the ramp area of the church beginning with the 4:00 PM Mass of Christmas Eve. Enough booklets will be printed to cover the 200 ornaments that were donated, so please limit the booklets to one booklet per ornament donated.

Again, thank you to everyone for their overwhelming participation in this project. A special thank you to Doreen Kolojejchick, Helen Nowak Gabriel, John and Marsha Sipper.

PLEASE NOTE

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 25th, and Tuesday, December 26th.

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, January 25th**, 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, Marge Demarco &

Theresa Kopko. 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.

Our parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

~ In memory of *Rose Marie Jago* by Estate

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

To help bring parishioners together in a spiritual activity and promote devotions to Mary, our parish Knights of Columbus, Council 11901, is pleased to conduct a 5th Sunday Rosary on December 31st following the 8:30 Mass, in the front pews of the Church. All Knights and parishioners are encouraged to join in praying the Rosary as a corporate body. All are invited to participate.

EVENT AROUND THE DIOCESE

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 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10th. 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 at the parish office before March 12th.

Soup for the Souls: Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Road, Buttonwood, Hanover Township, is have a Soup for the Souls soup sale on January 11th. Soup of the month is Clam Chowder. Pickup time is 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Cost is \$8.00. Pre orders are appreciated. For more information, please call 570-825-6370.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Adult preparation for 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 24th
Hosts & Sanctuary Candle– in memory of Julia Ferkel**



We sincerely apologize for inadvertently omitting from last week's bulletin that flowers were in memory of Michael and Margaret Kurilla and donated by the Kurilla family.

In memory & honor of
Mizzer & Behm families
Love,
Rose Mary Behm

Thank you to all who
helped, baked and/or
purchased cookies at our
All Saints Parish Cookie Walk
It was very sweet of you!
John Sipper Jr. & Debbie
Madrack

In honor of
Bogdon & Dydynski
families,
Love, Rose Mary Behm

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
December 16th & December 17th
 Offertory: \$6088.75

Loose Collection: 121.25	Energy: \$42.00
Holydays: \$90.55	Flowers: \$1162.00
Catholic Ed.: \$14.00	Insurance: \$37.00
Candles: \$244.00	Church Maint.: \$10.00
Easter: \$25.00	Clergy Care: \$15.00*
Religious Retirement: \$60.00*	
\$7909.55	

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to \$75.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*



All Saints Youth Group wishes you a Merry Christmas and many blessings for 2018!



*Miraculous Medal Novena
Prayed on Tuesdays*

*Novena to St. Jude
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday
Prayer to
The Sacred Heart*

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes November 2, 2017

John Sipper opened up meeting and welcomed group. He explained the following: terms for Pastoral Council, how new possible members were invited, that there is a substantial time commitment the next 4 years (2018-2022), we have openings for 6 people, and that the meetings are usually on Thursdays once a month for 1 ½ - 2 hours. John also explained the various church committees. In addition, he said there are some Diocesan events coming up next year for the 150th Diocesan Anniversary.

Rosemary Coates will be the representative from Finance Committee.

John reviewed the previous minutes and they were approved as read. Father continued with faith sharing and we prayed for the deceased in observance of All Souls Day.

Pastor Report:

All Souls celebration – Saturday at 10am – Memorial Mass to celebrate deceased who have died this year. Father Jacek will have masses in the Cemeteries this week; Tuesday, St. Mary's, Wednesday, St. Vincent's, and Friday, St. Stephen's. Graves will be blessed also. There was a good response last year. The council was asked to pray for the 35 students who will receive confirmation this Monday. We will recognize them at this Sunday's 11am Mass. There will be a special blessing.

Committee Reports:

- Word – their next meeting is on November 16th. Rachel implemented new program; all meet in basement and have a prayer then go to individual classrooms. Faith formation going well.
- Worship – will meet next week.
- Service – They plan for a bingo for residents of Dan Flood. They also planned a Giving Tree working with Catholic Social Services. And, they are hoping to help families from the parish. Please encourage parish families in need to come to the rectory to submit their request.
- Community – The next Donut Sunday is November 11 & 12; the Bereavement Committee will host. All Saints Feast Day celebration was this past Sunday. Attendance was good but a little lower than last year. Canvas tote bags were given as a gift. This year's Mass of Remembrance is scheduled for this Saturday at 10am
- Pastoral Plan reviewed including the ARISE Program, Small faith community, Time of prayer, worship, meal. The cost is \$9000.00.
- Cookie Walk – Deb Madrack and John Sipper are in charge. People will move through line to purchase cookies - December 10th from 12pm -2pm.
- Parish Directory – will be in development all year
- Social Gatherings and Fund Raising – we have been doing a good job.
- Food Making Event – need to still figure out details.

Next meeting will be December 14th at 6pm in the school basement.

Current council members departing: Pat Merman, Jackie Karnes, Audrey Kocher, John Sipper (still around for a short transition). Minimum – 10 needed on committee

Meeting adjourned.