



# ALL SAINTS PARISH

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## 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.

**FEBRUARY 18, 2018**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF  
LENT**

### 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



As we do every First Sunday of Lent, today we ponder a Gospel account of the 40 days Christ spent in the desert following his baptism. During this time of solitude, fasting and intense prayer, Jesus was tempted by the devil. Today's Gospel reminds us of the two historical focal points of the Lenten season: the meaning of our baptism and the confrontation with our own sinfulness. We, the baptized, have been united with Christ's death and resurrection, and we find ourselves on a challenging and sometimes perilous journey following Christ in our lives. Particularly during Lent, we allow the Spirit to drive us into 40 days of fasting, intensified prayer and almsgiving. We should expect to confront temptation as Jesus did. We, too, will face dangers; but we can also count on the ministry of angels, provided that we trust God.

# COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

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

11:00 AM Loretta & Joseph Mickey (Family)

### Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

5:30 PM Thomas Spitalik (Rose Mary Behm)

Confessions following Mass

### Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

NO MASS

### Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

12:05 PM Stanley Petrosky (Wife, Dorothy & Family)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL RESUME ON APRIL 4<sup>TH</sup>**

### Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>

NO MASS

### Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

6:00 PM Joe McGill (Ed Weihbrecht & Family)

Stations following Mass - Upper Church

### Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM Joseph Saresky (Family)

### Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Walter Zafia (Son, Gary)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, February 24, 2018

#### 4:00 PM:

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – A. Brunick, M.J. Wojtowicz

**Lectors** – T. Kirby, M.A. Meeker

**Altar Servers** – L. Taylor, J. Stritzinger, V. Stritzinger

### Sunday, February 25, 2018

#### 8:30 AM:

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – J. Sipper, J. Sipper Jr.

**Lectors** – A. Walker, F. Josephs

**Altar Servers** – Z. Walker, R. Bantel, M. Weihbrecht

#### 11:00 AM

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – P. Roan, J. Karnes

**Lectors** – M. Burns, R. Burns

**Altar Servers** – J. Cardona, J. Bozek, P. Pritchard

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

### February 18

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15

1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15 (23)

### February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46  
(224)

### February 20

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15 (225)

### February 21

St. Peter Damian

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32

(226)

### February 22

The Chair of St.

Peter the Apostle

7 1 Pt 5:1-4

### February 23

St. Polycarp

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26 (228)

### February 24

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48 (229)

### February 25

Second Sunday  
of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a,

10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10 (26)

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – 5:30 PM**

**Mass in Chapel - Confessions – regular weekend confessional**

**Lector & Altar Server – E. Keating**

**Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 6:00 PM**

**Stations of the Cross in the upper Church**

**Lector & Altar Server – R. Burns**

## **LENTEN CORNER**

1. Mondays of Lent – Mass @ 5:30 PM – followed by confessions till 7PM
1. Fridays of Lent – Mass @ 6PM – followed by Stations of the Cross
3. Simple Supper – March 2<sup>nd</sup> – after Stations of the Cross – by the Youth Group
4. Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 3PM – 3:50 PM – Saturdays @ All Saints  
Our parish deanery penance service – Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 7PM  
St. Ignatius Lenten Penance Service – Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7PM

### **5. Devotions**

“Pick you own penance” – an extra act of kindness or a prayer that we can perform during Lent (pick new penance every week)

Miraculous Medal Novena – Mondays

St. Jude Novena – Thursdays

Prayer to Sacred Heart of Jesus - First Friday of the Month

Ecumenical Event – Soup & Scripture:

Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - 11AM @ Christian Church

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> 11AM @ Pilgrim Church

Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 11AM @ Welsh Baptist Church

Thursday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 11AM @ All Saints

## **RICE BOWL**

Rice Bowl, a Lenten program that raises funds for those who need support and services in communities throughout the U.S. and overseas.

Twenty-five percent of all contributions stay in local dioceses to support hunger and poverty prevention programs such as community gardens, food pantries, soup kitchens, support groups and job centers. The remaining 75% goes to support CRS' humanitarian programs overseas, providing life-saving assistance and hope to impoverished and vulnerable communities. Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule and ramp areas of the church.

## **PARISH EVENTS**

### **MEETING**

**Word Committee** – Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:30 PM, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center



## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**Due to the winter weather, Eucharistic Adoration will be temporarily suspended and will resume on Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>.**

## ***CATECHISM STUDY GROUP***

*The Catholic Catechism study group will be temporarily suspended due to the cold and inclement weather conditions. An announcement will be made when classes are to be continued. Thank you.*

## **ALTAR SERVERS**

Anyone wishing to become an altar server can call Ed Bozek at 570-472-1474 or the parish office.

## **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.

## **CHOIR**

As part of your Lenten journey, why not consider joining All Saints Parish choir. We will begin having Choir practice on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM, in the Church. Make your time a rewarding experience as we prepare for our Holy Week services.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

Upon the advisement of our Parish Council we have decided to not offer the cup of Precious Blood at Mass during the flu season.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

Due to the safety concerns during the winter months with snow and ice removal, our main focus must be on clearing the church, school and rectory. The cemeteries cannot be plowed after each snowfall but rather as time allows and as is necessary for funerals, etc. Thank you for your understanding.

## **CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

The pictures have arrived. Your picture and Certificate is on the ramp area in alphabetical order. Please take yours home today. Thank you.



## ALL SAINTS PARISH BINGO & BASKET RAFFLE SUNDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>

### PLEASE NOTE

The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, in observance of President's Day. Only emergency calls will be accepted.

## PARISH MINISTRY

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday March 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 9am – 11am. The Christian Service Center is in dire need of canned fruit, dried pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereals & juices.

### MOTHER THERESA HAVEN

Our parish will be hosting the homeless men from Mother Theresa Haven for one week starting on February 26<sup>th</sup> thru March 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in preparing and serving a meal for these men can contact Mary Burns at 570-824-1155 or the parish office at 570-779-5323. As of now there are only 2 days that are still opened. Please call us if you have any questions or need more information. Thank you.

### 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

Our goal: \$40,000.00

Amount Pledged: \$29,522.00, which is 73.8% of our goal.

## 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, Joel Rivera, John S. Nowak, Joseph M., Donna, Frank, Daniel, Rosalie, Al, Marge Demarco, Theresa Kopko, Paul & Marilyn Irzinski & Joe.. 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:

*Chester Makos Sr.* (husband of Mrs. Mary Makos, 76 Grebe St., Wilkes-Barre, PA 18702).

## **EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE**

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2018 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Request for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through the parish office before March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ANNULMENT PROCESS?**

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 (570-207-2246) to begin a conversation. It is possible to get clear answers to these questions and to renew your connection with the Church.

### **SAVE RECEIPTS**

Please save your cash register receipts from Plymouth Hometown Market for our local firemen. Boxes are placed in the ramp area and back of the Church. Any amount of receipt is greatly appreciated. Plymouth Hometown Market gives the firemen a certain percentage. Help us to support our firemen. For more information call Mary Anne Meeker at 570-779-9464.

### **EASTER EGGS**

Confraternity of Christian Women of Holy Family Parish, 828 Main St., Sugar Notch will be selling homemade Easter Eggs. Milk chocolate peanut butter eggs and dark chocolate coconut eggs are available. Cost is \$1.00 per egg. To order please call Diane Bliss @ 570-371-3034 and leave a message or the parish office @ 570-822-8983. Eggs will be available for pick up during Lent after all Masses.

### **VIRTUS TRAINING**

A training for adults in the **Protecting God's Children (PGC-VIRTUS)** program is scheduled for Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 4:00 PM, on the campus of Misericordia University, Dallas. If you are an adult employee or volunteer who has direct contact or routine interaction with children, please make every effort to participate in this training.

### **DIOCESE OF SCRANTON ANNIVERSARY YEAR PRAYER**

*Holy Spirit, at work in our lives and in the lives of our ancestors,*

*You created the Church at Pentecost and made it a sacrament of Jesus for the world.*

*We thank you for creating the Diocese of Scranton 150 years ago and rooting it in faith, hope and love. We marvel at the journey you have traveled with our bishops, laity, religious, priests and deacons. Continue to strengthen us as one family. Give us the clarity to focus on the things that last: -faith in you and the Gospel, -hope in the Resurrection -and the love of our God.*

*Amen.*



**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.



If anyone is interested in donating flowers for the altar in memory of someone, please contact the office at 560-779-5323.

*Happy Birthday to my  
great niece,  
Cara Dubaskas,  
love,  
Aunt Rose Mary Behm*

*In loving memory of  
Thomas Spitalik  
Happy Birthday  
love & miss you  
Rose Mary Behm*

*Happy Birthday to my  
great nephew,  
Brian Oppelt Jr.  
love,  
Aunt Rose Mary Behm*

## **WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> & February 11<sup>th</sup>**

Offertory: \$4690.70

Loose Collection: \$92.30      Energy: \$150.00

Candles: \$139.00      Maintenance: \$2.00

CSC: \$2.00      Ash Wednesday: \$330.00

Insurance: \$2.00      Catholic Ed.: \$131.00

Holyday: \$4.00

Camp. for Human Develop.: \$10.00\*

Clergy Care: \$26.00\*

**\$5579.00**

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

*\*Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to  
\$36.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of  
Scranton.*

## **Simple Supper**



You are invited to a "Simple Supper" of homemade soups and breads served in the basement of the Church after Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, sponsored by our Youth Group.

*Oh sure! Just sit there  
watching your football  
while I go to church  
on my own again!*



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*Miraculous Medal Novena  
Prayed on Monday evening  
after Mass during Lent*

*Novena to St. Jude  
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday Prayer to  
The Sacred Heart*

All Saints Parish /Worship Committee—MINUTES from Meeting of Jan 30, 2018

In attendance: Fr. Jacek, Jan Gabriel (chair), Helen Nowak Gabriel, Mary Burns, Jackie Karnes, Doreen Kolojejchick, Pat Merman, Kathy Narcum, Rosemary Coates, Ed Bozek

1. OPENING PRAYER @ 6:32 with Prayer for New Year
2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – accepted as submitted
3. CURRENT ISSUES/UPDATES per sub-committee \*\*\* comments on Advent/Christmas season...was a great season for All Saints Parish. Church was thought to be one of nicer-decorated ones in the diocese. Comments: candles on window ledge got hard to light at end of season, need to consolidate the sign-up sheet for Advent Wreath lighting to 1 sheet (keep in ramp area only), and possibly put up empty manger a few days early for next year (was nice effect to see it “empty” and then “with figures”).
  - a. Ministry of Music – Bill Loyack (via Jan Gabriel)  
Advent Choir Hymn-Fest held December 10 @ 2PM. All agreed was very nice. Better PR next year!  
February music distributed  
Lenten choir practice to start soon; will be posted in bulletin.
  - b. Art & Environment- Helen Nowak Gabriel  
LENT begins Ash Wednesday, Feb14; first Sunday of Lent Feb 18  
Helen to get draped cross up with rocks/sand vases days prior to Ash Wednesday  
Lenten-voyage symbol to be nail with purple ribbon. Already done. Distribute with Lenten penance paper.
  - c. Altar Servers- Ed Bozek
  - d. 4 new altar servers added in last month.  
Kneelers to be done for Altar Server’s with cushioning. Helen Gabriel to coordinate with Ed Bozek & Ed Weihbrecht..
  - e. Eucharistic Ministers – Rosemary Coates  
Reported that we may have a EM re-joining the ranks!
  - f. Lectors – Mary Burns -  
Nothing new except that we need to get all Lectors on same “timing” to approach the ambo for petitions
  - g. Sexton Ministry & Pastor Report  
Fr Jacek \* Need to develop the Sexton ministry to include funeral services.  
May be adding a returning-EM to the roster  
“Light is On” will start on Mondays in Lent with 5:30 mass  
Fridays in Lent will have 6pm mass, immediately followed by Stations of the Cross

Previously Reviewed Business:

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE AT ALL SAINTS PARISH Doreen K Documents saved for easier launch of project next Advent/Christmas. Project very successful! Thanks to Doreen for heading this effort. Thanks to John & Marsha Sipper for decorating, and thanks to Helen for her other involvement in the project.

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○ NEW ITEMS -

Chair commitment = halfway mark for Jan as Chairperson. Open to “training” anyone in next year.

Next meeting = TUESDAY, March 6 @ 6:30 pm @ rectory

CLOSING PRAYER @ 7:18pm with Prayer of St. Francis



Diocese of Scranton  
Memo on Widespread Influenza Activity

*Due to the widespread influenza (flu) activity currently taking place across the state of Pennsylvania and our nation, the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are urged to observe the necessary standard precautions in protecting the health of others during this flu season. Because influenza is a contagious respiratory illness, **some basic measures that can help to prevent the spread of influenza include:***

- Practicing good hygiene, especially by washing your hands frequently with soap and water, and if possible, to use a hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your mouth, eyes and nose
- Covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough
- Getting a flu vaccine each year

***Parishioners are reminded that:***

- If they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others.
- If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.
- The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill.

***At the pastor's/parish life coordinator's discretion, the following directives may be set forth temporarily until the influenza activity in our region subsides:***

- Parishioners are urged, but not required, to receive Holy Communion on the hand instead of the mouth
- Offering the Precious Blood to the faithful at Mass may be suspended, except for those who receive Holy Communion from the chalice out of medical necessity. Church teaching states that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under one form of Holy Communion.
- Exchanging the Sign of Peace without physical contact (i.e. shaking hands)—parishioners may still exchange nods, offer a verbal greeting, a smile, or a simple bow of the head

*For more information on influenza and the Liturgy, please visit the United State Conference of Catholic Bishops website at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). You may also want to visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.CDC.gov/flu](http://www.CDC.gov/flu) for up-to-date information regarding the influenza activity in your area.*