

# ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**DECEMBER 10, 2017**

**SECOND 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.

While the merchants of the secular "happy holidays" keep urging us to celebrate an undifferentiated month long orgy of overspending and overeating, John the Baptist reminds us that we should prepare for the coming Messiah with sober reflection and quiet hope. The prophecy of Isaiah in today's first reading — made famous by Handel's oratorio, "The Messiah" — stresses the joy and the promise of the compassionate Christ who will feed his flock like a shepherd and tenderly will cradle the lambs in his arms. But in order to be ready to receive him, we must remove the obstacles of fear and self-indulgence within ourselves and clear a straight path into our souls, eliminating the twists and turns of sin. He will, after all, come back one day "like a thief ... and the earth and everything done on it will be found out" (2 Pt 3:10). We must be ready and alert — and open to surprises.

# COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

## MASS SCHEDULE

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

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

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

**Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Leona, Frank & Bernard Wujcik (Children)

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Beth Luckasavage (Connie Pastula)

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

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Bernard Spatz (Wife, Mary & Family)

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Theresa McAndrew (Husband, James)

**Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM Martin Family (Mr. & Mrs. John Fedro)

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM Mazalewski, Latoszewski & Perlis Families (Amelia Perlis)

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 16, 2017**

**4:00 PM:**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – A. Butler, A. Brunick,  
R. Coates, S. Starosta

**Lectors** – M.A. Meeker, T. Kirby

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

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

**8:30 AM**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – T. Walker, J. Kurilla,  
D. McNelis, M. McNelis

**Lectors** – F. Josephs, A. Walker

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

**11:00 AM**

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

**Lectors** – M. Janoski, P. Merman

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

**December 10**

Second Sunday of  
Advent

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

**December 11**

St. Damasus

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26 (181)

**December 12**

Our Lady of

Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or

Rv 11:19a,

12:1-6a, 10ab

Lk 1:26-28 or

Lk 1:39-47

(690A)

**December 13**

St. Lucy

Is 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30

(183)

**December 14**

St. John of the

Cross

Is 41:13-20Mt

11:11-15 (184)

**December 15**

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19

(185)

**December 16**

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

(186)

**December 17**

Third Sunday of

Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

(8)

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

## 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, the Holy Mother of God

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

## PARISH EVENTS

### MEETING:

**Parish Council:** Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center.



### 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.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus!

### PARISH LOTTERY

**Winners for the week of November 27<sup>th</sup>:** \$50.00: #800 Mary Ellen Voytush, #554 Edith Ann Kachurak, #543 N/A, #800 Mary Ellen Voytush, #000 N/A. \$100.00: #736 Albert Petcavage.

**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: 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.

### 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.

## **CHOIR**

The Hymn-fest will be held on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, in the Church.

## **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. We need someone to light the Candle on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at the 4:00 PM Mass.

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

Take a name from the basket and please pray for that person.

## **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.

## **COOKIE WALK**



The first ever All Saints Parish Cookie Walk will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **BLESING OF BABY JESUS FIGURINES**

During the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent (December 23/24) all are invited to bring their Baby Jesus from their home manger for a special blessing during all the masses that weekend. The figurines of Jesus should be placed on the table in front of the altar and they will be blessed after the homily.

## **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 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last date that donations can be added to the totals used in the letters.

## **PARISH MINISTRY**

### **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: \$26,237.00, which is 65.6% 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.

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

The Social Service Committee is sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree which started on the weekend of November 25<sup>th</sup> and will end 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. Tags are then placed 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 is the weekend of December 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.**



## **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

The annual Christmas Flowers for parish homebound and nursing home residents will be held next week-end (December 16/17). Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound are reminded to pick up a flower and card for each person served. (Please check and initial the sign-in sheet in the Church basement after picking up the flowers). If you minister to a homebound and they are not on the list, please add the name to the list and take a flower and card. St. Vincent de Paul Council 11901 Knights of Columbus will again sponsor the Christmas Flower project. Knights are asked to meet at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, at Flowers And to pick up flowers to distribute to the nursing homes. Sir Knights William Brozena, Del Cragle and George Tensa II serve as co-chairmen for the endeavor.



## **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.



**GRANT ETERNAL REST, O GOD, TO ALL WHO HAVE DIED: *Margaret Mikluschak*** (mother of Marcus Mikluschak, 524 West State Street, Plymouth, PA 18651)



**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 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Hosts – in memory of Genevieve Witkowski**



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

<p>In loving memory of our sister, Anna Mizzer Hicks Love always, Family &amp; friends</p>	<p>ADS ARE \$5.00 EACH</p>	<p>In loving memory of my husband, James W. Behm Love always, Rose Mary Behm</p>
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**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**  
**December 2<sup>nd</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
 Offertory: \$6473.00  
 Loose Collection: \$202.00      Energy: \$22.00  
 Holyday: \$147.00              Cemetery: \$5.00  
 Candles: \$115.00              Catholic Ed.: \$10.00  
 Church Maintenance: \$10.00  
 Clergy Care: \$304.00\*  
**\$7288.00**  
*Thank you! Your stewardship and generosity toward your parish is greatly needed and appreciated.*  
*\*Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to \$304.00 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*



## **EVENT THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE**

Christmas Play: The Gold wrapping Paper: Living Nativity 2017, Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at St. John the Baptist Church, 126 Nesbitt St., Larksville. The play will be presented at 4:00 PM. Christmas Eve Mass will immediately follow.

## **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Help religious communities. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

## **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton**

Be sure to "like" Diocese of Scranton 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on [Facebook](#). This will be the central location on social media with all information about the anniversary, pictures, videos and events going on in the different parishes and schools throughout the Diocese.

### **Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor**

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis).

It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

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