

ALL SAINTS PARISH

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DECEMBER 17, 2017

**THIRD 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.

John the Baptist says in today's gospel, 'there stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me.' The Lord stands among all of us, but he remains unknown to many. Our calling is to make him known, to allow him to shine forth in our world through our lives. John spoke of himself as a voice crying in the wilderness. John used his voice to make known the light. We too are asked to use our voice to make Christ known. It does not mean that we stand in the main street and preach. Rather we use the gift of communication that we have, the gifts of speech and writing, to proclaim the person of Christ, his world view, his values and his attitudes. In what we communicate and how we communicate it, we allow the Lord to communicate through us. Who we are as witnesses to the light, as the voice for the Word, shapes how we live and explains why we live the way we do. The answer to the question, 'Who are you?' grounds the answer to the question, 'Why do you do what you are doing?' Advent is a good time to reclaim our fundamental identity, our Christ-linked identity. If Jesus is to be born anywhere today, it will be in the hearts of his followers.

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 17th

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

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

Monday, December 18th

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 19th

12:05 PM Lorraine Navroth (Bernard Wasiakowski)

Wednesday, December 20th

12:05 PM Mae Mizzer (Rose Mary)

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

Thursday, December 21st

12:05 PM Yvonne Ball (Kasenchak & Kozlowski Families)

Friday, December 22nd

12:05 PM Stephen Skovira (John & Ann Brunick)

Saturday, December 23rd

4:00 PM Anna & Eugene Dougherty (Family)

Sunday, December 24th

11:00 AM For all Parishioners – Advent Mass

4:00 PM For all Parishioners – Christmas Mass

10:00 PM For all Parishioners – Christmas Mass

Monday, December 25th

10:00 AM For all Parishioners – Christmas Mass

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 23, 2017

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – R. Heck, C. Kellar,
S. Starosta, M.J. Wojtowicz

Lectors – M. Kopko, C. Piczak

Altar Servers – A. Langdon, L. Taylor, Abigail Young

Sunday, December 24, 2017

11:00 AM

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

Lectors – E. Koons, J. Farrell

Altar Servers – M. Weihbrecht, M. Stritzinger, V. Stritzinger

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

December 17

Third Sunday of
Advent

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11

1 Thes 5:16-24

Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

(8)

December 18

Jer 23:5-8

Mt 1:18-25 (194)

December 19

Jgs 13:2-7,

24-25a

Lk 1:5-25 (195)

December 20

Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38 (196)

December 21

St. Peter Canisius

Sg 2:8-14 or

Zep 3:14-18a

Lk 1:39-45 (197)

December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28

Lk 1:46-56 (198)

December 23

St. John of Kanty

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66 (199)

December 24

Fourth Sunday of
Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5,

8b-12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25-27

Lk 1:26-38 (11)

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

UPCOMING LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 17th, 7:00 PM, St. Ignatius, Kingston

Tuesday, December 19th, St. John the Baptist, Larksville

Sunday, December 24th, 11:00 AM Mass, is for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

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.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus!



CHOIR

Practice will be held on Sunday, December 17th, at 3:00 PM and also on Friday, December 22nd, at 6:30 PM. 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 4th: \$50.00: #367 N/A, #464 N/A, #002 Theresa Kopko, #812 John Latishon, #936 Traci Frisbie. \$100.00: #415 George Simon.

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 24th, at 4:00 PM. All children of the parish who would like to participate in this Liturgy are invited to come to the following rehearsal: December 19th, from 5:45 to 6:45 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.

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.

BLESING OF BABY JESUS FIGURINES

During the 4th 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 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.

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, December 21st**, 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.

GRANT ETERNAL REST, O GOD, TO ALL WHO HAVE DIED: *Mary Lou Gavrish*
(wife of Mr. Frank Gavrish, 62 Wadhams Street, Plymouth, PA 18651)

Our parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

- ~ In memory of *Mary Williams* by Michael and Maura Shea
- ~ In memory of *Shirley McNelis* by Knights of Columbus, Council 11901



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 17th

Hosts – in memory of Michael & Margaret Kurilla



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 Peggy Yuhas love always, Rose Mary Behm</p>	<p>ADS ARE \$5.00 EACH</p>	<p>In loving memory of Dolores Falchetti love, Rose Mary Behm</p>
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
December 9th & December 10th
 Offertory: \$8417.00

Loose Collection: \$214.00	Energy: \$125.00
Holyday: \$827.00	Flowers: \$155.00
Catholic Ed.: \$5.00	Insurance: \$10.00
Clergy Care: \$16.00*	
Religious Retirement: \$346.00*	
\$10,115.00	

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to \$362.00 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*

*All Saints Parish /Worship Committee—
Minutes from Meeting of Dec 5, 2017*

ATTENDING: Fr. Jacek, Jan Gabriel (chair), Helen Nowak Gabriel, Jackie Karnes, Pat Merman, Kathy Narcum, John Sipper Sr., John Sipper Jr., Edward Bozek, Rosemary Coates

1. OPENING PRAYER – at 6:30pm with the Catholic Advent Prayer
 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – accepted as submitted
 3. CURRENT ISSUES/UPDATES per sub-committee
 - a. Ministry of Music – Bill Loyack (submitted Jan G)
 - i. Advent Choir hymn-fest. December 10 @ 2PM. All are welcome! Notice nicely posted in bulletin insert.
 - ii. Music for December masses circulated
 - b. Art & Environment- Helen Nowak Gabriel
- DILEMMA with way Christmas falls this year; doesn't allow much time to set-up Christmas décor. This year we will set-up on Dec 17 but will NOT put out the figures from the crèche. John Sipper, Sr. has coordinated most of the workers. Poinsettias to be displayed Sun, Dec 24. We will only have 3 hours to set-up remaining decorations on Dec 24 (right after the 11AM mass).
- c. Altar Servers- John Sipper Jr. - John is officially passing the oversight of this ministry to Ed Bozek. Ed B will be assisted by Ed Weibrecht, and together they will work toward training and updating our band of acolytes.
 - d. Eucharistic Ministers – Rosemary Coates * nothing new to report
 - e. Lectors – Mary Burns - absent
 - f. Ushers/Greeters – John Sr. * nothing new to report
 - i. Sexton Ministry & Pastor's Update – Fr Jacek * indicated that not much new to report beyond the holiday schedule for the parish. Did indicate a need to further develop the Sexton ministry to include funeral services.

Previously Reviewed Business:

- Still seeking volunteer/recruit to manage parish website.

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Christmas Ball fund raiser - Doreen K.....now named CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE TREE AT ALL SAINTS PARISH – Doreen out-of-town for meeting however sent update on this project and request to get office staff started on creating the commemorative booklet. Tree is up and very generously decorated already. Project already successful! Thanks to Doreen for heading this effort.

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- Commemorative booklet will be produced by the office staff.
 - Project will culminate in a Mass suggested to be held after Christmas (early in January 2018) to commemorate the intentions of the people contributing to the tree project.
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- NEW ITEMS -
 - Worship committee is chipping-in and has purchased a \$100 ornament for living intention of Fr Jacek. Rosemary Coates is coordinating collection.
 - Next meeting = TUESDAY, January 9 @ 6:30 pm @ rectory

CLOSING PRAYER @7:01 with Prayer for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception

THANK YOU TO ALL WORSHIP SUPPROTERS FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN MAKING THIS A WONDERFUL 2017 AT ALL SAINTS PARISH !!!!