



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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9AM – 4PM- Closed for lunch noon – 1PM

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DECEMBER 4, 2016
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 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.



December 8, 2016 - Holy day of Obligation

The doctrine that God preserved the Blessed Virgin Mary from the taint of original sin from the moment she was conceived in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. It was defined as a dogma of the Roman Catholic Church in 1854 by Pope Pius IX.

Mass schedule for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed **Virgin Mary**

Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 8th at 12:05 pm

Thursday, December 8th at 4:00 pm

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 4th

8:30 AM for all Parishioners

11:00 AM Bernice Simonds (Cathy & Tim Maheady)

Monday, December 5th

6:00 PM **NO MASS**

Tuesday, December 6th

12:05 PM Joseph Mangan (Ellen Jo)

Wednesday, December 7th

6:00 PM **Gary Zabretsky**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FROM 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday, December 8th

12:05 PM **For all Parishioners**

4:00 PM **Helen Nowak (Phyllis & Joe Babyak)**

Friday, December 9th

12:05 PM Thomas Finley (Ron & Mary Ellen Dziadosz & Family)

Saturday, December 10th

4:00 PM Deceased members of KC, Council 11901

Sunday, December 11th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM James Behm (Rose Mary)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 10, 2016

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, R. Heck,
C. Kellar, A. Butler

Lectors – M. Kopko, M.J. Wojtowicz

Altar Servers – L. Taylor, C. Taylor, A. Molitoris

Sunday, December 11, 2016

8:30 AM:

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

Lectors: – A. Walker, J. Gabriel,

Altar Servers – J. Stritzinger, V. Stritzinger, R. Kutish, V. Kutish

11:00 AM:

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

Lectors – Children

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

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

December 4

Second Sunday

of Advent

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12 (4)

December 5

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26 (181)

December 6

St. Nicholas

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14 (182)

December 7

St. Ambrose

Is 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30 (183)

December 8

The Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin

Marv



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. The months of preparation before the birth of a child are the appropriate time to plan for the Sacrament.



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: We invite homebound parishioners who wish to receive Holy Communion to call the office.



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 4th

Sanctuary Candle & Hosts – in memory of Hedwig & Joseph Bialek

PARISH EVENTS

MEETINGS

Worship Committee – Tuesday, December 6th, 6:30 PM, in the rectory

Pastoral Council – Wednesday, December 14th, 6 PM, in the rectory

Ushers Club – Sunday, December 18th, 2 PM, at HCFFC, meeting and Christmas Party. Anyone interested in joining the ushers club is welcome to attend.

ADVENT

This Advent we will try to enhance our preparation for Christmas by offering the Catholic Catechism study group. Our next session will be held on Wednesday, December 7th, at 7PM. in the rectory.



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.

BLESSING OF BABY JESUS FIGURINES

During the 4th week of Advent (December 17/18) 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.

PRO-LIFE TREE

We would like to have a “pro-life tree” which will be placed next to the baptismal font. It will be decorated with the pictures of a new born/baptized babies. if you have some pictures of your babies and would like to have them displayed on that tree please call the parish office (570) 779-5323.

GIVING TREE

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be in the ramp area of our church until December 18th. This program assists Catholic Social Services and also our parish by providing toys, clothing, gift certificates and food certificates to needy families in Plymouth and surrounding areas. The names of the children and gifts needed will be marked on tags that will be hanging on the tree. We ask that you take a tag and then return the gift wrapped with the tag attached and place it back under the tree by December 18th. The gifts will then be collected and picked up by Catholic Social Services and distributed to the families for Christmas. Thank you so much for your past generosity.

CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

The children’s Christmas Eve Liturgy will be on Saturday, December 24th at 4:00 PM. All children of the parish who would like to participate in this Liturgy are invited to come to a practice on Tuesday, December 6th, at 6:00 PM in the church.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice for the Christmas Liturgies will be held on the following Sunday’s at 3:00 PM:

December 4th, 11th & 18th.

There will also be a practice on Thursday, December 22nd, at 6:30 PM.

PARISH MINISTRY



CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, December 15th**, 9am – 11am. The Christian Service Center is in **DIRE NEED OF CANNED FRUIT, DRIED PASTA, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CEREALS & JUICES.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has distributed 901 shawls. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is always in need of additional hands to stitch. Please call Dona @ 570-771-6316 for time and place of next get together.

GIVING A MEMORIAL GIFT TO YOUR PARISH WHEN THERE IS A DEATH OF A LOVED ONE AND MAKING YOUR WILL: Have you ever considered giving a monetary gift to your parish in memory of a deceased loved one at the time of death or later on? It's a beautiful expression of love for both the person who died and your parish. We always need money to enable us to continue to accomplish the mission of Jesus and for the general upkeep of our parish properties. Please consider this unique expression of giving in lieu of flowers, Mass cards and other expressions. When making your Will, remember All Saints Parish & the good that can come because of the legacy you leave your parish. Monetary donations would be gratefully appreciated if made to the Parish Building Fund, The Christian Service Center, Parish Cemeteries or All Saints Catholic School Education Fund, to be used by a family or families who need assistance with sending their child to a Catholic School. Thank you.

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: *Irene, Nathan Grey, Eugene, Mark, Emma, George, Joseph, John, Danielle, Joseph, Sean Henry, Rose Mary, Leah, Ed Harenza, George, Michelle, Stanley, Tom, Raina, Seth, Dorothy, Dave & Darius.* 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: *Florence Owens* (wife of Mr. Jack Owens, 500 Washington Ave., Plymouth, PA 18651), *Robert Hodle* (brother of Mrs. Mary Catherine Mullery, 940 W. Main St., Plymouth, PA 18651-2715)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your donation works for aging religious. "I read that roughly 95 percent of donation to the Retirement Fund for Religious aid senior religious," a donor writes. "that's wonderful when we truly want our donations to work." Your gift works for elderly religious by helping to furnish medications, nursing care, and more. Please support next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious, and give to those who have given a lifetime.

Place your ad here

\$5.00 per week

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

November 26th & November 27th

Offertory: \$6126.35

Loose Collection: \$83.00 Candles: \$148.00

Church Maintenance: \$5.00 Energy: \$41.00

Christian Service Center: \$5.00

Insurance: \$20.00 Catholic Ed.: \$172.00

Holyday: \$1.00 Clergy Care: \$18.00*

Total: \$6619.35

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to \$18.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*



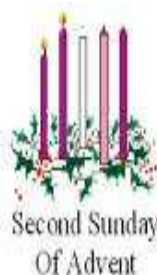
As we learned from the first Christmas, **Jesus is willing to enter into whatever space we've got for Him.** This Advent, let us ask: are we willing to open our lives to Him, to let Him dwell in even those areas where we'd least expect Him to make His home?

Calling all Youth in Grades 8-12

Getting together with kids in your parish is a great way to invite Jesus into your space.

Check out Youth Ministry at our December meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, December 18th, 12:15 PM, downstairs in the church hall.



Second Sunday
Of Advent

Second Sunday of Advent: the "Candle of Peace," or "Preparation," or in still other traditions the "Candle of Love" candle is lighted, scripture is read, a devotional may be given, and prayer is offered.

Preparation means to 'get ready'.
"Help us to be ready to welcome You, O God!"
(Luke 3:4-6)

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

... are available at the entrances of the church. Please place a free will offering in the envelope.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – DECEMBER 7/8

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Wednesday December 7th

6:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – R. Heck, T. Kirby, M.J. Wojtowicz, T. Walker

Lectors – A. Walker, R. Burns

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

Thursday, December 8th

12:05 PM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – R. Coates

Lector – M.A. Meeker

4:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion - K. Narcum, J. Kurilla, A. Mizzer, J. Karnes

Lectors - M. Sipper, M. Janoski

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

PENANCE SERVICES

Sunday, December 18th – 7:00 PM – St. Ignatius, Kingston

Tuesday, December 20th – 7:00 PM – St. John's, Larksville

PARISH LOTTERY – winners for the week of November 21st: \$50.00: #621 Ruth Goldsmith, #091 Matt & Jill Kibildis, #259 Paula Matthews, #065 Arlene Meehan, #330 Mary Ann Rodus.
\$500.00: #067 Bruce Reilly.

BAPTISM

Last Sunday, we welcomed *Londyn Suzanne Henries* through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate her family and offer our prayers and support for the newest member of our parish family. Our prayer for you is that you continue to grow healthy and strong in God's love for you.

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. January 15 will be the last date that donations can be added to the totals used in the letters.

“Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to heaven.” Pope St. Pius X



Wednesday from **9AM to 4PM**; times are broken into one hour shifts. If you are interested please contact Joan Kaye @ 570-779-2998. Because of the *dwindling number of people for Adoration we have changed the time.*

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.

COOKIE WALK

Sunday, December 11th, 10 SM to 1 PM, at St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic church, 205 N. Main St., Pittston. Thirty varieties of cookies, \$8.00 per pound. Orders can be made by calling 570-905-7387.

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

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).

POPE FRANCIS' EVANGELIZATION PRAYER INTENTION

That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

PLEASE NOTE

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, December 8th. Only emergency calls will be accepted.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$40,000.00

Amount pledged: \$28,788.00

Amount needed: \$11,212.00

