



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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FEBRUARY 25, 2018

**SECOND 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

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.



We probably all know good persons whose lives have been marked by seemingly endless tragedies and misfortunes, and who have persevered in a most admirable faith. What we witness on Abraham's mountain is magnificent faith. The faith that has been nourished and strengthened over many years reaches its pinnacle in this moment. He has always believed in God's love for him, and he isn't going to doubt it now! St. Paul reminds us, "If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?" He challenges us to demonstrate that same magnificent faith. Abraham's story has a happy ending. Even if it did not, the point would be the same: by faith, Abraham accepted God's will, submitted to this tremendous test, and showed his total devotion to God. So, too, Jesus was "handed over" for us all, and his glorious resurrection confirmed the glory of his sacrifice

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 25th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Walter Zafia (Son, Gary)

Monday, February 26th

5:30 PM Leo Gillis (Tomko Family)

Confessions following Mass

Tuesday, February 27th

NO MASS

Wednesday, February 28th

12:05 PM Lillian Brunn (Connie Pastula)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL RESUME ON APRIL 4TH

Thursday, March 1st

12:05 PM Rita Perlis (Joe & Rose Mazur)

Friday, March 2nd

6:00 PM Susan Kronick (Family)

Stations following Mass - Upper Church

Saturday, March 3rd

4:00 PM Alex & Stella Lulewicz (Family)

Sunday, March 4th

8:30 AM Leo Nowak (Helen & Jan Gabriel)

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 3, 2018

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – R. Heck, T. Bradley

Lectors – C. Piczak, C. Kellar

Altar Servers – R. Young, A. Langdon, Abigail Young

Sunday, March 4, 2018

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – T. Kirby, D. Prutzman

Lectors – J. Gabriel, Jonathan Korus

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

11:00 AM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – J. Karnes, K. Narcum

Lectors – P. Merman, J. Farrell

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

February 25

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Rom 8:31b-34

Mk 9:2-10 (26)

February 26

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38 (230)

February 27

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12 (231)

February 28

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

(232)

March 1

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

(233)

March 2

Gn 37:3-4,

12-13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43,

45-46 (234)

March 3

St. Katherine

Drexel

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

(235)

March 4

Third Sunday of

Lent

Ex 20:1-17 or

20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25 (29)

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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, February 26th – 5:30 PM

Mass in Chapel - Confessions – regular weekend confessional

Lector & Altar Server – R. Coates

Friday, March 2nd – 6:00 PM

Mass and 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 2nd – 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 21st, 7PM**
St. Ignatius Lenten Penance Service – Sunday, March 25th, 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 1st - 11AM @ Christian Church

Thursday, March 8th 11AM @ Pilgrim Church

Thursday, March 15th 11AM @ Welsh Baptist Church

Thursday, March 22nd 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

MEETINGS

Bingo Committee – Thursday, March 1st, 6:30 PM, at the Rectory

Worship Committee – Tuesday, March 6th, 6:30 PM, at the Rectory



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

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. There will not be any practice this Sunday, February 25th. Practice will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. On March 11th and March 18th practice will be held at 3:00 PM. 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 certificates and pictures have arrived. Please call the office.



ALL SAINTS PARISH BINGO & BASKET RAFFLE SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND

CEMETERY NOTICE

Please remove all items and decorations from the cemeteries before March 11th. Our caretaker wants to get the cemeteries in order for Easter. All decorations and items not removed will be removed by the caretaker and discarded.

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

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

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: \$29,646.00, which is 74.1% 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: *Margaret Hester*

Our parish gratefully acknowledges the following donation:

~ In memory of *Casimer Good* by John Karavis

*In God's eyes, love is never absent. In God's heart, forgiveness is never impossible.
In God's embrace, no one is ever alone or forgotten. God Bless!*

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 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. Request for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through the parish office before March 12th.



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.

**Week of February 25th
Sanctuary Candle & Hosts – in memory of Susan J. Kronick**



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

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - Feb. 15, 2018

Members Attending: Fr. Jacek, Marina Kopko, Kathy Narcum, Helen Nowak Gabriel, Marsha Sipper, Ed Bozek, Rosemary Coates, Ed Weihbrecht, Mike Young

Meeting began at 6:00 pm with opening prayer

Previous meeting minutes reviewed and approved

Marina led Faith Sharing with a Lenten reflection

Pastor report – ongoing maintenance issues with the buildings and truck

Committee Reports:

Community – no Coffee and Doughnuts during Lent; next scheduled will be the weekend of April 28 & 29 to cover both April and May

Social Concerns – men from Mother Theresa's Haven will be hosted Feb. 26-March 4; hats collected; CCD students collecting socks; Sandy Bonawits attended their last meeting to discuss Bereavement

Word – next meeting is Feb. 22nd; looking for new chair person; 3 couples participating in Baptism prep; discussion of sponsoring 11 am Mass during Lent and Advent for children; 2-3 volunteers will be needed when children are dismissed during Liturgy of the Word; need of supplies/copies discussed

Worship – plans already being made for Christmas 2018; Easter choir practice begins Sunday; there are 4 new altar servers

Pastoral Plan update – Helen will help organize the parish directory project

The updated council contact list was reviewed and updated

New binders of information were provided for all council members; changes may be made as needed

Mass will be held March 4 at the Cathedral to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Diocese of Scranton; Marina will represent the Pastoral Council and Rosemary the Finance Council; Fr. Jacek also plans to attend

Marsha and Kathy will coordinate plans for the reception to follow the Easter Vigil Mass March 31

Ushers Club membership was discussed as was the possibility of hosting an ethnic celebration Ed W will lead March Faith Sharing

A letter from John Sipper was read announcing his decision not to chair the parish directory

Meeting closed with prayer

Next meeting will be March 15th at 6 pm in the Rectory

*In memory of
Rita Buzinski
Seniors*

Ads - \$5.00

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

February 17th & February 18th

Offertory: \$4952.00

Loose Collection: \$250.00 Energy: \$55.00
Candles: \$125.00 Maintenance: \$21.00
CSC: \$15.00 Ash Wednesday: \$973.00
Insurance: \$442.00 Catholic Ed.: \$111.00
Holyday: \$10.00 Flowers: \$1.00
Camp. for Human Develop.: \$14.00*
Clergy Care: \$62.00*

\$7031.00

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to
\$76.00 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 2nd, sponsored by our Youth Group.

*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*



