

ALL SAINTS PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

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 to 3:50 PM

or by appointment

Religious Education

Grades K – 8

Sunday

9:45 AM – 10:45AM

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. The key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice. In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Luke will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle C). Today's Gospel is taken from the last chapter before the passion narrative in which Jesus is teaching in the Temple. We hear Jesus speak to his disciples about the need for vigilance and prayer as they wait for the coming of the Son of Man in glory. This passage marks the conclusion of a lengthy dialogue in which Jesus predicts the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, warns about the persecution and tribulations to follow, and identifies the signs that will signal the coming of the Son of Man in glory.

A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 2nd

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Anna Hicks (sister, Rose Mary Behm)

Monday, December 3rd

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 4th

12:05 PM Martin Family (John & Ruthann Fedro)

Wednesday, December 5th

12:05 PM Richard Skovira (Mother, Helen & Family)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, December 6th

12:00 PM Joseph Evan (Wife, Joan)

Friday, December 7th

9:00 AM Margaret McDonough (Anna Bazil)

6:00 PM For all Parishioners

Saturday, December 8th

4:00 PM Deceased members of Knights of Columbus, Council 11901

Sunday, December 9th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM James Behm (Wife, Rose Mary Behm)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8, 2018

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, R. Coates,
S. Starosta, M.J. Wojtowicz

Lectors – C. Kellar, M.A. Meeker

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

Sunday, December 9, 2018

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – R. Motyka, J. Kurilla,
D. Prutzman, T. Kirby

Lectors – E. Keating, P. Motyka

Altar Servers – A. Stanitis, R. Bantel, M. Weihbrecht

11:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – J. Karnes, K. Narcum,
A. Mizzer, P. Roan

Lectors – R. Kurtz, P. Merman

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

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

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE – THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Friday - December 7 – 6:00 PM

Eucharistic Ministers

R. Heck, J. Karnes,

R. Motyka, T. Bradley

Lectors

M. Kopko

A. Walker

Altar Servers

N. Powell

A. Stanitis, H. Williams

Saturday – December 8 – 4:00 PM Mass will satisfy the obligation for the Holy Day

PARISH EVENTS

MEETINGS

Ushers Club – All Saints Ushers Club will meet at 2:00 PM on Sunday, December 2nd, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. All ushers are asked to attend this meeting

Worship Committee – Tuesday, December 4th, 6:30 PM, at the rectory

Eucharistic Club – Friday, December 7th, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note the time change for the winter season.

Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesday, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If you are able to schedule a time, please call Joan Kaye at 570-779-2998.

PARISH LOTTERY WINNERS

Week of November 19th: \$50.00: #465 Cheri Krzynefski, #480 Anthony Yuscavage, #415 Lucille Palovchak, #424 N/A, #083 Rose Mary Behm. \$500.00: #131 Michael Petros.

CEMETERY EXPANSION

St. Vincent's Cemetery expansion is now complete and graves are ready to be sold. There are 104 graves available for sale. They will be sold on a first come – first served basis. Please contact the parish office for more information.

SNOW BLOWER

Congratulations to Toni Yasenchak, winner of the snow blower. The parish realized a profit of \$694.51. A special thank you to everyone who helped make this fund raiser a success. Your continued support of All Saints Parish is greatly appreciated.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

The Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy will be on Monday, 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 rehearsals: December 9th and 16th from 9:45 to 10:45 AM, and on Tuesday, December 18th at 5:45 PM. All rehearsals are held in the Church.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Choir practice will be held at 3:00 PM on Sunday, December 2nd, and on Friday, December 7th, after the 6:00 PM Mass.

COOKIE WALK – December 16, 2018

The annual All Saints Parish Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 16th, from 9:30 AM – 12:30 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. We are also looking for some dedicated bakers to help with the event. Sign-up sheets are in both the ramp and back of the church or you can contact the parish office at 570-779-5323 or Debbie Madrack at 570-779-4913. Please put your name, the type of cookie and quantity. Anyone baking cookies for the cookie walk is asked to please drop them off on Saturday, December 15th, between 9 and 11:00 AM, in the school basement.

LOOKING FOR TRUCK

The parish is currently in the market to purchase a used late model heavy duty truck for plowing snow at our properties. We are interested in a vehicle such as a Chevrolet 2500 or a Ford F-250 or similar type of truck. We are asking parishioners to please call the office (570-779-5323) if they know of the availability of the type of truck we are interested in. Thank you.

PARISH DIRECTORY

You can pick up your Parish Directory in the ramp area of the Church this weekend after Masses.

PLEASE NOTE

Due to the safety concerns during the winter months with snow and ice removal, beginning the second week of Advent, 12/8 and 12/9, and continuing throughout the winter, our main focus must be on clearing the snow from 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. We will also be limiting access to the front steps of the church during the winter months. The concrete steps can be treacherous in the icy weather and we do not want anyone to fall. Please use the ramp area or lower doors during this time. We appreciate your understanding.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Collection next weekend, December 8/9. Please be generous. Thank you.

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER Next food distribution, **Thursday, December 20th**, 9am – 11am. The Christian Service Center is in dire need of canned fruit, dried pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereals & juices.

Our parish gratefully accepts the following donations:

- ~ In memory of ***Frank Palischak*** by Dorothy Sullivan, Anna Hudock, Knights of Columbus, Council 11901
- ~ In memory of ***John Hoolick, Dolores Lynn, Joseph Houston, James Keating*** by Knights of Columbus, Council 11901

LECTORS

Our parish of all Saints is reaching out to our parishioners who might be interested in becoming a lector. A lector is someone who proclaims The First and Second readings during the Mass. Becoming a lector is a serious decision and commitment to your faith and parish, since you are sharing your time and energy to the service of the Church. If interested, please contact Mary Burns at 570-824-1155

Baking bread for Thanksgiving



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, Joseph M., Donna, Frank, Daniel, Rosalie, Al, Marge Demarco, Theresa Kopko, Paul & Marilyn Irzinski, Joe, Audrey, Mollie, Louise, Elizabeth, Bill and Claire Roccograndi. 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.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

PRAYER PARTNERS

In the ramp and back of the Church there are prayer partner Angels bowls. Place your name on an Angel and put it in the bowl for a prayer partner. If you would like to have more contact with a parishioner then you can put your address, phone number, etc. You will be able to take a name from the bowl that contains Angel Paper's and pray for that person. Prayer partners will be available during Advent.

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.

OPLATKI

The Christmas Wafers, Oplatki, are available at the ramp area of the church and also at the parish office. Please place a free will offering in the envelope. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE



The Social Service Committee is sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree until the weekend of December 15th and 16th. Catholic Social Services has supplied us with the names of children together with a list of requested Christmas gifts. We have placed tags on our Christmas Giving Tree for you to take and ask that you to bring back the gift wrapped and place it under the tree. The last weekend for drop off of gifts will be the weekend of December 15th and 16th.

ORNAMENTS



We will once again offer our ornament sponsorship for the Christmas Remembrance Tree at the front altar. This year we have added the Angel Tree Topper for sponsorship in addition to the ornaments. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information. Thank you in advance for your participation with this wonderful holiday tradition.

ALL SAINTS ADVENT CHOIR CONCERT

Please come and join us with All Saint's Choir for our 2nd Advent Choir Concert on Sunday, December 9th, at 2:00 PM, in our Church. Take time from the busy Holiday preparations to enjoy our program of traditional Advent music with our Choir and instrumentalists, and to reflect with us in preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ.

SIX -MINUTE REFLECTIONS

The Little Blue Book, for Advent and Christmas seasons, contains six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of the year C. The Little Blue Book is available in the ramp area of the Church. The book is free. Please take one and you're sure to enjoy it.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

St. John the Baptist Church, in Larksville, will not be having an Advent Penance Service this year. St. Ignatius will have an Advent Penance Service on **Sunday, December 16th, at 5:00 PM.** We will have our regular Confession schedule on Saturdays from 3:00 PM until 3:50 PM.



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. 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 570-779-5323.



ADS - \$5.00

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

November 24th & November 25th

Offertory: \$4878 00

Loose Collection: \$116.00 Energy: \$112.00

Candles: \$136.55 Insurance: \$42.00

Cath. Ed.: \$105.00 Maintenance: \$2.00

CSC: \$2.00 All Saints Day: \$57.00

Clergy Care: \$114.00* World Missions: \$2.00*

Catholic Comm.: \$100.00*

Church in Cent. & East. Eur.: \$2.00*

\$5668.55

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$218.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*

KID'S CLUB

GLOW IN DARK

6:30 – 7:15

Opening Prayer &

Christmas movie

7:15 – 7:45 games

7:45 – 8:30 crafts & music

(Parents, please be on time for pick up)

*Miraculous Medal Novena
Prayed on Tuesday after
Mass*

*Novena to St. Jude
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday Prayer to
The Sacred Heart*



"Before I tell you what happened, Mom, remember...The Lord will never give you more than you can handle."

All Saints Parish
Social Concerns Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

Attending: Mary Burns, Kathy Narcum, Tammy Walker and Jackie Karnes

Minutes approved as submitted in October

Opened with a prayer

1. New Business

A. Christmas Bingo's

1. Bingo at Dan Flood Apts. On December 5, at 6 pm
 - a. Pizza, refreshments, supplies, and gifts to be purchased
2. Bingo at Little Flower Nursing Home
 - a. Monetary donation used as gifts and prizes for residents

B. Mother Theresa Haven

- a. Need to buy winter hats
- b. Date to host men: February 18 to February 24, 2019
- c. Forward date to Fr. Jacek

C. Coats for Kids

- a. Monetary donation to the Knights of Columbus towards the purchase of hats and gloves.

D. Christmas Giving Tree

- a. Received gift list for the children from Catholic Social Services
- b. make up gift tags for tree
- c. Set up tree in ramp area of church
- d. Place information in church bulletin
- e. 2 Families from parish are in need of assistance

2. Old Business

A. October programs

1. Pro Life Baby Shower
2. Fall Bingo: Dan Flood Apts.
3. Remembrance Mass: Food donation
4. Coats for Kids: in need of hats and gloves
5. Mother Theresa Haven: call for available dates in 2019 to host men
6. Christmas Giving Tree : waiting for list from CSS
 - a. Applications at rectory for parishioners in need of assistance for Christmas

3. Next meeting: January 9th, 2019@ 6:30

4. Closed with a prayer

Submitted: November 27, 2018

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – November 28, 2018

Members attending: Fr. Jacek, Marina Kopko, Marsha Sipper, Rosemary Coates, Maureen Dillon, Kathy Narcum, Mike Young, Doreen Kolojejchick, Helen Nowak Gabriel, Ed Weihbrecht

Meeting began with opening prayer

Previous meeting minutes were printed in 10/28/18 bulletin; there is 1 correction: under Pastoral Plan update, year 3 of the plan runs from Nov. 1, **2018** to Oct. 31, 2019

Faith Sharing – Marsha explained the tradition of Oplatki and invited everyone to share some
Pastor report – there were a couple of leads on a truck for snow removal on all properties; bulletins are only being distributed after Mass; Advent Penance Service to be held this year at St. Ignatius Parish

Committee Reports:

Community – Coffee and Doughnuts Dec. 1 & 2 will be hosted by Worship Committee;

Welcoming Committee has distributed packets to 3 new families and is in the process of contacting 2 more; Nov. Mass of Remembrance was well-attended, as was Oct. 28th anniversary celebration; 2019 anniversary celebration will be Nov. 3rd

Social Concerns – Bingo will be Dec. 5 at Dan Flood; Christmas giving tree in place; hosting men from Mother Teresa's Haven beginning Feb. 18, 2019

Word – last Kids Club meeting had 20 attendees, with 2 Faith Formation teachers assisting—next one scheduled Dec. 7; looking into possibility of finding new coordinator for Vacation Bible School; 3 parishioners attended Leave A Mark at the Cathedral; 4 attended the Oct. Word Convocation; 5 future Baptisms will be scheduled

Worship – Advent concert will be Dec. 9th at 2pm; volunteers baked bread for Thanksgiving Mass; Remembrance Tree will be up the first weekend of Advent, as will the Advent wreath; a new lector will be added to the schedule

Pastoral Plan update:

Congratulations to Helen on a beautiful job with the Parish Directory, which is currently being distributed

For year 3 of the Plan (11/1/18-10/31/19), we will focus on: small faith sharing groups; St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen; spring bake sale; bus trips/pilgrimages; increase participation of parents with their children in Faith Formation; flea market/craft fair (will replace rummage sale on original plan)

Annual Cookie Walk to be held December 16th from 9:30 to 12:30

Old Business:

2 parishioners stepped forward to coordinate the Baptism preparation classes
Survey for small faith sharing groups will be distributed this coming weekend
Chairperson still needed for Word Committee
Coordinator still needed for Bereavement Committee

New Business:

Members will be reviewing possible new opening/closing prayers to be used for future meetings
Members chose Wed., Jan. 16, 2019 as Jan. meeting date; 2019 meeting schedule will be distributed next month

December Faith Sharing – will be led by Doreen

Meeting closed with prayer

Next meeting will be Thursday, December 20 at 6 pm in the Rectory