



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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DECEMBER 9, 2018

SECOND 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

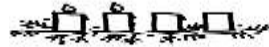
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Religious Education

Grades K – 8

Sunday

9:45 AM – 10:45AM



This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation. In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 9th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

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

Monday, December 10th

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 11th

12:05 PM Joseph Mangan (Ellen Jo)

Wednesday, December 12th

12:05 PM Ruth Rosick (Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pritchard Jr.)

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

Thursday, December 13th

12:00 PM Brandon Ginthner (Parents)

Friday, December 14th

12:05 PM Theresa McAndrew (Husband, James)

Saturday, December 15th

4:00 PM For all Parishioners

Sunday, December 16th

8:30 AM Joan Coughlin (John & Ann Brunick)

11:00 AM Bernard Spatz (Donna & Daniel Spatz)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 15, 2018

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, C. Kellar,
R. Heck, M.J. Wojtowicz

Lectors – M. Janoski, T. Kirby

Altar Servers – P. Pritchard, R. Young, Abigail Young

Sunday, December 16, 2018

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – T. Walker, J. Kurilla,
P. Motyka, R. Motyka

Lectors – F. Josephs, A. Walker

Altar Servers – R. Bantel, M.Bozek, N. Powell

11:00 AM:

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

Lectors – M. Dillon, C. Mihoch

Altar Servers – G. Bolesta, P. Serbel, H. Williams

December 9th

Second Sunday of
Advent

Bar 5:1-9

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Lk 3:1-6 (6)

December 10

Is 35:1-10

Lk 5:17-26 (181)

December 11

St. Damasus

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14 (182)

December 12

Our Lady of

Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or

Rv 11:1-a; 12:1-6a

Lk 1:26-28 or Lk

1:39-47 (690A)

December 13

Saint Lucy

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15 (184)

December 14

St. John of the Cross

Is 48:17-19

Mt 11:16-19 (185)

December 15

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

December 16

Third Sunday of

Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18 (9)

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

PARISH EVENTS

MEETING

Parish Council – Thursday, December 20th, 6:00 PM, at the rectory.



EUCCHARISTIC 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 26th: \$50.00: #754 Charles Cybuch, #880 Anne Yeager, #817 Catherine & Robert Roberts, #419 Mary Ann Vasell, #040 Fred Allabaugh. \$100.00: #933 N/A


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.

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.

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 A 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

If you have not received your Parish Directory, you can pick it up at the parish office during regular office hours.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Practice will be held on Sunday, December 16th, at 3:00 PM, and on Friday, December 21st at 6:00 PM.

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

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous. 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: 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.



Grant eternal rest, O God, to all who have died: *Paul Kosteva, Rosalie Mazur, Jeffrey Benesch* (son of Mrs. Mary Benesch, 100 E. Main St., Apt. 309A, Plymouth, PA 18651)

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.

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 baby. If you have some pictures of your babies and would like to have them displayed on that tree please call the parish office at 570-779-5323.

BLESSING OF BABY JESUS FIGURINES

During the 4th week of Advent, (December 22/23) 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 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.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN EVENTS

JOB OPENING

Holy Family Parish, Luzerne, is seeking applicants for a part-time maintenance person to work 15 hours per week. Compensation will be an hourly rate. Applicants must be at least 18 years old, complete safe environment training through the Diocese of Scranton & agree to all criminal background checks. For information & to apply contact Holy Family Parish at 570-287-6600.

THE MIRACLE OF BETHLEHEM

Saturday and Sunday, December 8th and 9th, at the Cultural Centre of St. Faustina Parish, 38 W. Church St., Nanticoke.



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.

**Week of December 9th
Sanctuary Candle & Hosts – in memory of Henry Zbiek**



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

December 1st & December 2nd

Offertory: \$6587.50

Loose Collection: \$160.50 Energy: \$50.00
Candles: \$115.15 Insurance: \$40.00
Cath. Ed.: \$6300 Maintenance: \$50.00
CSC: \$20.00 All Saints Day: \$20.00
Imm. Concep.: \$112.75 Assumption: \$2.00
Clergy Care: \$217.00*
Religious Retire.: \$20.00*

\$7457.90

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$237.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*



*Miraculous Medal Novena
Prayed on Tuesday after
Mass*

*Novena to St. Jude
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday Prayer to
The Sacred Heart*



"Just in case, is there a 'Plan B'?"