

# ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**DECEMBER 16, 2018**

## **THIRD 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



In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. We mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

# A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>

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

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

### Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

**NO MASS**

### Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

12:05 PM Susan Gryzniec (Mr. & Mrs. Leon Kosteva & family)

### Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>

12:05 PM Stanley Mazur (Son, Stanley)

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

### Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>

12:00 PM Stephen Skovira (Suda family)

### Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup>

12:05 PM Gloria Banick (Jackie Karnes)

### Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>

4:00 PM John Morrison (Parish Pastoral Council)

### Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Allen Hornick (Michael Drago & Friends from Keystone Automotive Operations)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Saturday, December 22, 2018

#### 4:00 PM:

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – R. Heck R. Coates,  
S. Starosta, C. Kellar

**Lectors** – E. Koons, C. Piczak

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

### Sunday, December 23, 2018

#### 8:30 AM:

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – D. McNelis, M. McNelis,  
R. Heck, J. Kurilla

**Lectors** – M. Sipper, J. Gabriel

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

#### 11:00 AM:

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

**Lectors** – M. Burns, R. Burns

**Altar Servers** – J. Cardona, I. Fenner, H. VeLaney

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

#### **December 16**

Third Sunday of  
Advent

Zep 3:14-18a

Phil 4:4-7

Lk 3:10-18 (9)

#### **December 17**

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17 (193)

#### **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**

Fourth Sunday of  
Advent

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

KmiaLk 1:39-45 (12)

# PARISH EVENTS

## **MEETING**

**Parish Council** – Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM, at the rectory.

Eucharistic



Adoration

## **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 26<sup>th</sup>:** \$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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 to 10:45 AM, and on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM. All rehearsals are held in the Church.

## **COOKIE WALK – December 16, 2018**



The annual All Saints Parish Cookie Walk is being held today, **Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **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 16<sup>th</sup>, at 3:00 PM, and on Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM.

## ***PLEASE NOTE***

Due to the safety concerns during the winter months with snow and ice removal our main focus will be on clearing the snow from the church, school and rectory. The cemeteries will be plowed as time allows and as is necessary for funerals, etc. We are limiting access to the front steps of the church because we do not want anyone to fall on icy steps. Please use the ramp area or lower doors during this time. We appreciate your understanding.

## ***RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS***

Religious give thanks. "This money is a pure gift." Amount collected: \$315.00.

## ***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. You may put your name on the sign up sheet in the ramp area 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 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last date for 2018 donations.

## ***OFFERTORY ENVELOPES***

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. Continuing in January, 2019, 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.

## ***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, Claire Roccograndi and JK. 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: *Patricia Smith, Veronica Ciavarella*** (mother of Mr. Joseph Ciavarella, 568 Fellows Ave., Hnaover Twp., PA 18706-5202)

## **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.

### **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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 have a "pro-life tree" placed next to the baptismal font. It is decorated with the pictures of recently baptized babies.

### **BLESSING OF BABY JESUS FIGURINES**



During the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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 5<sup>th</sup>, 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 204 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 20<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

### **COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION – OUR PARISH**

Knights of Columbus, Council 11901, will take up a collection for their “Coats for Kids Campaign” after Masses on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thus far this cold season more than 130 new winter coats have been distributed to needy boys and girls in four schools, McCauley House, Angel Tree wishes and Catholic Social Services. Your support in this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support. For more information, you can contact George Tensa at 570-779-5245.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND NURSING HOMES**

Council 11901, Knights of Columbus, will distribute poinsettias to parishioners in nursing homes and the homebound on Saturday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Knights are asked to meet at Holy Child Faith Formation Center 10:00 AM on that day for assignments and flowers.

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION**

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 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2019 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 by calling the parish office, 570-779-5323, before April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **EVERY DONATION COUNTS!!**

If you have not yet pledged, please Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal! We are grateful to the parishioners who supported the 2018 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please: Call the Development office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card; mail a check to the diocesan appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503 or give online at [www.DiocesefScranton.org](http://www.DiocesefScranton.org). Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.



**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 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Sanctuary Candle & Hosts – in memory of the deceased members of the Kurilla Family**



*Flowers this week are in memory of the deceased members of the Kurilla family by John and Stephanie Kurilla.*



ADS - \$5.00

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

**December 8<sup>th</sup> & December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Offertory: \$5241.00

Loose Collection: \$194.75	Energy: \$42.00
Candles: \$129.75	Insurance: \$12.00
Maintenance: \$10.00	CSC: \$120.00
Immac. Concept.: \$845.75	Assumption: \$5.00
All Saints Day: \$5.00	Flowers: \$5.00
Clergy Care: \$82.00*	Religious Retire.: \$315*
World Mission: \$5.00*	
Church in Cent. & East. Europe: \$5.00*	

**\$7017.25**

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

*\*Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$402.00 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*

