



# ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**JANUARY 6, 2019**

## **THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

### **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

### **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.



We know little about the Magi. They come from the East and journey to Bethlehem, following an astrological sign, so we believe them to be astrologers. We assume that there were three Magi based upon the naming of their three gifts. The Gospel does not say how many Magi paid homage to Jesus. In Matthew's Gospel, they represent the Gentiles' search for a savior. Because the Magi represent the entire world, they also represent our search for Jesus. We have come to consider the gifts they bring as a foreshadowing of Jesus' role in salvation. We believe the meaning of the gifts to be Christological. Gold is presented as representative of Jesus' kingship. Frankincense is a symbol of his divinity because priests burned the substance in the Temple. Myrrh, which was used to prepare the dead for burial, is offered in anticipation of Jesus' death. The word Epiphany means "manifestation" or "showing forth." Historically several moments in Christ's early life and ministry have been celebrated as "epiphanies," including his birth in Bethlehem, the visit of the Magi, his baptism by John, and his first miracle at Cana.

**A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS**  
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Stasia Lepkowski (Eleanor Basta)

**Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS**

**Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Verna & Joseph Ciavarella

(Mr. & Mrs. Leon Kosteva & Family)

**Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM John & Marie Prego (Daughter, Dorothy Ashford)

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Thursday, January 10<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Alfred Ashford (Wife, Dorothy)

**Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Thomas Roditus (Sister, Helen Skovira & Family)

**Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM Albert Shevock (All Saints Ushers Club)

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM Madeline Wengrsen (Colette Jesikiewicz)

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 12, 2019**

**4:00 PM:**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – R. Coates, A. Brunick,  
R. Heck, M.J. Wojtowicz

**Lectors** – C. Kellar, T. Kirby

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

**Sunday, January 13, 2019**

**8:30 AM:**

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

**Lectors** – P. Motyka, A. Walker

**Altar Servers** – J. Bozek, R. Bantel, M. Weihbrecht

**11:00 AM:**

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

**Lectors** – M. Dillon, R. Kurtz

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

**January 6**

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12 (20)

**January 7**

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mk 4:12-17, 23-35

(212)

**January 8**

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44 (213)

**January 9**

1 Jn 4:11-18 Mk 6:45-

52 (214)

**January 10**

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22 (215)

**January 11**

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16 (216)

**January 12**

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30 (217)

**January 13**

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

(21)

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

## PARISH EVENTS

### MEETINGS

**Ushers Club** – Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. All Ushers are asked to attend this safety presentation meeting.

**Worship Committee** – Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM, at the rectory.

**Baptism Class** – Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

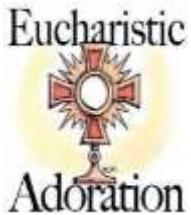
*Please note the time change for the winter season.*

**10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

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

*Whenever school is cancelled at Wyoming Valley West because of the weather,*

*Adoration will also be cancelled.*



### PARISH LOTTERY WINNERS

**Week of December 24<sup>th</sup>:** \$50.00: #186 Judy Lee, #975 Helen Adamski, #120 David Onufer, #693 Susan Granoski, #646 J. Shock. \$2000.00: #432 Mike Vesek.

**Tickets for our new Lottery, which will begin in February, are available and can be purchased at the parish office.**

### PARISH DIRECTORY

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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

**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.

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

***THE ANGELUS' PRAYER, 6AM, Noon, 6PM***

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Hail Mary, etc...

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,  
Your Grace into our hearts;  
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,  
your Son by the message of an angel,  
so by His passion and cross  
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.  
Through the same Christ, our Lord.  
Amen

**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 Roccogrand, JK and John Duda. 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: *John J. Kasper***

## PARISH MINISTRY

### CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 11am. The Christian Service Center is in dire need of canned fruit, tuna fish, canned 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.



### CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hutchko  
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Temarantz

Mrs. Betty Oldfield  
Mr. Joseph Temarantz

Travis Temarantz



*Last week we welcomed Ember Rain Lamoreaux through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate her family and offer our prayers and support for the newest member of our parish family.*

### DIOCESAN EVENTS

#### **PLEASE NOTE**

The faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are hereby advised that John Tokarick is not a Roman Catholic Priest and is not permitted to function as a priest in the Roman Catholic Church. Furthermore, the Catholic faithful should not receive the sacraments from Tokarick or attend his celebration of the sacraments, wherever they may be held.

Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, Vicar General, Diocese of Scranton.

### 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, 57-779-5323, before April 2<sup>nd</sup>.



**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 January 6<sup>th</sup>  
Sanctuary Candle – in memory of John Palovchak**



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 29<sup>th</sup> & December 30<sup>th</sup>

Offertory: \$5568.00

Loose Collection: \$173.36

Candles: \$125.15

Flowers: \$50.00

Immac. Concept.: \$2.00 Christmas: \$3443.00

\$9361.51

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



*Miraculous Medal Novena  
Prayed on Tuesday after  
Mass*

*Novena to St. Jude  
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday Prayer to  
The Sacred Heart*

### **SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY**

*This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Gospel reading tells us that the Wise men brought gifts to present to the child Jesus. They did not come empty handed but they wanted to bring something important to honor God.*

*It is one of the ways we show that we care. We bring something.*

*As we come into church this weekend, we too are asked to bring something of value to our God. First, it is our lives. We honor God by the simple visit we make and the time we spend in church. Next, we bring our talents. We share ourselves in Church, we sing, we participate, we pray. Finally, we bring our “gold” and we offer a gift to God through the parish we attend.*

*The Wise men were the first stewards of our faith. We thank God for their gifts. May they guide us as we decide what it is that we should bring to visit the King in this coming New Year.*

*I thank God for the gift that you are for our/your parish.*

*One of the great traditions of the church associated with the Solemnity of the Epiphany is the blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above the main door. It can be performed either by a priest or the father of the family. We usually make chalk and blessed water available for you to bless your homes.*

*In Christ's peace, Father Jacek*

### **HOUSE BLESSING PRAYERS**

*Every year people are invited to bless their home and family through the use of blessed water. For some, this custom comes at Easter, for others around the time of the Epiphany. One custom is to trace crosses, the initials of the “kings” and the numerals of the year over the doorway with chalk.*

**20+C+M+B+19**

*Some say the initials stand for Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar; others say they mean: Christus Mansionem Benedicat. May Christ bless this house. Whatever the custom, the tradition is a beautiful prayer for the domestic church, led by the father or mother of the family.*

**LEADER:** *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with His Love. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.*

*A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 19, versus 1 to 9, are appropriate. It tells of the visit of Jesus to the house of Zacchaeus. A response to the Reading can be Psalm 72 followed by family prayers.*

### **THE PRAYERS OF BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY FOLLOWS:**

**LEADER:** *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Then the leader may sprinkle those present and the house with holy water, and may use these words: “Let this water call to mind our Baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection had redeemed us. The door post may now be signed (20+C+M+B+19).*

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

*“May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and now make us one in mind and heart now and forever.” Amen.*