



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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MARCH 10, 2019

**FIRST 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

3:00 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.



The Gospel for this First Sunday of Lent is Luke's account of Jesus' desert experience. The desert here is more accurately understood as a wilderness: a dangerous, uncharted place, inhabited by wild beasts and bandits, and (many believed) haunted by demons. Jesus' wilderness "retreat" is a time for discerning and understanding his mission as the Messiah. These forty days are marked by intense prayer and fasting – not out of a sense of penance but to focus totally on God and the Father's will for him. Jesus' encounter with the devil depicts the struggle he experienced during this lonely and difficult time to come to terms with the life that lay before him. Jesus then follows the Spirit obediently on to Galilee to begin his teaching ministry. The same Spirit that led Jesus into the desert leads us into this 40-day "wilderness experience" of Lent, to ask ourselves the same kind of questions, to begin to understand who we are and who we are becoming, to discern what God calls us to be as we journey to the dwelling place of God. As Jesus was "tempted," so, too, are we confronted with the many different choices and goals life presents us.

A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS
MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 10th

8:30 AM Wilbur Prutzman (Wife, Dolores)

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

Monday, March 11th

5:30 PM Mary Makos (Mark & Martha Makos)

Mass followed by Confessions (daily Mass Chapel)

Tuesday, March 12th

NO MASS

Wednesday, March 13th

12:05 PM Frank Prego (Great nieces, Sharon & Patricia)

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL APRIL

Thursday, March 14th

12:05 PM Robert Sobaleski (Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mullery)

Friday, March 15th

6:00 PM Joseph Ruddy (Wife, Cathy & Family)

Mass followed by Stations – Upper Church

Saturday, March 16th

4:00 PM Frank Decker & Angelo Falcone (Family)

Sunday, March 17th

8:30 AM Ann Maloney (Dolores Prutzman)

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16, 2019

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – R. Coates, M.J. Wojtowicz

Lectors – C. Kellar, M. Kopko,

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

Sunday, March 17, 2019

8:30 AM:

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

Lectors – M. Sipper, A. Walker

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

11:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – K. Narcum, P. Roan

Lectors – P. Merman, C. Mihoch

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

March 10

First Sunday of Lent

Dt 26:4-10

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13 (24)

March 11

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18

Mt 25:31-46 (224)

March 12

Is 55:10-11

Mt 6:7-15 (225)

March 13

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 11:29-32 (226)

March 14

Est -12, 14-16, 23-25

Mt 7:7-12 (227)

March 15

Ez 18:21-28

Mt 5:20-26 (228)

March 16

Dt 26:16-19

Mt 5:43-48 (229)

March 17

Second Sunday of
Lent

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18

Phil 3:17-4:1 or

3:20-4:1

Lk 9:28b-36 (27)

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

LENTEN CORNER

1. Mondays of Lent – Mass @ 5:30 PM – followed by confessions **“The Light is On for You”** till 7PM
2. Fridays of Lent – Mass @ 6PM – followed by Stations of the Cross
3. Sacrament of Reconciliation @ 3PM – 3:50 PM – Saturdays @ All Saints
Our parish deanery penance service – To be announced
St. Ignatius Lenten Penance Service – Sunday, April 14th, 5:00 PM

4. Devotions

“Pick your own penance” – an extra act of kindness or a prayer that we can perform during Lent (pick new penance every week) in the Ramp area & back of the Church

- * 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 21st - 11AM @ Welsh Baptist Church
- Thursday, March 28th 11AM @ Pilgrim Church
- Thursday, April 4th 11AM @ Christian Church
- Thursday, April 11th 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.

“ROAD TO RESURRECTION” – THE MIRACLES OF JESUS

Are you looking for a way to enrich your Lenten Journey? The “Road to Resurrection” will be held on the following four Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning at 7:00 PM. The schedule of Masses is as follows:

- Wednesday, March 20th – St. Therese’s Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown
 - Wednesday, March 27th – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville
 - Wednesday, April 3rd – Holy Family Church, 574 Bennett St., Luzerne
 - Wednesday, April 10th, St. Faustina Church, 520 South Hanover St., Nanticoke
- A social will follow each evenings Mass.

LENTEN SYMBOL

Members of the Worship Committee will be distributing this years’ Lenten Symbol. Members will be in the ramp area and back of the Church distributing the symbols at the end of all Masses.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE - March 11th

5:30 PM

Lector – Altar Server – E. Keating

Friday, March 15th – 6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross in the upper Church

Lector – Altar Server - R. Burns

PARISH EVENTS

MEETING

Worship Committee – Thursday, March 14th, 6:30 PM, at the rectory.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note:

Eucharistic Adoration is postponed until April due to the weather.

PARISH LOTTERY

Winners for the week of February 25th: \$50.00: #166 Kenneth Gibbons, #315 Paula Matthews, #944 Edward Sherrill, #559 Betty Disler, #177 Russ Halchak Jr.
\$100.00: #407 Valaria Cackowski.

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

Upon the advisement of our Parish Council and Worship Committee, we have decided to **not** offer the cup of Precious Blood at Mass until Easter, April 20th/21

CEMETERY NOTICE

Please remove all Christmas decorations from the cemeteries before March 31st. Thank you.

BUS TRIP

The Sr. Citizens Friendship Club of St. Mary's / All Saints Parish are sponsoring a trip on Saturday, April 6th, to see "The Last Word" a musical portrayal of the Birth, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. Plus a visit from the Easter Bunny. Cost is \$50.00 and includes: transportation, show, gratuities and dinner after the show at Old Country Buffett in Harrisburg. Seats will be assigned when paid in full. Bus will depart at 11:00 AM from All Saints parking lot. For reservations please call Ann at 570-779-3203.

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.

PARISH MINISTRY

THANK YOU

Father Jacek and the Social Concerns Committee would like to thank the following organizations and families who volunteered to help feed the homeless men from Mother Theresa Haven during the week of February 18 through February 24. 1. Knights of Columbus 984, 2. Social Concerns Committee, 3. Trinity House Seniors, 4. Knights of Columbus 11901, 5. Families from St. John's Parish, Larksville, 6. Fran Gawat and Tom Belinsky family, 7. Ladies Pa. Slovak Catholic Union Branch 37 and the Evan family. Thank you all so much for feeding the homeless men from MTH. We could not have done it without you. We can't thank you enough for not only preparing the meals, but also for serving the hot meals to these men. By working together, All Saints Parish and St. John's Parish are fulfilling the mission as Disciples of Christ through prayer, words and deeds with the utmost compassion for the poor and the needy. May God Bless you all!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, March 28th 9am – 11am**. The Christian Service Center is in dire need of canned fruit, tuna fish, canned pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereals & juices.

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, Al, Marge Demarco, Theresa Kopko, Paul & Marilyn Irzinski, Joe, Audrey, Mollie, Louise, Elizabeth, Claire Roccogrand, JK and Ed. **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.**



DIOCESAN EVENTS

HELP WANTED

Part-time maintenance handyman needed to keep our building in good repair and perform basic general maintenance. Flexible work hours about 20 hours / month. For more information please call 570-779-2801 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM Tuesdays / Thursdays, Catherine McAuley House, 121 Church Street, Plymouth, PA 18651.

LENTEN SLOVAK HYMN-SING

Traditional Stations of the Cross in Slovak , Sunday, March 17th, 2:00 PM, at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, at St. Mary's Church of the Immaculate Conception, 134 S. Washington St., W-B. Station booklets will be provided. For information contact Magdalen Benish @ 570-823-1222.

XLT (EXALT)

Monday, March 11th, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, at St. Nicholas Parish, 226 S. Washington St., W-B. The event will consist of Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music, a dynamic talk and Reconciliation. A social will follow. For information call 570-780-2996.

LENTEN EVENING OF REFLECTION FOR MUSIC MINISTERS

The Scranton Chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians will hold a meeting on Tuesday, March 12th, 6:00 PM, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville. The meeting begins with dinner at 6:00 PM, followed by the presentation at 7:00 PM. A free-will offering will be taken up to help offset the cost of dinner. To register, contact David Baloga at 570-207-2213 ext. 1158 or at ScrantonNPM@outlook.com.

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 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 30th. 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 2nd.

5TH ANNUAL BE A MAN CONFERENCE – APRIL 27TH

The theme is: **What is Truth.** Saturday, April 27th, from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Ave., W-B. The Conference includes Adoration and confessions. Cost of the Conference is \$40.00 regular, \$30 for early birds (until 4/1/19), and \$15 for students. Priests and Deacons are free. Registration/morning coffee begins at 7:00 AM, Rosary at 7:30. You can register on line at www.beamanconference.com or call 570-207-2213 (Diocesan Pastoral Center). Closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Bambera at 1:45 PM. Join hundreds of other like-minded, Catholic men in a half day conference; hear excellent talks that will challenge you, re-awaken your spirit, and lift you up; examine your priorities, rejuvenate your commitment to Catholic Faith, Family & Fellowship; get new insights for your daily life; support, challenge and affirm your call as a son of God and brother of Christ; participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist and help you come closer to Christ.



All the faithful of the Diocese are invited to attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton, on Tuesday, April 16th, at 4:00 PM. At this Mass priests from throughout the Diocese will renew their priestly promises before the Bishop, and the oils to be used for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Holy orders will be blessed. Participation in the Chrism Mass is a beautiful way to pray for and support the priests of the Diocese. For reserved seating, please call Diane Franklin in the Office for Parish Life at 570-207-2213 ext. 1103 or email Diane-Franklin@dioceseofscranton.org.



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

March 2nd & March 3rd

Offertory: \$5399.50

Loose Collection: \$190.30	Energy: \$97.00
Maintenance: \$15.00	Cath.Ed.: \$27.00
Candles: \$105.00	Christmas: \$1.00
Ash Wed.: \$118.50	Clergy Care: \$307.00*
Church in C&E Europe: \$25.00*	
\$6285.30	

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$332.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*



*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*



"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

All Saints Parish
Social Concerns Committee Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2019
Minutes approved as submitted in January
Opened with a Prayer

1. New Business

A. Spring Bingo

- a. March 27 at 6pm
- b. Dan Flood Apartments
- c. Pick up refreshments, snacks, paper supplies, prizes

B. Catherine McCauley House

- a. In the need of sheets for full size beds, bed covers for twin size beds, and crib sheets
- b. Theresa and Mike Flynn volunteered to shop for above items

C. Upcoming events

1. Pro Life Carnation sale
 - a. Weekend of May 11-12 (before and after all masses)
2. School Supply Program
 - b. Will be held in July-August

D. Monetary Donations

- a. St. Vincent de Paul Soup Kitchen
- b. Dinner for Kids

E. Doughnut Sunday

- a. Asked to Sponsor Doughnut Sunday on week end of April 27 after all the masses

F. Thank You

- a. Received from The Shawl Ministry of Our Lady of Hope Parish for donated yarn

2. Old Business

A. Mother Theresa Haven

- a. Hosted 20 men week of Feb. 18-24
- b. Groups that served dinner
 1. Knights of Columbus #984
 2. Social Concerns Committee
 3. Trinity Seniors Club
 4. Knights of Columbus #11901
 5. Families from St. John's Parish, Larksville
 6. Fran Gawat and Tom Belinsky and Family
 7. Ladies Pa. Slovak Catholic Union Br. 37 and the Evan Family

3. Closing Prayer

4. Next meeting: April 24, 6:30 pm

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2019

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

Meeting began with opening prayer

Previous meeting minutes were printed in Jan. 20, 2019 bulletin, along with Dec. 20, 2018 minutes

Faith Sharing – Marina shared the story of St. Valentine

Pastor report – a couple of leads were provided for the new truck; sale of part of St. Mary's Cemetery property is being completed and proceeds will help defray expenses for various repairs on property

Committee Reports:

Community – Coffee and Doughnuts the weekend of March 2 & 3 will be sponsored by All Saints Parishioners; next one will be after Easter on the weekend of April 27 & 28

Social Concerns – the men from Mother Teresa's Haven are currently being hosted; next Bingo at Dan Flood will be in April

Word – next Kids Club meeting to be held Mar. 1st; First Reconciliation went well; date has to be chosen for CCD teachers meeting; 2 more Baptisms this coming weekend

Worship – Mary's Stations of the Cross will be added this Lent; still recruiting new lectors; more altar servers needed for 8:30 am Mass; Easter choir practice and decorating dates have been set

Pastoral Plan update:

Small Faith Sharing Groups—sign ups continue for the Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday sessions to be held during Lent

Bus trips/pilgrimages—the possibility of offering a pilgrimage during July was discussed

St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen—Ed W will provide contact information for the kitchen so a date can be scheduled for parish participation

Old Business:

Chairperson still needed for Word Committee; perhaps a reorganization meeting can be set

Coordinator still needed for Bereavement Committee; perhaps a reorganization meeting can be set

New Business:

Information was provided about Archbishop Chaput's column in catholicphilly.com that explains Safe Haven Sunday to create an anti-pornography environment for children who use computers and social media

Sign-ups continue for Mardi Gras on March 3; about 35 attendees so far

March Faith Sharing – will be led by Ed W

Meeting closed with prayer

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 21st at 6 pm in the Rectory