



# ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**DECEMBER 11,**

**2016**

**THIRD SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT**

## **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 PM

or by appointment

## **Religious Education**

Grades K – 8

Sunday

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

### **Parish Mission Statement**

We, All Saints Parish, are unified 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.



In today's Gospel, Jesus has the chance to tell us just how important John the Baptist is and how important we are to HIM. He mentions that there is "none greater than John the Baptist." Yet he also tells us that the 'least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John.' Jesus mentions that John doesn't wear 'fine clothing' or live in 'royal palaces', yet he is considered by Jesus to be more than a prophet. You see God doesn't measure the worth of someone to enter the kingdom of heaven by how well he or she is dressed or how fancy the house is where they live. God is only concerned with HOW we live our life. John the Baptist is an excellent example of someone who lived a rather simple life here on earth, always striving to look out for the needs of others before himself. Yet note how highly Jesus praises him.

# COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM for all Parishioners

11:00 AM James Behm (Rose Mary)

### **Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM **NO MASS**

### **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Martin Family (Mr. & Mrs. John Fedro)

### **Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Ronald Hall (Donna & Fran Coughlin)

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FROM 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

### **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Theresa McAndrew (Husband, James)

### **Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Teresa Waligorski (Ministry of Consolation)

### **Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM Leona, Frank & Bernard Wujcik (Children)

### **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Anna Mizzer Hicks (Rose Mary)

## **MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

### **Saturday, December 17, 2016**

#### **4:00 PM:**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – A. Butler, R. Coates,

A. Brunick, R. Heck

**Lectors** – T. Kirby, M.A, Meeker

**Altar Servers** – Abigail Young, P. Pritchard, S. Pritchard

### **Sunday, December 18, 2016**

#### **8:30 AM:**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – D. Butz, J. Kurilla,

D. McNelis, M. McNelis

**Lectors:** – F. Josephs, E. Keating

**Altar Servers** – J. Stritzinger, V. Stritzinger, T. Marchlenski

#### **11:00 AM:**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – K. Narcum, T. Bradley,

A. Mizzer, P. Roan

**Lectors** – M. Dillon, J. Farrell

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

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

### **December 11**

Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11 (7)

### **December 12**

Our Lady of

Guadalupe

Zec 2:14-17 or

Rev 11:19a;

12:1-6a

### **December 13**

St. Lucy

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13

Mt 21:28-32 (188)

### **December 14**

St. John of the

Cross

Is 45:6b-8,

18,21b-25

Lk 7:18b-23 (189)

### **December 15**

Is 54:1-10

Lk 7:24-30 (190)

### **December 16**

Is 56:1-3a, 6-8

Jn 5:33-36 (191)

### **December 17**

Gn 49:2, 8-10

Mt 1:1-17 (193)

### **December 18**

Fourth Sunday of

Advent

Is 7:10-14

Rom 1:1-7

Mt 1:18-24 (10)



**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.

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**Baptism of Infants:** Parents requesting Baptism for their children should make an appointment with the Pastor to begin the process. The months of preparation before the birth of a child are the appropriate time to plan for the Sacrament.

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**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.

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**Communion for the Homebound:** We invite homebound parishioners who wish to receive Holy Communion to call the office.

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**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.

## **PARISH EVENTS**

### **MEETINGS**

**Pastoral Council –Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, in the rectory**

**Ushers Club – Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2 PM, at HCFCC, meeting and Christmas Party.** Anyone interested in joining the ushers club is welcome to attend.

### ***ADVENT***

*This Advent we will try to enhance our preparation for Christmas by offering the Catholic Catechism study group. Our next session will be held on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM. in the rectory.*

### **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.

## **BLESSING OF BABY JESUS FIGURINES**

During the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent (December 17/18) 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.



## **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 babies. if you have some pictures of your babies and would like to have them displayed on that tree please call the parish office (570) 779-5323.

## **GIVING TREE**

Our Christmas Giving Tree will be in the ramp area of our church until December 18<sup>th</sup>. This program assists Catholic Social Services and also our parish by providing toys, clothing, gift certificates and food certificates to needy families in Plymouth and surrounding areas. The names of the children and gifts needed will be marked on tags that will be hanging on the tree. We ask that you take a tag and then return the gift wrapped with the tag attached and place it back under the tree by December 18<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will then be collected and picked up by Catholic Social Services and distributed to the families for Christmas. Thank you so much for your past generosity.

## **CHILDREN’S CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY**

The children’s Christmas Eve Liturgy will be on Saturday, 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 a practice on **Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM in the church.**

## **CHOIR PRACTICE**

Practice for the Christmas Liturgies will be held on the following Sunday’s at 3:00 PM: December 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

There will also be a practice on Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 PM.

## **PARISH MINISTRY**

### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER**

Next food distribution, **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**, 9am – 11am. The Christian Service Center is in **DIRE NEED OF CANNED FRUIT, DRIED PASTA, PEANUT BUTTER, JELLY, CEREALS & JUICES.**

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has distributed 901 shawls. The Prayer Shawl Ministry is always in need of additional hands to stitch. Please call Dona @ 570-771-6316 for time and place of next get together.

**GIVING A MEMORIAL GIFT TO YOUR PARISH WHEN THERE IS A DEATH OF A LOVED ONE AND MAKING YOUR WILL:** Have you ever considered giving a monetary gift to your parish in memory of a deceased loved one at the time of death or later on? It's a beautiful expression of love for both the person who died and your parish. We always need money to enable us to continue to accomplish the mission of Jesus and for the general upkeep of our parish properties. Please consider this unique expression of giving in lieu of flowers, Mass cards and other expressions. When making your Will, remember All Saints Parish & the good that can come because of the legacy you leave your parish. Monetary donations would be gratefully appreciated if made to the Parish Building Fund, The Christian Service Center, Parish Cemeteries or All Saints Catholic School Education Fund, to be used by a family or families who need assistance with sending their child to a Catholic School. 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: Irene, Nathan Grey, Eugene, Mark, Emma, George, Joseph, John, Danielle, Joseph, Sean Henry, Rose Mary, Leah, Ed Harenza, George, Michelle, Stanley, Tom, Raina, Seth, Dorothy, Dave & Darius.** 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.*

## **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

**Aging religious need your help.** Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have offered their lives in service to others – educating the young, comforting the sick, seeking justice for the oppressed. Today, many are frail, elderly, and in need of assistance. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for religious helps to furnish medications, nursing care, and other necessities.

Please give generously to today's second collection.

*"Love is the beauty of the soul."* -St. Augustin



*In memory of  
Vi Piszczek  
Love, Joe & Dolores*

Place your ad here  
\$5.00 per week

## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

**December 3<sup>rd</sup> & December 4<sup>th</sup>**

Offertory: \$6448.35

Loose Collection: \$99.00      Candles: \$126.00

Church Maintenance: \$15.00      Energy: \$74.00

Christian Service Center: \$6.00

Insurance: \$31.00      Catholic Ed.: \$18.00

Holyday: \$123.00      All Souls: \$5.00

Flowers: \$82.00      Cemetery: \$100.00

Clergy Care: \$377.10\*      World Mission: \$5.00\*

Religious Retirement: \$11.00\*

**Total: \$7521.45**

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

*\*Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to \$394.10 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*



*"Yes, Mabel, it is very festive...  
But Advent wreaths are only supposed to have  
four candles!"*



## Calling all Youth in Grades 8-12

Meet in December for taco's, talk, trivia and mucho mas!!!

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

12:15 PM in the Church Basement

*Feliz  Navidad*



**PENANCE SERVICES**

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM – St. Ignatius, Kingston

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM – St. John's, Larksville

**NITE AT THE RACES FINAL REPORT**

All the numbers are in and we just wanted to let everyone know the profit from the Basket Raffle and Nite at the Races. Profit for the Basket Raffle was \$1432.00. Profit from the Nite at the Races was \$1967.67, for a total profit after expenses of \$3399.67. Thank you to everyone who helped make this years fund raiser more successful than last years. Looking forward to seeing everyone next November!

**CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

... are available at the entrances of the church. Please place a free will offering in the envelope.

**MEETING RE-SCHEDULED**

The Parish Council meeting scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM has been transferred to Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 6 PM.

**PARISH LOTTERY – winners for the week of November 28<sup>th</sup>:** \$50.00: ##857 Diane Romanoski, #890 Cheryl Kellar, #996 Rose Mary Zbiek, #027 N/A, #338 Ed Zellock.

\$100.00: #784 N/A.

**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 at the back of the church or in the ramp area or call the parish office. January 15 will be the last date that donations can be added to the totals used in the letters.