

*Christ* the savior  
is born.



*Christmas 2016*

*All Saints Parish*

*Rev. Jacek J. Bialkowski, Pastor*

# COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Anna Mizzer (Rose Mary)

### Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM NO MASS

### Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>

12:05 PM NO MASS

### Wednesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>

12:05 PM NO MASS

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

### Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

12:05 PM NO MASS

### Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

12:05 PM NO MASS

### Saturday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

4:00 PM Albert Shevock (Helen & Anne Romanick)

### Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of Mary

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Virginia Steczkowski (all Saints Ushers Club)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 31, 2016**

### 4:00 PM:

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – C. Kellar, S. Starosta,  
A. Butler, J. Karnes

**Lectors** – M. Kopko, M.A. Meeker

**Altar Servers** – C. Taylor, L. Taylor, J. Jakubczyk

**Sunday, January 1, 2017**

### 8:30 AM

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

**Lectors** – Jonathan Korus, E. Keating

**Altar Servers** – J. Stritzinger, V. Stritzinger, Z. Walker

### 11:00 AM:

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – T. Bradley, P. Roan,  
A. Mizzer, K. Narcum

**Lectors:** – J. Farrell, P. Merman

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

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

### **December 25** **The Nativity of the Lord**

Is 52:7-10/  
Heb 1:1-6  
Jn 1:1-18 or  
1:1-5, 9-14 (16)

### **December 26**

St. Stephen  
Acts 6:8-10,  
7:54-59  
Mt 10:17-22 (696)

### **December 27**

St. John  
1 Jn 1:1-4  
Jn 20:1a, 2-8  
(697)

### **December 28**

The Holy  
Innocents  
1 Jn 1:5 – 2:2  
Mt 2:13-18 (698)

### **December 29**

St. Thomas  
Becket  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Lk 2:22-35 (202)

### **December 30**

The Holy Family  
of Jesus Mary &  
Joseph  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or  
Col 3:12-21 or  
3:12-17

Mt 2:13-15,  
19-23 (17)

### **December 31**

St. Sylvester  
1 Jn 2:18-21  
Jn 1:1-18 (204)

### **January 1**

Solemnity of  
Mary  
Nm 6:22-27  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21 (18)

## PARISH EVENTS

### **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.

*The Eucharistic Adoration schedule has been changed.*

*Adoration will be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.*

*There are not enough volunteers during the winter months to keep the regular schedule. Anyone is welcome during these hours. If you are able to schedule a time, please call Joan Kaye at 570-779- 2998.*



### **CATECHISM STUDY GROUP**

*The Catholic Catechism study group will meet on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7PM. in the rectory. We will reflect on Faith as a response to God's love.*

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

If your ministry or organization would like to sponsor Coffee and Doughnuts the weekend of January 7/8, 2017 (Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, please call the parish office at 570-7795323. Thank you.

### **BAPTISM**

Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian Life, the gateway to life in the Spirit and the door which gives access to the other Sacraments. (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1213)

The Baptism Committee is in need of Baptism Coordinators to instruct a class and assist the family during the Baptism Sacramental process. Each coordinator is scheduled for a specific month. If you are interested in learning more or serving in this gratifying ministry please contact Audrey Kocher (570-779-4850) or the parish office (570-779-5323).



**BAPTISM CLASS** – Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM, at HCFPC

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

If you are interested in joining the choir and/or becoming a cantor please see Bill Loyack after Mass or call him @ 570-885-4307.

*Merry Christmas*

*Dear friends in Christ,*

*"In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways...*

*In these last days, He has spoken to us through the Son." – Hebrews 1:1-2*

*With joy and gratitude, I extend to you my prayerful best wishes for a holy and blessed*

*Christmas. During this Advent Season, it has been my prayer that each of you would find opportunities to reflect on your own faith and relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself, for this reason, we are filled with joy and consolation at Christmas to know that all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.*

*Several years ago I received a Christmas card with this message: "This Christmas, I wish you Jesus." On the inside it read: "Isn't it nice to have everything!"*

*In the midst of all our current challenges and concerns, the love of God the Father is made manifest to us in the wonderful gift of His Son, Jesus. In Him we recognize that true peace on earth flows from our recognition, service and praise of God in our lives.*

*Christmas has a way of bringing to Church individuals and families who, for various reasons, have not been to Mass or the Sacraments for months or years. What a wonderful and grace-filled opportunity to put aside past differences and old habits and begin anew that prayerful relationship with the Lord and His Church community. I extend to all of you an open, grateful heart of welcome. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God's presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world.*

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our All Saints Parish always.*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!*

*In Christ's Peace*

*Father Jacek*

## THANK YOU

We greatly appreciate the following Christmas donations to our parish:

Ushers Club, \$1,020.00; Silver & Gold Club, \$50.00; Friendship Club, \$500.00

## PARISH LOTTERY

**Winners for the week of December 12<sup>th</sup>:** \$50.00: #316 Anne Bugdonovitch, #764 Robert slabinski, #000 Paul Irzinski, #489 Phyllis Chicallo, #905 Guy Goodman. \$100.00: #335 Denise Wentko.

**NEW LOTTERY:** Tickets for our new Lottery, which will begin in February, are now available and can be purchased at the parish office. **Lottery tickets make great Christmas gifts.**

## 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.

## SHARE YOUR GIFTS WITH YOUR PARISH

Adult Altar Servers for funerals and/or daily Mass, plus additional adults are needed to pray the funeral Vigil Prayer Service at funeral homes. If interested, please call the rectory office.

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Goal: \$40,000.00

Amount pledged: \$29,803.00

Amount needed: \$10,197.00

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 2017 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The event includes a 2:30 pm mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with a mailing address, should be made through the parish office before March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## #GIVINGTUESDAY #GIVINGDECEMBER

From the Development Office of Scranton: the Diocese of Scranton Catholic Schools continue to participate in #GivingTuesday and #GivingDecember. A gift option is available at each of our 20 schools and all donations, in any amount, are appreciated. For more information, or to make a gift, visit the following link:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/DiocesefofScrantonCatholicSchoolsGivingTuesdayCampaign>.

**PLEASE NOTE**The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Only emergency calls will be accepted. Merry Christmas!!!!

## **PARISH MINISTRY**

### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER**



Next food distribution, **Thursday, January 26<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:** *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.*

**GRANT ETERNAL REST, O GOD, TO ALL WHO HAVE DIED:** *Margaret Yuhas* (mother of Mrs. Kimberely Pirillo, 113 E. Shawnee Ave., Plymouth, PA 18651-2321).

### **TRIP**

Sr. Citizens Friendship Club of St. Mary's/All Saints Parish, Plymouth, are sponsoring a trip on April 25, 2017, to Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster, to see "Jonah" and to Shady Maples after the show for dinner. Cost is \$93.00 and includes: bus, show, dinner, and all gratuities. Seats are always assigned as they are paid in full. There is a \$25.00 Deposit with each reservation. Please call Ann @ 570-779-3203.



**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. The months of preparation before the birth of a child are the appropriate time to plan for the Sacrament.



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



**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 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Hosts – in memory of Mary Ann Lee**

**Sanctuary Candle – in memory of Ava Marlene Kurilla**



Place your ad here

\$5.00 per week



## WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

**December 17<sup>th</sup> & December 18<sup>th</sup>**

Offertory: \$6541.50

Loose Collection: \$246.00      Candles: \$155.00

Energy: \$100.00                  Holyday: \$330.50

Flowers: \$1112.00              Office: \$577.16

Wafers: \$117.00                Cemetery: \$50.00

Clergy Care: \$36.00\*

Religious Retirement: \$39.00\*

**Total: \$9304.16**

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

*\*Last week's Diocesan Collections amounted to \$75.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*



Looking forward to Youth Ministry 2017!!!

The December meeting was super! (Girls beat boys in Christmas Trivia) Youth Group will meet on Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> right after the 4 PM Mass for pizza and gathering in the *School Building.*

All Saints Youth in Grades 8-12 are welcome to attend!



Merry Christmas



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

*Mr. Carl Adamski*  
*Mrs. Mary Ann Barber*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Bednarski*  
*Mrs. Mary Benesch*  
*Mrs. Bernardine Borinski*  
*Mr. & Mrs. John Brunick*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Chadwick*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Delbert Cragle*  
*Ms. Maureen Dillon*  
*Mrs. Joan Evan*  
*Diane Finnegan*  
*Ms. Donna Ginthner*  
*Mr. & Mrs. David Gronkowski*  
*Miss Joan Marie Harry*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Edward Hutchko*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kalafut*  
*Miss Ruth Ann Kennedy*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kluchinski*  
*Mrs. Theresa Kopko*  
*Jonathan Korus*  
*Mrs. Donna Krasavage*  
*Mr. & Mrs. John Kurilla*  
*Mrs. Josephine Latoszewski*  
*Miss Ruth Lewis*  
*David Lynn*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Walter Makos*  
*Mr. & Mrs. James McDermott*  
*Mrs. Josephine Medura*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Mickish*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Motyka*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mullery*  
*Mrs. Geraldine Novak*  
*Mrs. Mary Ann Owens*  
*Miss Felicia Perlick*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Michael Petros*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pritchard*  
*Ms. Mary Ann Roditus*  
*Miss Phyllis Saluski*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Theodore Sherrill*  
*Mrs. Patricia Smith*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Spatz*  
*John Steczkowski*  
*Mrs. Regina Swartz*  
*Mr. Joseph Temarantz III*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Richard Timko*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Frank Warman*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Wrazen*  
*Mr. Gary Zafia*  
*Mrs. Edward Zawatski*

*Mr. Edward Adamski*  
*Mr. & Mrs. David Baron*  
*Mrs. Mildred Belles*  
*Mrs. Jane Beretsky*  
*Mrs. Dolores Brennan*  
*Mrs. Lorraine Burcicki*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Chalawich*  
*Miss Michelle Cragle*  
*Mr. & Mrs. David Dudeck*  
*Mr. & Mrs. John Fedro*  
*Mr. John Galabinski*  
*Mr. John Giza*  
*Mr. & Mrs. John Gryzniec*  
*Mrs. Maria Henriess*  
*Mrs. Rose Marie Jago*  
*Mrs. Joan Kaye*  
*Ms. Barbara Kilgallon*  
*Mrs. Audrey Kocher*  
*Mrs. Mary Ann Koprowski*  
*Lee Ann Kosteva*  
*Mrs. Carol Krulick*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Michael Kurilla*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Michael Leahey*  
*Mrs. Beverly Lipski*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Makarewicz*  
*Ms. Ellen Jo Mangan*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Matthew McHenry*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Paul Melovitz*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Mikulski*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Chester Mrugal*  
*Mrs. Christine Mustick*  
*Mr. John D. Novak*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Palischak*  
*Mrs. Amelia Perlis*  
*Miss Linda Pick*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Paul Pritchard Jr.*  
*Miss Anne Romanick*  
*Mr. & Mrs. James Selingo*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Slaski*  
*Miss Mary Smolok*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Tim Specht*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Richard Stempowski*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Mark Swicklik*  
*Travis Temarantz*  
*Mr. & Mrs. David Tomko*  
*Miss Barbara Wengrsen*  
*Miss Barbara Yuscavage*  
*Mrs. Jean Zagorski*  
*Mr. Edward Zellock*

*Mr. & Mrs. Edward Adamski*  
*Mrs. Phyllis Baron*  
*Mrs. John Belsky*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Bomenka*  
*Mr. William Brozena*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Robert Burns*  
*Mr. & Mrs. James Coates*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Demchak*  
*Miss Bonnie Dwyer*  
*Mr. Michael Fera*  
*Miss Norberta Garbor*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Charles Goldsmith*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Frank Handley*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Todd Howard*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Frank Josephs*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Edward Keating*  
*Mrs. Florence Killian*  
*Mr. & Mrs. James Kolojejchick*  
*Mr. & Mrs. John Korus*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Leon Kosteva*  
*Celia Kukish*  
*Susan Kurilla*  
*Mrs. Sandra Leonhardt*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lukavitch*  
*Miss Ann Makos*  
*Ms. Barbara Masavage*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Eugene McKeown*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Merman II*  
*Mrs. John Morrison*  
*Mrs. Arlene Muchler*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Navroth*  
*Miss Barbara Orlovski*  
*Mrs. Lucille Palovchak*  
*Maryann Petcavage*  
*Ms. Claudia Piczak*  
*Mrs. Dolores Prutzman*  
*Mrs. Helen Romanick*  
*Miss Catherine Serdinsky*  
*Miss Patricia Smith*  
*Mr. Douglas Sodrosky*  
*Charles Steczkowski*  
*Mr. Patrick Stiadle*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Temarantz*  
*Mrs. Dorothy Thomas*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Albert Walker III*  
*Mr. Raymond Wengrsen*  
*Mrs. Irmgard Zabretsky*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Zamerowski*  
*Mr. & Mrs. Donald Zlotek*