

ALL SAINTS PARISH

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DECEMBER 23, 2018

FOURTH 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 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 two pregnant women in our Gospel today are different in age, yet both full of joy and concern for each other. Mary's willingness to go halfway across the country, to make the visit is a clear sign of Mary's generosity and goodness. Through the light of the Holy Spirit, Elizabeth recognized Mary's privilege as the mother of the longed-for Messiah. She greets Mary in the words we are so familiar with in our *Hail Mary*. And Mary responds in the equally familiar words of the *Magnificat*. These two great women understand the miracle of conception and birth. But in each case there was divine intervention in a truly exceptional way. The Gospel says that both were informed of this fact by the words of an angel; they each had a message from God telling them so. The fact that these two women had this divine intervention is a reminder that our own lives too are a gift of God; what we might call ordinary grace. It is from this understanding that the Church takes its position on all life issues. At some moments we may recognize the hand of God in our lives. Maybe at the point when we felt we had a priestly or religious vocation or when we finally decided on our partner in marriage. Maybe it was at the birth of a child, a change in job circumstances, or the death of a parent. Maybe it was a moment in prayer, the grace of a sacrament, advice in the confessional, wise words from a friend or relative at a critical moment.

A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 23rd

8:30 AM For all Parishioners
11:00 AM Allen Hornick (Michael Drago & Friends from Keystone
Automotive Operations)

Monday, December 24th

4:00 PM For all Parishioners
10:00 PM For all Parishioners
NO MASS

Tuesday, December 25th

10:00 AM For all Parishioners

Wednesday, December 26th

NO MASS
NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY

Thursday, December 27th

NO MASS

Friday, December 28th

NO MASS

Saturday, December 29th

4:00 PM Stanley Shevock (Bernie & Mary Poremba)

Sunday, December 30th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners
11:00 AM Theresa Millo (Sister, Mary Spatz)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 29, 2018

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, S. Starosta,
C. Kellar, M.J. Wojtowicz

Lectors – M. Kopko, E. Koons

Altar Servers – L. Taylor, R. Young, Abigail Young

Sunday, December 30, 2018

8:30 AM:

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

Lectors – A. Walker, F. Josephs

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

11:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – T. Bradley, J. Karnes,
A. Mizzer, P. Roan

Lectors – M. Dillon, C. Mihoch

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

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

December 23

Fourth Sunday of
Advent

Mi 5:1-4a

Heb 10:5-10

KmiaLk 1:39-45 (12)

December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,
14a, 16

Lk 1:67-79 (200)

December 25

Nativity of the Lord

9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14 /

Lk 2:1-14 (14)

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

Saint John

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697)

December 28

The Holy Innocents

Jn 1:5 2:2

Mt 2:13-18 (698)

December 29

Saint Thomas Becket

1 Jn 2:3-11

Lk 2:22-35 (202)

December 30

The Holy Family of

Jesus, Mary & Joseph

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk

2:41-52 (17)

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM: Children's Liturgy

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, R. Heck, S. Starosta, M.J. Wojtowicz

Lectors – P. Merman, C. Mihoch

Altar Servers – N. Powell, J. Stritzinger, V. Stritzinger

10:00 PM

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

Lectors – F. Josephs, A. Walker

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

Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day

10:00 AM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – T. Bradley, C. Kellar, J. Kurilla, M. Flynn

Lectors – Jonathan Korus, E. Koons

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

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
DECEMBER 31ST**

6:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, R. Heck, T. Kirby, T. Walker

Lectors – M. Burns, M.J. Wojtowicz

Altar Servers – N. Powell, R. Bantel, M. Weihbrecht

JANUARY 1ST

10:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – M. Flynn, C. Kellar, J. Kurilla, K. Narcum

Lectors – C. Piczak, E. Keating

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

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE – ALL SAINTS

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24th, 4:00 PM

9:30 PM Christmas Carols and Mass starts at 10:00 PM

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25th, 10:00 AM

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, January 1st, 10:00 AM

PLEASE NOTE

The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 24th and Tuesday, December 25th, in observance of Christmas. Only emergency calls will be accepted.

PARISH EVENTS



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note the time change for the winter season.

NO Eucharistic Adoration, Wednesday, December 26th

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

PARISH LOTTERY WINNERS

Week of December 3rd: \$50.00: #528 Mollie Winters, #167 Sandra Harcarik, #224 Philip Kolendowicz, #452 N/A, #944 Ron Matan. \$100.00: #659 N/A.

Week of December 10th: \$50.00: # 069 Jo Ann Prushinski, #028 N/A, #104 Alice O'Day, #088 Deborah Moore, #995 Diane Dula. \$100.00: #501 Alice Bohunko.

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

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 31st 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.

COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION

Knights of Columbus, Council 11901, will take up a collection for their “Coats for Kids Campaign” after Masses on Saturday, December 22nd, and Sunday, December 23rd. For more information, you can contact George Tensa at 570-779-5245.

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

5th Sunday Rosary will be held on Sunday, December 30th, after the 8:30 AM Mass. Council 11901 Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the rosary.

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 Watkins*, (mother of Mrs. Angela Vitkoski, 220 Holly St., Trucksville, PA 18708-1824), *John Kvoka*

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER Next food distribution, **Thursday, January 17th**, 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.

Our parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

In memory of ***Pearl Bonczewski*** by Bonczewski family

THANK YOU

Thank you to the Senior Citizens Friendship Club for their donation to the parish. May God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

ADVENT - CHRISTMAS 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.

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.

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 4th 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 5th, 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. These booklets will 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. Again, thank you to everyone for their overwhelming participation in this project. A special thank you to Doreen Kolojchick, Helen Nowak Gabriel, John and Marsha Sipper.

CALENDARS

Calendars for 2019 are available in the ramp area and vestibule of the Church. Thank you to the Grontkowski Funeral Home for donating these 2019 calendars.





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 23rd

Hosts – in memory of John Palovchak

Sanctuary Candle– in memory of Linda Patalonis



If anyone is interested in donating flowers for the altar in memory of someone, please contact the office at 570-779-5323.

<p>Merry Christmas in Heaven, Dad Love, Dawn, Richard & Rodney Meeker</p>	<p>God bless you, George Meeker In heaven Love, family</p>	<p>Ads - \$5.00</p>
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 15th & December 16th
 Offertory: \$6827.00

Loose Collection: \$104.00	Energy: \$15.00
Candles: \$153.00	Insurance: \$17.00
Immac. Concept.: \$73.00	Flowers: \$1332.00
All Saints Day: \$10.00	Clergy Care: 110.00*
Religious Retire.: \$160.00*	

\$8801.00

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$270.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*

*Thank you to all who helped,
baked and/or
purchased cookies
at our
All Saints Parish Cookie Walk.
It was very sweet of you!
John Sipper Jr. & Debbie Madrack*

*Miraculous Medal Novena
Prayed on Tuesday after
Mass*

*Novena to St. Jude
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday Prayer to
The Sacred Heart*

