



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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JANUARY 20, 2019

**SECOND SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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.

Today's Gospel recounts the first of the seven signs in the first half of John's Gospel. At first hearing, signs sound like miracles. A more careful listening reveals an important difference. John's "signs" have two levels: the one that our senses read and the one that points to a deeper reality – some aspect of the meaning of Jesus' life. John's Gospel is different. Abundant wine traditionally symbolizes God's generosity. Water jugs of that period contained about 25 gallons. Just the additional wine was enough for 100 guests to have 30, 8oz glasses of wine each. Could we call that a *staggering* amount of wine? This would certainly provide a challenge to wine enthusiasts. This episode begins with Mary. Mary's faith elicited Jesus' response - which was, at first, reluctant. John makes it clear that Mary's faith is central to the action of the story. She is also the *catalyst for the belief of others*. John makes a startling statement: "They began to believe at this time." Mary's faith, her initiative, her trust, brought those present - guests and disciples alike - to trust Jesus. As we know, trust is faith. Wine in abundance was an Old Testament symbol of God's salvation at the end of time. This first sign of Jesus in Cana points to Jesus as the source of wine in abundance. John's gospel is subtle; it is not a simple, "miracle story." Do we appreciate the signs that Jesus has placed in our lives? Do we grow from what God has done in our lives and allow it to deepen our faith and significantly change our lives? Do we allow life changes in our relationship with God to spark the growth of faith in others? This is what the gospel is challenging us to do today. We learn from a sign.

A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 20th

8:30 AM Michael & Helen Palischak (Anthony & Elaine Palischak)

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

Monday, January 21st

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 22nd

12:05 PM Charles Wilson (Lynda & Terry Hyzenski)

Wednesday, January 23rd

12:05 PM Josephine Meehan (Bill & Rose Delaney)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TODAY, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, January 24th

12:05 PM Dolores Turchanik (Sandy Lewis)

Friday, January 25th

12:05 PM Mary Gavenonis (Pauline Ragukas)

Saturday, January 26th

4:00 PM For all Parishioners

Sunday, January 27th

8:30 AM Stanley & Frances Mikush (Mr. & Mrs. Leo Harnen)

11:00 AM Vincent Simonds (Family)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 26, 2019

4:00 PM:

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

Lectors – M.A. Meeker, C. Kellar

Altar Servers – P. Pritchard, R. Young, Abigail Young,

Sunday, January 27, 2019

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – P. Motyka, R. Motyka,
M. Flynn, T. Walker

Lectors – A. Walker, M. Janoski

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

11:00 AM:

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

Lectors – P. Merman, C. Mihoch

Altar Servers – H. Williams, I. Fenner, H. Delaney

January 20

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11 (66)

January 21

St. Agnes

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 2:18-22 (311)

January 22

Mass for Peace &

Justice

nos. 887-891

January 23

Saint Vincent

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17

Mk 3:1-6 (313)

January 24

Saint Francis de Sales

Heb 7:25-8:6

Mk 3:7-12 (314)

January 25

The Conversion of

Saint Paul

Acts 22:3-16 or

9:1-22

Mk 16:15-18 (519)

January 26

Saint Timothy &

Saint Titus

1 Tm 1:1-18 or

Ti 1:1-5 (520)

Mk 3:20-21 (316)

January 27

Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a,

5-6, 8-10

1 Cor 12:12-30

Lk 1:1-4, 4;

14-21 (69)

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

PARISH EVENTS

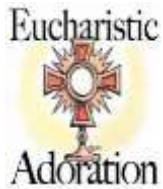
PRACTICE

First Penance Practice – January 22nd & 24th, 6PM to 8PM, in the Church.

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

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

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 31st will be the last date for 2018 donations.

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 starting February 2nd/3rd until Easter, April 20th/21st.



All Saints Parish Annual Lenten Fish Dinner, Friday, March 8th,
3 – 6 PM at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. Watch the bulletin
for more information. Hope to see you there!

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, February 28th, 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.

THANK YOU

Father Jacek and the Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all the parishioners that supported our Christmas Giving Tree Program by purchasing gifts and gift certificates for the children that we sponsored this year. Thank you all so much for your generosity. God bless you and Happy New Year.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATION

Mr. Walter Gretkowski

THANK YOU

Our parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

- ~ In memory of **Pearl Bonczewski** by Barbara Masavage
- ~ In memory of **Leonard Bonczewski** by Barbara Masavage
- ~ In memory of **Thomas Roditus** by Barbara Masavage
- ~ In memory of **Linda Patalonis** by Barbara Masavage

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

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, 57-779-5323, before April 2nd.

HOLY REDEEMER HIGH SCHOOL

Holy Redeemer High School Grade 8 Placement/Scholarship Test Result Night and Registration Night for incoming Freshmen will be held on January 23rd at 7:00 PM in the auditorium. (snow date January 24th) Appointments for class scheduling for new students for the 2019-2020 school year will be held on February 7, 11 and 12 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Call Holy Redeemer High School's Guidance Department at 570-829-2424 to set an appointment.

GOOD SHEPHERD ACADEMY

Open house will be held on January 27th, 1:30 – 3:00 Pm, at Good Shepherd Academy, 316 North Maple Ave., Kingston, for Pre-K – 8th grade. For more information call 570-718-4724.

VIRTUS

Sunday, January 27th, 12:30 PM, at Saint John the Evangelist Parish, 35 William St., Pittston. The session will take place in the rectory. To register, please contact the parish office at 570-654-0053.

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. 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.

POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

The 2019 March for Life took place on Friday, January 18th, in Washington, DC. This year marks the 46th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The Diocese of Scranton hopes to use this opportunity to promote a **postcard campaign** around Respect Life issues across the country. The Catholic Church has long committed itself to protecting life from conception until natural death. Recent events, however, have reminded the Diocese of Scranton that our commitment is important not only with the passage of particular laws or statements, but in real time. This campaign will attract the attention of our federal legislators at the very beginning of the **2019 Legislative Session**. This campaign will advocate for an expansive view of pro-life values. In the United States today, the dignity of the human person is challenged whenever we fail to respect the life of the most vulnerable. When we advocate for our pro-life values, we are speaking out against abortion, euthanasia, the separation of families, and any laws that devalue those who are voiceless. The postcards contain a simple image and a message to our senators and representatives regarding our **commitment to pro-life advocacy**. It is our hope that we can send a message to our legislators early in the year to set the stage for future advocacy for life. The postcards and a message from the bishop are available at the ramp exit of the Church. If you would like to participate in the campaign, please sign a card and deposit it in the basket located next to the cards. These postcards will be available for the next two weekends.



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 20th
Sanctuary Candle & Hosts – in memory of John Belsky**



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

<p>Please note The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 21st</p>	<p>Ads - \$5.00</p>	
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
January 12th & January 13th
 Offertory: \$4418.00
 Loose Collection: \$130.75 Candles: \$94.85
 Maintenance: \$613.00 Flowers: \$5.00
 Holydays: \$50.00 Christmas: \$35.00
 Clergy Care: \$57.00* Rel. Retire.: \$5.00*
 \$5,408.60

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$62.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*



*Miraculous Medal Novena
Prayed on Tuesday after
Mass*

*Novena to St. Jude
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday Prayer to
The Sacred Heart*

FLU SEASON PRECAUTIONS

Due to the widespread influenza (flu) activity currently taking place across the state of Pennsylvania and our nation, the clergy and faithful of the Diocese of Scranton are urged to observe the necessary standard precautions in protecting the health of others during this flu season. Because influenza is a contagious respiratory illness, some basic measures that can help to prevent the spread of influenza include:

- Practicing good hygiene, especially by washing your hands frequently with soap and water, and if possible, to use a hand sanitizer
- Avoid touching your mouth, eyes and nose
- Covering your mouth when you sneeze or cough
- Getting a flu vaccine each year.

Parishioners should be reminded at Mass that:

- If they are sick, especially with flu-like symptoms, they should stay home for their own well-being and that of others.
- If parishioners are sick or suspect they are sick with a contagious illness, they are not bound by the Sunday Mass obligation.
- The faithful should also be reminded that they should not receive from the chalice if they are feeling ill.

At the pastor's discretion, the following directives may be set forth temporarily until the influenza activity in our region subsides:

- Parishioners are urged, but not required, to receive Holy Communion on the hand instead of the mouth.
- Offering the Precious Blood to the faithful at Mass may be suspended, except for those who receive Holy Communion from the chalice out of medical necessity. Church teaching states that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under one form of Holy Communion.
- Exchanging the Sign of Peace without physical contact (i.e. shaking hands) – parishioners may still exchange nods, offer a verbal greeting, a smile, or a simple bow of the head.
- All ministers of Holy Communion (clergy and lay) must wash their hands with soap and water prior to Mass, and if possible, use a hand sanitizer.
- All ministers of Holy Communion should be cautious not to touch the tongue of the hand of the communicant.

For more information on influenza and the Liturgy, please visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at www.usccb.org. You may also want to visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention website at www.CDC.gov/flu for up-to-date information regarding the influenza activity in your area.

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2018

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

Meeting began with opening prayer

Previous meeting minutes were in 12/2/18 bulletin

Faith Sharing – Doreen shared information on saints, including St. Nicholas

Pastor report – still no new truck for snow removal on all properties; Council members decided that due to flu season, distribution of the Precious Blood would be suspended until Easter; they also agreed to print a bulletin announcement providing the diocesan web site to view the Annual Appeal video rather than show it during weekend Masses

Committee Reports:

Community – thanks to Worship Committee for sponsoring Dec. Coffee and Doughnuts; next one will be in Feb. 2019; welcoming packets were distributed to 2 more families, making a total of 13 new families since Nov. 2017

Social Concerns – Dec. 5 Bingo at Dan Flood was a success; all gift requests from the Christmas giving tree were filled; plans being made for upcoming hosting of men from Mother Teresa's Haven

Word – December's Kids Club meeting had 14 attendees; rehearsals continue for Dec. 24th Childrens' Liturgy; there will be at least 4 upcoming Baptisms; possibility of June Vacation Bible School being explored

Worship – Advent concert was attended by more people than 2017; Remembrance Tree fundraiser was a success and Mass will be celebrated Jan. 5th at 10 am in honor of those remembered; church to be decorated for Christmas after Sunday's last Mass

Pastoral Plan update:

Small Faith Sharing Groups—survey was distributed during first week of Advent; we will try initially for 3 groups at 3 different times during Lent to accommodate those interested; leaders and topic to be determined

Increase participation of parents in the religious education of their children—will be ongoing

Spring bake sale—should be held after Easter

Bus trips/pilgrimages—Ed W will be the contact for the Jan. 18th March for Life bus trip to Washington, DC; we will need a bulletin/pulpit announcement

St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen—someone who's volunteered can write about their experience for the bulletin to encourage others to participate

Flea Market/craft fair—needs further research; perhaps the bake sale could be held at the same time

Old Business:

Chairperson still needed for Word Committee

Coordinator still needed for Bereavement Committee

It was decided to keep the current opening/closing meeting prayers

New Business:

The Council's 2019 meeting schedule was distributed

January Faith Sharing – will be led by Mike

Meeting closed with prayer

Next meeting will be WEDNESDAY, January 16, 2019 at 6 pm in the Rectory

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – January 16, 2019

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

Meeting began with opening prayer

Previous meeting minutes were sent 1/2/19 to be printed in the bulletin & resent 1/12/19

Faith Sharing – Mike explained the word exercise used in his faith sharing community

Pastor report – still no new truck for snow removal on all properties; the bells are malfunctioning but can still be rung manually; Mardi Gras appreciation celebration will be scheduled for March 3rd and the planning committee will work out the details; Father was notified the sidewalks around the Blessed Mother statue are deteriorating

Committee Reports:

Community – Coffee and Doughnuts the weekend of Feb. 2 & 3 will be sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 11901 and March 2 & 3 will be sponsored by All Saints Parishioners

Social Concerns – the men from Mother Teresa's Haven will be hosted Feb. 18-24; so far only 1 date has been confirmed to provide a meal, with a second date pending; additional meal sponsors needed

Word – February Kids Club meeting to be held; first Reconciliation will be preceded by 2 practices; CCD classes will resume after Jan. 21; Vacation Bible School still under discussion

Worship – Remembrance Tree fundraiser raised \$5000, while Cookie Walk raised \$400; Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6th; the ushers had their safety presentation; no Precious Blood will be distributed from February to Easter; the 3 cemetery chapels to be upgraded; offertory baskets not always sent to choir loft

Pastoral Plan update:

Small Faith Sharing Groups—the plan is to have 3 different groups meet at 3 different times during Lent, with the video “Catholicism” used; the video will first be reviewed to determine questions to be discussed by the groups; additional support from Council members was requested

Bus trips/pilgrimages—no one from All Saints will be attending the Jan. 18th March for Life in Washington DC but for 2020 we will start publicizing earlier; perhaps a different pilgrimage can be scheduled later this year

Spring bake sale—will be moved to the fall and included with the flea market/craft fair

Old Business:

Chairperson still needed for Word Committee

Coordinator still needed for Bereavement Committee

New Business:

The bill received for the storm water runoff fee is large but will have to be paid

February Faith Sharing – will be led by Marina

Meeting closed with prayer

Next meeting will be Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 6 pm in the Rectory