



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**FOURTH 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 parable of the prodigal son, as today's Gospel is commonly known, is probably the most inaccurately titled story in all of literature. Jesus' tale tells us less about the boy's sin than about the abundant mercy of his father who forgives his son and joyfully welcomes him home even before the son can bring himself to ask. The father in today's Gospel parable is held up by Jesus as the model of the minister of reconciliation. Note that when he catches sight of his son in the distance, the father **runs** to greet and embrace him before the prodigal can even open his mouth to begin his carefully rehearsed speech. The father welcomes his son joyfully and completely, with no recriminations, no conditions, no rancor. A parent's love is the very reflection of God's love for each one of us – love that always welcome back, love that reconciles and heals, love that perseveres through every hurt and heartache. The father's joy stands in sharp contrast to the prodigal son's brother, who cannot even bring himself to call the prodigal his "brother" – in confronting his father, he angrily refers to the brother as "this son of yours." This parable of forgiveness and reconciliation (found only in Luke's Gospel) reveals a God of such great love that he cannot bear the loss of a single child. Jesus holds up the father as the model of the love and forgiveness of God the Father that we should seek in all relationships.

A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS
MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 31st

8:30 AM Joseph Gabriel (Jan & Helen Nowak Gabriel)
11:00 AM For all Parishioners

Monday, April 1st

5:30 PM Leo Gillis (Ronnie & Carol Kotch)
Mass followed by Confessions (daily Mass Chapel)

Tuesday, April 2nd

12:05 PM George, Anastasia & Albert Domowitch (Pat)

Wednesday, April 3rd

12:05 PM Rita Steckman (John & Karen Steckman)

NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION UNTIL APRIL

Thursday, April 4th

NO MASS

Friday, April 5th

6:00 PM Gloria Shoemaker (Bistrichan Family)
Mass followed by Stations – Upper Church

Saturday, April 6th

4:00 PM Vincent Dougherty (Family)

Sunday, April 7th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners
11:00 AM Loretta & Joseph Mickey (Family)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 6, 2019

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, C. Kellar
Lectors – C. Piczak, M.J. Wojtowicz
Altar Servers – P. Pritchard, Abigail Young, R. Young

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – D. McNelis, M. McNelis
Lectors – J. Gabriel, F. Josephs
Altar Servers – A. Stanitis, T. Marchlenski, M. Marchlenski

11:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – J. Karnes, A. Mizzer
Lectors – P. Merman, M. Kopko
Altar Servers – N. Rokosz, Jacob Rokosz, Jonathan Rokosz

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

March 31

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Jos 5:9a, 10-12
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (33)

April 1

Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54 (244)

April 2

Saint Francis of Paola
Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16 (245)

April 3

Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30 (246)

April 4

Saint Isadore
Ex 32:7-14
Jn 5:31-47 (247)

April 5

Saint Vincent Ferrer
Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

April 6

Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53 (249)

April 7

Fifth Sunday of Lent
Is 43:16-21
Phil 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11 (36)

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
St. Faustina Lenten Penance Service – Thursday, April 4th, 7:00 PM
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, 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, 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Monday, April 1st – 5:30 PM in the daily Mass Chapel

Lector – Altar Server – R. Coates

Friday, April 5th – 6:00 PM Mass followed by Stations of the Cross in the upper Church

Lector – Altar Server - R. Burns

PARISH EVENTS

MEETING

All Saints Ushers Club – Sunday, April 7th, 2:00 PM, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. All ushers are asked to attend this meeting.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note:

*Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Wednesday, April 24th,
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.*

PARISH LOTTERY

Winners for the week of March 18th: \$50.00: #028 N/A, #618 N/A, #322 Lori Zochowski, #073 Megan Gerlach, #331 Jeanette Evans. \$100.00: #123 Michael McNelis.

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/21st

CHOIR

As part of your Lenten journey, why not consider joining All Saints Parish choir. Practice will be held on March 31st and April 7th & 14th. All rehearsals will be held at 3:00 PM. Make your time a rewarding experience as we prepare for our Holy Week services.

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.

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

The 5th Sunday Rosary will be held on Sunday, March 31st, following the 8:30 AM Mass. Council 11901 Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the Rosary.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

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

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

The annual Easter Vigil reception will be held on April 20th after the 8:00 PM Mass at the Holy Child Faith Formation Center. If you would consider donating an item for the reception there is a donation item sign-up sheet located in the ramp area of the Church. With everyone's help and cooperation we will have a wonderful reception. Monetary donations can be placed in an envelope marked "Easter Vigil Reception" and placed in the weekend collection or dropped off at the rectory office until Friday, April 12th. Thank you.

ALL SAINTS PARISH BINGO & BASKET RAFFLE



Our Annual Parish Bingo will be held on Sunday, May 19th. If you would like to donate a basket for the Basket Raffle, please call Maureen Dillon at 570-779-9874. **The Bingo Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 2nd, at 6:30 PM at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. Anyone wanting to help with the Bingo is invited to attend this meeting.**

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This week, we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to **help Jesus in disguise**. This collection helps six Catholic agencies provide relief and support to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.isccb.org/catholic-relief.

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, Ed & Colin Palermo. **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, 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.

CHRISM MASS



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 570-207-213ext.110 or email Diane-Franklin@dioceseofscranton.org.

GORZKIE ZALE

Sunday, April 7th, 3:00 PM, at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Church, 420 Main Rd., Buttonwood. Anyone wishing to join the choir to sing at the service should call 570-706-6951. A light reception will follow in the church hall. For more info please call 570-823-6242.

RUMMAGE SALE

Monday, April 1st (9am-6pm) and Tuesday, April 2nd (9am-5pm) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville, sponsored by the Confraternity of Christian Mothers. Tuesday is also \$2/bag day.

2019 MINISTRY FORMATION SKILLS WORKSHOP SERIES

“Pray and Proclaim!” Saturday, April 6th, 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM at Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Sacred Heart Hall, 529 Stephenson St., Duryea. For more information contact Kitty Scanlan at 570-207-2213. To register, visit dioceseofscranton.org.

HAM/KIELBASI BINGO

Sunday, April 7th, St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Parish, 33 Manhattan St., Ashley. Doors open at noon, games start at 1 PM. The kitchen will be open. Soups, haluski, hot dogs and more.



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 23rd & March 24th

Offertory: \$4141.00

Loose Collection: \$120.25 Candles: \$115.50

Energy: \$4.00 Church Maint.: \$8.00

Ash Wed.: \$10.00

Clergy Care: \$5.00*

Catholic Relief Services: \$30.00*

\$4433.75

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$35.00 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*



All Saints Parish /Worship Committee— MINUTES from meeting of March 14, 2019

Attending: Fr Jacek, Jan Gabriel (chair), Helen Nowak Gabriel, Mary Burns, John Sipper Sr., Doreen Kolojejchick, Pat Merman, and Rosemary Coates

OPENING PRAYER @ 6:30 with the Lenten Prayer for Transformation

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – accepted as submitted

CURRENT ISSUES/UPDATES per sub-committee

Ministry of Music – Bill Loyack

1. Lenten music distributed
 2. Next choir event to be for Holy Week/Easter. Practices start March 24 @ 3pm & be posted in bulletin.
- b. Art & Environment- Helen Nowak Gabriel
- a. Lenten tokens (bookmarks) were distributed by Worship Comm members during 1st Sunday of Lent. Remaining tokens will be available in ramp area in baskets.
 - b. Altar has been simplified for Lenten season.
 - c. Flowers for Easter are ordered and to be dlvd April 17
 - d. Other Lenten timelines reviewed
- c. Altar Servers- Ed Bozek (not in attendance)
- a. John Sr reporting that we still very light with Servers for the 8:30 Sunday mass
- d. Eucharistic Ministers-Rosemary Coates
- a. Situation in rear of church has improved with the EMs not being as crowded at communion
- e. Lectors – Mary Burns (nothing new to report)
- f. Ushers/Greeters – John Sipper Sr. (nothing new to report)
- g. Sexton Ministry & Pastor Report
- a. Report on choir condition- repairs to be delayed in favor of other parish projects requiring more urgency
 - b. “Mary’s Way of the Cross”-well received. To alternate between this format and the traditional services.
 - c. Communal penance services (5th wk of Lent) will not be held at ASP this year due to scheduling-conflicts

Previously Reviewed Business:

Holy Week/Easter – we are ready. JG to issue some reminders as we get through Lent. JG to complete list of volunteers for Holy Thursday presentation of holy oils. Completed post-meeting with Sipper Family to present Oils of Baptism, Jai Soon Weihbrecht to present the Holy Chrism, and Mollie Winters to present the Oil of the Sick.

● **NEW ITEMS**

- The post-mass party for Holy Saturday will again be held this year in the HCS cafeteria immediately after the Holy Saturday services. Marsha Sipper & Kathy Narcum are coordinating. They will meet March 18.
- Next meeting = will skip April meeting as too soon after this meeting. Next mtg will be May 7 @ 6:30pm (Lenten/Easter rev)
 - Closing Prayer @ 7pm with St. Patrick’s Prayer