

ALL SAINTS PARISH

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December 1, 2019

**FIRST 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.

Advent Season: "Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance. This 'vigilance' means the necessity, the urgency of an industrious, living 'wait'. To make all this happen, then we need to wake up, as we are warned by the apostle to the Gentiles, in today's reading to the Romans: 'Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed' (Rm 13:11). We must start our journey to ascend to the mountain of the Lord, to be illuminated by His Words of peace and to allow Him to indicate the path to tread (cf. Is 2:1-5). Moreover, we must change our conduct abandoning the works of darkness and put on the 'armor of light' and so seek only to do God's work and to abandon the deeds of the flesh (cf. Rm 13:12-14). Jesus, through the story in the parable, outlines the Christian life style that must not be distracted and indifferent but must be vigilant and recognize even the smallest sign of the Lord's coming because we don't know the hour in which He will arrive (cf. Mt 24:39-44)

A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 1st

8:30 AM Joan Coughlin (Mr. & Mrs. James McDermott)

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

Monday, December 2nd

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 3rd

12:05 PM James Coates (Mary Shaner)

Wednesday, December 4th

12:05 PM Joseph Kluchinski (Dorothy Yarrish)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION- 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Thursday, December 5th

12:05 AM Robert Roberts (Wayne & Marie Thomas)

Friday, December 6th

12:05 PM Joseph Evan (Wife, Joan)

Saturday, December 7th

4:00 PM Deceased members of Knights of Columbus, Council 11901

Sunday, December 8th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Bernice Simonds (Jim & Edith Kachurak)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 7, 2019

4:00 PM:

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

Lectors – C. Kellar, M. Janoski

Altar Servers – N. Rokosz, R. Young, Abigail Young

Sunday, December 8, 2019

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – R. Motyka, P. Motyka, D. Prutzman, J. Kurilla

Lectors – J. Gabriel, J. Korus

Altar Servers – A. Stanitis, T. Marchlenski, M. Marchlenski

11:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – T. Bradley, J. Karnes, A. Mizzer, K. Narcum

Lectors – E. Koons, P. Merman

Altar Servers – G. Bolesta, H. Delaney, I. Fenner

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

December 1 First Sunday of Advent Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44 (1)
December 2 Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11 (175)
December 3 St. Francis Xavier Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24 (176)
December 4 St. John Damascene Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-73 (177)
December 5 Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)
December 6 Saint Nicholas Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31 (179)
December 7 Saint Ambrose Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)
December 8 Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12 (4)

PARISH EVENTS

All Saints Ushers Club – Sunday, December 8th, will meet at **1:00 PM** at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. This is also the Ushers Christmas party. Ushers that plan on attending please call Tom Shebloski (570-779-2131) to make your reservations. All ushers are asked to attend.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

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

PARISH LOTTERY

Winners for the week of November 18th: \$50.00: #700 Ruthann Fedro, #244 Jay Finlan, #408 Sister Nivette, #790 N/A, #385 N/A. \$100.00: #876 N/A.

Tickets for our new Lottery which will begin in February are now available. Lottery Tickets make great Christmas gifts.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATES

Share your blessings by supporting the Annual Appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$40,000.00. Total raised: \$20,456.00, amount needed: \$19,544.00. We have reached 51% of our goal.

ALL SAINTS SEASONAL CHOIR

Choir practices will be held at 3:00 PM in the Church on the following dates: December 1st, 15th and 22nd. New members are welcome. **On Sunday, December 8th, the Advent Choir Concert will be held at 2:00 PM.**

COOKIE WALK

The annual All Saints Parish Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 15th, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. The event allows individuals to buy a variety of cookies, just in time for the holiday season. We are looking for some dedicated bakers to help with the event. Sign-up sheets are in both the ramp and back of the church or you can contact the parish office at 570-779-5323 or Debbie Madrack at 570-779-4913. Please put your name, the type of cookie and quantity. More information will follow in the coming weeks.



Friendly reminder: Please be sure all announcements and notices for the bulletin are in the parish office by 2:00 PM on Wednesdays. Any announcements or notices that come in after Wednesday will be in the bulletin the following week.

COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS



Coffee and doughnuts on the weekend of December 7th/8th will be sponsored by the Worship Committee.

BAPTISMS



Last Sunday we welcomed Eli Patrick Stone and Gianna Marie Stanitis through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate their families and offer our prayers and support for the newest members of our parish family. Our prayer for you is that you continue to grow healthy and strong in God's love for you.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY

The Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy will be on Tuesday, December 24th, at 4:00 PM. All children of the parish who would like to participate in this Liturgy are invited to come to the following rehearsals: Sunday, December 15th, 9:45 to 10:45 AM; Wednesday, December 18th at 6:00 PM and on Christmas Eve at 3:00 PM. **Rehearsals will be held in the Church.**

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE



There are sign-up sheets on the ramp area of the Church for you to volunteer to light the Advent Candle before the masses on the weekends during Advent. Please sign up today.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

The Social Concerns Committee will be sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree. Catholic Social Services supplies us with the names of children from our surrounding area. They also include a list of requested Christmas items from each child. We will then place the gift tags on our Christmas Giving Tree specifying the items that the children requested. When a tag is removed, we then ask that you bring back the gift wrapped and place it under the tree. The last weekend to drop off the gifts will be Sunday, December 15th.



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. You can put as much information on the Angel Paper's as you would want. If you only want prayers then just put your name on the Angel. 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 starting November 30th/December 1st. Prayer partners will be available during Advent.

ORNAMENTS



We will once again offer our ornament sponsorship for the Christmas Remembrance Tree at the front altar. This year we have added the Angel Tree Topper for sponsorship in addition to the ornaments. Please see the insert in the bulletin for more information. Thank you in advance for your participation with this wonderful holiday tradition.

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.

SIX-MINUTE REFLECTIONS

The Little Blue Book, for the Advent and Christmas seasons, contains six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels of the year C. The Little Blue Book is available in the ramp area of the Church. The book is free. Please take one and you're sure to enjoy it.

PARISH MINISTRY

FOR YOUR INFORMATION



For the convenience and safety of our parishioners and guests, if there would be a need for any assistance or concern during Mass, please contact the ushers. They can be identified by their maroon sport coats. We appreciate the ushers service to our parish.

NEED SERVICE HOURS?

The parish has several opportunities for service hours. CCD can use some helpers on Sundays from 9:45 AM until 11:00 AM; or if you like you can become an Altar server or join the choir. **If interested, you will need to sign-up by calling the parish office at 570-779-5323. We will get your name and phone number to the chairperson of the event. We must have your name recorded for you to volunteer.**

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, December 19th, 9AM – 11AM.** The Christian Service Center is in dire need of canned fruit, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, cereals and juices.

CCD VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of volunteers to help with teaching at the school this year. Those interested should contact Mollie in the office, 570-779-5323. Clearances are required. For questions please call Rachel Young DRE at 570-821-7511 in the evening.

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 and Rudnik Families, Kathleen K., Edmund Havira, Rose Mahoney, Joel Rivera, Joseph M., Donna, Frank, Daniel, Al, Marge Demarco, Theresa Kopko, Paul and Marilyn Irzinski, Joe, Audrey, Mollie, Louise, Elizabeth, JK, Ed and Colin Palermo, John P., Jean Mosier, Dolores P., Wilbur P., Carlee, Mary and Bob R, Wilbur P, III, Jan Gabriel, Frank M., Kim Novak, Melissa, Peter, Susan, Ann Marie, Mary Jo & Peggy Hogan. **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

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held December 7th/8th in the Diocese of Scranton. The appeal is coordinated by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO), and proceeds help hundreds of U.S. religious communities to care for aging members. Last year, the Diocese of Scranton donated \$86,516.40 to the collection and the Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary received financial support made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. To learn more visit www.retiredreligious.org.

“Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure.” Saint John Paul II



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.

Highland Notary
Avilable Sunday & Holidays
10 Highland Drive
Hanover Twp., PA 18706
570-823-5130
Cell #: 570-357-8773

Ads - \$5.00



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

November 23rd & November 24th

Offertory: \$4699.00

Loose Collection: \$148.00 Energy: \$53.00

Maintenance: \$15.00 Insurance: \$25.00

CSC: \$5.00 Catholic Ed.: \$79.00

All Saints Day: \$21.00 Clergy Care: \$23.00*

Immaculate Conception: \$7.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$2.00

Camp. Human Develop.: \$294.00*

Retirement: \$5.00*

\$5376.00

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$322.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*

Thank you to everyone who donated a basket or who bought tickets for the raffle. Because of your generosity and your support, we had the most baskets donated (42) and had our most successful basket raffle. We could not have done this without your help.

Maureen & Debbie

*Miraculous Medal Novena
Prayed on Tuesday
after Mass*

*Novena to St. Jude
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday Prayer to
The Sacred Heart*

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOW GOING
BACK TO CHURCH ONCE AGAIN



THIS IS USUALLY BECAUSE THEY
HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING LIKE
THEIR KEYS OR JACKET OR GLASSES

DIOCESAN EVENTS

THE MIRACLE OF BETHLEHEM

The Miracle of Bethlehem, the true meaning of Christmas, will be presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 6th, 7th and 8th, at 7:30 PM at the Cultural Centre of St. Faustina, 38 W. Church St., Nanticoke. The play is free to the public and tells the story of the birth of Jesus in narration and song. Donations are appreciated. For additional parking, a shuttle bus service will be provided to the Cultural Centre all three nights from the St. Faustina Parish Parking lot starting at 6:30 PM with the last run at 7:15 PM. Food and hot chocolate will be available. For more information, call Judy at 570-550-7799.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Community Christmas Carole event will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at 3:00 PM, at the Christian Church, 9 East Main Street, Plymouth. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available.

JMJ CATHOLIC RADIO

Having begun Advent JMJ Catholic Radio, Wilkes-Barre/Scranton at 98.9FM and 750AM invites you to listen to their special Advent and Christmas programming. Every day you can tune into "Catholic Answers" daily from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and weekends at 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. In addition to this apologetic outreach Father Leo McKernan and Father David Cramer explore the Sunday Readings on Tuesdays at 3:00 PM, Thursday's at 6:00 PM and Saturday's at 9:00 PM.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Have you made a gift to the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal yet?

Your generous gifts support many important programs and ministries across the 11 county Diocese of Scranton, including:

Catholic Education	Catholic Social Services
Clergy Support and Seminarians	Catholic Communication and Media
Office for Parish Life	Faith Formation Grants
Social Justice Grants	

If you would like more information about the 2019 Diocesan Annual Appeal, visit www.AnnualAppeal.org.