

# ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**December 8, 2019**

**SECOND 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.

Many of us have had the experience while listening to the radio or watching TV, a voice interrupts: "We interrupt this program to bring you this important announcement." With all the shopping, the baking, the decorating, the card writing of this time - - it sounds strange to hear the prophets breaking into our pre-Christmas chaos that is almost routine. Advent is the spiritual time when we turn our attention to meeting our Lord: either the meeting at the end of time or our meeting him at the time of our death . . . whichever comes first. And - although we never know for sure - the likelihood is that we will not be meeting him for the first time at his Second Coming. Prophets - for many of us growing up - were persons who foretold the future. These were prophets in the tradition of Jeanne Dixon. In our maturity we come to understand that the prophets were people who help us *look into* rather than *look ahead*. Prophets are introduced into the Advent readings because the dispositions that the prophets call us to are the dispositions we are to have when we meet our lord. In the first reading, we meet Isaiah, perhaps the greatest of the Old Testament prophets. He was, at once, fearless and poetic. He describes the ideal leader who was not gifted with health, wealth, and popularity -- but the person who was gifted with wisdom and counsel, strength and knowledge. As time played out, that prophet was Jesus.

## A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS **MASS SCHEDULE**

### **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

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

### **Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS**

### **Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Joseph Augustinski (Michael Drago)

### **Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Stanley Baranowski (Roseann & Frank Wentko & Family)

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

### **Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 AM Mae Mizzer (Rose Mary Behm)

### **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Teresa McAndrew (Husband, James)

### **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM John & Loretta Hogan (Family)

### **Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Deceased members of Michael Millo Sr., Family (Mary Spatz)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### **Saturday, December 14, 2019**

#### **4:00 PM:**

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – R. Coates, C. Kellar,  
S. Starosta, R. Heck

**Lectors** – M.A. Meeker, C. Piczak

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

### **Sunday, December 15, 2019**

#### **8:30 AM:**

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

**Lectors** – A. Walker, F. Josephs

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

#### **11:00 AM:**

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

**Lectors** – R. Kurtz, J. Farrell

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

<p><b>December 8</b> Second Sunday of Advent Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12 (4)</p> <p><b>December 9</b> Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/ Lk 1:26-38 (689)</p> <p><b>December 10</b> Is 40:1-11 Mt 18:12-14 (182)</p> <p><b>December 11</b> Saint Damaus 1 Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30 (183)</p> <p><b>December 12</b> Our lady of Guadalupe Zec 2:14-17 Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a (690a)</p> <p><b>December 13</b> Saint Lucy Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19 (185)</p> <p><b>December 14</b> Saint John of the Cross Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)</p> <p><b>December 15</b> Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a,10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11 (7)</p>
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**If you are unable to fulfill your obligation, please find a replacement.**

## PARISH EVENTS

**All Saints Ushers Club** – Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, will meet at **1:00 PM** at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. This is also the Ushers Christmas party.



### ***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 25<sup>th</sup>: \$50.00: #645 Mary Ann Vasell, #152 Marlene Kurilla, #820 N/A, #783 N/A, #152 Marlene Kurilla. \$500.00: #597 Hedwig Wojcik.

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: \$21,031.00, amount needed: \$18,969.00. We have reached 52.6% of our goal.

### **ALL SAINTS SEASONAL CHOIR**

Choir practices will be held at 2:00 PM in the Church on the following dates: December 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Practice will also be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 PM, in the Church. New members are welcome. **On Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Advent Choir Concert will be held at 2:00 PM in the Church.**

### **COOKIE WALK**



The annual All Saints Parish Cookie Walk will be held on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 the ramp area 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.

### **COFFEE & DOUGHNUTS**



Coffee and doughnuts on the weekend of December 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> is being sponsored by the Worship Committee.

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



**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is normally December 8<sup>th</sup>. However, since that is the Second Sunday in Advent 2019, the celebration of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to the next day, Monday, December 9, 2019 and the day of obligation is suspended.**

### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY**

The Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy will be on Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 9:45 to 10:45 AM; Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM and on Christmas Eve at 3:00 PM. **Rehearsals will be held in the Church.**

### **PLEASE NOTE**

Due to the safety concerns during the winter months with snow and ice removal, beginning the second week of Advent, 12/7 and 12/8, and continuing throughout the winter, our main focus must be on clearing the snow from the church, school and rectory. The cemeteries cannot be plowed after each snowfall but rather as time allows and as is necessary for funerals, etc. We will also be limiting access to the front steps of the church during the winter months. The concrete steps can be treacherous in the icy weather and we do not want anyone to fall. Please use the ramp area or lower doors during this time. We appreciate your understanding.

### **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 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **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 30<sup>th</sup>/December 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

## ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM, at St. Ignatius Church, Kingston.

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.

## BLESSING OF BABY JESUS FIGURINES

During the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent (December 21/22) 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.

## PARISH MINISTRY

### 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 in the ramp area or call the parish office. December 31<sup>st</sup> will be the last date that donations can be added to the totals used in the letters.

## 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.

## CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

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

*“God asks little but He gives much.”*

## **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.**

**Grant eternal rest, O God, to all who have died: *Catherine Pashinski*** (mother of Mr. Thomas Pashinski, 422 Fourth St., Plymouth, PA 18651)

**Our parish gratefully acknowledges the following donation:**

~ In memory of ***Thomas Kirby*** by the Trinity House Seniors.

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

### **RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

The annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection will be held December 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.retiredreligious.org). Envelopes for this collection are in your packet.

### **PLACEMENT/SCHOLARSHIP TEST**

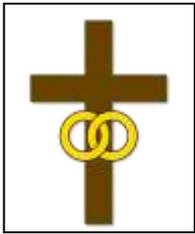
For public and private school 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM at Holy Redeemer High School. Call the Guidance Office to register at 570-829-2424.



**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.

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**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**November 30<sup>th</sup> & December 1<sup>st</sup>**

Offertory: \$4246.00

Loose Collection: \$137.00      Energy: \$32.00

Flowers: \$12.00                  Insurance: \$15.00

Catholic Ed.: \$7.00

All Saints Day: \$1.00      Clergy Care: \$194.00\*

Immaculate Conception: \$28.00

World Mission Sunday: \$1.00\*

Camp. Human Develop.: \$5.00\*

\$4678.00

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

*\*Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to  
\$200.00 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*

