



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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December 15, 2019

**THIRD 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/Christmas is the season of hope: The birth of Christ restores our dreams for “blossoming deserts” (Reading 1) and new harvests, for renewed relationships with God and with one another. The Christ of Christmas comes to heal the divisions among families and friends, to re-create our world in the mercy and justice of the Messiah, to renew our lives in the joy and hope of the God of unimaginably endless love. John's question, *Are you the Messiah?*, confronts us with the apparent silence of God in our secular, amoral society. We must come to recognize the Messiah in the humble, merciful, liberating person of Jesus, the healer and reconciler. The question Jesus poses – *What did you go out to the desert to see?* – challenges us to take on the hard and never-ending Advent work of conversion and re-creation, of rediscovering what we want our lives to be for and about.

A COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sunday, December 15th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

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

Monday, December 16th

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 17th

12:05 PM Michael Kurilla (Joan Kaye)

Wednesday, December 18th

12:05 PM James Coates (Ed Britz)

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

Thursday, December 19th

12:05 AM Health & blessings for Jan & Helen Gabriel
(Carol & Tony George)

Friday, December 20th

12:05 PM Wayne Smith (Christine & Wayne Smith)

Saturday, December 21st

4:00 PM Martin Family (Ruthann & John Fedro)

Sunday, December 22nd

8:30 AM Deceased members of Kurilla Family
(John & Stephanie Kurilla)

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

<p>December 15 Third Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a,10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11 (7)</p> <p>December 16 Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Mt 21:23-27 (187)</p> <p>December 17 Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17 (193)</p> <p>December 18 Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25 (194)</p> <p>December 19 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25 (195)</p> <p>December 20 Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-28 (196)</p> <p>December 21 Sg 2:8-14 Lk 1:39-45 (197)</p> <p>December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24 (10)</p>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 21, 2019

4:00 PM:

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

Lectors – C. Kellar, M. Kopko

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

Sunday, December 22, 2019

8:30 AM:

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

Lectors – E. Keating, A. Walker

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

11:00 AM:

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

Lectors – M. Burns, R. Burns

Altar Servers – J. Cardona, H. Delaney, G. Bolesta

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

PARISH EVENTS

MEETING

Pastoral Council – Thursday, December 19th, 6:00 PM, at the rectory



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 December 2nd: \$50.00: #151 Bob Lucchino, #685 Eleanor Ivan, #789 Sharon Cichon, #285 Debora Getz, #660 N/A. \$100.00: #462 Guy & Deb Goodman..

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: \$21,316.00, amount needed: \$18,684.00. We have reached 53.2% of our goal.

ALL SAINTS SEASONAL CHOIR

Choir practice, 2:00 PM, in the Church on December 22nd. New members are welcome.

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.**

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.



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.

"God asks little but He gives much."

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Our parish Knights of Columbus Council 11901 will distribute Christmas flowers to parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes on Saturday, December 21st. The Knights will meet at 10:00 AM in Holy Child Faith Formation Center for assignments and a photo.

THANK YOU! NITE AT THE RACES

We are pleased to report that our annual Nite at the Races and Basket Raffle this year was an extremely successful event. Profit from both the Nite at the Races and Basket Raffle was \$3354.15. We would like to thank everyone who either sponsored a race or were a horse sponsor. A very special thank you to everyone who came out and attended the races. Without your continued support there would be no reason to hold this fundraising event. Thank you to everyone who donated food or soda, or made a monetary donation. The only way an event like this can be successful is by having people who are willing to volunteer their time. So to everyone who came out to help, no matter where you were working that night, a very heartfelt thank you. Hope to see you all next year!

A Special thank you to the following individuals and businesses that helped to make our annual Nite at the Races a success by sponsoring a race:

Chet & Maryann Mrugal

Anonymous

Mary Jo Wojtowicz

Lynn Family

Atty. Rick Russo

CSI International

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

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.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, December 15th, 5:00 PM, at St. Ignatius Church, Kingston.

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.

BLESSING OF BABY JESUS FIGURINES



During the 4th 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.

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.

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 4th, 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 that is being produced. These booklets should be available in the ramp area of the Church beginning with the 4:00 PM Mass of Christmas Eve. Booklets will be printed to cover the ornaments that were donated, so please limit the booklets to one booklet per ornament donated.

Again, thank you to everyone for their overwhelming participation in this project. A special thank you to Doreen Kolojechick, Helen Gabriel, John and Marsha Sipper.

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 31st will be the last date that donations can be added to the totals used in the letters.

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, 2020, 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.

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.

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.

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: *Victoria Doman* (mother of Robert Doman, 33 Boston Hill, Larksville, PA 18651)

DIOCESAN EVENTS

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

The amount collected for the annual Retirement Fund for Religious was \$335.00. Thank you for your generosity. To learn more visit www.retiredreligious.org.

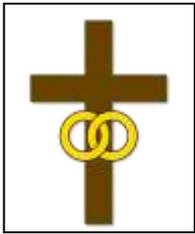
"Life with Christ is a wonderful adventure." Saint John Paul II



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.

<p><i>Highland Mobile Notary</i> <i>Available Sunday's & Holidays</i> <i>We come to you!</i> <i>10 Highland Drive</i> <i>Hanover Twp., PA 18706</i> <i>570-823-5130</i> <i>Cell #: 570-357-8773</i></p>	<p><i>Health of</i> <i>Thomas "Mussi" Mullery</i> <i>Rose Mary Behm</i></p>	<p><i>In loving memory of</i> <i>Mae Mizzer</i> <i>Family</i></p>
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WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
December 7th & December 8th
 Offertory: \$5303.00
 Loose Collection: \$137.00 Energy: \$48.00
 Insurance: \$9.00 Maintenance: \$7.00
 Catholic Ed.: \$20.00 CSC: \$2.00
 All Saints Day: \$3.00 Assumption: \$1.00
 Immaculate Conception: \$992.00
 Clergy Care: \$147.00*
 World Mission Sunday: \$2.00*
 Camp. Human Develop.: \$22.00*
 Rel. Retire.: \$335.00*
 \$7028.00
Thank you! Your stewardship and generosity toward your parish is greatly needed and appreciated.
**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$506.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*

In loving memory of
Peggy Yuhas
Rose Mary Behm

With God
All things are Possible

Miraculous Medal Novena
Prayed on Tuesday
after Mass

Novena to St. Jude
Prayed on Thursday

First Friday Prayer to
The Sacred Heart



CLERGY *Support*



Msgr. John Bendik
Retired Pastor

Msgr. John Bendik devoted decades of service to the people of Luzerne County before retiring to Villa St. Joseph, Dunmore. *"It just lifts my spirits to know that I'm in this kind of a setting with other retired priests who miss our people, but enjoy being with each other like real brothers!"*

Thank you for your continued support for our seminarians and clergy and for all the Diocesan ministries which depend on your gifts to the Annual Appeal to serve people in need throughout our 11 counties.

If you have not yet donated please:

- Call the Development Office - 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card.
- Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or
- Give online at www.DioceaseofScranton.org.

Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.

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