



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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December 22, 2019

**FOURTH 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 – 10:45 AM

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
A Season of Hope
& Expectation

In Christ, the Spirit of God who inspired the prophets to preach, who enabled the nation of Israel to enter into the covenant with Yahweh, intervenes and sanctifies all of human history. The “mystery” of the Incarnation is not that God could become one of us – the inexplicable part is how and why God could love humankind enough to humble himself to take on the human condition and walk with us, talk with us, die for us. We have reason to rejoice and to hope, for in our midst dawns **Emmanuel** – “God with us.” Joseph, the “just” and “upright” man, is a model of compassion, forgiveness and faith for all of us who are moms and dads, children, brothers and sisters. God's coming depends on “Josephs” – men and women of humility, selflessness and openness of heart and spirit – to welcome him and embrace his presence in our midst.

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 22nd

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

11:00 AM For all Parishioners

Monday, December 23rd

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 24th

4:00 PM For all Parishioners

10:00 PM For all Parishioners

Wednesday, December 25th

10:00 AM For all Parishioners

Thursday, December 26th

NO MASS

Friday, December 27th

NO MASS

Saturday, December 28th

4:00 PM Stanley Shevock (Pat & Tony Maida)

Sunday, December 29th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Anna Hicks (Rose Mary Behm)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 28, 2019

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, C. Kellar, S. Starosta, R. Heck

Lectors – C. Piczak, M.J. Wojtowicz

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

Sunday, December 29, 2019

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – D. McNelis, M. McNelis, D. Prutzman, M. Sipper,

Lectors – P. Motyka, 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, C. Mihoch

Altar Servers – G. Bolesta, P. Serbel, J. Cardona

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

<p>December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14, Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24 (10)</p> <p>December 23 St. John of Kanty Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66 (199)</p> <p>December 24 Lk 1:67-79 (200)</p> <p>December 25 Nativity of the Lord Is 52:7-10/ Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16)</p> <p>December 26 Saint Stephen Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22 (696)</p> <p>December 27 Saint John 1 Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a, 2-8 (697)</p> <p>December 28 Holy Innocents 1 Jn 15:2-2 Mt 2:13-18 (698)</p> <p>December 29 The Holy Family Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Col 3:12-21 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 (17)</p>

CHRISTMAS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

4:00 PM: Children's Liturgy

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

Lectors – R. Kurtz, J. Korus

Altar Servers – N. Powell, J. Young, A. Young

10:00 PM

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

Lectors – F. Josephs, A. Walker

Altar Servers – A. Stanitis, G. Bolesta, R. Bantel, M. Weihbrecht

Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day

10:00 AM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – T. Bradley, C. Kellar, J. Kurilla, M. Flynn

Lectors – C. Mihoch, E. Koons

Altar Servers – N. Rokosz, H. Delaney, I. Fenner

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
DECEMBER 31ST**

6:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, R. Heck, R. Coates, T. Walker

Lectors – M. Burns, A. Walker

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

JANUARY 1ST

10:00 AM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – M. Flynn, C. Kellar, J. Kurilla, K. Narcum

Lectors – M.A. Meeker, E. Keating

Altar Servers – A. Young, J. Young, Abigail Young

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE – ALL SAINTS

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th, 4:00 PM

9:30 PM Christmas Carols and Mass starts at 10:00 PM

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th, 10:00AM

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31st, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1st, 10:00 AM

PARISH EVENTS

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Eucharistic Adoration is postponed until April due to the weather.



PARISH LOTTERY

Winners for the week of December 9th: \$50.00: #433 N/A, #176 Bernadette Pissott, #531 C. & D. Cragle, #015 Judy Szakalun, #455 John Kennedy. \$100.00: #507 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: \$23,646.00, amount needed: \$16,354.00. We have reached 59.1% 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 rehearsal: on Christmas Eve at 3:00 PM. **Rehearsal 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.

PLEASE NOTE

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, December 24th, Wednesday, December 25th and Thursday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.

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 are 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 2 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.



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.

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY

5th Sunday Rosary will be held on Sunday, December 29th, after the 8:30 AM Mass. Council 11901 Knights of Columbus is sponsoring the Rosary.

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

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.

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.

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 Kolojejchick, Helen Gabriel, John and Marsha Sipper.

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.

PARISH MINISTRY

THANK YOU

Father Jacek and the Social Concerns Committee would like to thank all the parishioners who supported our Christmas Giving Tree Program, by purchasing gifts, gift cards or by giving monetary donations. Because of your generosity, our parish was able to supply Christmas gifts for 25 children. We really appreciate you taking the time to help these families. Thank you so much. God bless you and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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.

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 arie, 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.**





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 December 22nd

Sanctuary Candle & Hosts - in memory of the Kurilla Family



Flowers this weekend are in memory of the deceased members of the Kurilla family.

Highland Mobile Notary
Available Sunday's & Holidays
We come to you!
10 Highland Drive
Hanover Twp., PA 18706
570-823-5130
Cell #: 570-357-8773

In loving memory of
Mizzer & Behm Families
Rose Mary Behm

In loving memory of
Michael Bogdon Jr. &
Michael Bogdon III
Rose Mary Behm

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 14th & December 15th

Offertory: \$4683.00

Loose Collection: \$179.00

Flowers: \$1167.00

Immaculate Conception: \$51.00

Clergy Care: \$5.00* Rel. Retire.: \$20.00*

\$6105.00

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to
\$25.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of
Scranton.*

In loving memory of
Thomas Spitalik
Rose Mary Behm

*Thank you to all who baked
and/or purchased cookies for the
Cookie Walk. It was very sweet of
you. John Sipper Jr. & Debie
Madrack*

*All leftover cookies were taken to
the Catherine McCawley House*



*Miraculous Medal Novena
Prayed on Tuesday
after Mass*

*Novena to St. Jude
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday Prayer to
The Sacred Heart*



ADVENT READINGS,
REFLECTIONS, SACRED
HYMNS
INTRUMENTALS



A VERY MOVING
ADVENT PREPARATION
FOR THE BIRTH OF OUR
HOLY SAVIOR JESUS.



COOKIES DIDN'T WALK,
BUT WE DID.
UMMMMMMMMMMMMMM!
GOOD!!!