



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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January 5, 2020

**EPIPHANY OF THE
LORD**

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.

The Epiphany is manifestation of the good news of God's love. It involves the **search** of the magi. (Magi-cians, astrologers are better words than kings.) The scribes had the information, but didn't use it. Because of the dullness or hardness of their hearts they ignored, "And you, Bethlehem of the tribe of Judah, a savior will arise from you." Herod got the information and used it - for his own self-interest - to stay in power. The magi did not know truth, the meaning of life; they had to look for it. They became curious about a star and they followed it. They did not know where it would lead. Wisely, they sought advice from the scribes, the experts. The magi took the information and did use it. The magi were risk takers. They were willing to broaden their horizons. To find the Lord, we need to seek him as the magi who successfully sought and found him. We do not find god in the book of the scriptures, alone. We find meaning to life by seeing our life experiences in the light of those words. We experience a true epiphany in our lives each time we do this. Epiphany is about the trials of a journey, about the generosity of bringing gifts, but above all, as an overarching presence: it is about finding and accepting Jesus as the center of our life.

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS
MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 5th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Lyla Stone (Jane Mahon)

Monday, January 6th

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 7th

NO MASS

Wednesday, January 8th

12:05 PM Edward Evelock (Wife, Irene & Family)

Thursday, January 9th

12:05 PM Catherine Pashinski (Carl & Mary Ann Naessig)

Friday, January 10th

12:05 PM Joseph Ruddy (Wife & Family)

Saturday, January 11th

4:00 PM For all Parishioners

Sunday, January 12th

8:30 AM Jean Bednarski (Uncle Stanley & Family)

11:00 AM Stacia Lepkowski (Mr. & Mrs. John Fedro)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 11, 2020

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – S. Starosta, R. Heck,

Lectors – E. Koons, C. Piczak

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

Sunday, January 12, 2020

8:30 AM:

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

Lectors – F. Josephs, A. Walker

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

11:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – T. Bradley, A. Mizzer

Lectors – R. Burns, M. Burns

Altar Servers – I. Fenner, H. Delaney, P. Serbel

January 5

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12 (20)

January 6

Saint Andre

Bessette

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

(212)

January 7

Saint Raymond

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mt 6:34-44 (213)

January 8

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52 (214)

January 9

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22 (215)

January 10

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16 (216)

January 11

1 Jn 5:14-2

Jn 3:22-30 (217)

January 12

Baptism of the Lord

Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-3

Mt 3:13-17 (21)

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

PARISH EVENTS

MEETINGS

Ushers Club – Sunday, January 5th, 2:00 PM, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. All ushers are asked to attend.

Worship Committee – Tuesday, January 7th, 6:30 PM, in the rectory.

Baptism Class – Wednesday, January 8th, 7:00 PM, at Holy Child Faith Formation Center.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Upon the advisement of our Parish Council, we have decided to **not** offer the cup of Precious Blood at Mass during the flu season.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Eucharistic Adoration is postponed until April due to the weather.



PARISH LOTTERY

Winners for the week of December 23rd: \$50.00: #549 Catherine Perrillo, #896 N/A, #247 Richard Kayden, #472 Eva Chicallo, #088 Jae Soon Weibrecht. \$2000.00: #788 Marie Belles.

Tickets for our new Lottery which will begin in February are now available. Please support your parish by purchasing a ticket. Thank you.

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.

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.

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 & Jen. **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.**



THE ANGELUS' PRAYER, 6AM, Noon, 6PM

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Hail Mary, etc...

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, January 23rd, 9 AM – 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.

Notice Regarding Reporting Sexual Abuse of a Minor It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (Childline) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551) or to Diocesan officials.

DIOCESAN EVENT

RETROUVAILLE

Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based and Catholic in origin. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For information, contact registration team @ 717-356-2185 or visit their website: HelpOurMarriage.com.



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 January 5th

Hosts & Sanctuary Candle - in memory of Leon Kopko



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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Blessings for 2020 on
Frank Coughlin
Alexis Eroh
Joseph Mazur
Alec Ryncavage
M.

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 24th & December 25th

Offertory: \$2617.00

Loose Collection: \$612.00	Flowers: \$27.00
Christmas: \$9083.00	Energy: \$10.00
Insurance: \$10.00	CSC: \$10.00
Maintenance: \$5.00	Imm. Concep: \$10.00
Clergy Care: \$10.00*	Rel. Retire.: \$5.00*
\$12,399.00	

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$15.00 which is sent directly to the Diocese of Scranton.*



WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 28th & December 29th

Offertory: \$4891.00

Loose Collection: \$140.00	Flowers: 5.00
Christmas: \$1513.50	Maintenance: \$5.00
Imm. Concep: \$40.00	Easter: \$20.00
Clergy Care: \$110.00*	
Camp. Human Develop.: \$2.00*	
\$6700.50	

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*Miraculous Medal Novena
 Prayed on Tuesday
 after Mass*

*Novena to St. Jude
 Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday Prayer to
 The Sacred Heart*

SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany. The Gospel reading tells us that the Wise men brought gifts to present to the child Jesus. They did not come empty handed but they wanted to bring something important to honor God.

It is one of the ways we show that we care. We bring something.

As we come into church this weekend, we too are asked to bring something of value to our God. First, it is our lives. We honor God by the simple visit we make and the time we spend in church. Next, we bring our talents. We share ourselves in Church, we sing, we participate, we pray. Finally, we bring our “gold” and we offer a gift to God through the parish we attend.

The Wise men were the first stewards of our faith. We thank God for their gifts. May they guide us as we decide what it is that we should bring to visit the King in this coming New Year.

I thank God for the gift that you are for our/your parish.

One of the great traditions of the church associated with the Solemnity of the Epiphany is the blessing of the home and inscription of the initials of the three Magi above the main door. It can be performed either by a priest or the father of the family. We usually make chalk and blessed water available for you to bless your homes.

In Christ's peace, Father Jacek

HOUSE BLESSING PRAYERS

Every year people are invited to bless their home and family through the use of blessed water. For some, this custom comes at Easter, for others around the time of the Epiphany. One custom is to trace crosses, the initials of the “kings” and the numerals of the year over the doorway with chalk.

20+C+M+B+20

Some say the initials stand for Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar; others say they mean: Christus Mansionem Benedicat. May Christ bless this house. Whatever the custom, the tradition is a beautiful prayer for the domestic church, led by the father or mother of the family.

LEADER: *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling place among us. It is Christ who enlightens our hearts and homes with His Love. It is Christ, risen from the dead, who is our source of hope, joy and comfort. May all who enter this home find Christ's light and love.*

A reading from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 19, versus 1 to 9, are appropriate. It tells of the visit of Jesus to the house of Zacchaeus. A response to the Reading can be Psalm 72 followed by family prayers.

THE PRAYERS OF BLESSING FOR CHRISTMAS – EPIPHANY FOLLOWS:

LEADER: *Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Then the leader may sprinkle those present and the house with holy water, and may use these words: “Let this water call to mind our Baptism in Christ, who by his death and resurrection had redeemed us. The door post may now be signed (20+C+M+B+20).

CONCLUDING PRAYER

“May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and now make us one in mind and heart now and forever.” Amen.