



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**THIRD SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY TIME**

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.

In the gospel, we hear of Herod imprisoning John the Baptizer. But, prison, in Herod's time, was not the place where you waited for trial; it was the place where you waited for death. Jesus decides to pick up where John left off and eventually pays the same price as John. Jesus realizes he needs help to teach the lesson of love of God and neighbor. He walks by the Sea of Galilee and sees two sets of brothers: Peter and Andrew and James and John. He says, come, follow me; I will make you fishers of people. He was calling them to a far more difficult task than outwitting fish. He was calling them to attempt, like himself, to lure people into finding the gut-felt need for meaning in their lives. Humans are not fish. He could not and would not use the force of a net or a baited hook. Humans have free will. He had only his message as a lure to attract them to the light of truth. Jesus' image of "catching" is at his call, they immediately follow him. But why? He was charismatic. When he spoke, he clearly knew what he was talking about. The four saw this. His outspoken confidence in his message was contagious. Folks caught his enthusiasm. When they listened to him, they were "hooked." They responded to him. They believed him – and more importantly, they believed *in* him. May each of us always keep our eyes on Jesus, our passionate leader and our inspiration. May we continue to see with his eyes, hear with his ears, touch with his hand.

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 26th

8:30 AM Cindy Weihbrecht (Mr. & Mrs. Ed Weihbrecht & Family)

11:00 AM Vincent Simonds (Simonds Family)

Monday, January 27th

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 28th

12:05 PM Margaret Hester (Sara & Bill Jenkins)

Wednesday, January 29th

12:05 PM Anna Timko (Stephen & Marisa Timko)

Thursday, January 30th

12:05 PM Robert Bozek (Ed Weihbrecht & Family)

Friday, January 31st

12:05 PM John J. Kasper (Mr. & Mrs. Martin Kasper)

Saturday, February 1st

4:00 PM Sharon McGill (Mr. & Mrs. John Butcher & Family)

Sunday, February 2nd

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Joseph Mickey (Family)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 1, 2020

4:00 PM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – A. Brunick, R. Coates

Lectors – C. Kellar, C. Piczak

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

Sunday, February 2, 2020

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – M. Flynn, J. Sipper Jr.

Lectors – J. Gabriel, A. Walker

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

11:00 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – T. Bradley, J. Karnes

Lectors – M. Burns, R. Burns

Altar Servers – G. Bolesta, P. Serbel, I. Fenner

January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23-9:3

Mt 4:12-23 (67)

January 27

St. Angela Merici

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10

Mk 3:22-30 (317)

January 28

Saint Thomas

Aquinas

2 Sm 6:12b-15,

17-19

Mk 3:31-35 (318)

January 29

2 Sm 7:4-17

Mk 4:1-20 (319)

January 30

2 Sm 7:18-19,

24-29

Mk 4:21-25 (320)

January 31

St. John Bosco

2 Sm 11:1-4a,

5-10a, 13-17

Mk 4:26-34 (321)

February 1

2 Sm 12:1-7a,

10-17

Mk 4:35-41 (322)

February 2

The Presentation

of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 or

2:22-32 (524)

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

PARISH EVENTS

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

Tickets for our new Lottery which will begin February 12th are available at the parish office. 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, our main focus must be on clearing the snow from the church, school and rectory. The cemeteries will be plowed as time allows and as is necessary for funerals, etc.

We are limiting access to the front steps of the church because we do not want anyone to fall on icy steps. 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.

TRIP

The Senior Citizens Friendship Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Sight and Sound in Lancaster on April 21st to see the show "Queen Ester." Price is \$105.00 and includes all gratuities, dinner at Hershey Farm Restaurant, full course, sit down, family style in the Garden View room. Reservations can be made with a deposit – seats are then assigned when paid in full. Seats on bus and theater will be assigned. Please call Ann at 570-779-3203.

COFFEE AND DOUGHNUTS



The Knights of Columbus Council 11901 will host Donut Sunday next weekend, February 1st and 2nd. Join your fellow parishioners for some donuts and fellowship.

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

On February 2nd the feast of the Presentation of the Lord Jesus in the Temple is observed. It commemorates Simeon's famous prophecy that Jesus would be a "light of revelation to the Gentiles." It is also known as Candlemas since it is the day that candles are blessed for use throughout the Church year. The burning candle symbolizes the abiding presence of Jesus Christ in the midst of the Christian Community. In homes, the blessed candles are lighted in time of serious sickness or the threat of a storm to implore Divine protection, as the family is gathered in prayer. If you wish to have your candles blessed please bring them to Sunday Mass February 2nd and place them on the table in front of the altar.

In observance of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, blessing of throats will take place after all weekend Masses on February 1st and 2nd.

ALL SAINTS PARISH ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNER



All Saints Parish Annual Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on Friday, February 28th, from 3:00 to 6:00PM at Holy Child Faith Formation Center. Dinner includes breaded Haddock filet, Mac and cheese, stewed tomatoes, cole slaw, dessert, coffee and soda. Ticket prices are the same as last year: 12 years old to adult \$10.00; under 12 years of age \$5.00. Take outs and curb service will be available. Tickets will go on sale next weekend before and after all Masses, and will continue to be available through the weekend of February 22nd/23rd. Tickets will also be available at the parish office. If you are planning on attending please buy your tickets early since there will only be a limited number of tickets available at the door. Hope to see you there!

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, Barbara & Jake Bartola. **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: Lydia Semcheski, Catherine (Kay) Brozena (Mother of Mr. Edward Brozena, P.O. Box 114, Plymouth, PA 18651)

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, February 27th, 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.

THANK YOU

Our parish gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

~ In memory of **Edward C. Brozena** by Bob & Theresa Antolik, Carolyn A. Williams, Vivian & Peter Phillips, Jim & Dorothy McDermott, Paul & Marianne Wazenski

DIOCESAN EVENTS

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.

SAVE RECEIPTS

Please save your receipts from Plymouth Hometown Market for our local firemen. For more information, please contact Mary Anne Meeker @ 570-779-9464. Containers are located in the ramp area and vestibule of the Church. Thank you.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing

MASS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities will be held on Sunday, February 23rd, at noon at the Cathedral of Saint Peter. If you or someone you know is interested in serving at this Mass, please contact Katy Windels at kwindels@dioceseofscranton.org. We hope that many of you will attend to support all members of our community, especially those with special needs. All are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT

The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Wednesday, February 26th, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. The day will begin at 9:30 AM and end at 2:30 PM. The faithful of the Diocese are invited to share in this day of prayer. The day will include 12:10 Mass in St. Peter's Cathedral. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available prior to Mass and lunch will be served after Mass. The fee is \$30.00, which includes lunch. To register, call Jacki Douglas at the Office for Parish Life, 570-207-2213x-1100 or you can e-mail jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org.

ISLI LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The International Student Leadership Institute (ISLI) is a peer-facilitated faith-based leadership retreat for high school students and will be held on February 14-16 at Holy Transfiguration Retreat Center, Dalton. Complete applications are required by Sunday, February 2nd, and can be found at dioceseofscranton.org. Apply early as there are a limited number of spaces available for ISLI. For further information, please call Shannon Kowalski at 570-207-2213, ext. 1155.

GIFT CARD BINGO

Sunday, February 9th, at Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish, 420 Main Road, Hanover Twp. Doors open at noon and games begin at 1:00 PM. \$10.00 admission fee. For more information and/or tickets call Christine at 570-328-4004.

CONCERT PERFORMANCE

St. Joseph Mareello and St. John the Evangelist Parishes are excited to announce a performance by renowned composer Dan Schutte, writer of such hymns as "Here I Am, Lord," "City of God," and the popular "Mass of Christ the Savior." The event will be held on Friday, February 28th, at St. Joseph Mareello Parish, 237 William St., Pittston, at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 5:30 pm and tickets are \$10.00. Tickets can be purchased either in person at the St. Joseph Mareello Parish Office, by phone at 570-654-6902 or through e-mail at office@sjmparish.org. Ticket orders of 8 or more must be placed by February 7th so they can be mailed. Ticket orders of 7 or less can be picked up at the Parish Office or at the doors the day of the event. Dan will also present a workshop retreat from 9:00 AM to Noon on Saturday, February 29th, at S. Joseph Mareello Parish. The workshop also costs \$10.00. To register, please contact the Parish Office with the number and names of those attending. Registration closes February 14th.

MARDI GRAS PARTY

Saturday, February 15th, 6:00 to 10:00 PM, in St. Aloysius Church Hall, corner of Barney and Division Sts., W-B. Dinner, dancing, games of chance, prizes and more. Cost is \$20.00. Beer and soda will be provided and BYOB. Must be 21 to attend. Tickets are available at the parish office or by calling 570-823-3791 ext. 2

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." *Saint Mother Teresa*



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

Jan. 18th & Jan. 19th

Offertory: \$3094.00

Loose Collection: \$121.00 Christmas: \$20.00

Maintenance: \$45.00 CSC: \$285.00

Cath. Ed.: \$100.00 Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00

Clergy Care: \$10.00

\$3685.00

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

**Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to \$10.00 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*



The other kids always hated it when little Moses came to the pool.

ALL SAINTS PARISH
Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Council Meeting

John Sipper, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., and the opening prayer was recited. The minutes of the last meeting were approved and published in the January 12, 2020, bulletin.

Roll-call: present at the meeting were Fr. Jacek, John Sipper (Chair), Marsha Sipper (Co-chair), Rita Kurtz (Sec.), Kathy Narcum, Maureen Dillon, Rosemary Coates, Helen Nowak Gabriel, Doreen Kolojejchick, and Ed Weihbrecht.

Faith-Sharing: Doreen Kolojejchick shared a deeper, more spiritual definition of “gratitude” and handed out a prayer of gratitude that the committee recited together.

Pastor’s Report: Fr. Jacek asked the Secretary Rita Kurtz to read to committee members a letter from Bishop Bambera about the upcoming dates for the Vision 2020 Spring Regional Dialogue Sessions. The March 30th 6 p.m. session at St. Ignatius in Kingston was chosen. Volunteer delegates who will attend the session with Fr. Jacek are John Sipper, Marsha Sipper, Doreen Kolojejchick, Rosemary Coates, Kathy Narcum, and Rita Kurtz. Father also discussed the heating system repair work that was done at the end of 2019 in the church building.

Social Concerns Committee Report: Kathy Narcum, Chair, reported that the Giving Tree was very successful and that volunteers have already committed to several of the Mother Teresa Haven visitation dates.

Worship Committee Report: Helen Nowak Gabriel, Chair, reported as follows:

- Helen Nowak Gabriel was elected the new Chair of the Worship Committee and the prior Chair, Jan Gabriel was elected as the new Secretary.
- Music Ministry Report—Bill Loyack—copies of music were released for January and February. The gathering after the Advent Concert went well, but the committee needs to work on better attendance at the concert in the future.
- Art and Environment Report—Helen Nowak Gabriel—a big “THANK YOU!!” was offered for our parish’s beautiful art and environment during Christmas Season. Father Jacek confirmed the Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday after Mass during Lent as well as “The Light is On” each Monday during Lent.
- Altar Service Report—Rio Bantel and Ed Weihbrecht—new altar servers were added to the next schedule. An altar servers’ training and review session is scheduled for 1/19. Dressing room neatness needs to be addressed.
- Eucharistic Ministers’ Report—Rosemary Coates—the issue of delays and limited time in getting Holy Communion to the choir on the balcony was discussed. The ushers were alerted.
- Lectors’ Report—Mary Burns—the age minimum of volunteer lectors was questioned and Fr. Jacek stated that they must have received the sacrament of Confirmation.
- Ushers’ Report—John Sipper—attendance by ushers during the holiday season was positive.
- Pastor’s Report—Fr. Jacek—the Christmas Season at All Saints was a great success and attendance was very good.
- Special thanks went to Doreen Kolojejchick for the great success of the Remembrance Tree as well as a thank you for help from Marsha Sipper. The event raised over \$6,000!

New Business:

The Mardi Gras Party is scheduled for February 23rd from 3-6 p.m.

All Saints Parish council and committee members and staff will partake in a first response training session on March 1st at 2 p.m. in the school.

The Donut Sunday schedule is approved. The first in 2020 will be February 1st and 2nd.

Kathy Narcum volunteered for Faith-Sharing at the next committee meeting.

The meeting was closed at 7:30 p.m. with the recitation of the closing prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 6 p.m.** in the rectory.