



# ALL SAINTS PARISH

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**FEBRUARY 23, 2020**

**SEVENTH 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 today's Gospel, Jesus picks up where he left off last Sunday by adding yet more verses to his version of the song "Higher Love." Jesus proclaims that it isn't enough to practice retribution that is balanced; you should not practice retribution at all. It isn't enough to love your neighbor while hating your enemy; you must also love your enemies; you must pray for those who persecute you. When asked to travel a certain distance, you must go the extra mile. When asked for help, do what you can without expecting any return for your generosity. If someone strikes you on one side of your face, offer them the other side. However, it would be a mistake to hear in Jesus' words the invitation to be a wimp, a wall flower or a door mat: there comes a time in a person's life (just as there were many times in Jesus' life) when – despite all attempts to roll with the punches – you must simply – and strongly – stand up for what is right. The challenge is rooted in knowing how to take a stand against another without allowing hatred to grow in our hearts toward others. As the Book of Leviticus reminds us: "Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people."

## COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS MASS SCHEDULE

### **Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM J. Karl Dula (Wife, Helen & Family)

### **Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**NO MASS**

### **Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Helen Callahan (Al & Theresa Hillard)

### **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> – Ash Wednesday**

12:05 PM Frances Tatara (Rob & Tina Heck)

6:00 PM Edward C. Brozena (Jeanne Brozena)

### **Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

12:05 PM Lydia Semcheski (Karen & Don & Laura & Mike)

### **Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM Joseph A. Melluzzo (Ed Weihbrecht & Family)

**Mass followed by Stations – Upper Church**

### **Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 PM Joseph Saresky (Grandchildren)

### **Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Eugene Hogan Jr. (Hogan Family)

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### **Saturday, February 29, 2020**

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

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

**Lectors** – C. Piczak, M.A. Meeker

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

### **Sunday, March 1, 2020**

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

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – D. McNelis, M. McNelis

**Lectors** – Jonathan Korus, J. Gabriel

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

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

**Extraordinary Ministers of Communion** – K. Narcum, T. Bradley

**Lectors** – R. Burns, M. Burns

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

<p><b>February 23</b> Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Cor 3:16-23 Mt 5:38-48 (79)</p> <p><b>February 24</b> Jas 3:13-18 Mk 9:14-29 (341)</p> <p><b>February 25</b> Jas 4:1-10 Mk 9:30-37 (342)</p> <p><b>February 26</b> Ash Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219)</p> <p><b>February 27</b> Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25 (220)</p> <p><b>February 28</b> Is 58:1-9a Mt 9:14-15 (221)</p> <p><b>February 29</b> Is 58:9b-14 Lk 5:27-32 (222)</p> <p><b>March 1</b> First Sunday of Lent Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11 (22)</p>
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**If you are unable to fulfill your obligation, please find a replacement.**

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE – Ash Wednesday - February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**12:05 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers – R. Coates, A. Brunick, J. Karnes**

**Lector – M.A. Meeker**

**Altar Server – R. Coates**

**6:00 PM**

**Eucharistic Ministers – K. Narcum, M. Sipper , R. Motyka**

**Lector – R. Burns, M. Burns**

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

**Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 PM**

**Stations of the Cross in the upper Church**

**Lector – Altar Server: R. Burns**

**PARISH EVENTS**

**MEETINGS**

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**, 2:00 PM, there will be a joint meeting of the Ushers, Pastoral Council, Worship, Word, Social Concerns and Geisinger at Holy Child Faith Formation Center.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

*Eucharistic Adoration is postponed until April due to the weather.*



**PARISH LOTTERY**

**Tickets for our new Lottery are still available at the parish office. Please support your parish by purchasing a ticket. Thank you.**

**ALL SAINTS PARISH ANNUAL LENTEN FISH DINNER**

All Saints Parish Annual Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 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 are now on sale before and after all Masses, and will continue to be available through the weekend of February 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup>. 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!



**REQUEST FOR BAKED GOODS DONATIONS FOR FISH DINNER**

We are asking for donations of baked goods for the upcoming Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. If you would be willing to help us out and donate something for the dinner, please call the office at 570-779-5323 or Bob burns at 570-824-1155. Thank you.

## BAPTISMS



*Last Sunday we welcomed Connor Matthew Smith through the Sacrament of Baptism. We congratulate his family and offer our prayers and support for the newest member of our parish family. Our prayer for you is that you continue to grow healthy and strong in God's love for 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.

## DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

Share your blessings by supporting the Annual Appeal. Our parish goal this year is \$40,000.00. Total raised: \$26,531.00, amount needed: \$13,469.00. To date we have received 66.3% of our goal.

## 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., 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, Donna Featerman, Ryan Bodine & Anita. **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: John E. Bohn***

## **PARISH MINISTRY**

### **CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER**

Next food distribution, **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **DIOCESAN EVENTS**

### **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2020 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. The event includes a 2:30 PM Mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. Requests for an invitation, with an April mailing address, should be made through your parish office before March 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **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.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY RETREAT**

The Office for Parish Life will offer a Retreat on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:jdouglas@dioceseofscranton.org).

### **PENNSYLVANIA MARCH FOR LIFE**

The Office for Parish Life will be organizing buses to the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. The rally takes place at 11:00 AM at the State Capitol, with the March for Life taking place at 12 noon. If you are interested in attending the March, please contact Katy Windels at [kwindels@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:kwindels@dioceseofscranton.org) by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Please visit [PAMarchforLife.org](http://PAMarchforLife.org) for more information.

## **THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 20 countries that still struggle to recover from Communist rule. Funds from this collection support pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations and seminary formation. Your support restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

## **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 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:office@sjmparish.org). Ticket orders of 8 or more must be placed by February 7<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **“BE A MAN” CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE**

The conference will be held on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Penna. Ave., Wilkes-Barre. The fee is \$40.00. Early Bird is \$30.00 until April 1<sup>st</sup>, Student is \$15.00 and Priest/Deacon/Seminarian is FREE – morning coffee and box lunch included. For info and registration online: [www.BeAManConference.com](http://www.BeAManConference.com). or you can mail your name, address and email with check or money order (**payable to “Diocese of Scranton”**) to Office for Parish Life, 330 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Please put *Attn: Men’s Conference* on memo line of the check.

## **DAY OF MOURNING**

The Second annual day of Mourning for the Unborn will take place at the Oblates of Saint Joseph, Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The rosary will start at 2:30 PM, and Mass will follow at 3:00 PM. Mass celebrant is Rev. Joseph Sibilano. Music ministry will be provided by Ernie Pappa and the Sacred Heart Singers. All are welcome!

## **40 DAY FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN**

The 40 Days for Life campaign begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, and ends on April 5<sup>th</sup>. The rosary will be prayed for an end to abortion at 10:00 AM every day (except for weekends) in front of Planned Parenthood at 101 N. Main Street, Wilkes-Barre.

*“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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*Ash Wednesday*  
*February 26<sup>th</sup>*

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> & Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Offertory: \$4679.00

Loose Collection: \$224.00 Insurance: \$25.00

Maintenance: \$45.00 Catholic Ed.: \$20.00

Energy: \$42.00 CSC: \$22.00

Clergy Care: \$25.00\*

Restore Church in Europe: \$20.00\*

\$5102.00

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

*\*Last week's Diocesan Collection amounted to  
\$45.00 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*



**"Wireless communication is nothing new.  
I've been praying for 75 years!"**



## **LENTEN CORNER**

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.  
For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.  
“Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and ill persons should not further jeopardize their health by fasting.” (USCCB)
2. Sacrament of Reconciliation from 3PM – 3:50 PM – Saturdays at All Saints Parish  
Communal Penance Services:
  - St. Faustina Lenten Penance Service – March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM
  - St. Ignatius Lenten Penance Service – Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM
3. Mondays of Lent – Mass at 5:30 PM – followed by confessions **“The Light is On for You”** until 7PM on 03/02, 03/09, 03/16 and 04/06.
4. Fridays of Lent – Mass at 6PM – followed by Stations of the Cross
5. Devotions
  - “Pick your own penance”** – an extra act of kindness or a prayer that we can perform during Lent (pick new penance every week) in the Ramp area & back of the Church
    - \* Miraculous Medal Novena – Mondays
    - \* St. Jude Novena – Thursdays
    - \* Prayer to Sacred Heart of Jesus - First Friday of the Month
  - Ecumenical Event** – Soup & Scripture:
    - Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> - 11AM @ Welsh Baptist Church
    - Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> - 11AM @ All Saints Parish
    - Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> - 11AM @ Pilgrim Church
    - Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> - 11AM @ Christian Church

## **RICE BOWL**

Rice Bowl, a Lenten program that raises funds for those who need support and services in communities throughout the U.S. and overseas. Rice Bowls are available in the vestibule and ramp areas of the church.

## **“ROAD TO RESURRECTION” – THE MIRACLES OF JESUS**

Are you looking for a way to enrich your Lenten Journey? The “Road to Resurrection” will be held on the following three Wednesday evenings during Lent, beginning at 7:00 PM. The schedule of Masses is as follows:

- Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – St. Therese’s Church, 64 Davis St., Shavertown
  - Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, 339 N. Maple Ave., Kingston
  - Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 116 Hughes St., Swoyersville
- A social will follow each evening’s Mass.

## **LENTEN SYMBOL**

Members of the Worship Committee will be distributing this years’ Lenten Symbol. Members will be in the ramp area and back of the Church distributing the symbols at the end of all Masses.