



ALL SAINTS PARISH

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THE 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 3:00PM -3:50PM
or by appointment

Religious Education

Grades K – 8

Sunday

9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

Parish Mission Statement

We, All Saints Parish, are unified 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.

Today's Gospel has much to teach us. The Magi are blessed with the profound experience of gazing upon the newly born King of Israel. What a treasured encounter this must have been, to see the Lord of all the universe wrapped in swaddling clothes, laying in a feeding trough. Few humans in history have been privy to such a moment. Because of the depth of their experience, the Magi simply cannot be the same afterward; the reality of the moment was too great! Therefore, instead of following their original plan and returning to Herod, the text says they departed for their country by another way. This physical itinerary change expresses a deeper spiritual experience. Quite simply, they cannot be the same as they were before they encountered the Christ. The truth is too great! In the language of the tradition of the Church, the Magi experience a *metanoia*. *Metanoia* is a Greek word which literally means "a change of mind," and it expresses the impact an encounter with Jesus Christ should have in our lives. A *metanoia* involves a different way of seeing, which should then lead to a different way of acting. The Magi encounter Christ in worship, and they leave that experience, physically and spiritually, in a different manner than they arrived.

COMMUNITY WHO WORSHIPS

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 7th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Stasia Lepkowski (Fred Gay)

Monday, January 8th

NO MASS

Tuesday, January 9th

George Bialkowski (Ray & Pat Motyka)

Wednesday, January 10th

12:05 PM Rita Steckman (Catherine Babskie)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FROM 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Thursday, January 11th

12:05 PM Joseph Ruddy (Wife & Family)

Friday, January 12th

12:05 PM Joseph Nefski (Marilyn Piazza & Family)

Saturday, January 13th

4:00 PM Albert Shevock (Stanley & Mary Lou Grontkowski)

Sunday, January 14th

8:30 AM For all Parishioners

11:00 AM Vincent Simonds (Family)

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 13, 2018

4:00 PM:

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

R. Heck, M.J. Wojtowicz

Lectors – C. Kellar, C. Piczak

Altar Servers – Jacob Rokosz, N. Rokosz, Jonathan Rokosz

Sunday, January 14, 2018

8:30 AM:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – D. Butz, J. Kurilla,

D. McNelis, M. McNelis

Lectors – F. Josephs, J. Gabriel

Altar Servers – N. Powell, T. Marchlenski, M. Marchlenski

11:00 AM

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion – J. Karnes, A. Mizzer,

K. Narcum, P. Roan

Lectors – R. Burns, M. Burns

Altar Servers – P. Pritchard, J. Stritzinger, V. Stritzinger

January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

Mt 2:1-12 (20)

January 8

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 55:1-11 or

1 Jn 5:1-9

Mk 1:7-11 (21)

January 9

1 Sm 1:9-20

Mk 1:21-28 (306)

January 10

1 Sm 3:1-10,

19-20

Mk 1:29-39 (307)

January 11

1 Sm 4:1-11

Mk 1:40-45 (308)

January 12

1 Sm 8:4-7,

10-22a

Mk 2:1-12 (309)

January 13

St. Hilary

1 Sm 9:1-4,

17-19, 10:1

January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c-15a,

17-20

Jn 1:35-42 (65)

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

PARISH EVENTS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration is held from **10:00 AM to 4:00 PM every Wednesday**

If you are able to schedule a time, please call Joan Kaye at 570-779-2998.

Adoration will be cancelled whenever classes are cancelled at Wyoming Valley West because of the weather.

MEETINGS

Worship Committee – Tuesday, January 9th, 6:30 PM, at the rectory

Parish Council – Thursday, January 18th, 6:00 PM, at the rectory

Finance Council – Thursday, January 25th, 6:00 PM, at the rectory

CATECHISM STUDY GROUP

The Catholic Catechism study group will meet on Wednesday, January 10th, 7:00 PM, in the rectory. All are welcome.

PARISH LOTTERY

Winners for the week of December 25th: \$50.00: #867 James Rondina, #554 Edith Ann Kachurak, #549 Tillie Radsavitch, #463 N/A, #375 Michalene Vanderhoff.

\$2000.00: #790 Robert Wojtowicz.

Tickets for our new Lottery, which will begin in February, are now available.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

For the past several months 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.

Therefore, beginning in January 2018, 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.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATION
CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Francesca Gawat

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hutchko

Mrs. Stella Sabia

PLEASE NOTE

This year we will be sending letters 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 at the back of the church or in the ramp area or call the parish office. December 31st was the last date that donations can be added to the totals used in the letters.

We greatly appreciate the following Christmas donations to our parish:

Usher's Club, \$521.00; Friendship Club, \$500.00; Silver & Gold Club, \$50.00; Knights of Columbus #11901, \$231.00, Plymouth Christian Church for the Christian Service Center, \$75.00.

PARISH MINISTRY

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

Next food distribution, **Thursday, January 25th**, 9am – 11am. The Christian Service Center is in dire need of canned fruit, dried pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereals & juices.

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 & Rudnik Families, Kathleen K., Edmund Havira, John Brunick, Rose

Mahoney, Aaron, Joel Rivera, John S. Nowak, Joseph M., Donna, Frank, Daniel, Rosalie, Al & Joe McGill, Marge Demarco, Theresa Kopko & Paul & Marilyn Irzinski. 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

Michael Kurilla (husband of Mrs. Marlene Kurilla, 130 W. Luzerne Ave., Larksville, PA 18704)

SHARE YOUR GIFTS WITH YOUR PARISH

Adult Altar Servers for funerals and/or daily Mass, plus additional adults are needed to pray the funeral Vigil Prayer Service at funeral homes. If interested, please call the rectory office.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: Adult preparation for 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.

*In loving memory of
our mother,
Rita Steckman,
love always,
Family & Friends*

Ads - \$5.00

*Thank you for your
prayers and
get well wishes
Theresa Kopko*

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

December 30th & December 31st

Offertory: \$5926.00

Loose Collection: 123.00 Holydays: \$23.00

Flowers: \$25.00 Candles: \$239.00

Christmas: \$2815.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$1279.75

Clergy Care: \$5.00*

Religious Retirement: \$10.00*

\$10,445.75

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

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



*Miraculous Medal Novena
Prayed on Tuesdays*

*Novena to St. Jude
Prayed on Thursday*

*First Friday
Prayer to
The Sacred Heart*

*Feast of The
Epiphany
of the Lord*



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 to 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 it to trace crosses, the initials of the “kings” and the numerals of the year over the doorway with chalk.

20+C+M+B+18

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 – EPIPHAND 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+18).

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.*

GIVING A MEMORIAL GIFT TO YOUR PARISH WHEN THERE IS A DEATH OF A LOVED ONE AND MAKING YOUR WILL

Have you ever considered giving a monetary gift to your parish in memory of a deceased loved one at the time of death or later on? It's a beautiful expression of love for both the person who died and your parish. We always need money to enable us to continue to accomplish the mission of Jesus and for the general upkeep of our parish properties. Please consider this unique expression of giving in lieu of flowers, Mass card and other expressions. When making your Will, remember all Saints Parish and the good that can come because of the legacy you leave your parish. Monetary donations would be gratefully appreciated if made to the Parish Building Fund, the Christian Service Center, Parish Cemeteries or all Saints Catholic School Education Fund, to be used by a family or families who need assistance with sending their child to a Catholic School. Thank you.

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, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney, V.G., at (570-207-2269).

EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE DIOCESE

Healing Prayer & Adoration of Jesus: St. Ignatius Church, Friday, January 12th, from 7:00 – 9:30 PM. It will be a time for individual prayer ministry for those in need of healing or those seeking a living relationship with Jesus, the Son of God. There will be a time to listen to God & a time of profound intercession. All are welcome! Come for a short time or for an extended time of prayer.

Bingo: St. Robert Bellarmine at St. Aloysius Church, corner of Barney & Division St., W-B, Sunday, January 21st. 1-4 PM. Doors open at noon, \$10.00 per person.