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The mission of All Saints Parish is to expand the Kingdom of God by showing people the way to salvation through the Eucharist, in our faith, our compassion, and our actions.

This is showcased in our four core values, namely:

Prayer: Dependence on God and Communicating with God.

Ministry: Having knowledge of the faith and putting it into practice.

Christian Attitude: Being welcoming, hospitable, compassionate, caring, and loving of everyone.

Stewardship: Care for the spiritual and physical assets of the Parish, namely our time, talent, and treasure.

SECOND SUNDY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017



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Access to Parish Calendar of Events: <https://sites.google.com/site/allsaintsetna/>

Weekly Collections
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SUNDAY - DECEMBER 3, 2017 = \$ 6,684.20

Offertory Envelopes - \$6,195.00	Loose Monies - \$476.20
Adult Envelopes Sent - 504	Envelopes Used - 227
Children's Envelopes - \$13.00	Envelopes Used - 11
Parish Share - \$2,466.00	Envelopes Used - 61

Please remember All Saints Church in your will.

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2017 GOAL:	\$ 51,422.00
COLLECTED TO DATE:	\$ 41,640.48
BALANCE:	\$ 9,781.52

News of Comfort

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, / says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: *Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26*
- Tuesday: *Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712*
- Wednesday: *Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30*
- Thursday: *Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15*
- Friday: *Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19*
- Saturday: *Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13*
- Sunday: *Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

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From the desk of the Administrator

Why is it that we are so hurried at this time of year? There seems to be so much to do, doesn't there? Does this little story describe you?

There is a story told of an elderly gentleman grocery shopping. He encounters a dad and a young son at the start of the store. The young boy is not a happy camper. The dad says to the boy, "Kevin, we need to pick up just a few things. Once we are at home, you can take a nap."

The elderly gentleman encounters them a few aisles into the store. The son is still not cooperative. Once more the man hears, "Kevin, there's just a few more things. We'll be home in a couple of minutes and you can take a nap."

The man encounters them at the checkout. The son is still not a happy camper. Once more the man hears, "Kevin, we'll be in the car and home in just a minute. You can take a nap."

It happens that the man is parked next to them in the parking lot. He said to the dad, "I'm so impressed with your patience with your son Kevin." The dad looks at the man and says "My son's name is Jack. I'm Kevin!"

I think of the hurriedness in terms of our compliance for safe environment. As was shared with me while I was working on my doctoral project, "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time." So too with our compliance. We will work bit by bit to accomplish it. Part of it will require a Saturday morning of your time to take the Mandate Reporter Training. I hope to host the session here. Details are still being developed.

Finally, there is a change I need to bring to your attention. One of the most difficult aspects of being the Administrator of a parish is "running the business" of the parish. I often tease that in the seminary they wasted my time teaching me about the Father, the Son, the Spirit, as well as the Church. They should have taught me about managing people, maintenance issues, and how to run a business. I "seem" to need those skills more! And so it was with great anguish that I recently let Gerry Ferraro go. Please start no rumors or ask questions. I have been able to fill the position temporarily with Margaret "Margie" Schneider. She is a parishioner at St. Raphael, Morningside. I need to ask all of you to be patient in this time of transition. Pray that it all works out successfully.

See you in Church!

Fr. Jim Dretz

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

"The Light Is Still On For You"

Wednesday, December 13 6:00-9:00 PM
 Saturday, December 9, 16, 23 12:30-1:30 PM &
 after 5:00 PM Mass
 Monday, December 18 7:15-8:00 PM


CHRISTMAS MASSES


Christmas Eve 4:00 PM & 12:00 Midnight
Christmas Day 9:00 AM

The Light is On For YOU!

This Advent on the evening of **Wednesday, December 13th from 6:00-9:00 PM**, rediscover the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any Catholic parish in the Diocese. If you've been away for a long time, don't worry. We'll leave the light on for you....



 **Liam Padraig & Calum Daniel Farrell**, sons of Daniel and Amy Farrell, were baptized at All Saints Church on Sunday, December 3, 2017. Please welcome Liam Padraig and Calum Daniel to our parish family.

 Beverly Mahich, Robert Istenes, Cecilia Acres, Joseph D'Amico, Joseph Bursick, Barbara Volpe, Fred Michaels, Norma Hufnagel, Marge Reese, Elena Kime, Bernard Szewcow, Matthew Mika, Patricia White, Dave Marcoly, Thomas V. Rishel, Jason Fleishner, Bart Riley, Carol Sees, Kathy Rishel, Ryan Woodrow, Ronald Molinero, David Hufnagel, Marie T. Schran, Ida Fowler, Father Garry Patriquin, Mildred Hoffman, Eileen Dougherty, Erin Schmitt, Joseph Wittman, Patricia Currison, Jason Wolling, Emma Oresic, Mary Jo Sciuillo, Susan Killmeyer, Anthony Sciuillo, Maria Wolownik, Lisa Lindsey, Katherine Rodack, Kathy Cook, Jordan McCue, and all the sick of our parish. **Please note:** We ask the families who have requested prayers to please give us a call when your loved one is better so they can be removed from our list.

Decorating Church For Christmas

We will be placing the Poinsettias next Sunday, **December 17th** after the 10:00 AM Mass. We need a lot of hands to help make the church look beautiful for the Christmas Holidays. Please mark it on your calendar to give us a hand.

Oplatki - Christmas Wafers

Oplatki (Christmas Wafers) for use at the Christmas Eve meal are available at the Parish Office during regular office hours. They are pre-packaged (4 in an envelope). Donation - \$2.00.

2018 Mass Intentions

Mass Intention Forms for 2018 are available in the vestibule of Church. The Parish Office is accepting your intentions. Please read over the guidelines, complete the form and include the \$10.00 Mass stipend. Thank you for your cooperation.



Prepare the Way of the Lord

Advent is our annual time of anticipation and expectation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and, ultimately, at the end of time. During this season we make many preparations so that we can be ready to meet the Lord. We prepare our hearts through prayer and reconciliation to be a fitting place of welcome for Jesus to dwell. We also prepare our homes as places of warm hospitality to welcome neighbors and strangers alike with a loving and generous heart. This Advent, we also find ourselves anticipating the changes that will soon be upon us as part of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative. How are you preparing for the new realities in our parishes? Will your heart meet these changes with resistance or with the resolve to do what it takes to foster new life in your community and help grow the Church? Take some time this Advent to prepare the way of the Lord as he comes to make us and our Church more alive! Visit onmissionhurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.



In our modern society, more and more people shop online. Most of you know the routine. You place your order, you receive a tracking number from the shipping company, and you wait! You see all the interesting places your package goes before it gets to your mailbox. Why did it end up in New Hampshire on its way from California to Pennsylvania? The shipping companies have their ways of doing things that only they know and understand. It seems random to us, but to them it makes perfect sense. One thing we know is, eventually, that package will get to our door. It is much the same with the Lord. We ask God to send us his peace, love, and forgiveness. We know we will receive it, but we don't know when or how it will come. We have to be patient and wait on the Lord. God's people waited a very long time for his package of peace, love, and forgiveness to arrive in the form of Jesus, the Christ. Just as the infant Jesus arrived in Bethlehem so many years ago, God's promised gift of peace, love and forgiveness will arrive in our hearts in a way we can never expect and find difficult to understand. We just need to patiently wait, and prepare our hearts to receive it!

Yours in ministry,
 Tom Rishel

A Vincentian Christmas

Vincentian will celebrate the true meaning of Christmas on Monday, December 18 at 7:00 PM with a special musical performance from Pittsburgh-native and Nashville recording artist Vanessa Campagna. Vanessa will perform traditional religious Christmas music along with a few fun sing-a-longs for the kids. The one-hour concert will take place at the Sisters of Divine Providence Chapel. Proceeds benefit Vincentian's elderly residents. Tickets are just \$10.00 each. To buy tickets call Laura at 412-548-4056.



WEEKLY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY - December 10th Second Sunday of Advent

- 5:00pm - (Sat.) Joseph Didiano (Ron & Jan Kizior)
- 8:00am - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased
- 10:00am - Special Intention for Austin Dorman (Grandma Foley)

MONDAY - December 11th Advent Weekday

- 8:00am - Dorothy Theiss - Birth (Children)

TUESDAY - December 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

- 8:00am - Rachel Kosko (Linda Farmerie)
Novena after Mass

WEDNESDAY - December 13th St Lucy

- 8:00am - Joseph & Caroline Vulakovich (Family)
- 6:00pm - (6:00-9:00 PM) *"The Light is On for You" Confessions*

THURSDAY - December 14th St John of the Cross

- 8:00am - Edward Allen (Mary Ellen & Pete Ramage)

FRIDAY - December 15th Advent Weekday

- 8:00am - Mary Eastly (Rita Jones)

SATURDAY - December 16th Advent Weekday

- 8:00am - John & Dolores Yankowski (John, Mary Jane & Kathy)

SUNDAY - December 17th Third Sunday of Advent

- 5:00pm - (Sat.) Leo & Mary Artisti (Chuck & Louise Cook)
- 8:00am - Lois Goldinger (The Metzler Family)
- 10:00am - For all Parishioners - Living & Deceased



12/10/17 - "Rose For Life"

was donated in memory of
William Dougherty by his family.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE WEEK OF 12/10/17

All sanctuary vases were donated in memory
of Robert and Jane Kwas (Anniv)
by their family.

Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe

St Paul Cathedral, December 12th

Eucharistic Adoration - 5:30 PM; Rosary - 6:30 PM; Mass - 7:00 PM. From 5:30 PM some priests are going to be available for confessions. *Let us pray to Her so she will always keep the Church Alive!*

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	12/10/17	
The Promise Rehearsal	Act Bldg	1:00-5:00 PM
MONDAY	12/11/17	
“40 Min with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
The Promise Rehearsal	Act Bldg	5:00-9:00 PM
Men’s Bible Study	School	6:30-8:00 PM
TUESDAY	12/12/17	
Novena	Church	After 8:00 AM Mass
Church Cleaning	Church	9:00-10:00 AM
Youth Choir Practice	School	4:45-5:45 PM
CCD	School	6:30-8:00 PM
“40 Min with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
WEDNESDAY	12/13/17	
Food Bank	School	11:00 AM-2:00 PM
Prayer Group	Church	1:30-3:30 PM
“The Light is On for You”	Church	6:00-9:00 PM
THURSDAY	12/14/17	
“40 Min with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
Choir Practice	School	7:30-9:00 PM
FRIDAY	12/15/17	
The Promise Rehearsal	Act Bldg	5:00-9:00 PM
“40 Min with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
SATURDAY	12/16/17	
The Promise Performance	Act Bldg	7:00 PM

REMINDER: TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to return your Sharing Tree wrapped gift or gifts with the ANGEL on the OUTSIDE OF THE PACKAGE. Thank you and God bless you for continuing our Parish tradition of sharing with our “angels”.



(Sponsored by the Ladies of Charity)

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS



The deadline to return your Christmas Flower Offering envelope is Monday, December 11th. Time is needed to type the list. So names submitted after that day might not be included in the booklet of intentions.

All Saints Youth Theater Presents ...

The Promise

A Christmas Musical

Performances

December 16 @ 7pm

December 17 @ 4pm

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