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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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 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 17, 2017 = \$ 4,687.00**

Offertory Envelopes - \$3,952.00	Loose Monies - \$716.00
Adult Envelopes Sent - 504	Envelopes Used - 194
Children's Envelopes - \$19.00	Envelopes Used - 17
Parish Share - \$155.00	Envelopes Used - 8

*Please remember All Saints Church in your will.*

**P** ARISH **S** HARE **P** ROGRAM

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<b>2017 GOAL:</b>	<b>\$ 51,422.00</b>
<b>COLLECTED TO DATE:</b>	<b>\$ 42,155.48</b>
<b>BALANCE:</b>	<b>\$ 9,266.52</b>

**Readings for the Week**

**Monday:** *Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]*  
*During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14*  
*Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20*  
*Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]*

**Tuesday:** *Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22*

**Wednesday:** *1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8*

**Thursday:** *1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18*

**Friday:** *1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35*

**Saturday:** *1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40*

**Sunday:** *Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128: 1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]*



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 Curriston, 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.

**From the desk of the Administrator**

This fourth Sunday of Advent is tough! Don't look at the trees and the poinsettias, focus on the four candles of the Advent Wreath and the purple vestment! We so want Christmas to come, and yes, it will, on MONDAY! Be patient, my friends! I promise Christmas will come.

And speaking of the promise of Christmas, a word of congratulations to the company (cast and crew as pictured on the cover) of "The Promise". Kudos to our Bernadette Calvino, the book author and director. If you missed out, as I said at the 10:00 Mass last week, shame on you! Next time, come and see the great work that the children are doing. You will be amazed!

With Christmas coming soon, remember the Mass schedule is a bit different this year. There is Mass Sunday at 4:00 PM, Midnight, and **9:00 AM** Christmas Day. So warn your family and friends! And remember, no BOGOs or TWO-FERs this weekend; you gotta come to Mass twice. Sheesh, it's not going to kill you. It can only make you stronger and more faithful!

Truly, I love when the Church is filled with people. I wish it were like that all the time. Not only is our 102 year old building gorgeous alone, it is always dressed so lovely for the season. Yet, as the old sign says: What's missing from church? UR! Get it? That's YOU ARE! The building is only a building. It becomes a Church when we are gathered there in response to God's call to return thanks to Him for all that He's given us. With the *On Mission for the Church Alive!* Planning Process that full building may just come to be in the not too distant future. Let's hope and pray.

You know, sometimes at Christmas, Santa brings jewelry; particular jewelry, like an engagement ring! If Santa has done so for you or a family member, be reminded that I have started a new process for engaging engaged couples here. There are ten meetings in the process that I have created. So there is work to be done! My Priest brothers think I'm nuts for doing so much work. Quite honestly, it's worth it! I want to companion couples on their journey in this new stage of life. If I don't do it now, who is going to do it later? Give me a call. We can begin the journey together! I'm looking forward to it.

See you in Church, SOON!

*Fr. Jim Dretz*



Wishing you the love  
 Jesus, Mary and Joseph  
 knew on that first Christmas.  
 May you and your loved ones share  
 the peace and happiness of that  
 love with each other.

Merry Christmas,  
 Fr. Jim Gretz & Staff



**The Lord Is With You**

As the archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary to reveal to her that she would be the mother of Jesus, he greeted her with, "hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." Meant to be words of comfort and strength, Mary still needed to be reassured that what she was experiencing was of God. That comfort came in the continued encouragement of Gabriel, in the strong, loving presence of Joseph, her betrothed, in the familial support of her cousin Elizabeth and, through it all, by the constant outpouring of grace from the Father. While we are confident that the Lord is always with us and promises to remain with us, we know how important the presence of a loving family and a supportive community can be to fill our hearts with peace. As the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative continues to unfold we have a great opportunity to sustain each other in faith. This Christmas, as we celebrate Emmanuel, God-with-us, may he dwell in us so that we can reflect his love to others and grow the Church. Visit [omissionchurchalive.org](http://omissionchurchalive.org) to learn more and to stay informed.

**Second Collection - Christmas Charities**

The second collection on Christmas Day is the **Christmas Charities Collection for Children and Youth**. This collection is a longstanding tradition in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Christmas Day. The proceeds from this collection are used to support a number of programs in our diocese, which serve many children and young people who depend on our generosity and our loving concern for them. Please be very generous to this collection since it is credited to our PSP assessment.

**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.



**BOX**

There is a quick turnaround this year from Advent to Christmas. The Fourth Sunday of Advent is the same day as Christmas Eve, so

if you aren't completely prepared for Christmas you really aren't afforded much time to get ready! I guess we are like Mary in some ways in this Sunday's Gospel. I'm sure that Mary was not ready to have an angel appear to her and inform her that she would be carrying the Son of God in her womb! She had only a moment to get ready to give her reply. She decided to say 'yes' to the Lord, and allowed for his will to be done. Her simple affirmative reply to the angel set in motion everything else that we have come to believe about Jesus. It ultimately resulted in the salvation of the world! Like Mary, we must always be prepared to say 'yes' to the Lord and do his will instead of our own.

Hope all of you have a very blessed and merry Christmas this year!

Yours in ministry,  
 Tom Rishel

**2018 Altar Flower Memorials**

These Altar Flower Memorial dates are available for 2018:

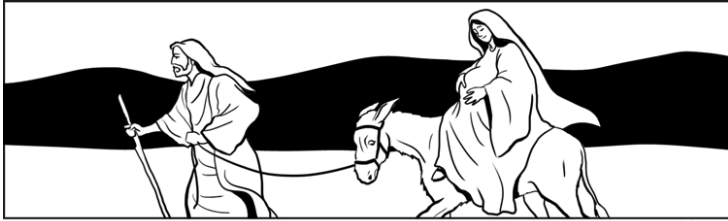
- 1/7 Blessed Virgin, St Joseph
- 1/14 Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin, St Joseph
- 1/21 Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin
- 1/28 Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin, St Joseph
- 2/4 Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin, St Joseph
- 2/11 Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin, St Joseph



Altar flower intention forms are in the church vestibule or you can call the rectory at 412-781-0530. **COST IS \$25.00.**

**March For Life Breakfast**

There will be a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 7, at St Scholastica Parish in Aspinwall, 8:00 AM to 12:45 PM. Regular serving is \$5.00; Small serving \$4.00. Proceeds will be used to help pay for the bus to the MARCH FOR LIFE in Washington on January 19.



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## WEEKLY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

### SUNDAY - December 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

5:00pm - (Sat.) For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased

8:00am - Special Intention

10:00am - Agnes & Norm Giel (Family)

*Christmas*

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### SUNDAY - December 24th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

4:00pm - Special Intention

Midnight - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased

### MONDAY - December 25th THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00am - Special Intention

### TUESDAY - December 26th St Stephen

8:00am - John Kenst - Anniv (Jack & Jean Barney)

*Novena after Mass*

### WEDNESDAY - December 27th St John

8:00am - Emilia & Frank Lubich (Sharon Ujcich & Joe Lubich)

### THURSDAY - December 28th The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

8:00am - Anne Johnston (Daughter)

### FRIDAY - December 29th Fifth Day in Octave of the Nativity

8:00am - Elsie Burgo (Ramage Family)

### SATURDAY - December 30th Sixth Day in Octave of the Nativity

8:00am - Alexandra Cook (Carol Flickinger & Family)

3:00pm - Wedding - Alex Katich (All Saints) & Andrea Vuchenich

### SUNDAY - December 31st The Holy Family

5:00pm - (Sat.) Charles Robinson (Sisters, Mary Jane & Kathy)

8:00am - Michael Oehling (James Oehling, Father)

10:00am - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased



### 12/24/17 - "Rose For Life"

was donated in memory of Chris and Ben Moyer  
requested by Joe and Emma Jean Kraus.

*Thank  
you*

On behalf of the "Angels" on the All Saints Sharing Tree, the Ladies of Charity would like to thank the All Saints parishioners for their continuous charity throughout the 31 years of the Sharing Tree Program. Your generosity has helped our "Angels" in our surrounding Etna/Shaler community but also to underserved children of the Catholic Youth Association of Lawrenceville and Catholic Charities in downtown Pittsburgh. *Thank you so much for your support of this long standing and beneficial program!*

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	12/24/17	
MONDAY	12/25/17	OFFICE CLOSED
		
TUESDAY	12/26/17	
Novena	Church	After 8:00 AM Mass
<u>NO</u> Church Cleaning "40 Min with Jesus"	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
WEDNESDAY	12/27/17	
<u>NO</u> Prayer Group		
THURSDAY	12/28/17	
"40 Min with Jesus"	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
<u>NO</u> Choir Practice		
FRIDAY	12/29/17	
"40 Min with Jesus"	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
SATURDAY	12/30/17	

### **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**

Monday, January 1, 2018, is New Year's Day. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on this day. We will celebrate Mass at **9:00 AM**.

### **DivorceCare for Kids (DC4K)**

*Helping your Children Heal from the Hurt of Divorce. Meetings starting on January 8, 2018.* DivorceCare for Kids is a special group to help children heal from the hurt caused by the separation or divorce of their parents. DC4K is sponsored by Sts. John & Paul parish and will begin a 13-week cycle of meetings on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:00-9:00 PM in Room 1 in the Lower Cardinal DiNardo Social Center. For more information or if you have any questions contact Erik Palmer at 412-491-5511 or email: [rerikpalmer@gmail.com](mailto:rерikpalmer@gmail.com).

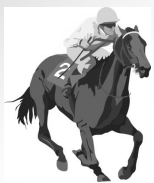
### **"MARK YOUR CALENDARS"**

**For Saturday, January 20, 2018**

**"Night at the Races"**

**sponsored by All Saints Men's Club**

If you're getting cabin fever this winter and you're looking for a fun night out, please join us!



**POST TIME for the first race  
is 8:00 PM in the  
Activities Building**

**FREE ADMISSION**

*Must be over 21 to attend.*

To buy a horse, or if you have any questions,  
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**ALL SAINTS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP FORM**

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

- New Registration       Change of Address       Moving out of Parish       Want Envelopes

Please drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to the Rectory.