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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.

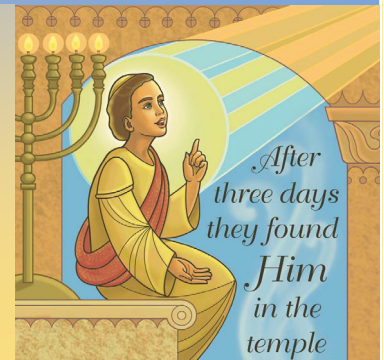
Ministry: Having knowledge of the faith and putting it into practice.

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.

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

December 27, 2015



Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM
Weekdays: See schedule in bulletin

Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:00 AM Mass. Pre-Baptismal classes are required. Contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 12:30 - 1:00 PM and after the 5:00 PM Mass.

Marriage: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months in advance of proposed date.

Visitation of the Sick or Shut-Ins: Inform the Parish Office when anyone is ill at home or in the hospital. Upon request, Holy Communion can be brought to the home by the priest and/or a Eucharistic Minister.

Bulletin Deadline:

All bulletin announcements must be received by Monday noon in written form.

Preparation for Entering the Church (RCIA):

We welcome those who are interested in becoming Catholics. To enter a program of formation and prayer, contact the Parish Office.

Parish Membership: New parishioners are always welcome! Call the Parish Office for a census form.

Prayer Meeting:

Every Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 PM. See bulletin for monthly Mass time.

All Saints Food Pantry:

2nd Wednesdays of the month - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS AND EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR OUR PRINTER J.S. PALUCH, WE WILL PUBLISH THE OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS AT A LATER DATE.

Family Life

Family life is sacred, but it is not without trial. Perhaps this is the most important message we can glean from today's readings. If Jesus, Mary, and Joseph can trip up sometimes—can disconnect—then we shouldn't find it surprising when such things happen to us as well. And parents everywhere (children, too) can probably relate to—and take some solace in—the Gospel's account of Mary and Joseph after Jesus explained why he stayed behind in the temple. They heard his words, Luke tells us, "But they did not understand what he said to them" (Luke 2:50). Amen! Nevertheless, Jesus does go back home with them, and continues to thrive under their care.

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Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Friday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Jubilee Year of Mercy

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph Imagine: three New Year's celebrations in little over a month! In late November, Advent began the new liturgical year; December 8, the Jubilee Year of Mercy; this coming Friday, the New Year 2016. In today's Gospel, after three days of anguish, Mary tells Jesus how desperately she and Joseph have been searching for him. Mary could be speaking for the whole human race. With religious persecutions raging, international and domestic conflicts seething, our family and friends suffering various difficulties, not to mention our own personal problems, how much our world needs Jesus as another New Year veiled in mystery begins! As we pray for God's mercy to enfold our world and embrace each of us in 2016, let our New Year's resolution be to live the Jubilee Year of Mercy by being for others, as Mary was, a channel of God's mercy and an instrument of Christ's peace.

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From the Desk of the Administrator

Merry Christmas! Yes, I know it's the Feast of the Holy Family. However, it's still the season of Christmas. Unlike the shops that have now moved on to Valentine's Day, you and I can bask in the joy of this most wonderful time of the year.

Of course, Christmas doesn't happen without so many of our "saints" working in the background. Thanks to those who have made our beautiful church even more beautiful with the trees and poinsettias. Thanks to all our liturgical ministers who helped us celebrate the newborn King. Thanks to those of you generous to the parish in your contributions and presence. Thanks to the kindnesses shown to me in cards and gifts. May Baby Jesus bless you for your good works!




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So, what's tops among your new year's resolutions? Let's hope and pray they last more than a few minutes past midnight this week! I can think of a bunch of resolutions I need to make and keep. The biggest is that I need and want to spend more time caring for all of you. Life gets crazy and things fall through the cracks. I am so sorry about that. I need to and will do better. Another thing, to care for you, I need to care for me! I need to be protective of time off and away. Please know that a healthy me is truly good for you as well! Please pray HARD for that intention. And before the rumors get started because of this resolution: NO, there's nothing wrong with me. I just need to love me like I love all of you. There is last week's resolution to work with our liturgical ministers to make them even better. And I bet I can think of a few more things. Let's work on this together!

And as 2016 looms around the corner, I offer you that classic, and favorite, wish, "May the BEST days of this past year be the WORST days of the year to come!" Amen!


See you in Church.

Fr. Jim Dretz




MAY THE NEW YEAR OF 2016 BRING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES MANY BLESSINGS OF HEALTH, HAPPINESS AND PEACE.

Fr Jim Gretz & Parish Staff




David Hufnagel, Marie T. Schran, Christine Sirlin, Tony Zbierajewski, Tom Stumpf, Ida Fowler, Father Garry Patriquin, Dorothy Kutchka, Mildred Hoffman, Sister Ida Mary Lutz, Louise Wyzomirski, Carol Sees, Rose Golden, Eileen Dougherty, Richard Rengers, Erin Schmitt, Joseph Wittman, Alice Smolkovich, Patricia Curriston, Jason Wolling, Jim Belish, Gina Sienko, Emma Oresic, William Milcic, Marilyn Moeller, Fran Stiltz, Mary Jo Sciallo, Susan Killmeyer, Charles Robinson, Anthony Sciallo, Maria Wolownik, Lisa Lindsey, Katherine Rodack, Kathy Cook, Margaret Goodrich, 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.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Friday, January 1, 2016, is New Year's Day. The Church celebrates the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on this day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation, a day that Catholics are to attend Mass. We are following the regular Sunday Mass Schedule for the Holy Day: Thursday at 5:00 PM; Friday at 8:00 and 10:00 AM.




We wish to thank all who took the "angels" from the **Sharing Tree** and bought gifts for those in need in our community. Thanks to the All Saints Ladies of Charity for a job well done in organizing, sorting and distributing the gifts.

On Mission for The Church Alive!
 If we get too caught up in the secular celebration of Christmas, we may experience that day-after feeling of "is that all there is?" There is nothing wrong with all the lights and jingle bells if we remember what we are celebrating: the birth of Jesus. We are called to become His disciples, to live our faith in love and service. That is the work of formation that must go on in us every day of the year. Make today another step in your formation as a disciple of Jesus.
 To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org



Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, January 8th. All day adoration with Evening Prayer and Benediction at 6:30 PM. Please try to attend and spend some time in prayer before our Lord.



Christmas is a time when families often get together for food, fellowship, and gift giving. Appropriately, it is the Sunday after Christmas that the Church chooses to celebrate the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. This feast presents the Holy Family as the model family for us all. Our families, of course, will not always live up to the ideal found in the Holy Family, but it reminds us to always strive to do our part to make our families holy. The music of Christmastime continues through this feast, and it also represents the completion of the Octave of Christmas – the 8 day continuation of the Church's celebration of Christmas. Our celebration of Jesus' family does not end here, as Friday is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, where special attention is paid to the Blessed Virgin Mary as mother of Christ and mother to us all.
 A special thank you to all involved in our Music Ministry for all your hard work and dedication to make this Christmas and Christmas Season more beautiful and meaningful! I certainly appreciate your help and support in this season, and throughout the year!
 Yours in ministry,
 Tom Rishel

2016 Altar Flower Memorials
 These Altar Flower Memorial dates are available for 2016:
 1/10 Blessed Virgin
 1/17 Sanctuary (2), Blessed Virgin, St Joseph
 1/24 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.**

2016 Mass Intentions
 Mass Intention Forms for 2016 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.



WEEKLY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY - December 27th The Holy Family

- 5:00pm - (Sat.) John Kenst - Anniv (Wife, Anna Mae)
- 8:00am - Chuck Casey, Sr (Mary Lou & Joe Tutchko)
- 10:00am - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased

MONDAY - December 28th The Holy Innocents

- 8:00am - Millie & John Ujeich (Sharon & Joe Lubich)

TUESDAY - December 29th - 5th Day Octave of Nativity

- 8:00am - Lucille Kerr (Dave & Linda Farmerie)
- Novena after Mass*

WEDNESDAY - December 30th - 6th Day Octave of Nativity

- 8:00am - Elsie Burgo (Ramage Family)

THURSDAY - December 31st - 7th Day Octave of Nativity

- 8:00am - Mike Oehling - Birth (Father)

FRIDAY - January 1st Solemnity of Mary

- 5:00pm - (Thurs.) Rose Jacobs (Susan & Tom Tutchko)
- 8:00am - Special Intention for the Bogusz Family
(Felix & Mary Sciuillo)
- 10:00am - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased

SATURDAY - January 2nd Saints Basil & Gregory

- 8:00am - Jack & Barb Jones (Family)

SUNDAY - January 3rd The Epiphany of the Lord

- 5:00pm - (Sat.) For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased
- 8:00am - Marty Oleksak (Family)
- 10:00am - James Jones (Judith Montgomery)



12/27/15 - "Rose For Life"

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

Marriage Moments by Susan Vogt

The feast is over but the visiting and company may continue through the Christmas holidays. Although generally a happy time of family togetherness, Christmas can also be a time when stress causes short tempers. Be mindful and merciful with your beloved these days when you might be together in extremely close quarters.

Parenting Pointers by Susan Vogt

It's Christmas. Relish the glee of giving and receiving a gift. After the hubbub dies down, pause as a family not only to thank each other, but to be thankful that you have the resources to give gifts and that you have a family to share this time with. Don't let the day slip slide away without this pause.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	12/27/15	
MONDAY	12/28/15	
TUESDAY Novena	12/29/15 Church	After 8:00 AM Mass
WEDNESDAY NO Prayer Group	12/30/15	
THURSDAY Mass - Solemnity of Mary	12/31/15 Church	OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 PM

HAPPY NEW YEAR

FRIDAY Mass - Solemnity of Mary	1/1/16 Church	OFFICE CLOSED 8:00 & 10:100 AM
SATURDAY	1/2/16	OFFICE CLOSED

FREE Senior Transportation Service!

North Hills Community Outreach, in partnership with St Margaret Foundation, has launched a second **Free Rides for Seniors** shuttle. The shuttle transports seniors in the communities along the Route 28 corridor to shopping and UPMC appointments on specific days for each community at no charge. The communities served by the second shuttle include **Brackensridge, Cheswick, Etna, Millvale, Oakmont, Natrona Heights, Springdale, Tarentum and Verona**. Seniors may call 412-449-0151 for more information and to inquire about the schedule for their specific community.

“MARK YOUR CALENDARS”

For Saturday, January 16, 2016
for a Night at the Races
sponsored by All Saints Men’s Club



Post time for the
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