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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.

NOVEMBER 27, 2016

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Masses

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

Sacraments

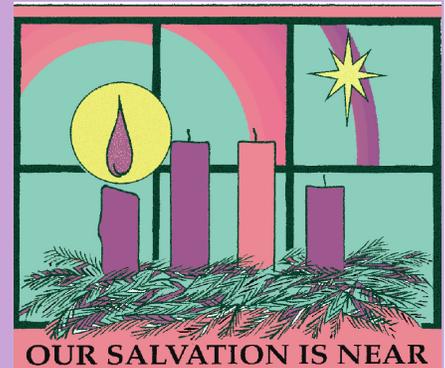
Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month after the 10:00 AM Mass. Pre-Baptismal classes are required. Contact the Parish Office for arrangements.

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 1:30-3:30 PM. See bulletin for monthly Mass time.

All Saints Food Pantry:

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

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

DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR J. S. PALUCH, WE WILL PUBLISH THE OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 20TH AND 27TH IN A FUTURE BULLETIN.

Today's Readings

First Reading — *All the peoples shall stream toward the LORD's house (Isaiah 2:1-5).*

Psalm — *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).*

Second Reading — *It is the hour to cast off the dark and clothe ourselves in the light (Romans 13:11-14).*

Gospel — *Stay awake! Be prepared! The Son of Man will come when you least expect (Matthew 24:37-44).*

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

JOURNEY TO CHRISTMAS

Shari Whitico, Music Minister/Choir Director at St Pio of Pietrelcina Parish, will perform a concert entitled a **Journey to Christmas** on **Friday, December 9th at 7:00 PM at All Saints Church**. This beautiful evening of Advent and Christmas music, as well as reflections of the season, will help you discover the true meaning of this awesome time of the year.



She and her contributing musicians, Tom Rishel, Bernadette Calvino, John Clark and Bob Spinella will be sharing their talents with you as we all Journey to Christmas. Shari's recent CD entitled, *Sharing Christmas*, will be on sale that evening for \$15. She can be contacted at shariwhitico@gmail.com or at shariwhitico.com.

Admission is FREE and all are welcome. Please bring a non-perishable food item to support the All Saints Community Food Bank.

**From the Desk of the Administrator
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21. *Viable models include priests ministering and living together provided that the mission territory and pastoral need necessitate it, that they agree, and that the rectory provide adequate living space.* Priests living together can be very delightful. However, in models such as ours, All Saints could not be the rectory that houses four Priests. See you in Church!

Fr. Jim Gretz

From the Desk of the Administrator

Let's continue our discussion of the *On Mission for the Church Alive!* planning process criteria. This week we consider the criteria for Clergy.

16. *Viable models and institutional ministries must consider that 133 priests would be in active ministry.* What's really scary about the declining number of Priests is the aging of the presbyterate. There are 49 priests under the age of 50. And guess who's on the top end of that? The big 50 comes in 2018. Yoi! We ordained five this year. There are NONE next year. Double yoi!

17. *Viable models projected the same number of permanent deacons available as the 2016 population, which would be at 100.* There is a deacon class in formation which won't be ordained until 2020. There is currently being assembled a class for 2022.

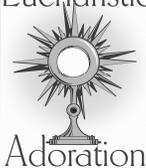
18. *Viable models must be based on no more than one Saturday Vigil Mass and two Sunday Masses per priest assigned.* Recall that there is to be one Priest for every 2,400 Mass goers. Our models suggest anywhere from two to four Priests, including a chaplain. That means six to eight Masses on a weekend. In the models, current Masses are either 15, 18, and 20. We are WAY OVER populated with Masses.

19. *Viable models can include a Deacon Administrator (Parish Life Collaborator) provided a Priest Direct is assigned.* We currently utilize these two ministries in the Diocese. Sr. Dorothy at St. Bartholomew is a PLC. There are three Deacon Administrators with varying degrees of duties. All of them have different models of sacramental coverage and how the Priest Director is assigned.

20. *When possible, recommendations will be made for priestly residences to be separate from rectory offices to provide adequate personal space for the priest(s).* I have to say that while my short commute to "work" at the parish is wonderful, living and working together in one place is not so great. Just imagine that your kitchen was Grand Central Station. Imagine NEVER EVER being able to get your morning coffee unkempt in your "footie pajamas". Welcome to the reality of Priest rectory/office life! That's not healthy.

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Eucharistic Adoration Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, December 2nd. 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.



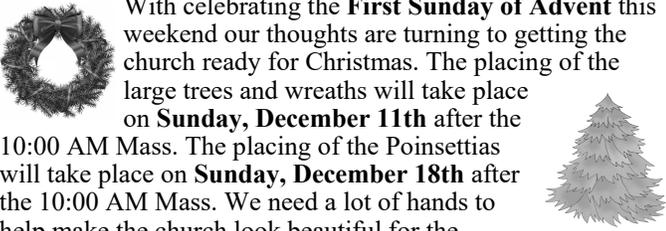
Pray for the Sick
 Jason Fleishner, Bart Riley, Mary Sciuillo, Francis Haberman, Carol Sees, Kevin McGorry, Ed Oresic, Kathy Rishel, Ryan Woodrow, Ronald Molinero, Tom Toborkey, David Hufnagel, Marie T. Schran, Tom Stumpf, Ida Fowler, Father Garry Patriquin, Mildred Hoffman, Louise Wyzomirski, Rose Golden, Eileen Dougherty, Erin Schmitt, Joseph Wittman, Alice Smolkovich, Patricia Curriston, Jason Wolling, Gina Sienko, Emma Oresic, Fran Stiltz, Mary Jo Sciuillo, Susan Killmeyer, Charles Robinson, Anthony Sciuillo, 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.



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS
 The deadline to return your Christmas Flower Offering envelope is Monday, December 12th. Time is needed to type the list. So names submitted after that day might not be included in the booklet of intentions.



Decorating Church For Christmas
 With celebrating the **First Sunday of Advent** this weekend our thoughts are turning to getting the church ready for Christmas. The placing of the large trees and wreaths will take place on **Sunday, December 11th** after the 10:00 AM Mass. The placing of the Poinsettias will take place on **Sunday, December 18th** 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 help with these projects.



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.

2017 Mass Intentions
 Mass Intention Forms for 2017 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.

Christmas Discernment Retreat
 Fr Joe Freedy and Fr Mike Ackerman, along with Fr Brian Welding and Fr Brian Noel, will be leading a retreat for men about discerning a vocation to the Priesthood on Friday, December 16, 7:00 PM until Sunday, December 18, 11:00 AM, at Gilmary Retreat Center. Visit www.pghpriest.com for info.

The Light is On For YOU!
 Haven't been to Confession in a while? Interested, but worry you don't remember how to make a good Confession? No problem. Read "A Short Guide to Confession" found on the diocesan website www.diopitt.org/lightison. Stop by any Catholic church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on **Wednesday, December 14 from 6:00-9:00 PM** to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. You'll feel great!



ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!
 A special thanks to all who have participated in parish consultation sessions for **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** The last of 329 meetings being held across our diocese are taking place this week. If you weren't able to attend a parish session, go online at OnMissionChurchAlive.org to watch the videos, download the presentation and take the survey. Together we will be the hands, feet and heart of the Body of Christ serving His people.



Happy New Year! A new liturgical year has begun, and we start anew with the season of Advent and transition to the year
BOX
 A lectionary cycle of readings. Of course, if you go to the malls and department stores you would think Christmas was already here! We, however, have this period of hopeful anticipation where we prepare to celebrate the Christmas feast, and we are reminded to ever be prepared for the eventual return of the Lord on the last day.
 We will be having a few musical events in this season of Advent here at All Saints. On Friday, December 2nd, at 6:30PM our choir will be adding a musical element to Evening Prayer for first Friday. On Friday, December 9th, at 7:00PM local musician Shari Whitico will be presenting "A Journey to Christmas", which will feature prayer and music of the Advent/Christmas season. Finally, the All Saints Choir will be hosting a Christmas HymnSing on Friday, December 16th at 7:00PM, where you will have the chance to sing all of your favorite hymns of Advent and Christmas, as there are so many favorites that it's impossible to include them all in the liturgies! Mark your calendars!
 Yours in ministry,
 Tom Rishel



Pizza with St Nicholas
 On Saturday, December 3rd, from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM the Religious Education Program will be hosting Pizza with Saint Nicholas! Cost is \$5 per person. Contact the religious education office at 412-781-5183 by November 30th to register.





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WEEKLY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY - November 27th First Sunday of Advent

5:00pm - (Sat.) John & Cecelia Bursick (Family)
8:00am - George R Wagner & Edna Evers (Penny Wagner)
10:00am - For all Parishioners - Living & Deceased

MONDAY - November 28th Advent Weekday

8:00am - James & Anna Juran (Lois & Charles Rodgers)

TUESDAY - November 29th Advent Weekday

8:00am - Janet Rosenberger (Ed Robich)
Novena after Mass

WEDNESDAY - November 30th St Andrew

8:00am - Mary Lesoganich (Rectenwald Family)

THURSDAY - December 1st Advent Weekday

9:00am - Victor Massarelli (George & Ruth Murdy)

FRIDAY - December 2nd Advent Weekday

8:00am - Agnes Giel - Birth (Family)
*All day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
with Evening Prayer/Benediction at 6:30 PM*

SATURDAY - December 3rd St Francis Xavier

8:00am - Jack Miller (Family)

SUNDAY - December 4th Second Sunday of Advent

5:00pm - (Sat.) Alice Petrovich (Children)
8:00am - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased
10:00am - Hilda Sukits - Anniv (Nieces & Nephews)

FULFILL TODAY

*If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you
have not done much today.*

—Anonymous



11/27/16 - "Rose For Life"

was donated in memory of Ronald & Charles
Theiss by mother and wife, Dorothy Theiss.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/27/16

Both sanctuary vases were donated in memory of
Eleanor Gorman (Birth) by her children.

Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph vases were donated in
memory of Frances Hughes (Birth) by her children.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY	11/27/16	
MONDAY	11/28/16	
“40 Minutes with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
TUESDAY	11/29/16	
Novena	Church	After 8:00 AM Mass
Church Cleaning	Church	9:00-10:00 AM
“40 Minutes with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
CCD	School	6:30-8:00 PM
WEDNESDAY	11/30/16	
Prayer Group	Church	1:30-3:30PM
THURSDAY	12/1/16	
“40 Minutes with Jesus”	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
Choir	School	7:30-9:00 PM
FRIDAY	12/2/16	
Exposition	Church	After 8:00 AM Mass
Evening Prayer/Benediction	Church	6:30 PM
CM&G Christmas Party	Act Bldg	5:30 PM
SATURDAY	12/3/16	
Pizza with St Nicholas	Act Bldg	11:30 AM-1:00 PM

ALL SAINTS SHARING TREE

The All Saints Sharing Tree Advent Tradition continues. Our Tree is ready and holds many little “Angel Cards”. Please take an “angel” today so that an adult or child will be reminded of the love and support of our parish family. Please make sure you sign the book for the angel that you take. Thank you and God Bless you. **The final date to return the wrapped gift with the “Angel” on the outside is SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11th.**



Join us for Coffee & Donuts **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4**



You're invited to stop by the Activities Building after the 8:00 & 10:00 AM Masses on Sunday, December 4th. Social is sponsored by All Saints Men's Club.

Flu Shots

While you are at the Coffee & Donuts Social, Rite Aid will be in the Activities Building to administer Standard Flu Shots (under 65 years of age), High Dose Flu Shots (over 65 years of age) and Pneumonia Shots. A certified immunization pharmacist will be available from (9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM). The majority of insurances will cover it at no charge to you.



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