

# All Saints Catholic Church

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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.

## First Sunday of Advent

### November 29, 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 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY AND EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE FOR J. S. PALUCH. WE WILL PUBLISH THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR NOVEMBER 22ND IN THE NEXT BULLETIN.**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**“The Light Is Still On For You”**

Wednesday, December 9	6:00-9:00 PM
Saturday, December 5, 12 & 19	12:30-1:30 PM & after 5:00 PM Mass
Monday, December 21	7:00-8:30 PM

**NO CONFESSIONS ON THURSDAY,  
DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Christmas Eve	4:00 PM & 12:00 AM
Christmas Day	8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

**On Mission for The Church Alive!**

“Legos” building blocks are all the rage. They appeal to everybody — kids and adults — because at heart all of us are builders. A key understanding of “On Mission to The Church Alive!” is our responsibility in building the kingdom of God. That sounds like a scary proposition, much too big for us. But it’s simple. St Therese of Lisieux explained: “A word, a kindly smile, will often suffice to gladden a wounded and sorrowful heart.” That’s how we can build up the kingdom of God — one small act of kindness at a time!

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](http://www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org)

**Respect Life News**

If you haven’t purchased your Christmas cards yet, **PLEASE** take a look at our beautiful and inexpensive PRO LIFE CARDS AND ORNAMENTS. The cards are still 10 for \$5.00 and our ceramic ornaments are only \$5.00 each. Order forms are in the vestibule of the church. Just return the order form via the collection basket or rectory mail slot and we will fill your order ASAP. Checks made out to: All Saints Respect Life. Thank you for your support.

**From the Desk of the Administrator**

You know, sometimes there are early bulletin deadlines and that so confuses both Shirley and me! I wrote beautifully about Thanksgiving for today. Except it has already passed! As the late great Myron Cope used to say, “Yoi! and double Yoi!” Oh well...

With a turkey hangover and stimulated economies through shopping, let us recall the real reason for our national celebration, giving thanks to God. We better give thanks to Him for all he has given us. I can think of things for which I am thankful.

The first is our parish community and this edifice in which we worship our God. So, come and celebrate with Bishop Zubik on December 19, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Mass will be followed by a dinner in the activities building. Tickets are available after Sunday Masses and in the office during the week. The donation is \$15.00. Come and celebrate! Remember, as part of your dinner package, you will receive a copy of **All Saints Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic**. It is the booklet that celebrates the images of faith around us.

Another thing for which I am thankful is the beauty of our refurbished stained glass windows. I say that as a way to remind you that the campaign is coming to a close. Any final contributions to the project must be received by December 21, 2015. That will give us time to process them and give you the tax credit. It’s a win-win situation. Thanks for your past generosity and that which is to come.

Finally, let’s give thanks for the Advent Season we begin today. Let’s not rush the celebration of Christmas. We need time to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord. Maybe you can do so through participation in the various Bible Studies taking place. Maybe you can come to “40 Minutes with Jesus”. Wait, wasn’t it only “30 Minutes” last year? Yes it was. However, we will expand our time together. There will be 30 minutes of silent prayer and then 10 minutes to pray Evening Prayer together. So that’s every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. So, come and pray!

See you in Church to give thanks to God!



Marie T. Schran, Christine Sirlin, Tony Zbierajewski, Tom Stumpf, Ida Fowler, Father Garry Patriquin, Dorothy Kutchka, Rebecca Ketterer, Mildred Hoffman,

Sister Ida Mary Lutz, Louise Wyzomirski, Carol Sees, Rose Golden, Eileen Dougherty, Richard Rengers, Erin Schmitt, Joseph Wittman, Alice Smolkovich, Patricia Currison, Jason Wolling, Jim Belish, Gina Sienko, Emma Oresic, William Milcic, Marilyn Moeller, 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 7. Time is needed to type the list. So names submitted after that day might not be included in the booklet of intentions.



**“It’s Been a Loooooong Time Since My Last Confession”**

This Advent season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on **Wednesday, December 9 from 6:00-9:00 PM.** If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. *“The Light is Still On for You!”*, especially if you haven’t been to confession in a while. Visit [www.diopitt.org/lightstillon](http://www.diopitt.org/lightstillon) for more information.

**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 13th after the 10:00 AM Mass. The placing of the Poinsettias will take place on Sunday, December 20th 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.

**Early Bulletin Notice Deadline**

Because of the Christmas Holiday, **notices for the December 20th bulletin must be submitted before noon on Wednesday, December 9th.**



**Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 8:00 AM Mass on Friday, December 4th. All day adoration with Benediction at 6:30 PM. Please try to attend and spend some time in prayer before our Lord.

**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 13th.**



**BOX**

Happy New Year! No, I'm not getting ahead of myself – this Sunday we begin the 2015-2016 Liturgical Year and Year C in the

Lectio Cycle. Hard to believe it is Advent already and Christmas is four short weeks ahead! Music during the Advent season is a bit more restrained, and the Gloria is not sung (except on the Solemnity of Immaculate Conception, and the upcoming celebration of the anniversary of our church's dedication which is a local solemnity). This short season is when we wait with joyful anticipation for Christmas, which mirrors how we joyfully await the second coming of Christ. Let us prepare the way of the Lord during this Advent season!

Yours in ministry,  
Tom Rishel

**Beginning this Advent**

**.....All Saints Parish BIBLE STUDIES**

This will be an ongoing bible study in the parish following the model of Lectio Divina, a Benedictine practice of reading, meditation, and prayer. Each week we will break open the upcoming gospel reading using supplemental materials to enhance our understanding. The first bible study meetings will be November 30 and December 1. There is no cost. To sign-up, call the religious education office at 412-781-5183.

- Men - Mondays, 6:30-8:00 PM**
- Women - Mondays, 6:30-8:00 PM**
- Women - Tuesdays, 9:00-10:30 AM**



## WEEKLY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

### SUNDAY - November 29th First Sunday of Advent

- 5:00pm - (Sat.) Alice Petrovich (Family)  
8:00am - Jack Miller - Anniv (Family)  
10:00am - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased

### MONDAY - November 30th St Andrew

- 8:00am - Myrle McIntyre (Joyce McIntyre)

### TUESDAY - December 1st Advent Weekday

- 8:00am - Bernetta Worst (Joyce Barreno)  
*Novena after Mass*

### WEDNESDAY - December 2nd Advent Weekday

- 8:00am - Kerry Heckman (Larry Connolly)

### THURSDAY - December 3rd St Francis Xavier

- 8:00am - Mary Ann Yoest (Yoest Family)

### FRIDAY - December 4th Advent Weekday

- 8:00am - Hilda & Thomas Rodgers (Charles & Lois Rodgers)  
*All day Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
with Evening Prayer/Benediction at 6:30 PM*

### SATURDAY - December 5th Advent Weekday

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

### SUNDAY - December 6th Second Sunday of Advent

- 5:00pm - (Sat.) Rocco Lamanna (Gary, Barb & Family)  
8:00am - For All Parishioners - Living & Deceased  
10:00am - Ricky Rengers (Bob & Judyn Rengers)



### 11/29/15 - "Rose For Life"

was donated in memory of Alice Petrovich  
by Mary Ellen Benty.

### ALTAR FLOWERS FOR THE WEEK OF 11/29/15

Both sanctuary vases were donated in memory of William Dougherty (Birth) by wife, Rose and family.  
Blessed Virgin vase was donated in memory of Ed and Amy Dukovich by their family.  
St Joseph vase was donated in memory of Jack Miller (Anniv) by his family.



# ***THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE***

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>11/29/15</b>	
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>11/30/15</b>	
Preparing for Jesus	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>12/1/15</b>	
Novena	Church	After 8:00 AM Mass
Preparing for Jesus	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
CCD	School	6:30-8:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>12/2/15</b>	
Prayer Group	Church	7:00 PM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>12/3/15</b>	
Preparing for Jesus	Church	6:30-7:10 PM
Choir	School	7:30-9:00 PM
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>12/4/15</b>	
Exposition	Church	After 8:00 AM Mass
Evening Prayer/Benediction	Church	6:30 PM
CM&G Christmas Party	Act Bldg	After Evening Prayer
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>12/5/15</b>	

## **CHRISTIAN MOTHERS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Christian Mothers will have their annual Birthday Party for Jesus on Friday, December 4th beginning with Evening Prayer at 6:30 PM. The Birthday Party will begin with a Nativity Pageant immediately following in the Activities Building. A light supper will follow. Donation is \$10.00. For tickets and reservations, call Cathy at 412-781-4788. Deadline is Sunday, November 29th. All attending are asked to bring an unwrapped baby gift.



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## **SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

*sponsored by All Saints Men's Club*

**You're invited to stop by the  
Activities Building for coffee**

**and donuts after Sunday Masses on December 6th.**

## **DIOCESAN TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR ABUSE RESPONSE:**

Toll Free number connected to Office of the Assistance Coordinator, Diocese of Pittsburgh, for use by anyone who feels they may be a victim of abuse by a priest or any other church personnel in the diocese. **The number is 1-888-808-1235.**

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