

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

# LIGHT



A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

JOHN 1:6-7

# Mass Intentions

## December 13, 2020 Third Sunday of Advent

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, December 14	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Don McGlynn, by Bart Maciejczyk
Tuesday, December 15	8:30 AM	St. Martha	For the People
Wednesday, December 16	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Moderno Rossi, by The Galicki Family
Thursday, December 17	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	No Mass
Friday, December 18	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, December 19	4:15 PM	St. Mary	Rebecca, Roberta, & Chester Olshefski, by Family
Sunday, December 20	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Sokolnicki, by Family
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Andrew Gurzynski, by A Friend

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** At St. Martha every Tuesday after the 8:30 a.m. Holy Mass until 9:00 p.m. Assigned Eucharistic adorers and substitutes are needed for all hours. Please contact Rebecca at 570-256-7329 to sign up for a specific hour or to be a substitute. **HOLY HOUR FOR PRIESTS** on **December 15th**, 9 - 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to participate in this prayer ministry for the sanctity of priests and for an increase of holy vocations.

### CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE

**St. Adalbert Sanctuary Candle:** In Loving Memory of Stephania Sezniack, by Daughter Patricia & Marie  
**St. Adalbert Sanctuary Candle:** In Loving Memory of Joseph Shemanski, by Steph Stogoski  
**St. Adalbert Candle for Mary:** In Loving Memory of Catherine Olshefski, by Norma Krupinski  
**St. Adalbert Candle for Joseph:** In Loving Memory of Clem Olshefski, by Family  
**St. Adalbert Tabernacle Candle:** In Loving Memory of Frank & Jessie Olshefski, by Family  
**St. Mary BVM Candle:** In Loving Memory of Seth Zimolzak & Michael Post, by Leon & Sue Zimolzak  
**St. Mary Sacred Heart Candle:** In Loving Memory of Martin Furman, by Family  
**St. Mary Tabernacle Candle:** In Loving Memory of Marie Novelli, by Family

### HOLY SPIRIT OFFERTORY—

**November 29, 2020 \$ 2,081.00**

Thank you to everyone who continues to send in their offertory weekly/monthly.

**HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP:** Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, January 4th**, at 1:00 p.m. in St. Mary's Church. Please submit names of those suffering from serious illness who are homebound, in hospitals or in nursing homes to Gloria Handzelek 570-542-5694, Ann McElligott 570-864-2331 or Mary Lou Zaleski 570-736-6336. All members of Holy Spirit Parish are encouraged to pray for those whose names are on our Prayer List, to pray for Pope Francis and the healing of Holy Mother Church, and to attend our prayer meetings. The Scribe is Barbara Yacuboski 570-542-7447 and the Prayer Group Leader is Paulette Monchak 570-542-7242. Social distancing guidelines will be enforced.

**LIGHT A CANDLE FOR CHILDREN WHO WON'T BE HERE ON CHRISTMAS:** Children are taken special care of at this time of year as we give them gifts and are more mindful of the love, joy and meaning they give to our lives all year round. That is why it is important to parents and families whose children are no longer alive to share the joys of the season with us to remember them at this time too. There is an empty place in our hearts, and we still love and miss them—especially at this time of the year. We have found a way to remember them in a ceremony and are asking our families and friends and people all over the world to join us. All you need to do is **light a candle in your home, Dec 13th @ 7PM.** By taking the time to light a candle and remember the children who have died, you will be giving the gift of comfort to

### HAPPENINGS

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH,** There are 400 Lottery Calendars remaining to sell. Please consider purchasing another calendar for yourself or to give as a gift. Each calendar is \$20.00 and good for 4 months, beginning January 2021.

**CHRISTMAS Masses at Holy Spirit Parish:** Due to COVID-19 and the limited seating in our worship sites, we will be adding a 2:00 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Mass schedule— December 24th: 2:00 PM-St. Mary; **2:00 PM**-St. Martha; (Please call Sharon Telesky to make reservations for this Mass at 570-864-8614) 4:00 PM-St. Adalbert; 9:00 PM-St. Mary— December 25th: 10:00 AM-St. Mary. **Attendance at the Christmas Masses will be by RESERVATION ONLY.**

**OPLATKI:** Many homes celebrate the tradition of the Christmas Wafer Meal. On Christmas Eve the family joins in a supper of special foods with the highlight of the meal being the breaking and distribution of the wafer bread to each other. It is a sign of love and friendship that is especially appropriate at Christmas time. The offering is \$2.00 per envelope. Oplatki can be purchased in the Church or at the rectory.



**OPERATION CHRISTMAS TREE:** It's that time of year again for Operation Christmas Tree. On the first Sunday of Advent (November 29<sup>th</sup>) we will place a Christmas tree in the vestibule of St. Adalbert Church. The decorations on this tree will be Christmas ornaments representing special gifts from parishioners and parish organizations. We invite you to participate in Operation Christmas Tree 2020.

Your gift will purchase ornaments of different colors: a RED ball for a gift of \$5.00; a GREEN ball for a gift of \$10.00; a BLUE ball for a gift of \$25.00; a PURPLE ball for a gift of \$50.00; a SILVER ball for a gift of \$100.00; a GOLD ball for a gift of \$500.00; and a TREE-TOP for a gift of \$1,000.00.

It is our sincere hope that you will make a special effort to help decorate our tree.

The Parish will purchase the ornaments. There will be a booklet printed at Christmas acknowledging the gifts of those who participated in Operation Christmas Tree. You can send your request and payment to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket. For more information please call the Parish Office.

**SMMA SCHOLARSHIP:** The SMMA 2020 "Memorial Scholarship Award" is available for eligible St. Martha students. Our Scholarship Selection Committee will accept applications (available in the Sacristy) from current year eligible students until January 31, 2021. The Committee will decide the winner(s) before our February meeting. The decision of the Committee is final. The scholarship checks for \$500.00 will be awarded no later than the graduation of the student(s). If you have any questions please see any member of the Selection Committee. Thank you to everyone who supports our SMMA fundraisers. Without your help we couldn't help these deserving young people of our Parish. If you would like to donate money to increase the scholarships, please see President Jim Howanitz.



**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE:** A "Giving Tree" has been set up at St. Martha's to benefit Pro-Life & The Maternal Family Health Services/Nurse Family Partnership in Wilkes-Barre. Take a candy cane. It's that time of year again. Between November 29th and December 20th, please contribute baby item. No need to wrap. Parishioners are encouraged to take a list that will be by the tree, purchase one or more of the suggested items, and return them to St. Martha's on or before Sunday, December 20. Gift suggestion lists can be found under the tree. May God bless you for your kindness

<p>2020 Diocese of Scranton <b>DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL</b> BOUND TOGETHER IN <i>Hope</i></p>	<p><b>Every donation counts!! If you have not yet pledged, please... Help us reach our Annual Appeal Parish Goal! (28000.00) OUR PARISH IS AT \$10,435.00 (\$17,565.00)</b> We are grateful to the 91 parishioners who supported the 2020 Annual Appeal to date. If you have not yet given your support, please: 1) Call the Development Office at 570-207-2250 to make a pledge or give a gift by credit card. 2) Mail a check to the Diocesan Appeal Office at 300 Wyoming Ave., Scranton, PA 18503, or give online at <a href="http://DioceseofScranton.org">DioceseofScranton.org</a>. <b>Our parish is reimbursed 75% for any gifts made to the Appeal in excess of our Appeal goal.</b></p>
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