

# HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

- Lk 21:27-28

# Mass Intentions

## November 28, 2021 The First Sunday of Advent

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>
Monday, November 29	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Ann Galicki, by Family
Tuesday, November 30	8:30 AM	St. Martha	For the People
Wednesday, December 1	8:30 AM	St. Mary	Hermina Irene Andrews, by Bob & Marion Hidlay
Thursday, December 2	8:30 AM	St. Mary	No Mass
Friday, December 3	8:30 AM	St. Adalbert	Joseph S. Vishnefski, by Mary Jo Resavy
Saturday, December 4	4:15 PM	St. Mary	Chester & Dora Baluta, Children
Sunday, December 5	8:00 AM	St. Adalbert	Susan M. Makarczyk, The Shimko Family
	9:45 AM	St. Martha	Robert Barchik, by Family

**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 14th**, 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.

**HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP:** Meetings are held the First Monday of each month unless noted. The next meeting will be held on **Monday, December 6th**, 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.

### **CANDLES/FLOWER REMEMBRANCE**

**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 Ann Galicki, by Family  
**St. Mary Sacred Heart Candle:** Health & Blessings for Caroline McMonigle, by Carol & Cheryl

**HOLY SPIRIT OFFERTORY—** **November 7, 2021** **\$ 4,418.00**

### **PARISH HAPPENINGS**

**FUNDRAISER LOTTERY CALENDARS:** The Church of St. Adalbert will once again be selling Fundraiser Lottery Calendars. Each calendar is \$20.00 and good for 4 months, beginning January 2022. Please call the Parish Office at 570-736-6372.

**COFFEE AND DONUT SOCIAL:** There will be a coffee and donut social at St. Martha Church after the 9:45 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 28.

**ST. ADALBERT CCD FAMILY MASS:** CCD Students and families of St. Adalbert Church will meet on Sunday, December 5th at the 8:00 a.m. Mass followed by a social in the church hall.

**PIEROGI SALE:** St. Mary Altar and Rosary is making pierogi for Christmas on December 6th & 7th beginning at 8:00 a.m. Pierogi are by order only, there will not be extra for purchase. Deadline for orders is Thursday, November 30th. Pick-up is December 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Cost per dozen \$9.00 for potato & sauerkraut, and \$10.00 for cheese. To place your order call Sandy at 570-542-7730 or Sue at 570-864-3159.

**PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Monday, December 13th, at Main Street Bar and Grill, Mocanaqua, beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is open to everyone in Holy Spirit Parish who would like to attend. This is a Dutch Treat Dinner. Call Sandy at 570-542-7730, Carol at 570-736-7149 or Janet at 570-864-2494, by December 9th.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CELEBRATION:** A simple meal will be served after the 6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Martha's on Wednesday, December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. All are invited to come and celebrate the patronal feast of the United States. If you would like to help with the meal, please call Raphael at 570-301-9253 or email [rdmicca@aol.com](mailto:rdmicca@aol.com).

**ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS:** St. Martha's will host an Advent Lessons and Carols service on Sunday, December 12 at 6:00 p.m. There will be Scripture readings interspersed with Advent themed organ music and congregational hymns. A reception will follow. All are welcome to participate in this opportunity to spiritually prepare for Christmas. Singers who would like to be a part of the choir for this service are invited to arrive at 4:30 p.m. that day for a rehearsal. For more information, or if you could help with the reception, please call Raphael at 570-301-9253 or email [rdmicca@aol.com](mailto:rdmicca@aol.com).

**PARISH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES:** This year we are using Our Sunday Visitor for our Offertory envelopes. Your parishioners number will remain the same, the only thing that is changing is that the envelope packets will be mailed to your home monthly beginning December 2021 (for January 2022). If you do not receive your packet, please contact the Parish Office.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS TREE:** It's that time of year again for Operation Christmas Tree. On the first Sunday of Advent (November 28<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 2021.

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.

**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.

**NO ROOM AT THE INN:** Over five hundred Nativity sets from the personal collection of Lynn Prociak will be on display at the Forty Fort Presbyterian Church, 1224 Wyoming Avenue, Forty Fort, on Saturdays December 4 and 11 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Sundays December 5 and 12 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The Nativity sets tell the story of the birth of Christ through the lenses of diverse cultures and peoples from around the world. A Christmas Shop and cookie sale will be available, and retired nativity sets will be on sale. Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the Kirby Family House in Wilkes-Barre, which provides shelter and social services for families struggling with homelessness. For more information, please call 570-542-4182 or visit [www.facebook.com/NoRoomNEPA](http://www.facebook.com/NoRoomNEPA).

**SOCKS FOR THE HOMELESS:** There is a great need for socks for the homeless who are living in shelters and especially for those who are living outside in tents. The socks should be men's socks. White crew socks are preferred (size 6-12) as many of the homeless have infected sores or blisters on their feet. Also needed is men's deodorant and men's body wash. The items can be left in the Church entrance and marked homeless. If you have any questions, please call Bernie Baluta at 570-332-8542. Thank you and God bless you for your kindness.

**DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL: Goal—(28,000.00) OUR PARISH IS AT \$11,520.00 (\$16,480.00)** We are grateful to the 145 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 [DioceseofScranton.org](http://DioceseofScranton.org).

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Questions? Need help? E-mail Sandra Snyder at [Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:Sandra-Snyder@dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-591-5004.

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