

JANUARY 2ND

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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Pastor: Rev. Daniel E. Ogbeifun

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday evening 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

DAILY MASSES — Chapel

Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:00 p.m.
Chapel

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

We can assist you via phone or email

716-433-3707

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Tuesday to Friday

9:00a.m.— 2:00 p.m.

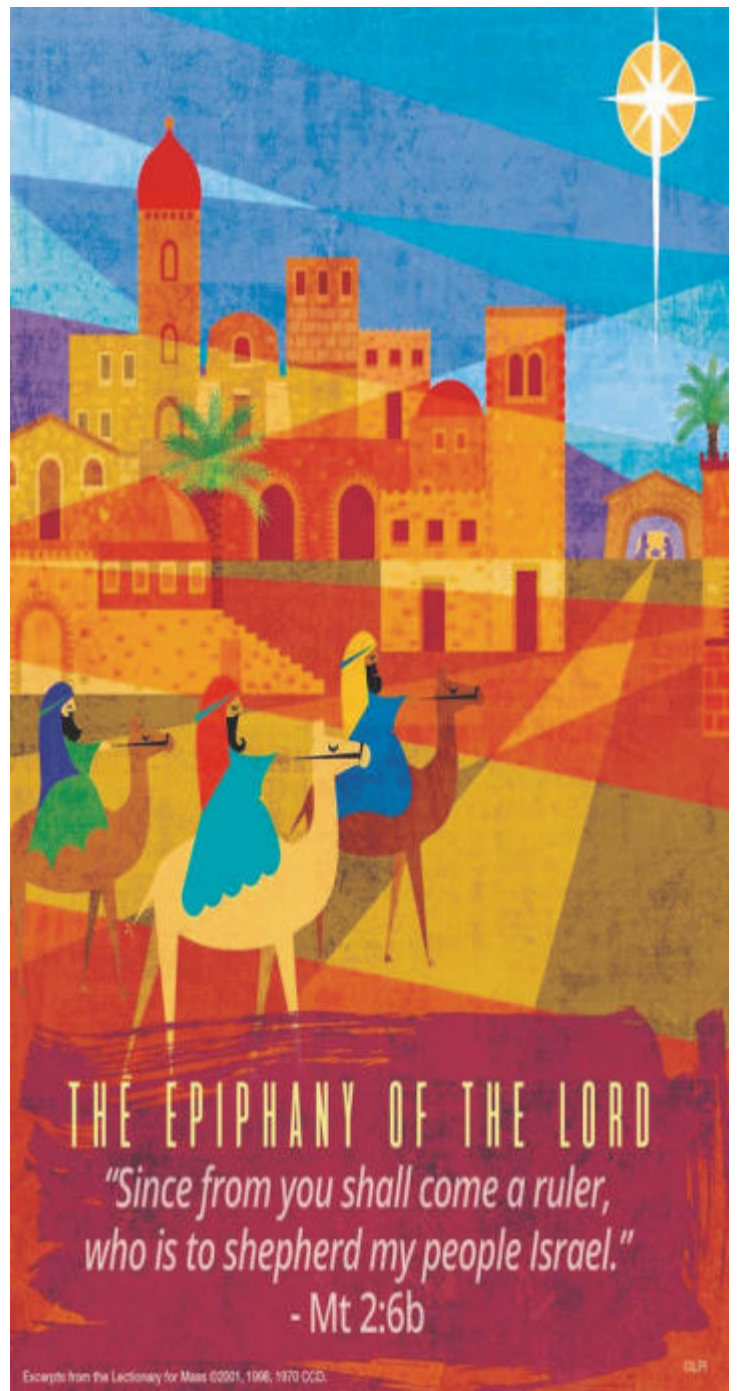
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WELCOME VISITORS

Individuals and families are encouraged to learn more about All Saints Parish by contacting the Parish Office at 433-3707.

We look forward to your call.





During the month of January please remember the souls of family and friends of All Saints Parish who are now enjoying eternal life in heaven:

1st—Bernice E. (Bates) Whalen 2005, Joanne Simons 2002, Msgr. Arnold J. Schneider 2007; **2nd**—Rev. Larry Connors 1992; **3rd**—Gerald R. Bell 2003, Joanne Berhalter 2002, George Joy 1969, Samuel Galley 1963; **5th**—Maurice McKnight 1962; **6th**—Michelle Bewley 2006, John J. Ottaviano, Sr. 2002, Anna Rundio Daunce 1993; **7th**—Msgr. William G. Stanton 2004, Sarah A. Ventrelli 2005; **8th**—Msgr. Antoine P. Attea 2007; **9th**—Freda Maiorana 2010, Angelo Fotia 2012, Charles DePasquale 1980; **10th**—Ruth Poyfair 1973; **11th**—Angeline Amato Paoluzzi 2001, Floyd Brewer 1988, Robert J. Tracy 2003; **14th**—Andy McCann 2013, Mary Fura 1992, Stanley Grabiec 1980; **16th**—Rev. Al Russell OSFS 2016m **17th**—Meredith Rose LaTour-Martone 2017, Msgr. Joseph M. Champlin 2008; **18th**—William Whalen 1890; **19th**—Mary V. (Smith) Whalen 1979, David Smith 1914; **20th**—Rev. Lawrence A. Werner 1992, Wayne Haseley 2004, Katherine Dowdell 1991, Victor Amoroso 1959; **21st**—Mary Kubiak 2018; **23rd**—Rev. Joseph Power 2002, Yvonne Tracy 2013; **24th**—Msgr. Daniel J. Szostak 2006, Joseph Rosati 2004, Samuel Maiorana 1972; **25th**—Weldon S. Whalen 2007, Jay Swartzwelder 1991, Rev. Fred Fingerle 2002; Mike Devine 2006; **27th**—Wally Fraser 2002, William Meloon 1974, Vincent Amato 1981; Pfc. Paul J. Converso 1945; **28th**—Stanley Bernard, Sr. 2007, Msgr. Harold Wagner 2010; **29th**—Margaret (Smith) Covell 1946, Cheryln Murphy 1988, Msgr. Bernard D. McCarthy, Mary Donahue-Foltz 2009; **30th**—Msgr. Richard P. Rutecki 1979, Rachelle Savino-Callahan 2004, DiAne David; **31st**—Roswell P. Lardner 1973, Harley Hughes, 1990

MASST INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 1 ~ Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

9:00 a.m. All Souls

4:00 p.m. Thomas A. McNamara—Loving family

Sunday, January 2 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. Elizabeth Milner—Mark and Mary Dennis

10:30 a.m. Kathy Miner—The Burke Family

Monday, January 3 ~ Christmas Weekday

7:30 a.m. Darrell Prue—Betty and Carol Newton

Tuesday, January 4 ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Dennis and Faery Families—Mark and Mary Dennis

Wednesday, January 5 ~ St. John Neumann

7:30 a.m. For all Parishioners

8:00a.m.- 12:00p.m. Eucharist Adoration (Chapel)

Thursday, January 6 ~ Christmas Weekday

7:30 a.m. Charlie Thrall—Chris and Bill Barns

Friday, January 7 ~ Christmas Weekday

7:30 a.m. Chet and Alyce Pease—Doug Puff

7:00 p.m. HEALING MASS— In person only

Saturday, January 8 ~ Vigil: The Baptism of the Lord

4:00 p.m. Agnes Townsend—Glen and Susan Miller

Sunday, January 9 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 a.m. All Souls

10:30 a.m. Lloyd and Beverly Lapp—Family

SAVING A SEAT FOR YOU

The Rosary is prayed following the 7:30 a.m. Mass Monday to Friday.

Fr. Daniel's Quote of the Week

“God’s plans for us is to prosper, to give us hope and a future”

Mission Statement

All Saints Parish is a community of diverse people, rooted in a heritage of faith, united by the Eucharist and the Word of God. Following Christ’s example, we seek through a variety of ministries, to know, love and serve God and one another and to extend our prayer and stewardship to the missions in the spirit of all the saints.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

The Epiphany of the Lord

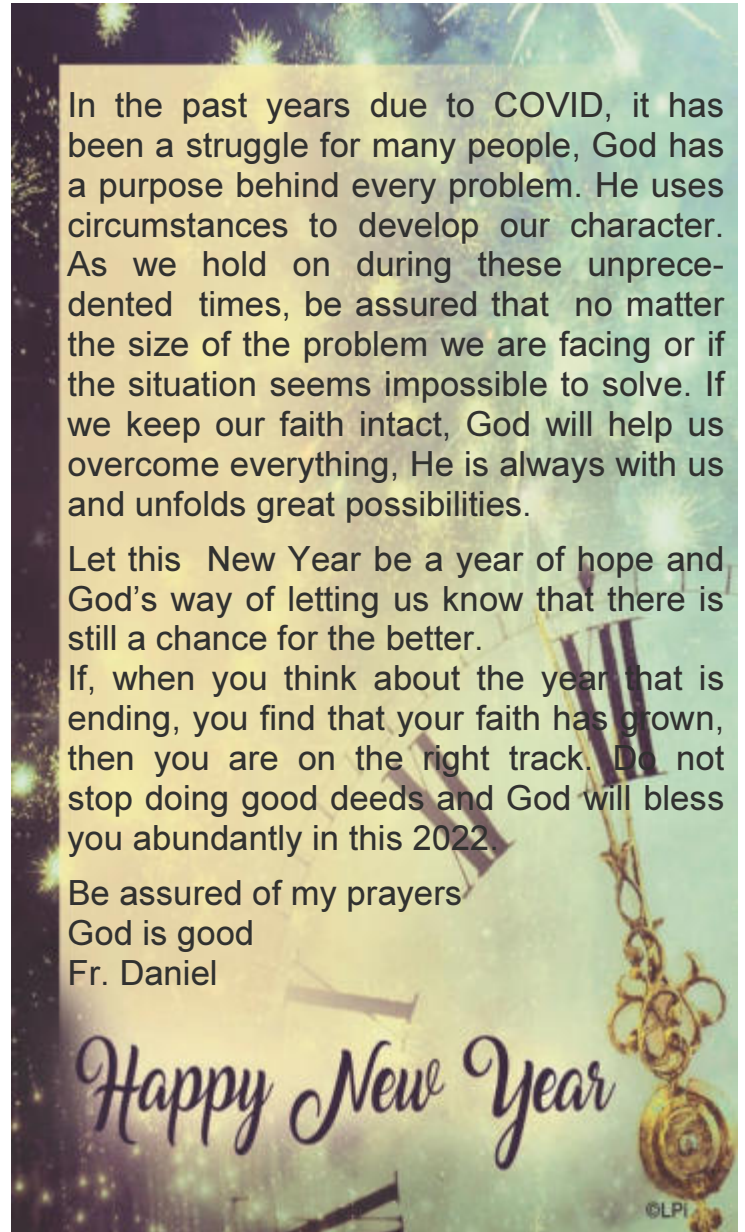
In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



The greatest gift we can place before the newborn Jesus is the gift of our life's work. What is He calling you to accomplish in your life? If God is calling you to a Church vocation, contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



Healing PRAYERS

Week 1:
Jack Chunco, Kathy Holmes,
Lynn Pease Thompson, Gregg Pease Haney

Week 2:
Donald Pasceri, Gary Jungier "Jr.",
Dominick Dellaccio

Week 3:
Sheila Tracy, Mary Ann Newton,
Amy Conlin

Week 4

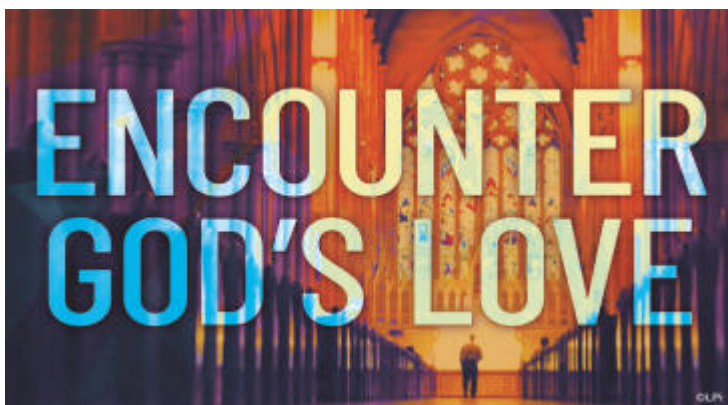
If you or a loved one is in need of prayers, please call or email the office to have the name added to the sick list. The name will remain on the list for four weeks. Names older than four weeks will be removed from the list unless we have heard from you or your loved one, asking to remain on the list for another four weeks. Please do not place anyone on the list without their express permission. We have a duty to be sensitive to other people's privacy.



*The Bread and Wine offering for the month of January is in Loving Memory of Anthony and Carole Raymond
Requested by: Barry and Susan Griffith*

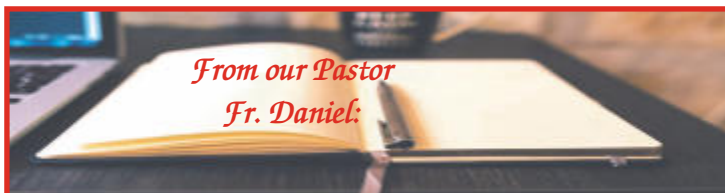


*The Church Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in loving Memory of Jean Fura
Requested By: Christine Fura*



Monthly Healing Mass
with Fr. Daniel
Friday January 7th
at 7:00 p.m.
In Person Only

God is always with us to heal us and comfort us in our sufferings. These Masses are special opportunities to invite the Holy Spirit to touch you deeply and heal those emotional, physical or spiritual places that are in need of God's healing graces. Please join us every first Friday of the month to praise God and be open to how He wishes to work in our lives as we humbly come before Him, who is rich in mercy.



Please join me to welcome our new book keeper Erica Brenner. Erica is the Business Manager from Immaculate Conception in Ransomville with over 25 years of experience in office and business management. We are all happy and excited about your inputs and contribution to All Saints Parish. Congratulations!

Special thank you to our former Business Manager, Mary Ann Bernard, my sincere appreciation for all the good work you've contributed over the years. Thank you for providing us with your impressive work ethic and positivity for over 10 years. Good luck with your future endeavors.

Fr. Daniel



Mrs. Ginny Miller, Music Director and Mrs. Terri Flaherty would like to thank the following children for their participation and hard work in preparing for and presenting this year's Christmas Pageant:



Emily, Cecelia, Audrey, Jane, Emma, Lillian, Natalia, Emerson, Lucas, Alivia, Jude, Maggie, Vivian-Pageant Assistant. A special thank you to parent volunteer Amanda Benes.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Congratulations on the birth of your baby! Baptisms are usually scheduled after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday. A Baptismal class is required for the parents. Contact the rectory for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Congratulations on your engagement! Engaged couples should contact the Parish Office before making other wedding arrangements. You must be an active parishioner for at least 6 months prior to setting a date. Couples are required to attend a Pre-Cana course. Please call to schedule arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK: Please inform the Rectory Office about parishioners confined to their homes, hospitals, or nursing facilities. The Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and the Eucharist are meant for the healing and comfort of those who are ill.

Offertory

Week Ended December 19, 2021:

Regular offertory for the week:		Families:
Collected at Masses.....	\$ 4,013.00	138
Received at the office	\$ 2,449.00	22
Online.....	\$ 2,135.00	45
Total regular offertory	<u>\$ 8,597.00</u>	<u>205</u>
Month-to-date.....	\$ 24,625.25	333
Fiscal year-to-date	\$ 114,866.66	459
Weekly average for the year	\$ 7,179.17	195
Required to meet expenses.....	\$ 8,500.00	
Average weekly shortfall.....	<u>(\$ 1,320.83)</u>	

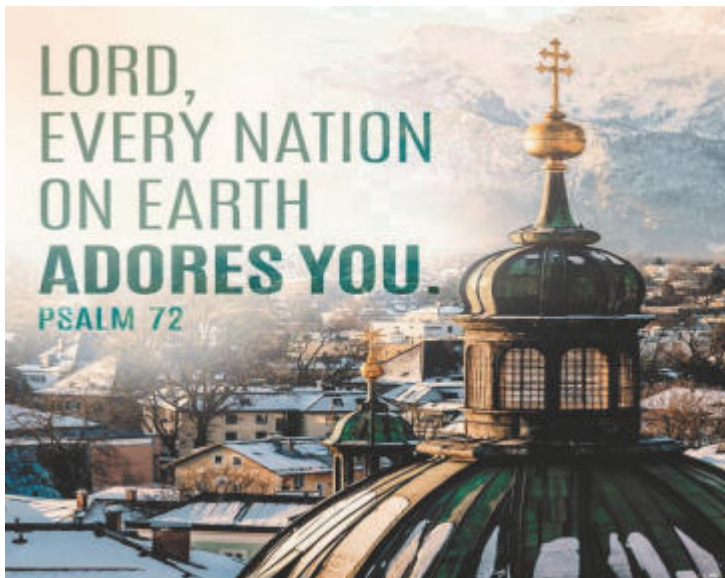
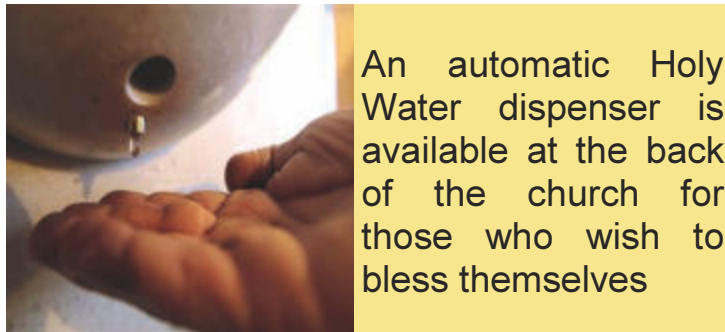
Registered families 1,035

Parish Special Collections:

All Saints day	\$ 10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 90.00
Christmas.....	\$ 365.00
Mary, Mother of God	\$ 51.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 76.00
Memorial Donation.....	\$ 100.00

Diocesan Special Collections:

Campaign for Human Development.....	\$ 30.00
Religious Retirement Fund	\$ 510.00



Epiphany
OF THE LORD
around the world

For many Christians in especially those in Spain and Latin America, the holiday season officially ends on the 12th day of Christmas known as the Feast of the Epiphany, or **Three Kings' Day**.

The holiday celebrates the biblical tale in which the Three Kings, or Three **Wise Men**, visit baby Jesus after his birth. According to the Gospel of Matthew, the men found the divine child by following a star across the desert for twelve days to Bethlehem.

The Kings, Melchior, Caspar, and Balthazar — representing Europe, Arabia, and Africa respectively — travelled by horse, camel, and elephant in order to present baby Jesus with three symbolic gifts: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh.

El Dia delos Reyes (Three Kings' Day) celebration comes in many shapes and sizes across the world. In Mexico, thousands gather every year to taste a mile-long "Rosca de Reyes" (Kings' Bread) while others simply make the holiday staple at home honoring the tradition to hide a baby Jesus figurine within the bread — the person whose slice has the figurine must prepare tamales for everyone on the Day of the Candles on Feb. 2. In other traditions, families leave a box of grass (or hay) and water for The Three King's camels to eat. Similar to the tradition of leaving out cookies and milk for Santa Claus. Camels are known for being a bit sloppy and leaving a trail of hay behind that children can often follow to their gifts.

Hispanic families will usually celebrate Three Kings Day with a scrumptious dinner that is topped off with the King's Bread (Rosca de Reyes) for dessert. Children also sometimes make crowns to wear at the table in honor of the kings.

LOVE NEVER DIES
Grief Support Group

Tuesdays 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in All Saints Parish Hall, 76 Church Street, (enter from Caledonia Street)
An all-inclusive group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one.
Love Never Dies is also available to Zoom all meetings if you are unable to attend in person. Please contact the Church Office at 433-3707 for further information.

ALL ARE WELCOME!
regardless of vaccination status, masks are required

LETTERS OF RECOMENDATIONS: To receive a letter of recommendation to be a sponsor of Baptism or Confirmation, it will be gladly given to registered parishioners (**for at least 3 months**) who are active, supporting members of our parish who regularly attend Sunday Mass and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, Confirmation and if married, has done so in conformity with the laws of the Church

The Week Ahead Ministers' Schedule

Altar Server's Schedule

Saturday, January 8 and January 9

- 4:00 p.m. Emily Pike
- 8:30 a.m. Lillian Wheeler
- 10:30 a.m. Ryann Morris

Lectors' Schedule

Saturday, January 8 and January 9

- 4:00 p.m. Sharon Lomison
- 8:30 a.m. Bernie Shanahan
- 10:30 a.m. Ed Sandell

Eucharist Minister Schedule

Saturday, January 8 and January 9

- 4:00 p.m. Susan Miller, John Moran
- 8:30 a.m. Madeline Angelo, JoAnn Cena
- 10:30 a.m. Katie and Paul Reid

Greeter Schedule

Saturday, January 8 and January 9

- 4:00 p.m. Cathy Fura, Anna Masters
- 8:30 a.m. Bill Licata, Beth Wilson, Mary Ann Chunco
- 10:30 a.m. Debra Ellis, Jackie Conley, Laureen Osland

Sacristy

Saturday, January 8

Anne Rotella, Nancy LaPoint, Teresa Kearns

Sunday, January 9..... Counting Team (C)

Parish Staff

Pastor

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Brenda Ulrich433-6467

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Parish Trustees.....Barbara Felix and Paul Reid

Building and Grounds Staff

Damien Brady and Mathew Bartz

All Saints Parish Pastoral Council

Please contact the Parish Office with any suggestions or concerns

Fr. Daniel E. Ogbeifun, David Bauer . Burt Marshall, Stephanie Wheeler, Louise Kern (Secretary), Richard Russell, John Tolli (Vice-Chair), Joe Fotia, Jim Caldwell, Reggie Rosati, Betty Newton (Fundraising), Kellene Morris (DeSales Families)

Parish Organizations

Catholic Charities Donna Day Joanne Halsen

Cemetery Board Glen Miller

Education Committee Terri Flaherty

Finance Committee Sam Muscarella

Fundraising Committee Betty Newton Fred Felix

Greeter Ministry Debra Ellis 523-3433

Holy Name Society Joseph Fotia

Knights of Columbus Jeff Halstead

Parish Life Committee Barb Gentile

Respect Life Coordinator Nora Smith

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry Mike Ulrich—433-6467

Ushers Damien Brady

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We warmly welcome new parishioners and visitors!
 No Matter what your present status in the Catholic Church;
 No Matter what your current family or marital situation;
 No Matter what your past or present religious affiliation;
 No Matter what your personal history, age, background, race or color; No Matter your self-image or self-esteem;
 You are invited, accepted, loved and respected at
 All Saints Parish Community.

New parishioners: Registration Forms are available on All Saints web site: www.allsaintslockport.org



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