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Office closed 12—1 pm for lunch

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Mission Statement

Filled with faith, hope and charity, the faithful of Ascension and Saint Katharine Drexel parishes are united as disciples of Jesus Christ. With Christ and under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to continue to celebrate the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church. We seek to inspire others to build a closer relationship with God by reaching out in love through worship, prayer, fellowship, and sharing the Gospel.

Our core values: Celebration ~ Tradition ~ Hope ~ Charity ~ Resilience

Sacramental Life

Sacrament of Baptism: Because of the importance of the celebration of the sacrament of baptism, please consider carefully the man and woman of faith you choose to inspire and educate your child in the ways of our faith for the entirety of their lives. Godparents must be practicing Catholics and submit a certificate of eligibility from their parish prior to the Baptism.

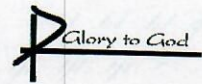
Please call the office for information regarding Sacrament of Marriage, Natural Family Planning, Anointing of the Sick, and the R.C.I.A. Program.

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00 PM	<i>St. Joseph</i>
Sunday Masses	8:00 AM	<i>St. Juliana</i> • 9:30 AM <i>St. Joseph</i> 11:00 AM <i>St. James</i>
Daily Mass		
Monday, Wednesday, Friday.....	8:30 AM	<i>St. Joseph</i>
Tuesday, Thursday.....	9:00 AM	<i>St. James</i>
Holy Day Masses		
Vigil.....	5:30 PM	<i>St. James</i>
Holy Day.....	12:00 PM & 6:00 PM	<i>St. Joseph</i>
Confessions		Half hour before masses

**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**





MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of October 24, 2022

Monday, October 24

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Thomas Rivenburgh by Bruce, Billy & Ralph- The Edwards Family

Tuesday, October 25

9:00 AM-St. James Rev. Stephen Krawontka by Mark & Ann Marie Polednak

Wednesday, October 26

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Francis Baranowski by Pamela

Thursday, October 27

9:00 AM-St. James Rev. Joseph Horanzy by Mark & Ann Marie Polednak

Friday, October 28

8:30 AM -St. Joseph Jim Fitzsimmons by Margie & Stanley

Saturday, October 29

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Frank Zaller by Pam Green

Sunday, October 30

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Fred & Jane Weist by Maryann & Alan

9:30 AM-St. Joseph James Fitzsimmons by Patti, Danny & Alex Fitzsimmons

11:00 AM-St. James Special Intention

Sanctuary Candle

October 23-29

St. Joseph's Church

Peter Baysa by Dottie & Children

Bread & Wine

St. Joseph's Church

Saturday, October 22

Donald A. Ogozaly by Annette & Marty

St. James Church

Sunday, October 23

Ken Haberle by Family

PARISH FINANCES

**Ascension Parish Collection Report
October 1-2, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$3957
Other Parish Envelopes	\$713
Loose	\$91
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$4761
Diocesan Second Collection	\$ 323
Diocese Envelopes	\$80

**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report
October 1-2, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$2296
Other Parish Envelopes	\$293
Loose	\$242
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$2831
Diocesan Second Collection	\$397
Diocese Envelopes	\$50

Second Collection

This Weekend: World Mission Sunday
Next Weekend: Special Collection for Hurricane Relief

MASS BOOK – OCTOBER

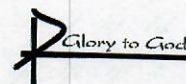
The Mass, Bread & Wine, and Sanctuary Candle books for the month of **October 2022** are now open. If you would like an offering, please call the office or email apskdp@nep.net.

HELP WANTED

Ascension Parish is looking to hire a person to open and close St. Joseph Church for all masses and events, such as holy days, funerals, and sacraments. Please contact the Parish office at 570-785-3838 or jillb@nep.net if you would like to apply.

October 23, 2022

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CCD NEWS

Ascension Parish

- CCD classes are for students in grades 1-8.
- If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Pearson at apfcredu@gmail.com or 570-960-1824.
- We are on Facebook! Please like and follow us on Facebook!

St. Katharine Drexel Parish

- CCD classes are for students in grades 1-8.
- If you have any questions, please contact Danielle O'Neill at 570-642-1190 or oneills@nep.net.
- We are on Facebook! Please like and follow us on Facebook!

FREE DAMIAN THE MAGICIAN SHOW

Damian the Magician will be presenting his eclectic magic act as part of Forest City's Halloween on Main on Wednesday, October 26, 2022, beginning at 6:15 at the Forest City Area Historical Society, corner of Main and Dundaff Streets (Route 247), Forest City.

The 45-to-50-minute magic show features some of the greatest classic magic ever performed on stage. The audience will also participate in the show bringing the audience closer to the magic! This is a one-of-a-kind magical experience, and you will agree that Damian is beyond belief!

The show is FREE, donations will be accepted. Please stop by to visit the museum and to see Damian's phenomenal illusions. This show is for all ages, everyone is invited. Please stop by and enjoy!

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR HURRICANE VICTIMS

There will be a special second collection next weekend **October 29th – 30th** for disaster relief for those affected by Hurricane Fiona and Ian. The collection will be sent to the **US Conference of Catholic Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund** so those most in need can receive assistance quickly.

COAT GIVEAWAY

On Friday October 28th, 3:00-6:00 PM and Saturday, October 29th, 2:00-4:00 PM everyone is encouraged to stop by the Christ Church at the corner of Delaware & Dundaff Streets to select FREE coats in sizes suitable for men, women, and children. Here, folks can pick up new, clean, gently used coats, hats, scarves; and a limited supply of warm blankets will also be available. No questions asked or requirements are needed. Coats have been provided by the American Legion Post 154,

Montrose, by the congregation of Christ Church, and donations from people throughout the greater Forest City area. Additional donations appreciated; just call 570-785-5792 to make arrangements. Monetary support for the program may also be made at the church, or made payable to American Legion Post 154 and mailed to them at 14515 St. Rt. 3001, Montrose.

RCIA CLASS

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a full member of the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist (or completing these sacraments if you have already received one or two), please call our Parish office at 570-785-3838, or see Father Arun or Deacon Carl after any Mass. Meetings will begin in October, approximately one per week, on days and at times convenient for all attendees.

SCRANTON PREP SCHOLARSHIP ENTRANCE EXAM

Scranton Prep **Scholarship entrance exam** will be held on **Sat. Dec. 3rd** for eighth grade students applying for fall 2023. Register at www.scrantonprep.org/preptest. Questions, please call 570-941-7737, ext. 141

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING - REFRESHER

There will be an altar server training at each church in the coming weeks. We welcome any new server that has received their First Holy Communion, as well as invite our past servers that may need a refresher course after the extended Covid hiatus.

- Sunday Oct 30th: after 8:00 am Mass at St. Juliana
- Sunday Nov 13th: after 9:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
- Sunday Nov 20th: after 11:00 am Mass at St. James

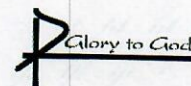
ST. MARY'S BASKET RAFFLE & BAKE SALE

Theme Baskets Plus Door Prize & a Variety of Home Baked Goodies. **St. Mary's Hall, 242 Carbondale Road, Waymart.** Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 12:00 Noon-4:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM AND Sunday, November 6, 2022 from 10:30 AM - drawing at 1:00 PM. Basket Ticket prices are \$5.00 and \$10.00. All proceeds benefit St. Mary's Church.



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LEAVE A MARK 2022

Young adults (age 18-40) are invited to join Bishop Joseph C. Bambera on Sunday, November 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Scranton for this annual gathering to kickoff National Vocation Awareness Week in the Diocese of Scranton. A social with food trucks, live music, corn hole and more will immediately follow in the Diocesan Pastoral Center. For more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

NATIONAL SUICIDE LIFELINE

Pennsylvanians now have a new, easier way to connect to mental or behavioral health crisis services. People can call, text, or chat 988 will be connected directly to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The existing Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will remain available. 988 can be used by anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental or behavioral health, and/or substance use crisis — no matter where they are or where they live. Lifeline services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at no cost to the caller.

WINTER CEMETERY POLICIES

Cemetery visitations are prohibited when roads and graves are covered with snow. It is often challenging to navigate cemetery roads with plow trucks and we seek to exercise caution in not damaging grass and, most importantly, graves and their markers. We also wish to protect the safety of each of you and ask everyone to exercise prudence in your visitations in general. We do not want any injuries to occur or vehicles to be stuck in snow.

THE SAINT CHALLENGE

The Saint Challenge is launching on All Saint's Day, November 1st. It is a year-long series of challenges based on the saint of the day. In 90 seconds you'll learn a little fact about the saint of the day, and be given a challenge inspired by that saint. It could be a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or something to improve your interior life and your relationship with God and neighbor. The Saint Challenge is free, and you can find more information and find ways to sign up at www.thesaintchallenge.com. Let's be saints!

ROCKY HORROR FILM SHOWING

The Forest City Area Historical Society will present the Rocky Horror Picture Show on Friday, October 28th, beginning at 7:00PM at the museum (corner of Dundaff and Main St). Admission is \$5 and a concession stand is

available to enjoy snacks while viewing the movie. The film is rated R, and anyone 17 and under will only be admitted with a parent. Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend the viewing of this classical Halloween movie!

ABOUT WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

In 1926, Pope Pius XI established an annual collection for the missionary work of the Church worldwide called "World Mission Sunday." World Mission Sunday, organized by the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. As described by Pope John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is "an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world" (*Redemptoris Missio* 81). The Society for the Propagation of the Faith is entrusted with the promotion of World Mission Sunday, collection of the proceeds, and distribution of the proceeds. As a representative of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the Mission Office in St. Louis sends the proceeds to the National Office of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the United States. Offerings from Catholics in the United States, on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year, are combined with offerings to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith worldwide. Over 1,100 mission dioceses receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected! Each year, these mission dioceses submit requests to the Pontifical Mission Societies for assistance with catechetical programs, seminaries, the work of religious communities, communication, transportation, the building of chapels, churches, orphanages, and schools, and the list goes on. Then, the national directors of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith of every country gather to vote on these requests, matching the funds available with the greatest needs. These funds are then distributed in their entirety to mission dioceses throughout the world. Every year, the needs of the Catholic Church in mission dioceses grow— new dioceses are formed, new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and other long-suppressed areas are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed

October 23, 2022
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SERVERS		LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church			
10/22/22	4:00 PM	Mary Garm	Peg Tomazic
10/23/22	9:30 AM	John Risboskin	Maryann McCusker
St. Juliana Church			
10/23/22	8:00 AM	Pat Simpson	Carol Kneier
St. James Church			
10/23/22	11:00 AM	Jason & Nicole Non	Gail McKeon
			Pete Vauter

Hymns for 10/23/2022 30 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	#473 As We Gather at Your Table	#572 Father of Peace	#473 As We Gather at Your Table
Readings and Psalm	#942	#942	#942
Offertory	#526 The Cry of the Poor	#539 Here I Am Lord	#526 The Cry of the Poor
Communion	#645 Eye Has Not Seen	#507 Taste and See	#645 Eye Has Not Seen
Recessional	#670 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	#683 Christ Be Our Light	# 670 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord: To Add a name call 785-3838.

Prayers for the Sick: Christopher Trusky, Maria Koslosky, Tom Zologa, Celestine Cicco, Dave Babich, Caroline Krupovich, Ilene Adamitis, Marge Armstrong, Mary Zigon, Dorothy Jones, Ruth Ann Slish, Thomas J. Madridal, Stan Hadley, Sharon Hadley, Barbara Sprovkin, Heidi Rowe, Brendan Clune, Kate Magalski, John Lillie, Mollie Konczyk, Jean Welicka, Dan Kimberley, Carmen M. McClelland, Karen Campbell, Susan Glinkowski, Debbie Trusky, Louise Brockdorf, Ruthie Sterchak, Robert Polinsky, Marilyn Perine, Joseph Gugliucci, Fulton Joseph Hood, John Reeder, Sr., Jessica Vigorito, Mark Polednak, Charlie Matthews, Vickie Ravnkar, Maury Urmanec, Phyllis Flynn, Caitlyn Vauter, Susan Carpenter, Mary Connors, Amelia Giorgano, Ella Pearson, Erin Andersen, Lydia Jones, Kerry Henderson, Carol Bishop, Geri Duplatre, Diane Kimberley, Brian Rock, Walter Welicka, Gerrit Vanderwell, Patricia Simpson, Ruth "Rudy" Peterka, Barbara Scott, Mary Lynott, Kathleen Connor, Patricia Connor Mader, Joyce Skinner, and Cheryl Williams. To submit a name, call 785-3838.

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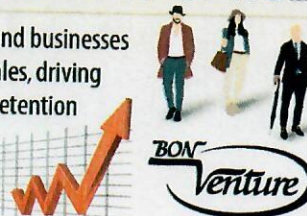


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