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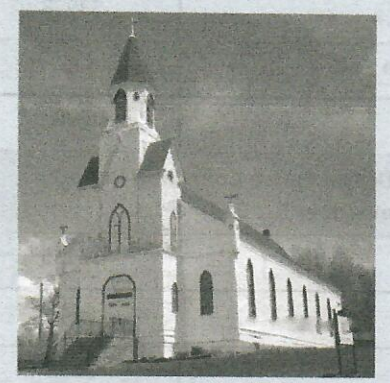
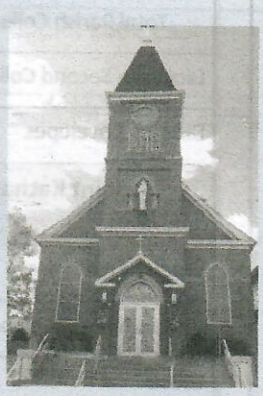
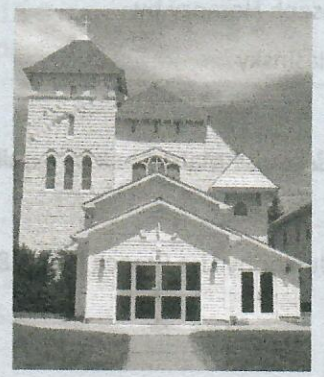






"The season of Advent, restores this horizon of hope, a hope which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! He is faithful! He does not disappoint! Let us think about and feel this beauty."

— Pope Francis

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** *St. Joseph*

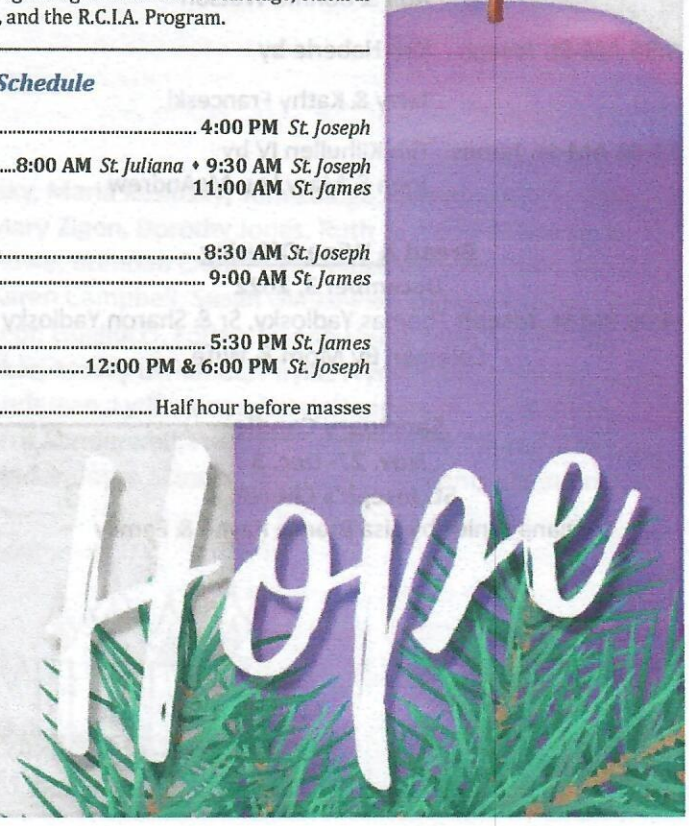
Sunday Masses.....**8:00 AM** *St. Juliana* • **9:30 AM** *St. Joseph*
11:00 AM *St. James*

Daily Mass
Monday, Wednesday, Friday..... **8:30 AM** *St. Joseph*
Tuesday, Thursday..... **9:00 AM** *St. James*

Holy Day Masses
Vigil..... **5:30 PM** *St. James*
Holy Day.....**12:00 PM & 6:00 PM** *St. Joseph*

Confessions..... Half hour before masses

First Sunday of ADVENT



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November 27, 2022
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We await the Savior
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MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of November 28, 2022

Monday, November 28

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Tim Kilhullen IV by Joe & Mary Remus

Tuesday, November 29

9:00-St. James Freda Joseph by Bob & Nancy Non

Wednesday, November 30

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Rev. Joseph Horanzy by Sue Kulasinsky

Thursday, December 1

Albert & Louise Matoushek by Family

Friday, December 2

8:30 AM -St. Joseph Diana Junior by Lisa Branca Payne & Family

Saturday, December 3

4:00 PM-St. Joseph James Fitzsimmons by Joe & Jennifer Arnold

Sunday, December 4

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Elmer DeLucia by Ron & Bonnie Watson

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Ken Haberle by Jerry & Kathy Franceski

11:00 AM-St. James Tim Kilhullen IV by John & Mary Lou McAndrew

Bread & Wine Offering
December 3, 2022
4:00 PM St. Joseph Thomas Yadlosky, Sr & Sharon Yadlosky Coleman By Mom & Wife

Sanctuary Candle
Nov. 27- Dec. 3
St. Joseph's Church
Diana Junior by Lisa Branca Payne & Family

PARISH FINANCES

Ascension Parish Collection Report November 5-6, 2022	
Weekly Envelopes	$2744
Other Parish Envelopes	$1186
Loose	$48
Parish Second Collection	$0
Total Parish Collection	$3978
Diocesan Second Collection	$261
Diocese Envelopes	$70

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report November 6, 2022	
Weekly Envelopes	$2135
Other Parish Envelopes	$645
Loose	$196
Parish Second Collection	$0
Total Parish Collection	$2976
Diocesan Second Collection	$360
Diocese Envelopes	$50

Second Collection
This Weekend: Deficit Reduction
Next Weekend: Care & Education of Priests

CONFESSION SCHEDULE UPDATE

Updates to the confessions schedule have been made.

- St. Joseph: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00 – 8:20 AM
- St. Joseph: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM
- St. James: Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 – 8:50 AM
- St. Juliana: 1st Sunday of the month before Mass

Also by appointment – please call the office.

MASS BOOK – DECEMBER

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

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CCD NEWS

Ascension Parish

- CCD classes are for students in grades 1-8.
- If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Pearson at apfcreledu@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!

SKD A&RS COOKIE SALE

St. Kathrine Drexel Altar & Rosary Society is having a drive-thru Cookie Sale on Saturday, Dec. 10th in the St. James parking lot. Starts at 10 AM, goes until sold out. $10 per box of assorted cookies. Anyone interested in baking cookies for this fundraiser can drop them off at St. James Hall on Dec. 8 between 9-10 AM or Dec. 9 between 4-6 PM. Any questions, contact Bonnie Watson at 570-448-2245.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUP SALE

Beginning Friday December 2nd, Christ Episcopal Church (700 Delaware Street), will again offer delicious seasonal homemade soups for take-out. Offering frozen pints for only $5, varieties will change throughout the season, including tasty chicken or beef soups, split pea, lentil, and chowders, healthy beans and vegetables, and potato. Weekly soup sales are a fundraiser that will continue through the 2023 Lenten season. To order, call ahead for current soup choices and to reserve your order: 570-785-3425. All take-out orders will be available for pick-up on Fridays from 3:00pm to 6:00pm.

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.

CHRISTMAS WAFERS

Christmas wafers are now available in all churches and the Parish Office. Each pack is $2.00.

WINTER WEATHER POLICY

All masses for Ascension Parish regardless of weather will be held at St. Joseph Church. St. Katharine Drexel Parish daily and weekend masses will be cancelled via the parish website at apskdp.org.

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.

ROTARY CLUB CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed." Proverbs 11:25

The Forest City Area Rotary Club is once again collecting Christmas gift items for the residents of the Forest City Nursing Home. Each year the club sponsors a party with treats, gifts, and entertainment. The nursing home is seeking the following donations: Personal items such as shampoo, conditioner, body wash, moisturizer, and manicure products/nail polish/polish remover/emory boards. Also, adult coloring books, word search/puzzle books; colored pencils; non-slip socks; winter hats, gloves, and scarves. Please drop off items to the parish office before Monday, Dec. 5th. The club's nursing home Christmas party is Tuesday, Dec. 6th. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

SICK VISITS

Please call the office at 570-785-3838 for Fr. Arun to visit if you are ill, or going to the hospital for any reason, or if someone might be entering hospice care. He will gladly come to your home or hospital for a blessing. It's never too early to call.

BABY ITEM COLLECTION

Providence Pregnancy Center in Scranton, an outreach of St. Thomas More Parish, is collecting items to help babies and women facing crisis. A collection basket will be available in the churches November 1st through December 18th. Items needed are: new baby clothes sizes newborn – 2T; new/gently used maternity clothes; diapers; wipes; diaper cream; baby shampoo/soap; hooded baby towels; new bottles, pacifiers, baby toys; new blankets, hats; new infant bath tubs; new car seats; and new diaper bags. More information on PPC can be found at www.providencepregnancycenter.org.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

A Christmas Cantata will be presented on December 4th at 2:00 PM in the Thompson Methodist Church. The choir is made up of area church choirs. Members of St Juliana' s choir will participate. All are welcome. This is a great way to start the Advent season.

ST. FAUSTINA CHAPEL

Please come and join us on Monday, December 12th for the last Holy Mass at St. Faustina's Chapel (1763 Great Bend Turnpike, Pleasant Mount) for the year until the springtime, to celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe! Our world is in such need of Our Dear Mother, let us honor her and pray to her together on this special feast day! The day starts at 12:00 pm with Confessions, Rosary, Chaplet and Holy Mass at 1:00 pm with our celebrant Fr. Joseph Sibilano, OSJ. Following Mass, we cordially invite you to join us for a meal at Our Lady's Home. Any desserts brought would be appreciated.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Please consider making a donation to help decorate our churches for the Christmas season with your parishioner Christmas Flowers envelope. Thank you in advance for your continued support of our parishes!

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-HourChild Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 800-932-0313 or at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhere to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator Mary Beth Pacuska at 570-862-7551 or to Diocesan officials, including the Vicar General, Monsignor Thomas M. Muldowney at 570-207-2269.

Greetings from The Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters: We are at the end of our Liturgical Year and entering into a new season – the Season of Advent. It is a beautiful time, a season of new hope, in which we prepare to welcome our Savior, the Light of the World, into our hearts, families, and communities. The Holy Mother Church gives us this beautiful season to prepare ourselves spiritually and welcome him worthily in our midst.

My Dear Friends, let us look into our hearts and make this Advent Season more meaningful and fruitful, to welcome the newborn baby to this world. Let us make this Christmas totally different than other years. This Christmas should be a new Christmas, distinct from what we have celebrated in the previous years. ~ *Father Arun*

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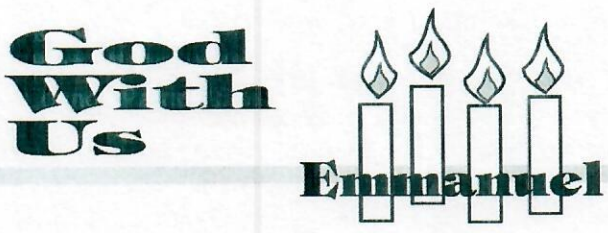
Hymns for 11/27/2022 1st Sunday of Advent	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	#228 O Come, O Come Emmanuel	#228 O Come, O Come Emmanuel	#228 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Readings and Psalm	#783	#783	#783
Offertory	#132 Psalm 25 To You Oh Lord	#572 Father of Peace	#132 Psalm 25 To You Oh Lord
Communion	#683 Christ Be Our Light	#507 Taste and See	#683 Christ Be Our Light
Recessional	#223 People, Look East	#212 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	#223 People, Look East

	SERVERS	LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church			
12/3/22 4:00 PM		Lauren Perry	Allen Gordon
12/4/22 9:30 AM		Sue Kulasinsky	Maryann McCusker
St. Juliana Church			
12/4/22 8:00 AM	Laura & Anna Nebzydoski	Nick DeLucia	Debbie Biondo
St. James Church			
12/4/22 11:00 AM	Jason & Nicole Non	Emily Frisbie	Chris Urban

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

Prayers for the Sick:
Stephanie Dunn, John J. Jurkiw, Stewart Heesh, 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. McCleland, 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 Ravnikar, 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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