THE START OF LENT

Ash Wednesday

All come from dust, and to dust all return.

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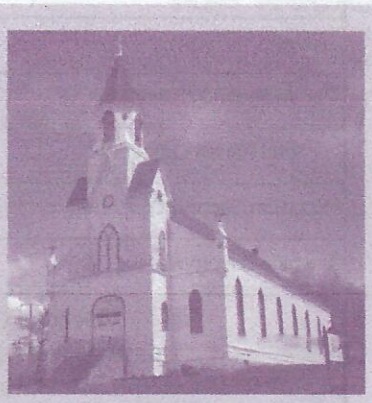

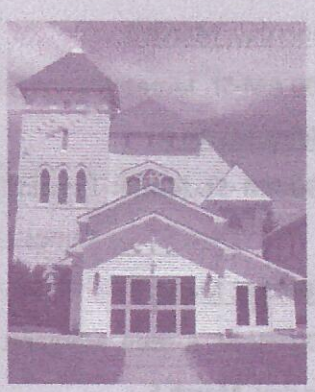

Mission Statement

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** *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

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MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of February 28, 2022

Monday, February 28

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Margaret Spyhalski by Celestine Cicco

Tuesday, March 1

9:00 AM-St. James David Branning by Pete & Denise Vauter

Ash Wednesday, March 2

8:30 AM-Mass St. Joseph Clarence & Thomas Zigon by Mary

12:00 PM-St. Joseph Liturgy of the Word Service

6:00 PM-St. Joseph Liturgy of the Word Service

6:00 PM-Mass St. James Rose Zembrzycki and Clara Roskoski by Niece Betty

Thursday, March 3

9:00 AM-St. James Marina Rodriguez by Bob & Nancy Non

Friday, March 4

8:30 AM -St. Joseph Donald Teague by Joe & Mary Alice Remus

Saturday, March 5

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Margaret O'Pecko by Family

Sunday, March 6

8:00 AM-St. Juliana John Arrigan by Gerard O'Neill

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Frank Orehek by Sue Kulasinsky

11:00 AM-St. James Joseph Adamitis by St. Katharine Drexel Altar & Rosary Society

Bread and Wine
St. Joseph
Saturday, March 5
Donald Lewandowski by Wife Marianne
Sunday, March 6
Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Walaski by Family

Sanctuary Candle
Week of February 27 – March 5
St. Joseph
Joseph "Butch" Vozel by wife Marion

PARISH FINANCES

Ascension Parish Collection Report February 12 & 13, 2022	
Weekly Envelopes	$3716.00
Other Parish Envelopes	$415.00
Loose	$45.00
Parish Second Collection	$307.00
Total Parish Collection	$4483.00
Diocesan Second Collection	$0
Diocese Envelopes	$110.00
Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report February 12 & 13, 2022	
Weekly Envelopes	$3490.00
Other Parish Envelopes	$293.00
Loose	$200.00
Parish Second Collection	$0479.00
Total Parish Collection	$4462.00
Diocesan Second Collection	$0
Diocese Envelopes	$45.00

Second Collection
This Weekend: Deficit Reduction
Ash Wednesday: Church in Central & Eastern Europe
Next Weekend: Care & Education of Priests

ONLINE GIVING!

Ascension & St. Katharine Drexel Parishes offer Online Giving. You can now manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure, and is convenient for you. ***Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.apskdp.org and selecting the Online Giving link and then selecting the appropriate parish link.***

MASS BOOK – FEBRUARY

The Mass, Bread & Wine, and Sanctuary Candle books for the month of **MARCH 2022** are now open. If you would like an offering, please call the office or email apskdp@nep.net. Masses requested will be limited to two per family, per year.

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CCD NEWS

Ascension Parish

- CCD is for students in grades 1-8.
- This year we will be continuing with the on-line format. It will be in a Family Catechesis format where students will be responsible for completing all work and assessments online.
- 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 for grades 1-8
- Contact Danielle to register and for information about the program this year at 570-642-1190 or oneills@nep.net
- If you have any questions, please contact Danielle

2022 ENVELOPES

Stewardship Envelopes for the new year are now available. They may be picked up at the parish office, St. James Hall, and St. Juliana Vestibule. For Ascension Parish envelopes, please contact the parish office to pick up your envelopes at 570-785-3838. St. James and St. Juliana envelopes need to be picked up before and after Masses on Sunday. . May God reward you for your generosity.

MASS WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, Father Stephen will say all masses for Ascension Parish regardless of the weather since he is able to walk to St. Joseph Church. St. Katharine Drexel Parish daily and weekend masses will be cancelled via the parish website at apskdp.org.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations are sponsoring a retreat for young adults (aged 18-35) on Friday, March 25. This 24-hour retreat is titled "**Signposts**: *How to Recognize and Trust the Work of God's Hand in One's Life*." The retreat will consist of interactive sessions led by Father Patrick Rogers, S.J., Executive Director of the Jesuit Center at the University of Scranton, small group discussion, private prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, reconciliation, Mass, and time to connect with other young adults from throughout the Diocese. Registration fee is $20.00, which will be paid by our parishes. To register and/or for more information, visit dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-1452.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence: All Catholics who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain from meat totally on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
Fasting: The law of fasting obliges all Catholics who are between the ages of 18-59 inclusive. On a day of Fast, those who are obliged by this law, may eat only one full meal and two partial meals (all meatless), unless dispensed or excused by reason of illness or special circumstance.
The observance of the laws of Fast & Abstinence is a serious obligation from which no Catholic will be lightly excused.

SICK VISITS

Please call the office at 570-785-3838 for Fr. Stephen 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 for a blessing. It's never too early to call.

LENTEN CONCERT

The Catholic Choral Society will present their annual Lenten Concert on Sunday, March 13th at 3 PM at The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, St. Mary's Church, 1090 Carmalt St., Dickson City. Snow date for the concert is Sunday, March 20th at 3PM. The concert is open to the public free of charge. There will be a free will offering. The group, marking its 72nd season, is composed of members from Luzerne, Lackawanna, Wayne, Susquehanna and Wyoming counties who will perform inspirational music in the Lenten tradition, inspiring prayer and meditation through music. Further information may be obtained by calling 570-575-1040 and also at www.catholicchoralsociety.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.

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DIOCESE OF SCRANTON: GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC MASSES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

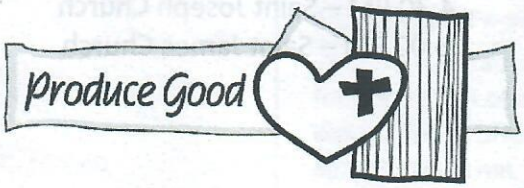
1. The Diocese of Scranton is **strongly recommending** that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass – regardless of vaccination status. As Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors and mask wearing remains an important mitigation tool against community spread.
2. In order to safeguard our community, all Priests, Deacons, Extraordinary Ministers, and Altar Servers must wear masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.
3. Anyone who is sick should stay home and participate in the celebration of Mass through Catholic Television or a parish livestream Mass. In addition, anyone displaying COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, or muscle pain) should not attend Mass in-person.
4. Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the church.
5. The Sign of Peace will be celebrated without physical contact.
6. Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.

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

Prayers for the Sick: Rev. Joseph Horanzy, Kate Magalski, Teri Manko, John Lillie, Pete Vauter, Nancy Mitchell, Mollie Konczyk, Jean Welicka, Dan Kimberley, Carmen M. McCleland, Brian Gasper, John Michalizysen, Karen Campbell, Susan Glinkowski, Debbie Trusky, Jeff Ryan, Louise Brockdorf, Bonnie Watson, 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, Bud Peter, Diane Kimberley, Michael Murnin, Jr., Brian Rock, Joe Sprovkin, Carl Poterjoy, 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.

Hymns for 2/27/2022 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	#719 God, We Praise You	#465 Gather Your People	#719 God, We Praise You
Readings and Psalm	#876	#876	#876
Offertory	#772 I Have Loved You	#636 Open My Eyes	#772 I Have Loved You
Communion	#511 Taste and See	#760 Lead Me Lord	#511 Taste and See
Recessional	#696 Beautiful Savior	#625 Christ Be Beside Me	#696 Beautiful Savior

Ascension Parish	Saint Katharine Drexel Parish
32.8% (124 out of 377) gave/pledged DAA 2021 Goal: $25,000.00 Total Raised: $26,350.00 (Over)Under: ($1350.00)	38.15% (66 out of 174) gave/pledged DAA 2021 Goal: $13,000.00 Total Raised: $ 17,375.00 (Over)Under: ($4,375.00)



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		SERVERS	LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church				
3/2/22	12:00 PM	*Service only*		Beverly Bennett
3/2/22	6:00 PM	*Service only*		Allen Gordon
3/5/22	4:00 PM		Mary Garm	Dn. Albright
3/6/22	9:30 AM		Debbie Trusky	Allen Gordon
St. Juliana Church				
3/6/22	8:00 AM		Al Snyder	Dn. Albright
St. James Church				
3/2/22	6:00 PM	Eoghan, Seamus & Macson Murphy	Clara Murphy	Chris Urban
3/6/22	11:00 AM	Eoghan, Seamus & Macson Murphy	Clara Murphy	Chris Urban

Ash Wednesday Schedule
March 2, 2022

Please note that ashes will be sprinkled over your head or applied with a cotton swab.

8:30 AM –Saint Joseph Church - Holy Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes
12:00 PM –Saint Joseph Church - Liturgy of the Word Service and Imposition of Ashes
6:00 PM –Saint Joseph Church - Liturgy of the Word Service and Imposition of Ashes
6:00 PM –Saint James Church - Holy Mass with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes

Lent 2022

The Light is on For You – Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance
Saint Joseph Church
Mondays: 3/14, 3/28, 4/11 – Confessions from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Saint James Church
Mondays: 3/7, 3/21, 4/4 – Confessions from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Stations of the Cross
Fridays throughout Lent
4:30 PM – Saint Joseph Church
6:00 PM – Saint James Church

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