

# ASCENSION PARISH and ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

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**Parish Office Hours**.....Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Office closed 12—1 pm for lunch

**After hours**—emergencies only: 570-785-7856

## **Our Parish Staff**

### **Pastor**

Rev. Stephen A. Krawontka  
Deacon Carl S. Albright

### **Administrative Staff**

Jill Bailer, Marie Risboskin

### **Directors of Religious Education**

Jennifer Pearson  
*Ascension Parish*

Danielle O'Neill  
*St. Katharine Drexel Parish*



### **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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Fasting  
Praying  
Repenting  
Forgiving

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of March 8, 2021

### Monday, March 8

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Philomena Kowalewski by Jack & Peggy Majdic

### Tuesday, March 9

9:00 AM-St. James

### Wednesday, March 10

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Jane Janezic by Tom & Ann Janezic

### Thursday, March 11

9:00 AM-St. James Joseph Ignatovich by Paul & Diane O'Hara

### Friday, March 12

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Joseph Machek by Ann & Jeanne Lally

### Saturday, March 13

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Donald Slish by Sue Kulasinsky

### Sunday, March 14

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Francis McGraw by Tim, Jackie, Shane & Blake Rickard

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Michael Murnin by Henry & Ann Majdic, Jr.

11:00 AM-St. James

### Bread & Wine

Sunday, March 14

St. Juliana 8:00 AM

Ewald Kneier by Family

### MASS BOOK – MARCH

The Mass, Bread & Wine, and Sanctuary Candle books for the month of **MARCH 2021 is now open**. If you would like an offering please call the office or email [apskdp@nep.net](mailto:apskdp@nep.net). Masses requested will be limited to two per family, per year.

### THANK YOU

A heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Cathy and Paul Walker for the "Face of Jesus" displayed at St. James church. Cathy lovingly and faithfully crocheted the image of Jesus, crowned with thorns, and Paul framed the work. What a gift to our faith community - a special way to prayerfully contemplate the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## PARISH FINANCES

### Ascension Parish Collection Report February 20 & 21, 2021

Weekly Envelopes	\$1819.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$290.00
Loose	\$45.00
Parish Second Collection	\$193.00
Total Parish Collection	\$2347.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$250.00
Prior Year Parish Total – Feb. 22 & 23, 2020	\$3657.00

### Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report February 20 & 21, 2021

Weekly Envelopes	\$1573.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$60.00
Loose	\$30.00
Parish Second Collection	\$52.00
Total Parish Collection	\$1715.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$112.00
Prior Year Parish Total – Feb. 22 & 23, 2020	\$2538.00

### Second Collection

**This Weekend:** The Care & Education of Priests

**Next Weekend:** The Catholic Relief Services

### ASCENSION & ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISHES ONLINE GIVING!

Ascension & St. Katharine Drexel Parishes now offer Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure and it is convenient for you. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at [www.apskdp.org](http://www.apskdp.org) and selecting the Online Giving link and then selecting the appropriate parish link.

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Through Moses, God passed on the commandments he wished all people to follow. He tells us not to worship idols or take the name of the Lord in vain. All the laws God gave to us, if followed, would ensure that we could live in peace and harmony with one another as he had planned.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is the power and the wisdom of God. Although they claimed to possess wisdom, "God's folly is wiser than men, and his weakness is more powerful than men."

#### Gospel: John 2:13-25

Jesus went to the temple of Jerusalem to find merchants there selling sheep and doves. He knocked over their tables and drove the animals away. The merchants asked him for a sign that he was authorized to do this. He told them to "destroy this temple (referring to his body) and in three days I will raise it up." The merchants misunderstood, and did not believe he could rebuild in three days what had taken nearly 50 years to build. Still many believed in him, after seeing the miracles he had performed.

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#### HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

**"Jesus answered and said to her, 'If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink', you would have asked him and he would have given you living water... Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst. The water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.'"**

Do yourself a favor. Open your bible to chapter 4 of John's gospel and live the scene of Jesus and the Samaritan woman. Discover the gentle invitation of Jesus, opening her heart to what He wanted for her.

Listen closely to the conversation, perhaps her initial fear, a stranger violating the customary protocol, and gradually she discovers herself, and Christ. 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I have done.'

May the living water, God's grace this Lent well up in me, bringing forgiveness in reconciliation, and strength in the Eucharist.

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### THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

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### THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish we collected \$[amount] to help restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the Collection, it's not too late to give. Visit [www.usccb.org/ccee](http://www.usccb.org/ccee).

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### 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. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. 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-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at [www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis](http://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis) To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering 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).

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### CCD NEWS

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#### Ascension Parish

- CCD is for students in grades 1-8.
- If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Pearson at [apfcredu@gmail.com](mailto:apfcredu@gmail.com) or 570-960-1824.
- We are on Facebook! Please like and follow us at [facebook.com/ascensionparishfcpa](https://facebook.com/ascensionparishfcpa)

#### St. Katharine Drexel Parish

- CCD classes for grades 1-8
- Classes will be live virtual classes on Sundays from 9:30 - 10:15.

If you have any questions, please contact Danielle O'Neill at 570-642-1190.

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### PARISH OFFICE

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The Parish Office will remain staffed but will be closed to the public. If you need to conduct business, please call the office at 570-785-3838, Monday - Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please put items you are dropping off through the mail slot at 612 Hudson Street, Forest City, PA 18421. Thank you for your cooperation.

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### UPDATED WEATHER POLICY

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We have a new policy for 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](http://apskdp.org).

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### CHRIST CHURCH LENTEN PIZZA SALE

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Christ Episcopal Church, 700 Delaware St., Forest City, will be holding their annual pizza Lenten sales on Fridays until April 2. You can get a 12 cut 3-cheese pizza for \$10 or a 12 cut Pagash Pizza for \$12. These pies are prepared and ready to eat. Call 570-785-3425 to order. Pick up time will be 3 to 6 PM.

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### SUPPORT OUR PARISHES

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Even though our Masses have resumed it is with a limited number of parishioners, our expenses continue, and we still need your help. We know this pandemic has affected our families in many ways, and we appreciate that you include our churches in your budget. It truly reflects how faith-filled and considerate you are. Envelopes can be mailed to the office or dropped through the mail slot of the office door at 612 Hudson Street, Forest City, PA 18421. You can now also give online at [apskdp.org](http://apskdp.org) and select Online Giving. Thank you for your unceasing goodness and generosity throughout the year.

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### LENTEN REGULATIONS

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**Abstinence:** All Catholics who have reached their 14<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### WINTER CEMETERY POLICIES

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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.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Mitzi MacDonald, 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, Marian Rushen, Erin Andersen, Lydia Jones, Joelle Zukosky, Kerry Henderson, Carol Bishop, Geri Duplatre, Bud Peter, Diane Kimberley, Michael Murnin, Jr., Tom Fitzpatrick, Brian Rock, Joe Sprovin, Carl Poterjoy, Walter Welicka, Gerrit Vanderwell, Patricia Simpson, Ruth "Rudy" Peterka, Barbara Scott, Mary Lynott, Kathleen Connor, Patricia Connor Mader, Joyce Skinner, Darlene Hamlyn, and Cheryl Williams. To submit a name, call 785-3838.

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord:** Philomena Kowalewski, Joseph Ignatovich. To submit a name, call 785-3838.

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LENT 2021

*The Light is on For You – Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance*

Ascension Parish at Saint Joseph Church  
Mondays: 3/8, 3/22 – Confessions from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish at Saint James Church  
Mondays: 3/15, 3/29 – Confessions from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

*Stations of the Cross*

Fridays throughout Lent  
4:30 PM – Saint Katharine Drexel Parish at Saint James Church  
6:00 PM – Ascension Parish at Saint Joseph Church

*Masks must be worn at all times and proper social distancing maintained.*

**GUIDELINES FOR MASS ATTENDANCE**

**\*\*The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still suspended at this time.\*\***

- Maximum attendance is up to 25% of church capacity, as space allows, maintaining proper social distancing at all times.
- Each individual must have a reservation to enter the church and attend Mass. For weekend Masses, please call the office no later than **3 PM on Friday**. Any messages left after 3 PM may not be added to the attendance list.
- Everyone must provide their own mask and wear it at all times.
- Please stay home if you are sick. If you seem ill or have symptoms of COVID-19, you will not be allowed to enter for Mass.
- Everyone is required to keep social-distance spacing while moving or while seated.
- Entrance will be through one door. For entrance, please keep social-distance spacing when outside. After you enter you must sanitize your hands.
- Sign of peace and the collection process are omitted. A receptacle for the offertory/envelopes will be placed in a stationary location.
- Communion will be at the end of mass. Social-distance spacing should be maintained while walking to the Priest/Deacon or Eucharistic minister. When it is your turn to receive Communion, take the host, lift your mask, and place it in your mouth. It is highly recommended to receive communion on the hand for the safety of yourself and the Priest/Deacon or Eucharistic minister distributing communion. You will not be able to return to your pew. You must depart the Church after receiving the Holy Sacrament.
- Exit will be through one door. You may not socialize or gather after mass in the church or in the parking lot.
- Please note that the church doors may be locked at the start of mass to ensure we do not have more than 25% occupancy in the church and social distancing is maintained.

The Mass intentions for the week will be posted in the church. Our bulletin can be found on our website:  
[www.apskdp.org](http://www.apskdp.org).

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