

The angel
said to her,
"Do not be
afraid, Mary;
for you have
found favor
with God."

—LUKE 1:30

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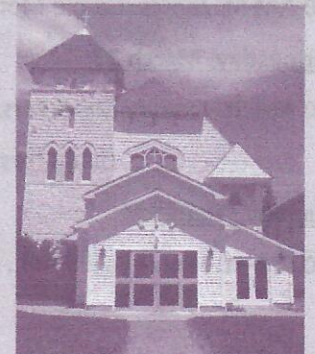
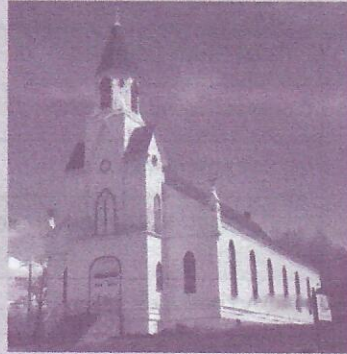
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Parish Office Hours.....Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Office closed 12—1 pm for lunch

After hours—emergencies only: 570-785-7856



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 March 21, 2022

Monday, March 21

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Michael Murnin, Jr. by Rose Marie
 Orehek

Tuesday, March 22

9:00 AM-St. James Carole Motsko by Paul & Cathy Walker

Wednesday, March 23

8:30 AM St. Joseph Mr. & Mrs. Frank Kubus by
 Daughters and Grandchildren

Thursday, March 24

9:00 AM-St. James William Jr., Allan, & Carol Vaverchak by
 Family

Friday, March 25

8:30 AM -St. Joseph Michael Murnin, Jr. by Jack & Peggy
 Majdic and Family

Saturday, March 26

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Mary Pevec by The Class of 1967

Sunday, March 27

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Jean Quaglio by Family
9:30 AM-St. Joseph Raymond Mroz by Shawne Barrese
11:00 AM-St. James John Arrigan by The O'Neill, Carlin and
 Lombardi Families

MASS BOOK – MARCH

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.

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.

PARISH FINANCES

**Ascension Parish Collection Report
 March 5 & 6, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$3093.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$759.00
Loose	\$23.00
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$3875.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$400.75
Diocese Envelopes	\$535.00

**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report
 March 5 & 6, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$2513.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$558.00
Loose	\$207.00
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$3278.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$421.00
Diocese Envelopes	\$273.00

Second Collection
This Weekend: Deficit Reduction
Next Weekend: Catholic Relief Services

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross

Fridays throughout Lent
 4:30 PM – St. Joseph Church
 6:00 PM – St. James Church

Celebration of the Sacrament of Penance

The Light is on For You
 Confessions from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

St. Joseph Church
 Mondays: 3/28, 4/11

St. James Church
 Mondays: 3/21, 4/4

MARCH 20, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



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.

DAILY LENTEN REFLECTIONS

The Diocese invites you to join them this Lent for a series of daily reflections - delivered right to your email inbox! Each day of the week will provide inspiration and ideas to make this a Lenten season that calls you into a deeper relationship with Christ. Each day will have a particular focus: Mercy Monday, Teaching Tuesday, Witness Wednesday, Thirsting Thursday, Forgiving Friday, Stick with It Saturday, and Sacred Sunday.

www.dioceseofscranton.org/parish-life/sign-up-form-for-lenten-reflections

PIEROGIS

It's pierogi time! SKD's Altar & Rosary Society is looking for your help to make our delicious pierogi! This fundraiser is scheduled for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 5th, 6th & 7th. Tuesday is potato peeling day with Wednesday and Thursday being production days. The project starts before sunrise and goes until the last one is bagged. There are many tasks, so there's always something for everyone! You are encouraged to follow the Bishop's recommendation of wearing a mask regardless of vaccination status. Call Joyce at 448-9031 if you can help on any of those days. You can place your orders (\$7/dozen) on the sheets in the vestibule of the churches or call Joyce. We'll be providing lunches this time!

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.

CCD NEWS

Ascension Parish

- CCD is 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 for grades 1-8
- If you have any questions, please contact Danielle O'Neill at 570-642-1190 or oneills@nep.net.

2022 ENVELOPES

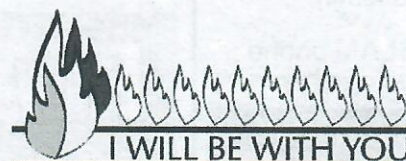
Stewardship Envelopes for the new year are now available. For Ascension Parish envelopes, please contact the parish office to pick up your envelopes at 570-785-3838. St. Katharine Drexel envelopes need to be picked up before and after Masses on Sunday: in St. James Hall and in St. Juliana Vestibule.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

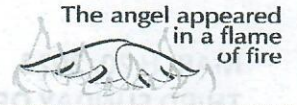
ONLINE GIVING!

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.**

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.





LENTEN MUSIC PROGRAM

There will be a program of music for the Season of Lent on **Sunday, April 3, 2022** at 2:00 p.m. in St. Rose of Lima Church, 6 North Church Street, Carbondale, PA. All are welcome to attend as the Music Director for the Churches of the Carbondale area, Mark Ignatovich, observes his 50th year in parish music ministry in the Diocese of Scranton. The program will include Lenten organ music, hymn singing, and he will be joined by soprano Alissa Swarts in selections from Handel's *Messiah*. St. Rose is home to the largest pipe organ in the Diocese of Scranton with 6 pipe divisions spread over 4 manuals and pedal keyboards, originally built by the Möller organ company in 1928. For more information call 570-282-2991.

RECTORY, SET, COOK!

30 Diocese of Scranton priests are fighting hunger by cooking. Head to www.dioceseofscranton.org and Click on Rectory, Set, Cook. You can find the participating pastors and watch their individual videos by clicking on OUR CHEFS. To support your favorite priest, parish, video, or recipe, all you need to do is click on a pastor's page, select DONATE NOW and make at least a \$10 gift. Each \$10 gift counts as one vote. Vote as often as you want! A few words about timing: In this Lenten season, when we as Catholics focus on sacrifice, penance, fasting and abstinence, it might seem unusual to celebrate food in this manner. It is our sincere hope, however, that this virtual celebration of table will remind all of us who have enough to eat that others are hungry and hurting. We hope you will consider this project a new way to give alms this Lent. As we thank God for our own blessings, we can all work toward a world in which no one ever goes hungry. Your voting dollars will directly support Catholic Social Services' food kitchens, food pantries and other anti-hunger efforts as well as the participating pastor's parish. All sponsorship dollars will stay with Catholic Social Services, while Catholic Social Services and the participating parish will share voting dollars. Voting is through midnight on Sunday, April 10, with winners announced and top chefs' hats bestowed on Monday, April 11.

BLOOD DRIVE

The Browndale Fire Station will hold a blood drive from 1:00 to 6:00 PM on Friday, April 1, 2022. The Browndale Fire Station is located on Route 247, 620 Marion Street, Browndale. Please make an appointment to donate the

gift of life! If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood, please call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or go on-line to: www.redcrossblood.org. A few walk-in appointments are available.

PIZZA, SOUP AND COOKIES

Christ Episcopal Church Lenten Pizza Sales - our always popular 3-cheese, 12-cut pies will be sold for \$12, and our Pagash pies will be \$14. Orders will be taken at 570-785-3425. Pick-up will be between 3:00pm-6:00pm. We will also continue to sell our homemade soups (frozen) for \$4/pint. 18 delicious options: broccoli & cheese, chicken noodle, chicken tortilla, chicken vegetable, Southwestern chicken, cream of ham & split pea, ham & corn chowder, lentil w/ ham & veggies, 16 bean & ham, split pea & ham, Italian wedding, Manhattan (red) clam chowder, minestrone, potato leek, stuffed cabbage, tomato rice, turkey chili and wild rice. For dessert pick up a dozen Welsh Cookies for \$7. Available Fridays during Lent, including Good Friday.

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.

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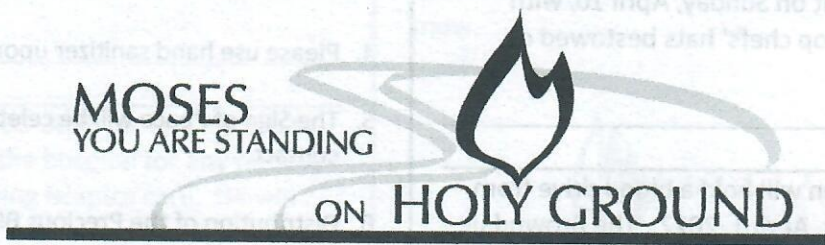


Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord: To submit a name, call 785-3838.

Prayers for the Sick: Rev. Joseph Horanzy, Brendan Clune, Kate Magalski, Teri Manko, John Lillie, Nancy Mitchell, Mollie Konczyk, Jean Welicka, Dan Kimberley, Carmen M. McClelland, 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 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, Bud Peter, Diane Kimberley, Michael Murnin, Jr., Brian Rock, Joe Sprockin, 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.

SERVERS		LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church		John Risboskin	Dn. Albright Allen Gordon
3/26/22 4:00 PM			
3/27/22 9:30 AM			
St. Juliana Church		Nick DeLucia	Dn. Albright
3/27/22 8:00 AM	Laura, Mark & Jonathan Nebzydoski		
St. James Church		Denise Vauter	Pete Vauter
3/27/22 11:00 AM	Claire, Sophia & Aiden Lombardi		

Hymns for 3/20/2022 Third Sunday of Lent	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	#646 I Heard the Voice of Jesus	#683 Christ Be Our Light	#646 I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Readings and Psalm	#816	#816	#816
Offertory	#620 O God, You Search Me	#539 Here I Am Lord	#620 O God, You Search Me
Communion	#539 Here I Am, Lord	#280 Turn to Me	#539 Here I Am, Lord
Recessional	#552 Take Up Your Cross	#272 Led by the Spirit	#552 Take Up Your Cross



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