

RISEN LORD



Ascension Parish and Saint Katharine Drexel Parish
Forest City, Pleasant Mount and Rock Lake, Pennsylvania

MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of April 5, 2021

Monday, April 5

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Jacqueline Fisher by Mary Ann Musho

Tuesday, April 6

9:00 AM-St. James

Wednesday, April 7

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Gerald Cummings by Cousin Gloria

Thursday, April 8

9:00 AM-St. James

Friday, April 9

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Pedro Tagatac by Jim & Carole Curran
and Family

Saturday, April 10

4:00 PM-St. Joseph John Ferrick by Danny, Patty, & Alex
Fitzsimmons

Sunday, April 11

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Francis McGraw by Rob, Suzanne,
Catherine, Thane, & Bella Rickard

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Michael Murnin by Joan Konzman

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

Sanctuary Candle

Week of April 4 – 10

St. Joseph

Russell Henry by Mary Ann

MASS BOOK – APRIL

The Mass, Bread & Wine, and Sanctuary Candle books for the month of **APRIL 2021 is 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.

PARISH FINANCES

Ascension Parish Collection Report March 20 & 21, 2021

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| Weekly Envelopes | \$2171.00 |
| Other Parish Envelopes | \$945.00 |
| Loose | \$11.00 |
| Parish Second Collection | \$205.00 |
| Total Parish Collection | \$3332.00 |
| Diocesan Second Collection | \$0 |
| Diocese Envelopes | \$169.00 |

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report March 20 & 21, 2021

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| Weekly Envelopes | \$1647.00 |
| Other Parish Envelopes | \$168.00 |
| Loose | \$45.00 |
| Parish Second Collection | \$83.00 |
| Total Parish Collection | \$1943.00 |
| Diocesan Second Collection | \$0 |
| Diocese Envelopes | \$65.00 |

Second Collection

This Weekend: The Care & Education of Priests
Next Weekend: Deficit Reduction

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 and selecting the Online Giving link and then selecting the appropriate parish link.

**The Parish Office will be closed on Easter Monday.
The Office will reopen on Tuesday, April 6th.**

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter discusses Jesus' life of preaching and healing. Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and was seen by his chosen witnesses. Peter also mentions the importance of all the disciples bearing witness to what they saw, so that many people would believe in Jesus, and have their sins forgiven through him.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Paul asserts that we must pay attention to higher realms rather than earthly concerns. Our life is not yet completely known to us, until Christ appears and we are raised to glory in him.

Gospel: John 20:1-9

When Mary Magdalene discovered Jesus' tomb was open, she told Simon Peter and another disciple. They ran to the tomb and Peter went inside. He found the burial wrappings on the ground, with the head covering separate from the rest. The other disciple came in and they believed what they saw, although until then they had not understood the Scripture's message of Jesus' resurrection.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

"You know what happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses of all he did both in the country of the Jews and all Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree. This man God raised on the third day and granted that he be visible, not to all the people but to us, the witnesses chosen by God in advance, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."

This sermon of Peter, one of many in the Acts of the Apostles, summarizes well the reason for our belief today. His words sum up the mission of Jesus as part of the plan of God. He went about doing good and healing all.

The work of Jesus continues today in His church. The presence of the Risen Christ summons us to continue His work. Rather than criticize and complain, consider whether I am a true witness of Christ for others and ask how can I bring the message of His presence to others. Jesus lives and He lives in us today. Happy Easter.

PARISH OFFICE

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.

SUPPORT OUR PARISHES

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 and select Online Giving. Thank you for your unceasing goodness and generosity throughout the year.

ANNUAL CHICKEN BBQ

The Browndale Fire Company will conduct its annual Chicken BBQ on Sunday, May 16 at the Browndale Fire Station located at 620 Marion Street, Browndale. The "drive thru only" hours for serving are from 11 AM to 1:30 PM. Tickets are \$10 and are available from any member or at Red Cross Pharmacy, 420 Main St., Forest City; NAPA Auto Parts, 429 Main St., Forest City or by calling the fire station at 570-785-5300 and leave a message, visit our web site at www.43fire.com or our Facebook page. Tickets are advance sales only. Proceeds from the BBQ to benefit the all-volunteer Browndale Fire Company. Thank you for your support!

PASCHAL CANDLES

We acknowledge with gratitude the generosity of those who have purchased the Paschal Candles. We would like to thank Pam Green and Darlene Vaughn & Family for their kindness and generous support. Please join us in thanking them and praying for them as well.

Ascension Parish

In Loving Memory of Dominick, Catherine, & Sharon
Franceski by Pam Green

Saint Katharine Drexel Parishes

In Loving Memory of Raymond Vaughn by Darlene
Vaughn & Family

APRIL 4, 2021
EASTER SUNDAY



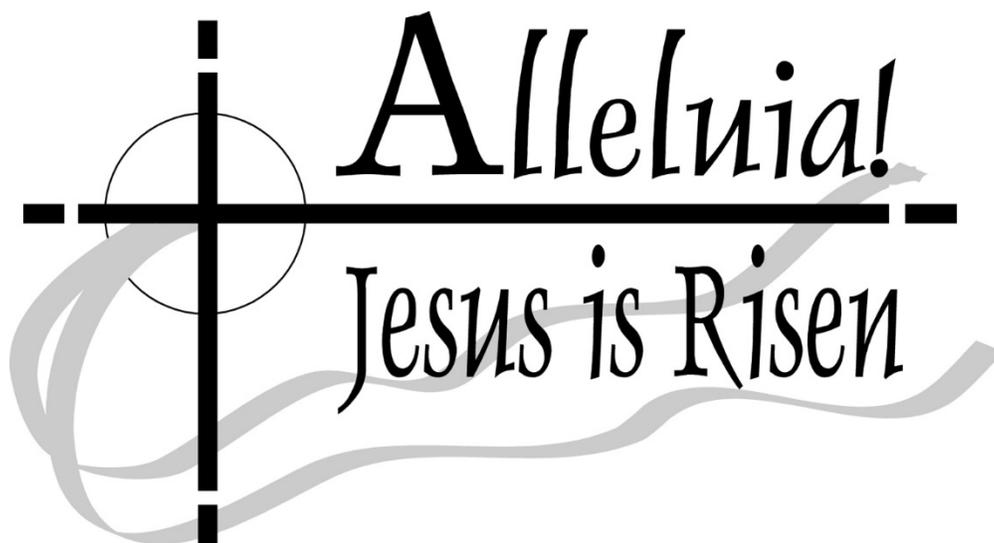
Prayers for the Sick: Jerry Connors, Joseph Gugliucci, Fulton Joseph Hood, Mitzi MacDonald, John Reeder, Sr., Jessica Vigorito, Mark Polednak, Charlie Matthews, Vickie Ravnika, Maury Urmanec, Phyllis Flynn, Caitlyn Vauter, Susan Carpenter, Mary Connors, Amelia Giorgano, Ella Pearson, Marian Rushen, Erin Andersen, Lydia Jones, Joelle Zukosky, Kerry Henderson, Carol Bishop, Geri Duplatre, Bud Peter, Diane Kimberley, Michael Murnin, Jr., Tom Fitzpatrick, Brian Rock, Joe Sprovkin, 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: Theresa Jones, Mark Staskavage, Lottie Pepson. To submit a name, call 785-3838.

GUIDELINES FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

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

- Proper social distancing must be maintained at all times while in the church.
- Everyone must provide their own mask and wear it properly at all times.
- Please stay home if you are sick, especially if you feel ill or have symptoms of COVID-19.
- Entrance will be through one door. 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.
- When receiving Communion, please go single file with social-distance spacing 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. Please return to your pew using the side aisles.
- Exiting the church will be single file down center aisle with social distancing maintained through one door. You may not socialize or gather after mass in the church or in the parking lot.



Triduum and Easter Message from Fr. Stephen

On Holy Thursday we began our Triduum, the three holiest days of the Church calendar. The readings on Holy Thursday are worthy of the solemnity of this occasion, as we hear about the first Passover, and the Passover before Jesus had his Last Supper with his disciples.

In the Gospel, Jesus demonstrates a tangible way that we as Christians are to be his body and blood – through humble service to one another and to the world around us. Jesus, the Teacher and Master, offered a humble service to his disciples: He washed their feet. His example is one that should guide our own lives: Servant leadership and humility.

Each Good Friday, the recitation of the passion narrative is taken from the Gospel of John. Where Matthew, Mark, and Luke show Jesus' great suffering, John emphasizes divine power shining through human weakness. Jesus, fully human and fully divine, knows what is about to happen to him, but he shows no fear, only faith and determination in the face of torture and execution.

The sky was darkened. The earth shook. The curtain of the Temple was torn. Time stopped. As Christians, we arrive to darkened churches to venerate the wood of the cross. We fast and pray, ever mindful of the death of his Son on a cross. A death that gives birth to our salvation.

On Holy Saturday, we've processed into a dark church with lit candles and spread that light to one another. We've heard the glorious *Exultet*, proclaiming that this is the "night of all nights," followed by a series of readings that proclaim the goodness, mercy, and unbelievable love of God.

Early Sunday morning, the women have gone to the tomb and witnessed extraordinary and frightening events – an earthquake; an angel appearing like lightning; the guards, shaken with fear who became like dead men; and the body of Jesus missing. The angel tells them, *Do not be afraid! ... For Jesus has been raised just as He said.* The angel directs them to go quickly to tell Jesus' disciples. The women run off, both fearful and overjoyed.

And while in the Gospel today, Mary of Magdala, Simon Peter, and the other disciples did not yet understand the Scripture that He had to rise from the dead, we are privy to the full story and the history of the Church, which commissions us as witnesses. We testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God as judge of the living and the dead ... (and) that everyone who believes in Him will receive forgiveness of sins through His name.

As we gather together this Holy Week and Easter, I ask that each of you offer thanks for His passion, death and resurrection; and we shall be united in the spirit of Christ.

Thank you for all the beautiful cards and Easter wishes for Deacon Carl, the office staff as well as myself. May each of you have a blessed Easter!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Father Stephen

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