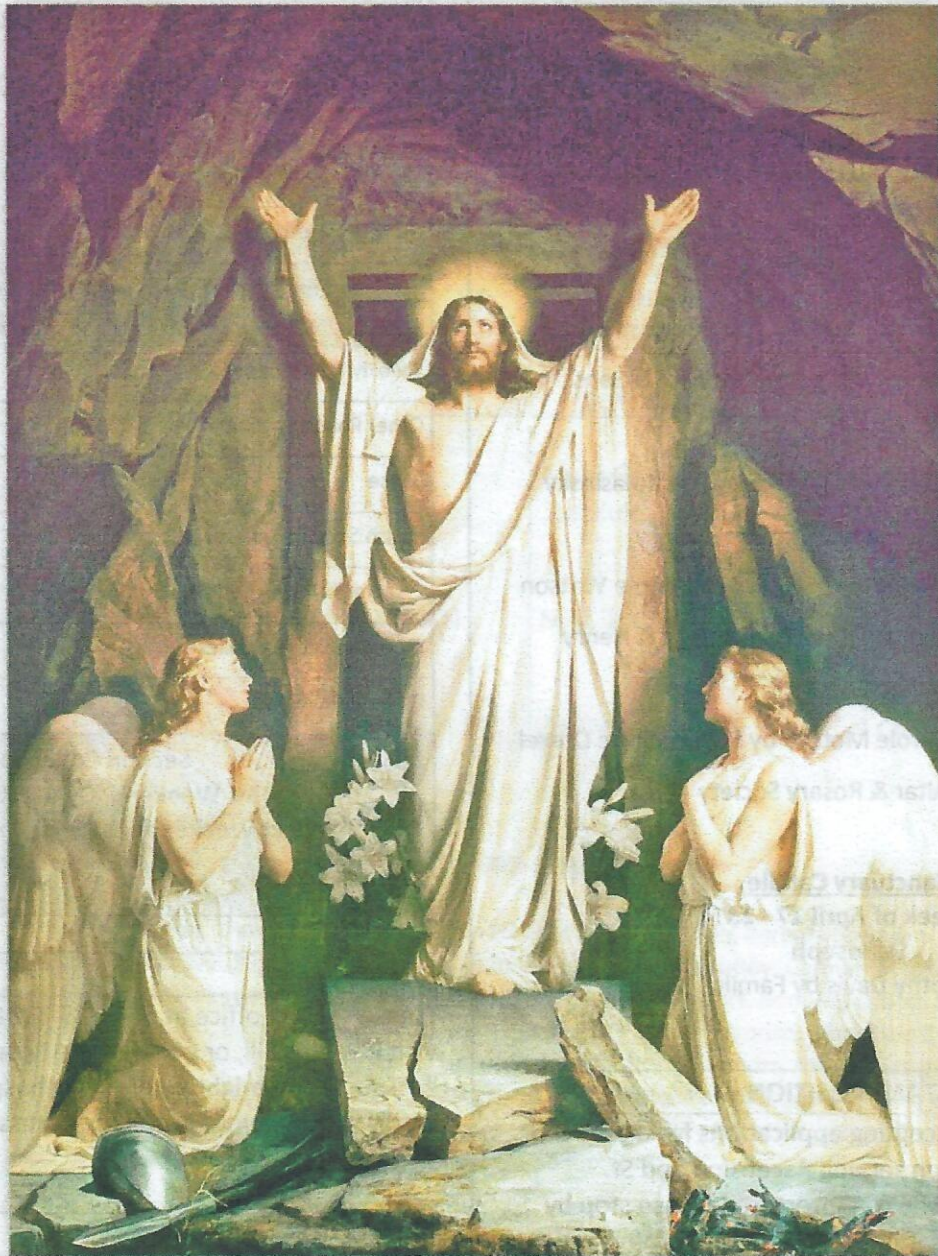


EASTER SUNDAY

OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



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

MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of April 18, 2022

Monday, April 18

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Rupnik, Fink & Kersavage Families by
JoAnn Fink

Tuesday, April 19

9:00 AM-St. James Joseph Sprovkin by Luke & Debbie Wenk

Wednesday, April 20

8:30 AM - St. Joseph John "Jack" Mellow by Family

Thursday, April 21

9:00 AM-St. James

Friday, April 22

8:30 AM -St. Joseph James Marsicano by Wife & Sons

Saturday, April 23

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

Sunday, April 24

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Joe Sprovkin by Ron & Bonnie Watson

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

11:00 AM-St. James Carole Motsko by St. Katharine Drexel
Altar & Rosary Society

Sanctuary Candle

Week of April 17 - 23

St. Joseph

Dorothy Davis by Family

PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION

The parish office is accepting applications for a part-time office assistant position serving Ascension and St. Katharine Drexel Parishes. If interested please stop by the office for an application or call for more information.

ROCK LAKE PICNIC CHAIRPERSON

The annual Rock Lake Picnic will be here soon! We need someone to be the chairperson/coordinator for this year's picnic to happen. **The first meeting should be the first week of May to stay on track!**

PARISH FINANCES

**Ascension Parish Collection Report
April 2 & 3, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$2811.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$1894.00
Loose	\$20.00
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$4725.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$265.00
Diocese Envelopes	\$685.00

**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report
April 2 & 3, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$1589.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$1027.00
Loose	\$206.00
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$2822.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$406.00
Diocese Envelopes	\$618.00

Second Collection
This Weekend: Deficit Reduction
Next Weekend: Catholic Home Missions

SICK VISITS

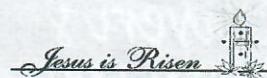
Please call the office at 570-785-3838 for Fr. Stephen to visit if you are ill, or going to the hospital for any reason, or if someone might be entering hospice care. He will gladly come to your home for a blessing. It's never too early to call.

MASS BOOK – APRIL

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

The Parish Office will be closed

**APRIL 17, 2022
EASTER SUNDAY**



on Easter Monday, April 18th.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambara and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 to a diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 26. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at St. Peter's Cathedral followed by a reception. The registration deadline for this event is May 29, 2022. To register, please contact Jen Housel (570-207-2213 x 1104 or jhousel@dioceseofscranton.org) or the Parish Office. Deadline to register is May 27.

SPRING CEMETERY GUIDELINES

As warmer months approach, we remind you of the guidelines for our cemeteries. Some points to consider: artificial flowers, wreaths and similar decorations are not permitted from April 1st to November 1st; walking and exercising of pets is not permitted; and no ATV's, golf carts, motorbikes, skateboards, or bikes are allowed in the cemetery. For a complete list of guidelines can be obtained at the Parish Office.

PASCHAL CANDLE MEMORIAL FOR ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

The Paschal Candle is blessed with the solemn fire of the Easter Vigil and is used throughout the Easter Season and at each funeral. The Paschal Candle is a symbol of Christ's light shining in the darkness of our world and the hope of eternal glory and light in heaven. Any individual or family who would like to donate the paschal candle, please call the Office at 570-785-3838. Acknowledgment of this gift will be made in the bulletin.

SKD A&RS RAFFLE

The St. Katharine Drexel A&RS is planning their 2022 Labor Day raffle. We would like our many talented parishioners to donate items such as original paintings, jewelry making, crocheted or knitted items, woodcrafts and any other handcrafted item or if you wish you can donate something else. Please leave it in St. James hall with your name and address so we can send a thank you note to you. Please let us know what you will be making and donating by April 24, 2022 so we can have tickets made up. If interested or any questions—please call Peggy Sarno 570-798-2919 or Barbara Connor 570-448-2546. Thank you for your consideration.

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.**

BIBLE STUDY AT ASCENSION

Beginning Tuesday, April 19th, the Bible Study Group will begin its new course which covers the Acts of the Apostles to coincide with the readings during the Easter season. Each session includes a video followed by refreshments and a brief discussion. While enjoying some time with your fellow parishioners, you will learn more about joys and struggles of the early Christians. Feel free to join the Bible Study Group on Tuesday nights at 6:00 pm at the Parish Office for each, or just some of the sessions.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATIONS

The Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations will once again be sponsoring Eucharistic Adorations. The evening will consist of prayer, praise & worship music, a dynamic speaker, reconciliation, and socializing with individuals from throughout the Diocese of Scranton. All are welcome to join us **Wednesday, April 20 @ 7PM @ Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish, 339 North Maple Avenue, Kingston.**

UKRAINIAN SOLIDARITY FUND - KoC

The Knights of Columbus have already donated One Million Dollars to aid the Ukrainians. Now they are asking for our help! Please join the local Councils of the Knights of Columbus as they collect donations at Masses on **Saturday and Sunday April 23rd and 24th** in support of the Ukrainian Solidarity Fund. To further the impact, the Knights have promised to match every dollar collected up to \$500,000. Your gift will provide temporary shelter, food, medical supplies, clothing, communications, and religious supplies. These items will be immediately distributed and 100% of your gift will go directly to these displaced people via the local Knights of Columbus councils in Ukraine. Together, we can bring Christ's healing love to a wounded world. **People will be standing at all the entrances before and after Mass to collect.**

DIOCESAN SURVEY – FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH

Synod is an ancient Greek word that means assembling to determine the path forward. A *Synod* is a *Process* that gathers Christ's disciples so that their voices can be heard. A particular 'synod' was called to address various crises in the life of the Church and history tells us that, in those moments, the presence of the Holy Spirit was alive in their midst, leading the Church forward. The Holy Father's hope is that the experience of this unique world-wide opportunity will bring about a new springtime for listening, discernment, dialogue and decision-making in our Church, so that the whole People of God can better journey together with one another and the entire human family, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Diocesan Synod Team encourages every parish to participate in the Diocese of Scranton's online survey. The link for the survey can be found under the "Synod on Synodality" tab on the Diocese of Scranton website (dioceseofscranton.org). The survey is anonymous, but respondents are able to identify their parish. The survey officially closes on **Friday, April 29, 2022**. Paper copies are also available in the churches.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next week, we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your support of this appeal eases the struggle of dioceses in the United States. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. Find more information at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

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

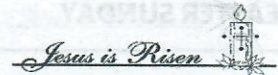
1. The Diocese of Scranton is strongly recommending that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass – regardless of vaccination status.
2. In order to safeguard our community, all Priests, Deacons, Extraordinary Ministers, and Altar Servers must wear masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.
3. Anyone who is sick or displaying COVID-19 symptoms should stay home and participate in the celebration of Mass through Catholic Television or a parish livestream Mass.
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.

Easter Message

Happy Easter! Our journey of Lent now complete and our celebrations of Holy Week culminating in this Holy Day, I offer thanks to God together with you for His passion, death and resurrection. Though Lent offers us a time of serious self-reflection and a time of alms-giving, our life truly begins anew with the celebration of Easter. Nothing would make sense if Jesus did not rise from the dead, and that's the focus of our celebration of Lent and Easter. We live in the THIRD day ... the day of the resurrection. All that we are and all that we will be is caught up in the mystery that death NEVER wins ... Christ has conquered death and for that we give thanks. Let us together offer our gratitude to God for bringing us, once again, to celebrate this Blessed Feast. May God bless each of you today and always!

With much continued prayers, I am,
Faithfully yours in Christ,

**APRIL 17, 2022
EASTER SUNDAY**



Father Stephen

Hymns for 4/17/2022 Easter Sunday	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	# 330 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	#714 All Creatures Of Our God and King	# 330 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Readings and Psalm	#827	#827	#827
Sequence	#334 Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today		#334 Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today
Holy Water Blessing	#400 Water of Life		#400 Water of Life
Offertory	#313 Alleluia No. 1	Panis Angelicus	#313 Alleluia No. 1
Communion	#486 Draw Near	#313 Alleluia	#486 Draw Near
Recessional	#317 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise	#330 Jesus Christ Has Risen Today	#317 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise

SERVERS

LECTOR

E. MINISTER

St. Joseph Church

4/23/22 4:00 PM

4/24/22 9:30 AM

St. Juliana Church

4/24/22 8:00 AM

Laura, Mark, & Jonathan Nebzydowski

St. James Church

4/24/22 11:00 AM

Claire, Sophia, & Aiden Lombardi

Mary Garm
Sue Kulasinsky

Nick DeLucia

Emily Frisbie

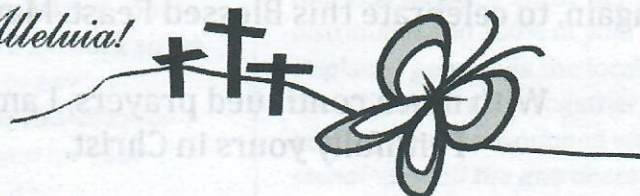
Dn. Albright
Maryann McCusker

Chris Urban

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

Prayers for the Sick: Rev. Joseph Horanzy, Thomas J. Madridal, Stan Hadley, Sharon Hadley, Barbara Sprovkin, Heidi Rowe, Brendan Clune, Kate Magalski, John Lillie, Nancy Mitchell, Mollie Konczyk, Jean Welicka, Dan Kimberley, Carmen M. McClelland, 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 Ravnika, 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, Brian Rock, 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.

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