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and

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

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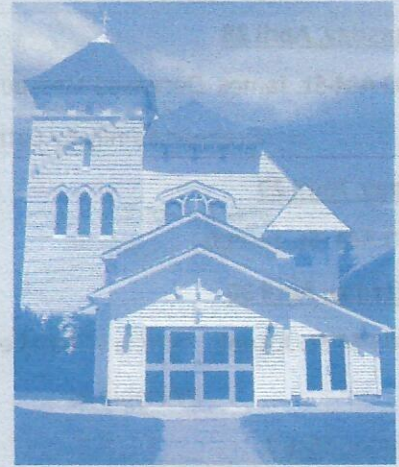
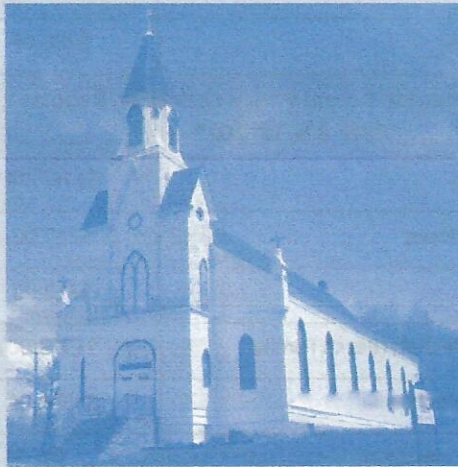
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Parish Office Hours.....Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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



MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of April 25, 2022

Monday, April 25

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Marian Franceski by Edward &
Barbara Bock

Tuesday, April 26

9:00 AM-St. James

Wednesday, April 27

8:30 AM - St. Joseph Henry Majdic by Family

Thursday, April 28

9:00 AM-St. James Deceased Members of the Thomas
Brennan Family by Catherine Brennan Estate

Friday, April 29

8:30 AM -St. Joseph

Saturday, April 30

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Patricia Wildenberg by Mary
Wielebinski

Sunday, May 1

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Teri Manko by Sister Adeline

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Millard Stalker by Wife & Children

11:00 AM-St. James John Arrigan by Sue Kulasinsky

Bread and Wine

St. Joseph

Saturday, April 30

Patricia Wildenberg by Mary Wielebinski

St. James

Sunday, May 1

In Honor of all the Women in the Parish and Their
Intentions by St. Katharine Drexel Altar & Rosary Society

Sanctuary Candle

Week of April 24 - 30

St. Joseph

Patricia Wildenberg by Mary Wielebinski

PARISH FINANCES

Ascension Parish Collection Report April 9 & 10, 2022

Weekly Envelopes	\$2962.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$984.00
Loose	\$27.00
Parish Second Collection (Bezek Family)	\$803.00
Total Parish Collection	\$4776.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$250.00

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report April 9 & 10, 2022

Weekly Envelopes	\$1767.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$247.00
Loose	\$312.00
Parish Second Collection (Bezek Family)	\$1373.00
Total Parish Collection	\$3699.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$50.00

Second Collection

This Weekend: Catholic Home Missions

Next Weekend: Care & Education of Priests

ROCK LAKE PICNIC CHAIRPERSON NEEDED!

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!

MASS BOOK - MAY

The Mass, Bread & Wine, and Sanctuary Candle books for the month of MAY 2022 are now open. If you would like an offering, please call the office or email

APRIL 24, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



apskdp@nep.net. Masses requested will be limited to two per family, per year.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera 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.

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.

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.**

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 7th annual Catholic Men's Conference, sponsored by "Be A Catholic Man", is planned for Saturday, October 8th, at Holy Redeemer High School, 159 S. Pennsylvania Blvd., Wilkes-Barre. The theme, "Be Not Afraid" is under the patronage of Saint Joseph. This event (from 8 am to 3 pm) will be blessed with nationally known Catholic Speakers to be announced. Men are challenged to live virtuous lives in this secular world, --- whether single, married, or clergy, --- all are encouraged to set this date aside and attend. There will be Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Sacramental Confession, and lunch break. Mass will be offered by the Most Reverend Bishop Joseph Bambera. Questions, please contact Michael Kilmer, Conference Chairman, at 570-746-0100 or michaelkilmer71@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY AT ASCENSION

The Bible Study Group began 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.

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.

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.

Blessed are those
who have not seen



and yet believe!

TRAIL TROT

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance (GFCBA) will be conducting its first annual Trail Trot - a 5K and community walk on Saturday, May 7, 2022, beginning at 10 AM for the 5K and approximately 10:45 for the community walk. The Trail Trot will begin at the Forest City Trail Head on the D&H Trail. Volunteers and sponsors may reach out to the GFCBA at GFCBA13@gmail.com. Participants may register and find more information on the event at www.visitforestcitypa.com.

VOCATIONS GOLF CLASSIC

Support the future priests of our Diocese! Reserve your spot or foursome now! Sponsorship commitments or raffle prize donations are greatly appreciated. Tournament held on June 27th at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountain Top. Email vocationsgolf@dioceseofscranton.org or call 570-207-2250.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

This weekend, 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.

APRIL 24, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Hymns for 4/24/2022 2 nd Sunday of Easter	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	#321 Alleluia! Alleluia!	#714 All Creatures of our God and King	#321 Alleluia! Alleluia!
Readings and Psalm	#828	#828	#828
Offertory	#313 Alleluia No. 1	#636 Open My Eyes	#313 Alleluia No. 1
Communion	#312 Ye Sons and Daughters	#313 Alleluia No. 1	#312 Ye Sons and Daughters
Recessional	#318 I Know That My Redeemer Lives	#330 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today	#318 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

SERVERS		LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church		Bob Trusky	Peg Tomazic Allen Gordon
4/30/22	4:00 PM		
5/01/22	9:30 AM		
St. Juliana Church		Al Snyder	Carol Kneier
5/01/22	8:00 AM		
St. James Church		Clara Murphy	Pete Vauter
5/01/22	11:00 AM		
Eoghan & Macson Murphy			

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord: Kristie Patterson, Willard Hurley. 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 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, 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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