

# 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

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## ***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 May 30, 2022**

**Monday, May 30**

**8:30 AM-St. Joseph** Frank Orehek by Bernice Lukus

**Tuesday, May 31**

**9:00 AM-St. James** Carole Motsko by Pete & Denise Vauter

**Wednesday, June 1**

**8:30 AM - St. Joseph** Bernard Simoncic by Family

**Thursday, June 2**

**9:00 AM-St. James** Joe Sprovkin by Pete & Denise Vauter

**Friday, June 3**

**8:30 AM -St. Joseph** Francis Baranowski by Arty & Marion  
 Yanchitis

**Saturday, June 4**

**4:00 PM-St. Joseph** Henry Mark Zupa by Bruce Edwards

**Sunday, June 5**

**8:00 AM-St. Juliana** Joseph Adamitis by Ron & Bonnie  
 Watson

**9:30 AM-St. Joseph** Special Intention

**11:00 AM-St. James** William Fives by Wife Fay

**2:00 PM-St. Joseph** Confirmation

**Sanctuary Candle**

**Week of May 29 – June 4**

**St. Joseph**

Marian & Wilber Franceski by Joe & Debbie Franceski

**MASS BOOK – JUNE**

The Mass, Bread & Wine, and Sanctuary Candle books for the month of **JUNE 2022** are now open. If you would like an offering, please call the office or email [apskdp@nep.net](mailto:apskdp@nep.net).

**The parish office will be closed Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day.**

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Ascension Parish Collection Report  
 May 14-15, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$1878.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$1015.00
Loose	\$13.00
Parish Second Collection	\$42.00
<b>Total Parish Collection</b>	<b>\$2948.00</b>
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$45.00

**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report  
 May 15, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$1112.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$260.00
Loose	\$186.00
Parish Second Collection	\$169.00
<b>Total Parish Collection</b>	<b>\$1727.00</b>
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$0

**Second Collection**

**This Weekend:** Catholic Communications Campaign  
**Next Weekend:** Care & Education of Priests

**SPRING CEMETERY GUIDELINES**

As warmer months approach, we remind you of the guidelines for our cemeteries. A complete list of guidelines will be in the churches, or contact the Parish Office.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who helped with or prepared food for the celebration of Father Stephen's 45th Ordination anniversary at St. James. We are blessed by his presence and wish him continued good health, strength, wisdom, conviction and acceptance of the Holy Spirit.



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### **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 27<sup>th</sup> at Blue Ridge Trail Golf Club in Mountain Top. Email [vocationsgolf@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:vocationsgolf@dioceseofscranton.org) or call 570-207-2250.

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### **BLOOD DRIVE AT BROWDALE FIRE CO. STATION**

The Browdale Fire Station located on Route 247 at 620 Marion Street, Browdale, will be turned into a Community Red Cross Blood donation center from 1:00 to 6:00 PM on **Friday, June 17, 2022**. 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](http://www.redcrossblood.org). A few walk-in appointments are available. Please help support the Red Cross and donate blood. Give the gift of life.

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### **RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR COUPLES**

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, as can the challenges you face in marriage. If the distance between you seems wide, if you are looking for a better way, even if you are already separated, Retrouvaille can help. A peer ministry of volunteer couples can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, rebuild intimacy, and heal - just as the team couples have done in their own marriages. An upcoming Retrouvaille workshop will be held on **August 19 – 21, 2022** at the Townplace Suites in Moosic. Although Christian-based and Catholic in origin, couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples welcomed. For more information, contact our team @ 631-338-5413 or visit our website: [HelpOurMarriage.com](http://HelpOurMarriage.com).

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### **QUO VADIS DAYS**

*Quo Vadis Days* 2022 will be held **June 19-21** at Marywood University, Scranton. This camp is for young Catholic men in High School (who were in 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 2020/2021 school year) to deepen their faith, learn more about all vocations, and better discern God's call in their lives. The camp will feature dynamic talks, prayer, games, sports, activities, music and more. Participants will have the opportunity to meet Bishop Bambera, priests, seminarians, and young adults of the Diocese of Scranton. Online registration is now open at

[vocations.dioceseofscranton.org](http://vocations.dioceseofscranton.org). For more information, call 570-207-1452.

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### **MEMORIAL DAY CELEBRATION**

The American Legion Post 964 and Friends of the Community and Veterans invite you to join them after the Memorial Day Program held at 10:00 am in Merideth Park, Pleasant Mount for an open house. Complimentary hot dogs, salads and beverages. Treasure table and bake sale. Located at 389 Great Bend Turnpike, Pleasant Mount. Call 570-352-7882. Texas Road House will be on site with promotional items.

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### **ONLINE GIVING!**

Ascension & St. Katharine Drexel Parishes offer Online Giving. You can now manage your contributions online. Visit our parish website at [www.apskdp.org](http://www.apskdp.org) and select the Online Giving link and then select the appropriate parish link.

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### **FEAST DAY CELEBRATION**

Join us for the Feast Day of Our Lady and Jesus' visit to Zechariah, Elizabeth and St. John the Baptist with our Marian Procession as we remember Our Lady's Journey to her cousin, Elizabeth. On **Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup>** at St. Faustina Chapel at 1763 Great Bend Turnpike in Pleasant Mount, we will begin at 1:00 PM with processing to the Divine Mercy Prayer Garden, singing the praises of our Holy Mother Mary, then we will continue our prayers in St. Faustina's Chapel – the Chaplet of Divine Mercy; Rosary with Father hearing confessions. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 2:30 PM by Rev. Brian Van Fossen, who is the Pastor of St. Faustina Parish in Nanticoke. We will have fellowship in Our Lady's home with dinner afterward. Desserts brought will be appreciated.

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### **ASCENSION PARISH 2022 RAFFLE**

Ascension Parish is holding a raffle on October 9, 2022, with **cash prizes totaling \$50,000!** 1<sup>st</sup> prize: \$15,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize: 10,000, 3<sup>rd</sup> prize \$5,000, 4 thru 13: \$850, and 14 thru 23: \$650. There will be a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration drawing of 10 prizes of \$500 for returns received by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. \$100 per ticket. For more information and a ticket application go to [apskdp.org](http://apskdp.org) or contact John Mayers at 570-960-1322 or email at [ramsey@nep.net](mailto:ramsey@nep.net) or Pat Litz at 570-878-7631 or email at [ptlitz1@gmail.com](mailto:ptlitz1@gmail.com).



**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.

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**

Refresh your faith with "Full of Grace," a conference for women to explore their faith and deepen their relationship with Mary, the Mother of God. This year's conference will be held on **Saturday, June 11**, beginning at 8 a.m. on the campus of Marywood University. Keynote speaker will be Colleen Carroll Campbell, an award-winning author, journalist, and former presidential speechwriter. Featured speaker Father Jeffrey Kirby will address our Catholic devotion to Mary. Discussion will be held about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph C. Bambera. Participants can also enjoy a continental breakfast, lunch, and shopping at the Catholic Vendor Marketplace. Early-bird registrations are now available at \$45 per person (the price increases to \$50 after May 29). Student tickets are \$20, and women religious are free of charge. Volunteers are always needed and those who sign up for four hours at the conference will receive a free ticket. For more information and to register, visit [cwcnepa.com](http://cwcnepa.com).

**PIES! PIES! PIES!**

What's better than pie? (More pie!) The SKD Altar & Rosary Society will once again hold a Pie Sale during the Fourth of July weekend. So start planning your pies... berry, fruit, cream, frozen, whatever you want! Pies will not only be received at St. James church on Sunday, July 3rd for the sale on Monday, July 4th, but will be for sale at that time for all church-goers. All pies will be \$10. There is a limited number of aluminum pie plates in the church hall for anyone who needs them. (First come gets them!)

**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.

<b>SERVERS</b>		<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>E. MINISTER</b>
<b>St. Joseph Church</b>		Mary Garm Sue Kulasinsky	Dcn. Carl Maryann McCusker
6/4/22 4:00 PM			
6/5/22 9:30 AM			
<b>St. Juliana Church</b>		Nick DeLucia	Carol Kneier
6/5/22 8:00 AM	Laura, Mark & Jonathan Nebzydoski		
<b>St. James Church</b>		Dcn. Carl	Chris Urban
6/5/22 11:00 AM	Jason & Nicole Non		



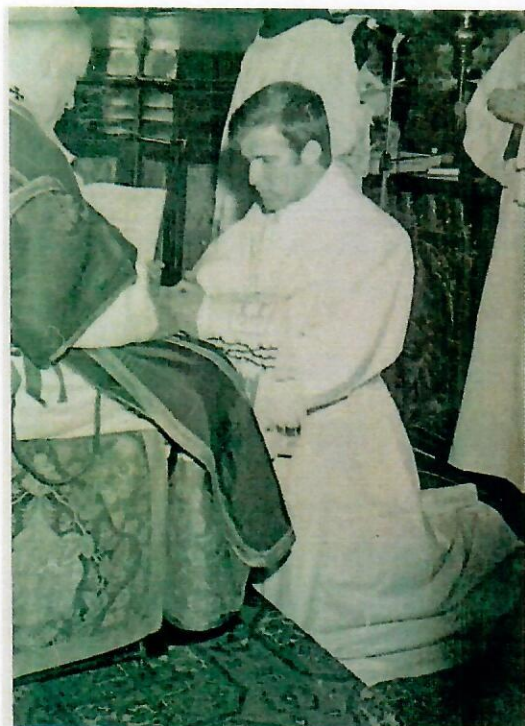
**MAY 29, 2022**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



Hymns for 5/29/2022 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	#319 At the Lamb's High Feast	#358 Holy Holy Holy	#319 At the Lamb's High Feast
Readings and Psalm	#844	#844	#844
Offertory	#716 Abba! Father	#498 One Bread One Body	#716 Abba! Father
Communion	#476 Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist	#539 Here I Am Lord	#476 Lord, Who At Thy First Eucharist
Recessional	#755 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory	#749 America the Beautiful	#755 Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

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

**Prayers for the Sick:** Rev. Joseph Horanzy, Ruth Ann Slis, 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.



*Congratulations, Father Stephen, on the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your Ordination! May God grant you many blessings for loving and serving Him in such a devoted way.*

*It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name He may give you. John 15:16*

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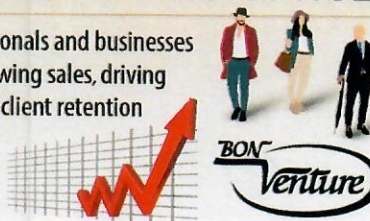


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