

ASCENSION PARISH and ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

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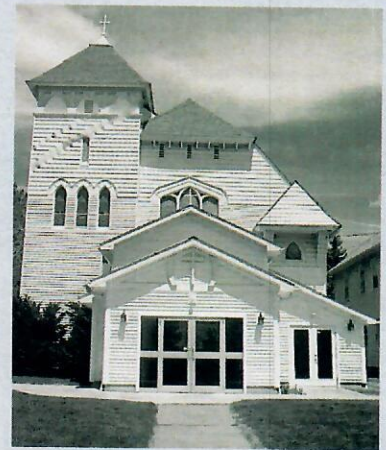
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Parish Office Hours.....Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Office closed 12—1 pm for lunch

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 July 25, 2022

Monday, July 25

8:30 AM-St. Joseph John Shersick by Judy Stewart

Tuesday, July 26

9:00 AM-St. James

Wednesday, July 27

8:30 AM - St. Joseph Special Intention

Thursday, July 28

9:00 AM-St. James

Friday, July 29

8:30 AM -St. Joseph David Shipshinski by Carole Simoncic
 Curran

Saturday, July 30

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Special Intention by Parishioner

Sunday, July 31

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Rita Sullivan by Pat & Nick DeLucia

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Saundra Florek by Joseph & Jennifer
 Arnold

11:00 AM-St. James Jerry O'Neill by Paul & Cathy Walker

Bread and Wine

St. Joseph

Sunday, July 31 9:30 AM

John Sherosick by Jean Morosky

With great sadness, Ascension and St. Katharine Drexel Parishes announce that Father Stephen Krawontka has passed away. Information regarding his funeral services will be made public as more information is given to us. Please pray with us for his soul and for comfort to his family, friends, and parishioners.

PARISH FINANCES

**Ascension Parish Collection Report
 July 9-10, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$2534
Other Parish Envelopes	\$676
Loose	\$39
Parish Second Collection	\$1558
Total Parish Collection	\$4807
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$100

**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report
 July 10, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$1823
Other Parish Envelopes	\$285
Loose	\$265
Parish Second Collection	\$157
Total Parish Collection	\$2530
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$20

Second Collection

**This Weekend: Deficit Reduction
 Next Weekend: Deficit Reduction**

MASS BOOK – AUGUST

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

ST. ANN'S NOVENA

We will be praying the St. Ann's Novena after each mass from July 17th to July 26th.



SKD A&RS NEWS

LABOR DAY RAFFLE

St. Katharine Drexel A&R Labor Day Raffle tickets are ready to be picked up. Please pick yours up. Returns can be put in the collection basket or given to Barbara Connor. Extra tickets will be available for purchase before and after the Masses on Sunday, and at the parish office. Tickets will also be available at the Rock Lake picnic on August 20.

PIEROGI DAYS

Please mark your calendars for August 3 and 4th when the Altar & Rosary will be making pierogi to sell at the Rock Lake Picnic. These will be made at the Saint James Hall starting at 8:00 AM. Please call Joyce at 570-448-9031 if we can count on your help. No orders will be taken at that time; all sales will be on the day of the picnic. The price of a dozen is \$8.

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

One of the big attractions at the Rock Lake Picnic is the bake sale. Everyone loves homemade baked goods! Consider making breads, pies, cookies and other treats. If you make pies, you can still pick up aluminum tins at either church. Please bring your treats to the picnic site on August 20th by 10 am. If you can't bake, come and buy!

THANK YOU FROM BEZEKS

THANK YOU! Ascension Parish and St Katharine Drexel Parish prove time after time what it means to be a caring community. We want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and monetary support we have received after the devastating fire at our business. Paul and I are truly humbled with all the kindnesses shown to us by firefighters, family, friends, customers and strangers. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers for the rest of our lives. May God bless you all.

Paul and Linda Bezek / Riverdale Auto Works

ASCENSION RAFFLE JULY 4TH WINNERS

The 4th of July drawing for the Ascension Parish raffle winners are: Paul Petrilak, John Morris, William & Barb Heller, Karen Vergari & Angeline Svecz, Mike Morosky, Bob Weaver, Paul Ignatovich, Frank R. Currier, and two others that wish to remain anonymous. Congratulations!

ASCENSION PARISH 2022 RAFFLE

Ascension Parish is holding a raffle on October 9, 2022, with cash prizes totaling \$50,000! 1st prize: \$15,000, 2nd prize: 10,000, 3rd prize \$5,000, 4 thru 13: \$850, and 14 thru 23: \$650. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. \$100 per ticket. Ticket applications are at the parish office, or contact John Mayers at 570-960-1322 or email at ramsey@nep.net. or Pat Litz at 570-878-7631 or email at ptlitz1@gmail.com.

CEMETERY GUIDELINES

Reminders of the guidelines for our cemeteries: 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.

RELIT

If we want to be effective in leading people to a life-giving relationship with Christ, we need to be formed and trained in how to do it. **relit: The Heart of Evangelization** is an exciting and integrated set of talks which will form you theologically, spiritually, and practically to be an active evangelist in the Church. **relit** will not only renew your personal call as a Catholic, but will also equip you to support your parish in leading others to renewal in the Holy Spirit. **Unleash your parish's potential.** You will learn how to take the good work you are already doing and discover how to be more effective. **Meet people where they are.** Teaches practical approaches to effectively lead individuals closer to Christ. **Date: July 29-30, 9am-4pm.** Location: Diocesan Pastoral Center, 330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton. Presenter Michael Dopp. Individual: \$95 / Group: \$250 (unlimited participants). Registration fee includes lunch & materials. For more information, contact: Mary Hallman 570-207-2238 or mhallman@dioceseofscranton.org.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration, will be held Thursday, August 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Saint Maria Goretti Parish, 42 Redwood Drive, Laflin. The event, sponsored by the Diocesan Offices for Parish Life and Vocations, will include praise & worship music, a dynamic talk, the opportunity for the sacrament of Reconciliation, and a social. All are

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welcome to attend! For more information, call 570-207-1452 or visit dioceseofscranton.org.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND FOR COUPLES

Is your marriage going down the right road, or is it a little off track? 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.

GFCBA POKER RUN

The Greater Forest City Business Alliance Second Annual Poker Run will take place -rain or shine- on Saturday, July 30, from 11 AM – 5 PM. All vehicles welcome. \$30/participants, \$20 nonparticipants. End party at Mountain View Restaurant with food, DJ Donna Diva and

cash bar. Proceeds from this year's event are earmarked to support the revitalization of Forest City's Center Street Park. The GFCBA believes this is a valuable project to assist with the broader range intent to connect our economy to the area's outdoor experience. We are working diligently to collaborate with all local entities and committees to see projects like this completed for the betterment of our community. For more information, go to www.visitforestcitypa.com.

DIAL 988 – SUICIDE HOTLINE

Pennsylvanians now have a new, easier way to connect to mental or behavioral health crisis services. People can call, text, or chat 988 will be connected directly to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. The existing Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will remain available. 988 can be used by anyone who needs support for a suicidal, mental or behavioral health, and/or substance use crisis — no matter where they are or where they live. Lifeline services are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week at no cost to the caller.

ROCK LAKE PICNIC

The Rock Lake picnic is rapidly approaching! This year's event will be held on **Saturday August 20th from 11am-7pm**. The Chicken BBQ will be from 12-3pm, however additional food will be available throughout the day. Finder's market will be from 10am-5pm. The Finder's Market is gaining some wonderful treasures. You can drop off your donations on Thursdays and Saturdays. Help is also needed moving all donations after 8am mass on Sunday July 31st.

Chicken BBQ tickets are on sale after 8am and 11am mass weekly. **PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR CHICKEN BBQ TICKETS BY AUGUST 1ST**. After August 1st there will be limited tickets for sale!!! The cost this year is \$13. If you would like to purchase tickets outside of the offered times, please call **Carrie at 908-619-5017** or **Barb at 570-575-4072**.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Any contributions are appreciated, big or small. You can also help by donating a basket for the basket raffle or a donation to the basket of cheer! This year we will be hosting a Corn Hole Tournament - Double Elimination - \$20/team. To sign up call **John McCormick at 570-647-9061** The next organizational meeting will be held August 1st at 7pm at the picnic grounds. Thanks in advance for all of your help, big and small. Every little bit helps make this tradition a huge success!

If you would like to help, please contact:

Finders Market: Deb at 570-798-2107

Bake Sale: Denise at 570-448-2455

Sponsorship/baskets: Rose at 570-798-2539

All other volunteer inquiries: Joyce at 570-647-9321

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SERVERS		LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church			
7/30/22 4:00 PM		Bob Trusky	Allen Gordon
7/31/22 9:30 AM	Amelia Bennett		Beverly Bennett
St. Juliana Church			
7/31/22 8:00 AM	Laura, Mark & Jonathan Nebzydoski	Nick DeLucia	Carol Kneier
St. James Church			
7/31/22 11:00 AM	Claire, Sophia & Aiden Lombardi	Denise Vauter	Pete Vauter

Hymns for 7/24/2022 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	#732 Praise to the Lord	#463 Table of Plenty	#732 Praise to the Lord
Readings and Psalm	#903	#903	#903
Offertory	#613 Seek Ye First	#487 Gift of Finest Wheat	#613 Seek Ye First
Communion	#716 Abba! Father	#489 In the Breaking of the Bread	#716 Abba! Father
Recessional	#723 Glory and Praise to Our God	#596 Dwelling Place	#723 Glory and Praise to Our God

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord: Rev. Stephen Krawonta, Patricia Brower, Robert Swegel, and Amanda Wilczewski. To submit a name, call 785-3838.

Prayers for the Sick: Rev. Joseph Horanzy, Diana Junior, Caroline Krupovich, Ilene Adamitis, Marge Armstrong, Mary Zigon, Dorothy Jones, Ruth Ann Slish, 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, 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, Diane Kimberley, Brian Rock, 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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