

ASCENSION PARISH and ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

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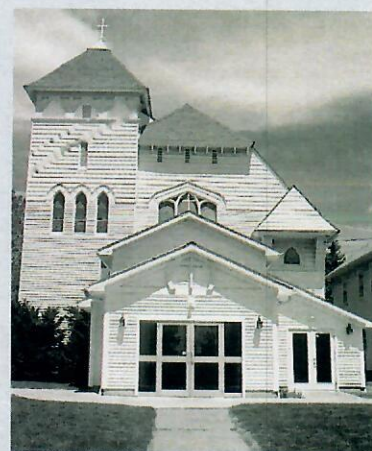
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Parish Office Hours.....Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Office closed 12—1 pm for lunch

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 August 8, 2022

Monday, August 8

8:30 AM-St. Joseph John Sherosick by Judy Steward

Tuesday, August 9

9:00 AM-St. James Rev. Stephen A. Krawontka by Joseph Gosciewski

Wednesday, August 10

8:30 AM - St. Joseph Special Intention by Parishioner

Thursday, August 11

9:00 AM-St. James Mr. & Mrs. William Vaverchak, Sr. by Family

Friday, August 12

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

Saturday, August 13

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Living & Deceased members of Forest City HS Class of 1957 by Maryann Dorin

Sunday, August 14

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Ruth Miller by Nick & Pat DeLucia

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Ray Femc by Jay & Carol Carroll

11:00 AM-St. James Special Intention by Bob & Nancy Non

Sanctuary Candle

St. Joseph
 Sunday, August 7, 2022

Diane "Mrs. Di" Junior
 By Tony & Sandy Ravnikar

PARISH FINANCES

**Ascension Parish Collection Report
 July 16-17, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$1877
Other Parish Envelopes	\$849
Loose	\$5
Parish Second Collection	\$89
Total Parish Collection	\$2820
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$30

**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report
 July 17, 2022**

Weekly Envelopes	\$1242
Other Parish Envelopes	\$247
Loose	\$219
Parish Second Collection	\$223
Total Parish Collection	\$1931
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocese Envelopes	\$0

Second Collection

This Weekend: Care & Education of Priests
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.

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.



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 SALE

Our famous homemade pierogis will be on sale the day of the Rock Lake Picnic. No orders will be taken before time. 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!

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.

LASALLE ACADEMY



Come Grow With Us At La Salle Academy! Openings are available for the 2022-2023 School Year. Schedule an appointment today to visit and experience the amazing opportunities LSA has to offer. Call us at 570-489-2010.

FC HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Forest City Historical Society August Meeting. The August meeting of the FCA Historical Society will take place on Sunday August 14th beginning at 6 PM at the museum headquarters at the corner of Dundaff and Main, FC (the former Methodist Church). All are welcome attend. Membership info may be found on our web site and look us up on facebook. Support us on Amazon.

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Free community meal. Saturday August 20th, Noon-1:00pm at Christ Episcopal Church, Corner of Dundaff and Hudson Streets, Forest City will host a free community luncheon. Our guests are warmly welcomed to come in earlier to share friendly conversation among one another, along with talks and blessings with our Priest, Fr. Bill. Please bring your family and friends and join us in August for another serving of a hot 'n hearty lunch and the amazing fellowship that is shared among family, friends, and neighbors. Please help us spread the word, as together we continue to build this community mission and welcome folks to Christ Church ... ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

BLOOD DRIVE

A Red Cross blood drive will take place at the Browndale Fire Station, Route 247 / 620 Marion Street, Browndale on Friday, September 9th beginning at 1 PM. Contact the Red Cross to schedule an appointment, a limited number of walk-in apts are available. Please consider giving the gift of life!

SYNOD SURVEY REPORT AVAILABLE

For six months, people throughout our diocese responded to Pope Francis' call to the Synod on Synodality by sharing their hopes, concerns and dreams for the Catholic Church. Some participated at listening sessions, and many others through an online survey. Through this participation, many themes began to emerge. Our Diocesan Synthesis Report representing these themes has been submitted to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, and is also available for general review. To learn more and to review the synthesis report, please visit the [Synod on Synodality page](https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/synod-on-synodality) on our diocesan website, www.dioceseofscranton.org.





WELCOME FATHER ARUN



I am Fr. Arun Lakra, HGN (Heralds of Good News a Missionary society), and I was born on April 18, 1984 in India. I have four elder brothers and two elder sisters, and I am the youngest child in the family. My parents are deceased. The zeal to follow Christ and strong faith was planted in me by my devoted parents in my early childhood. I joined seminary in 2004 after my tenth grade. After long twelve years of discernment of God's will, I was ordained as a priest on May 3, 2015. My first appointment as priest was in the Herald Bhavan, minor seminary as vice-Rector and dean of studies. In 2016, I was appointed as principal of the St. Jude's Junior College.

I came to Scranton on October 10, 2019, and was assigned to Freeland, Our Lady of Immaculate Conception and Good Shepherd Parish, Drums. It was a thrilling experience for me to be in the parish for the first time. I was transferred to St. Rose of

Lima and our Lady of Mount Carmel, Carbondale, on August 2, 2021. It was another new adventure and thrilling experience with different ministries. I enjoyed doing my very best with my sacramental and pastoral ministries with (now) Bishop Jeffrey Walsh, Fr. Seth, Deacon Michael, all staff members, and parishioners. I am very grateful to all of them for everything. Now I am here in Forest City in your midst to be with you and to serve God together. I am extremely happy to be with you and am looking forward in making our parishes more vibrant and deeply rooted with faith in Christ. I request all of you to keep me in your constant prayers. I also assure you of my constant prayer. Once again, I say a big thanks to all of you for everything.

ROCK LAKE PICNIC

The Rock Lake picnic is just TWO weeks away!

This year's event will be held on **Saturday August 20th from 11am-7pm.**

There will be various events happening all day:

- Chicken BBQ will be from 12-3
- Finder's Market from 10-5
- Live music all day
- Hamburgers, hot dogs, pierogies and more will be available for purchase throughout the day!

As always, there will be a delicious bake/pie sale. We are looking to try your yummy treats! They can be dropped off the morning of the picnic. If you have any questions, please call **Denise at 570-448-2455.**

If you cannot help this year but would like to be a big part of the day, you can be a sponsor of the event! You can also help by donating a basket for the basket raffle or a donation to the basket of cheer! Please call **Rose at 570-798-2539.**

There will be picnic preparation days leading up to the picnic: Saturday August 15th, Thursday August 18th, and Friday August 19th. Times will be shared in next week's bulletin. Like every year, this event takes many hours and hands to make it possible. We are always looking for extra help in different committees, whether it be in the days leading up to the picnic or help that day. If you would like to volunteer, please call **Joyce at 570-647-9321.** Don't forget to sign up for the cornhole tournament. Call **John at 570-647-9061**

The final organizational meeting will be held Monday August 15th at 7pm at the picnic grounds. Thanks in advance for all your help, big and small. Every little bit helps make this tradition a huge success!

August 7, 2022
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SERVERS		LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church			
8/13/22 4:00 PM	Amelia Bennett	Mary Garm	Peg Tomazic
8/14/22 9:30 AM		Bob Trusky	Beverly Bennett
St. Juliana Church			
8/14/22 8:00 AM		Pat Simpson	Carol Kneier
St. James Church			
8/14/22 11:00 AM	Adeline Frisbie & Seamus Murphy	Denise Vauter	Pete Vauter

Hymns for 8/7/2022 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	#662 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling	#558 Come Follow Me	#662 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Readings and Psalm	#909	#909	#909
Offertory	#594 We Walk by Faith	#600 Be Not Afraid	#594 We Walk by Faith
Communion	#645 Eye Has Not Seen	#369 Ave Maria	#645 Eye Has Not Seen
Recessional	#670 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy	#572 Father of Peace	#670 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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

Prayers for the Sick: Rev. Joseph Horanzy, Dave Babich, 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 Ravnkar, 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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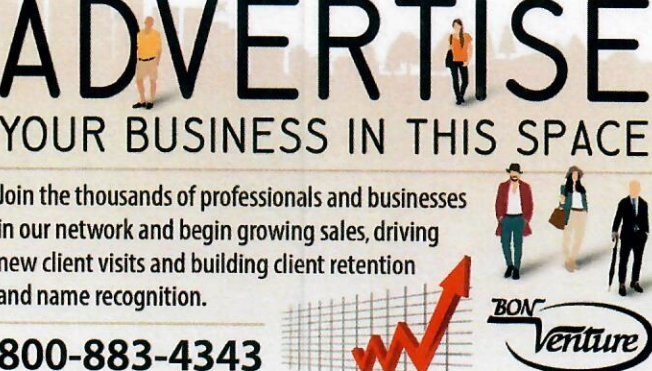
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