

# ASCENSION PARISH and ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

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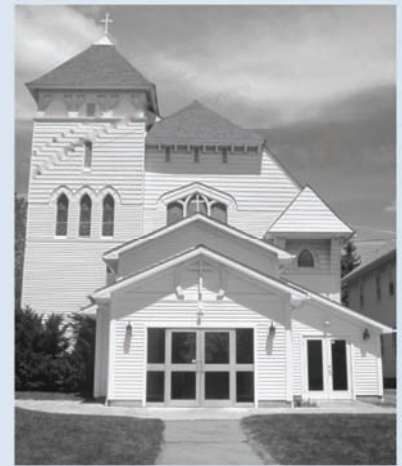
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**Parish Office Hours**.....Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Office closed 12—1 pm for lunch

Office will be closed on Holy Days of Obligation & most Federal holidays.



## ***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 - Communion service only) ..... **8:30 AM** St. Joseph  
Tuesday, Thursday..... **9:00 AM** St. James

### **Holy Day Masses**

Vigil..... **5:30 PM** St. James  
Holy Day..... **Regularly scheduled daily mass, and 6:00 PM** St. Joseph



## MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of April 13, 2026

<b>Monday, April 13</b>	
8:30 AM-St. Joseph	Communion Service
<b>Tuesday, April 14</b>	
9:00 AM-St. James	Communion Service
<b>Wednesday, April 15</b>	
8:30 AM-St. Joseph	Communion Service
<b>Thursday, April 16</b>	
9:00 AM-St. James	Communion Service
<b>Friday, April 17</b>	
8:30 AM-St. Joseph	Communion Service
<b>Saturday, April 18</b>	
4:00 PM-St. Joseph	Arthur Yanchitis by Wife & Children
<b>Sunday, April 19</b>	
8:00 AM-St. Juliana	Communion Service
9:30 AM-St. Joseph	Thomas Risboskin by Bible Study Group
11:00 AM-St James	Marge Hnatko by Patricia & Joseph Narciso

### Bread & Wine

April 19

St. Joseph 9:30 AM

Jim Marsicano by Wife Helen and Sons

Hymns for April 11-12	4:00 pm & 9:30 am
Entrance Hymn	#317 Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Holy Anthem Rise
Readings and Psalm	#828
Gifts	#594 We Walk by Faith
Communion	#312 Ye Sons and Daughters
Recessional	#318 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

## PARISH FINANCES

### Ascension Parish Collection Report March 14-15, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$2569
Other Parish Envelopes	\$852
Loose	\$185
Parish Second Collection	\$0
<b>Total Parish Collection</b>	<b>\$3606</b>
Diocesan Second Collection	\$562
Diocesan Envelopes	\$85

### Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report March 15, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$1775
Other Parish Envelopes	\$276
Loose	\$172
Parish Second Collection	\$92
<b>Total Parish Collection</b>	<b>\$2315</b>
Diocesan Second Collection	\$105
Diocesan Envelopes	\$45

**This weekend: Deficit Reduction**  
**Next week: Deficit Reduction**

### CONFESSION SCHEDULE

- St. Joseph: Monday, Wednesday 8:00 – 8:20 AM
- St. Joseph: Saturday 3:00 – 3:30 PM
- St. James: Tuesday, Thursday 8:30 – 8:50 AM
- St. Juliana: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month before Mass
- Also by appointment – please call the office.

*Please take a moment to silence or turn off your cell phones or other electronic devices before Mass begins.*

*Thank you in advance for your consideration.*

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### A&RS OF SKD PARISH

**Food Pantry:** canned & boxed items, paper products.  
\*\*Please leave **ONLY NONPERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS** in the donation baskets at the churches. Please do not drop off books, clothing or fresh food, unless arranged beforehand. THANK YOU for your generosity and your consideration.

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### BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Tuesday, April 7th, you can learn more about the biblical and historical evidence of Jesus. Continue the Easter season with informative and inspirational words about our Lord and Savior on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm at the Parish Office. Please know you do not have to make a commitment to attend every session so feel free to stop in on any Tuesday evening.

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### ROCK LAKE PICNIC ANNUAL BOOKLET

You are requested to contact Deb Biondo if you have submissions that you may have for this year's booklet, i.e. photographs of church events that occurred between August 2025 and July 2026, including those from last year's picnic, pierogi making, church repairs, children's activities within the parish, Christmas, Easter, etc. and also any vintage flashbacks (baptism, first communion, confirmation, youth ministry awards, wedding or photos of the interior or exterior of the churches and rectories, also past priests and parishioners.) This booklet reflects the past and ongoing history of our churches and is an opportunity to share, with others, the dedication and love we have toward them and the parish. Deb can be reached at 579-798-2107.

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### CASA DE MARIA GARDEN OF HOPE

Personalized engraved bricks are available to purchase for Providence Pregnancy Center's Garden of Hope. Your brick will be permanently placed in the Garden, bearing words of encouragement, remembrance, or celebration for generations to come. This gift goes beyond the garden—it directly funds Phase 2 renovations at Casa de María, the maternity home in Scranton, and will improve the shared living spaces, which will help create a peaceful space of healing while strengthening the home where lives are being rebuilt. Donations are through our trusted and secure partner, Bricks R Us. For more information: <https://www.ppcscranton.org/hope-garden>.

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### COME SEE NUNSENSE!

Lackawanna College proudly presents *Nunsense!* This lighthearted and hilarious musical will be performed on April 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at the Peoples Security Bank Theater at Lackawanna College (501 Vine Street, Scranton). *Nunsense* is a beloved comedy that follows a group of nuns putting on a variety show to raise funds—filled with music, laughter, and heart. It's a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and an

enjoyable outing for parishioners of all ages. For ticket information or group inquiries, you can contact us at [grasonk@lackawanna.edu](mailto:grasonk@lackawanna.edu) or visit <https://www.ourcabaret.com/nunsense>.

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### A&RS OF ASCENSION PARISH

\***Thank you** to Sweet Tooth for working with the A&R Society in enabling us to give 100 chocolate crosses to the children of the Parish during the Easter Masses. It was a yummy treat!

\***Change**, please: If you have some change in your pockets, your purse, your car, weighing you down, please drop it into one of the Change Jars which can be found at either of the main entrances. The A&R will be turning it into gift cards for those in need. Perhaps your generosity can make a *change* in someone's life...

\***Children's Mass booklets** are now available to use during mass. Our children can follow along with their own version of the Mass. However, booklets are to be returned and not taken home, please and thanks!

**Please note** the next A&R meeting will be April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6PM, not April 23rd. All are welcome!

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### ROCK LAKE PICNIC MEETING

The next Picnic Meeting will be Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM in St. James Hall.

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### DIOCESE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

His Excellency, the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., Bishop of Scranton, and the Office for Parish Life wish to invite couples celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup> or 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. The event includes a 2:30 PM mass at the Cathedral of Saint Peter followed by a light reception. The registration deadline for this event is Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026. To register, please go to <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Maille at (570) 207-2213 x 1133 or [familylife@dioceseofscranton.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseofscranton.org).

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### MARYWOOD CHAMBER SINGERS CONCERT

The Marywood University Chamber Singers will have a concert on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM at the Cathedral of Saint Peter (315 Wyoming Avenue; Scranton). The program for this concert will feature J. S. Bach's motet "Komm, Jesu, Komm"; The Blue Estuaries by David Ashley White; compositions by Levente Gyöngyösi, Paweł Łukaszewski, Ivo Antognini, and Owain Park; and several spirituals. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations to our Sacred Music Concert series may be made by contacting the Cathedral Parish office so that we may continue to offer these programs to our community. Your support is most appreciated.

### Second Sunday of Easter

The readings for the second Sunday of Easter invite us to recollect our faith and how it brings us together as a community. In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the early Christian community characterized by devotion to the teaching of the apostles, communal life, and breaking of bread. This beautiful depiction reminds us that faith is not meant to be a solitary journey but a shared experience. The early Christians' commitment to prayer and fellowship serves as a powerful model for us today. In our own communities, we are called to foster an environment of mutual support, generosity, and love echoing the spirit of these first believers. In his letter Peter speaks about the living hope that comes from Jesus' resurrection. Peter assures us that despite our trials and sufferings, we can rejoice in the hope of salvation. This hope is not a passive wish but an active trust in promises. In our own lives, we may face moments of doubt or challenge, much like Thomas did in the gospel. The Gospel today recounts Jesus' appearance to the disciples, particularly to Thomas. Jesus gently addresses Thomas's doubt, inviting him to touch His wounds. This encounter teaches us that doubt and belief can coexist. Jesus meets us in our certainty and invites us to deepen our faith through our experiences. ~ *Fr. Arun*

	<b>SERVERS</b>	<b>LECTOR</b>	<b>E. MINISTER</b>
<b><u>St. Joseph Church</u></b> 4/18 Saturday 4:00 PM 4/19 Sunday 9:30 AM	Lauren Tomazic & Aubrey Franks Paul Schror	John Sukenick Sue Kulasinsky	J. Janezic & P. Tomazic M. McCusker & B. Bennett
<b><u>St. Juliana Church</u></b> 4/19 Sunday 8:00 AM	Communion Service	Pat Simpson	Deb Biondo
<b><u>St. James Church</u></b> 4/19 Sunday 11:00 AM	Sophia, Claire & Aidan Lombardi	Adeline Frisbie	Pete Vauter

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

**Prayers for the Sick:** Todd Marz, Kathy Spencer, Jessica Moser, Brian Walawender, Lindsey "Ruby" Gorel, Nancy Lewis, Chuck Spencer, Julia Whitney, Patricia Striefsky, Zack Hilburn, Michelle Criscera, Jeff Sheldon, Joey Grecco, Richard Burleigh, Mary Giles, Kathy Demianovich, Donna Foster, Dottie Baysa, Megan Spaulding, Donna Feduck, Mel Sherry, Kayleen O'Hara, Tom Doheny, Mary O'Neill, Catherine Tasso, Diane Kimberley, Barbara Sprovin, Danny Gales, Dorothy Usher, Ann Marie Furdock, Jean Cyrlin, David Hamlyn, Bucky Biondo, Peggy Newak, Stephanie Dunn, John J. Jurkiw, Christopher Trusky, Maria Koslosky, Tom Zologa, Celestine Cicco, Dave Babich, Marge Armstrong, Dorothy Jones, Thomas J. Madridal, Heidi Rowe, Brendan Clune, Kate Magalski, Mollie Konczyk, Jean Welicka, Dan Kimberley, Carmen M. McClelland, Susan Glinkowski, Louise Brockdorf, Ruthie Sterchak, Robert Polinsky, Marilyn Perine, Joseph Gugliucci, Fulton Joseph Hood, Jessica Vigorito, Mark Polednak, Charlie Matthews, Maury Urmanec, Phyllis Flynn, Caitlyn Vauter, Susan Carpenter, Mary Connors, Amelia Giorgano, Ella Pearson, Erin Andersen, Kerry Henderson, Carol Bishop, Geri Duplatre, Brian Rock, Walter Welicka, Gerrit Vanderwell, Patricia Simpson, Ruth "Rudy" Peterka, Barbara Scott, Mary Lynott, Patricia Connor Mader, and Cheryl Williams. To submit a name, call 785-3838.



# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today | Second Sunday of Easter | John 20: 19-31

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." *John 20:21-23*

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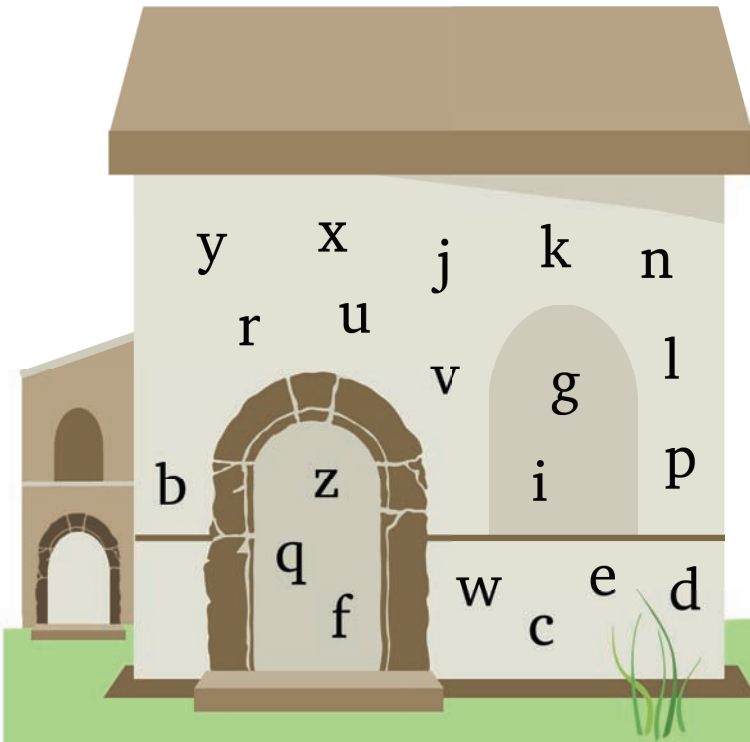
Thomas, not being present the first night, did not believe his friends saw Jesus until the following week when Jesus came a second time. This time Thomas was there and said, "My Lord and my God!", and he believed.

The apostle who was not in the locked room with the others when Jesus first appeared the first night after His resurrection was named...

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Write the alphabet letters not found on the house.

Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks to complete the sentence above.



## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

### ...or Sunday of Divine Mercy

Find the **bold** words in the sentence below...

By **God's request** to **Saint Faustina**, **Divine Mercy Sunday** is **always observed** the **week following Easter**, when Jesus gave us the **Sacrament** of **Penance** in **John's Gospel**.

#### Research and learn about...

Sister Marie Faustina Kowalska (1905 - 1938)

St. Faustina wrote in her diary Jesus' simple **ABC** message... Ask for His mercy; Be merciful, Completely trust in Jesus

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