

ASCENSION PARISH and ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

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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 20, 2026

Monday, April 20

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Communion Service

Tuesday, April 21

9:00 AM-St. James Communion Service

Wednesday, April 22

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Communion Service

Thursday, April 23

9:00 AM-St. James Communion Service

Friday, April 24

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Communion Service

Saturday, April 25

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Dolores Carra by the Litz Family

Sunday, April 26

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Communion Service

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Barbara Ann Arnold by Kathy & Gerry Franceski

11:00 AM-St James Marge Hnatko by Dolores O'Neill

Sanctuary Candle

April 19-25

St. Joseph

Jim Marsicano by Wife Helen and Sons

Hymns for April 11-12	4:00 pm & 9:30 am
Entrance Hymn	#320 Christ, the Lord, is Risen Today
Readings and Psalm	#829
Gifts	#332 Two Were Bound for Emmaus
Communion	#513 The Supper of the Lord
Recessional	#321 Alleluia! Alleluia!

PARISH FINANCES

**Ascension Parish Collection Report
March 21-22, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes	\$2114
Other Parish Envelopes	\$328
Loose	\$167
Parish Second Collection	\$363
Total Parish Collection	\$2972
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocesan Envelopes	\$70

**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report
March 22, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes	\$1311
Other Parish Envelopes	\$294
Loose	\$462
Parish Second Collection	\$257
Total Parish Collection	\$2324
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocesan Envelopes	\$186

**This weekend: Deficit Reduction
Next week: Catholic Home Missions Appeal**

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: 1st 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.

A&RS OF SKD PARISH

Thank you to all who donated their time and energy to make our Holy Week and Easter liturgies so beautiful!

Membership dues - \$5 - (renewing and new members) are now being collected. Envelopes can be found in the pews of the churches. Please join us in our work to support our parish and the community.

The Rosary will be recited before Masses for the month of May. Please contact Denise (448-2455) if you would like to lead the rosary (1/2 hour before the Mass).

Our next Altar & Rosary meeting will be **Wednesday, 5/13/26, at 6:00 PM**. Please join us as we make plans for upcoming events, especially the celebration of 4th of July. We hope to make a float for the parade and will need many hands!! All are welcome.

Food Pantry: May – paper products
June – cleaning products

THANK YOU!

THANK YOU to all those who helped in preparing our churches for the celebration of Easter - from organizing for the liturgies, decorating the churches, inside and out, and also serving in the liturgies, as lectors, ministers of Communion, altar servers, ushers and choir members. Also, thank you for the generous donations toward beautifying our church environments. Our parishes are truly blessed!

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.

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.

CARNATION SALE

From the Altar & Rosary Societies of Ascension & St. Katharine Drexel Parishes present CARNATIONS4LIFE. Carnations will be available at all Masses Mother's Day weekend in honor or memory of a woman in your life. A donation of \$1 or more is suggested. Money collected will be donated to Pennsylvanians for Human Life Chapter in Scranton. Thank you for your generosity!

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 29th at 6PM, not April 23rd. All are welcome!

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 10th, 25th, 40th or 50th wedding anniversary in 2026 to a Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, June 28th, 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 7th, 2026. To register, please go to

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org> or contact Bridget Maille at (570) 207-2213 x 1133 or familylife@dioceseofscranton.org.

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>.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSION APPEAL

Next Week we will take up the Catholic Home Mission Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and it's current and former territories are unable to to fund the

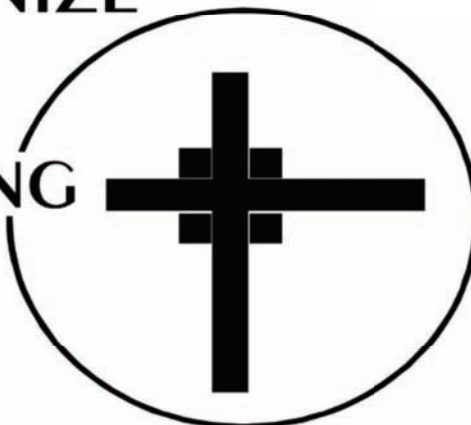
essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support for this appeal helps them meet these faith formations and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal.

	SERVERS	LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church 4/25 Saturday 4:00 PM 4/26 Sunday 9:30 AM	Zachary Hicks-Baresse & Chrissy Piatkowsk Paul Schror	Darlene Hamlyn Joseph Sukenick	J. Janezic & P. Tomazic M. McCusker & B. Bennett
St. Juliana Church 4/26 Sunday 8:00 AM	Communion Service	Al Snyder	Roger Aguinaldo
St. James Church 4/26 Sunday 11:00 AM	Jason Non & Gwendolyn Tallman	Richard LaTournoous	Sue LaTournoous

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

Prayers for the Sick: 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 Sprovkin, Danny Gales, Dorothy Usher, Ann Marie Furdock, Jean Cyrilin, 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.

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 BREAD**



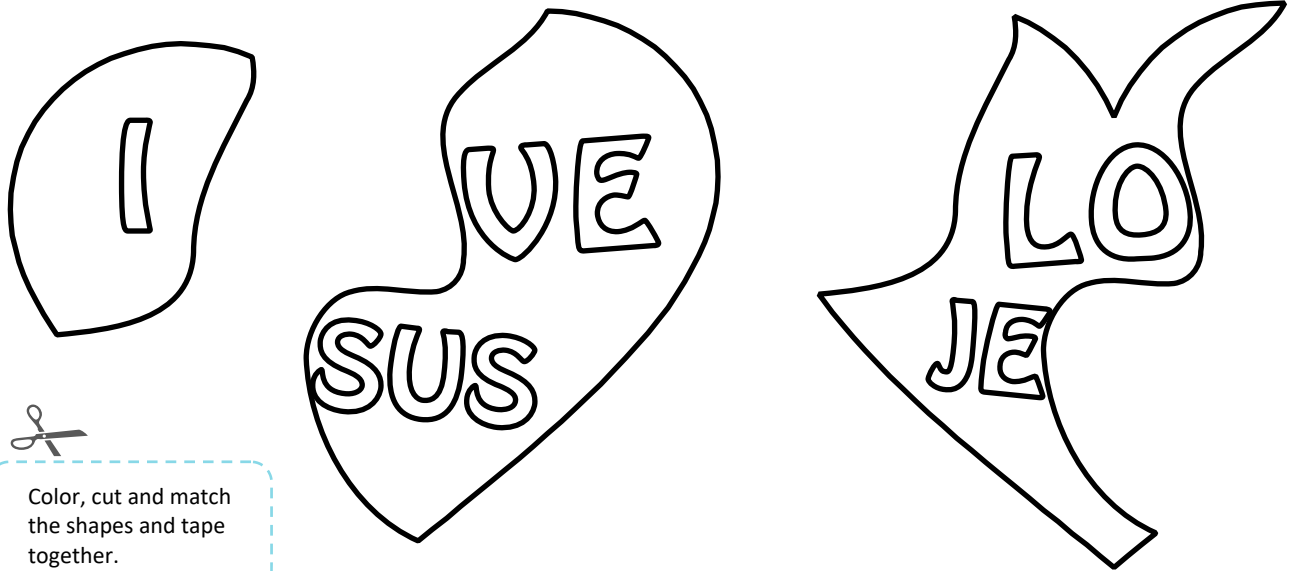
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Gospel Today | Third Sunday of Easter | Luke 24: 13-35

The risen Jesus walked to Emmaus with two disciples, but they did not recognize Him. At the evening meal, Jesus blessed bread, broke it, and disappeared. At once the disciples knew in their hearts it was Jesus.

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