



ASCENSION PARISH and ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

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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 Masses8:00 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

PENTECOST
 ALL WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT



MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of May 25, 2026

Monday, May 25

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Thomas Risboskin by Brother, John & Marie

Tuesday, May 26

9:00 AM-St. James Jeanne Green by Gail McKeon & Family

Wednesday, May 27

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Thomas Chesnick by Barb Sheptak

Thursday, May 28

9:00AM-St. James Marge Hnatko by Ron & Bonnie Watson

Friday, May 29

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Communion Service

Saturday, May 30

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Dolores & Frank Carra by Rose & Don Bossick

Sunday, May 31

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Living and Deceased Members of SKD Parish by St. Joseph Society

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Thomas Risboskin by Maryann McCusker

11:00 AM-St James Bob Non by Jim & Roseann Swegel

Sanctuary Candle May 24-31

St. Joseph

In Memory of David M. Pitus by Red Sox Nation

St. Juliana

In Memory of Walter Whitney by Family

Bread and Wine

St. Juliana

8:00 AM 5/31

*Living and Deceased Members of SKD Parish
By St. Joseph Society*

*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.

PARISH FINANCES

**Ascension Parish Collection Report
April 25-26, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes	\$2777
Other Parish Envelopes	\$588
Loose	\$190
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$3555
Diocesan Second Collection	\$434
Diocesan Envelopes	\$220

**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report
April 26, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes	\$1094
Other Parish Envelopes	\$62
Loose	\$297
Parish Second Collection	\$54
Total Parish Collection	\$1507
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocesan Envelopes	\$92

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

*Thank you for your generous contributions to the Catholic
Communications Campaign!*

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.



CONGRATULATIONS – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to Ella Botjer, Leah Botjer, Henry Burns, Joseph McAndrew, Evlynn Osborne, and Michaela Silfee who received the Body and Blood of Christ for the very first time in First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 17th. Nourished by His love and grace in the Eucharist, we pray that you will always find strength and joy in the presence of Christ, and your hearts are filled with His grace and peace. May you remain open to His guidance throughout your lives in your journey of faith.

A&RS OF SKD PARISH

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).

We hope to make a float for the **4th of July parade** this year and will need many hands!!

Food Pantry: May – paper products
June – cleaning products

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.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS – CONFIRMATION

Join us in praying for our Confirmation Class confirmed on Saturday, May 16th. We ask our Confirmands to remember the words of Pope Francis: *"Confirmation strengthens us to defend the faith and to spread the Gospel courageously."*

Congratulations to Bella Bilsky, Cooper Fitzsimmons, Makayla Franckowiak, Logan Kilhullen, Wyatt Kovaleski, Aidan Lombardi, Macson Murphy, Jonathan Nebzydowski, Brody O'Neill, Ariana Priebe, and Natalie Tomazic. May your faith continue to grow and strengthen, as the Holy Spirit guides and comforts you.

A&RS OF ASCENSION PARISH

***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 May 27th** at 6PM. All are welcome!

ST. JOSEPH SOCIETY

The Sunday, May 24th 11:00am Mass at St. James will be sponsored by the St. Joseph Society for the intentions of the deceased members of St. Katharine Drexel Parish. On May 31st the 8:00am Mass at St. Juliana's will also be sponsored by the St. Joseph Society for the same intention. The men of the St. Joseph Society will lead the Rosary one half hour prior to these Masses, will be the Altar Servers, will serve as the lectors, will bring up the Gifts, and be the Greeters.

ROCK LAKE PICNIC

The next Rock Lake Picnic meeting will be held on Monday, June 8 in St. Juliana's Hall at 6:30pm. This will be a special year, in conjunction with our 250th celebration of the Constitution of the USA! We will be working together with the Altar and Rosary and St. Joseph's Societies to create a SKD Float, to participate in this year's Pleasant Mount 4th of July Parade. All are welcome to join this meeting!

BASKETBALL CAMP

Holy Cross High School Crusaders Boys Team will hold a basketball camp for boys June 22 - June 25 from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm for boys entering grades 4 – 9. The cost is \$100. Contact Coach Al Callejas (570-650-9858) or email: ac31078@aol.com for more information.



SPECIAL MASS - SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

All are welcome to attend a special Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Thursday, June 11 at 7:00pm. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Joseph Bambera who will lead all present in a Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the same day that the U.S. Bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus as we celebrate the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

SPRING CEMETERY GUIDELINES

As warmer months approach, we remind you of the guidelines for our cemeteries. Some points to consider: 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.

HOLY CROSS 5K FUNDRAISER

Holy Cross Crusader Cross Country and Track & Field programs host a 5K run benefit. Your participation and generosity allows us to purchase much needed equipment and uniforms for the teams. The date is Saturday, June 6th with registration: 7:30-8:15 am, and start time: 8:30am at Holy Cross High School in Dunmore. The cost is \$25 and every runner receives a medal and Crusader Classic t-shirt. Register online at <https://runsignup.com/crusaderclassic5k> or in person that day.

Pentecost Sunday

The readings of the feast of the Pentecost reminds us of the transformative power of the Spirit, which equips and empowers us to fulfill our mission as witness of Christ. In Acts 2, we see the vibrant imagery of wind and flames, signs of God's powerful presence. This was not just a one-time event; it is a reminder of how God's Spirit continues to move among us. In first Corinthians, St. Paul emphasizes the diversity of gifts given by the Spirit, reminding us that each of us plays a unique role in the Body of Christ. We interconnected, and each gift, no matter how small, is valuable. It is by the Spirit that we are baptized into one body, regardless of our background or experience. In John's gospel, Jesus breathes on the disciples, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." This intimate act signifies the transformation that occurs when we accept the Spirit into our lives. We are called to forgive, to heal, and to bring peace to our communities.

	SERVERS	LECTOR	E. MINISTER
<u>St. Joseph Church</u> 5/30 Saturday 4:00 PM 5/31 Sunday 9:30 AM	Lauren Tomazic & Aubrey Franks Paul Schror	Joseph Sukenick Bob Trusky	J. Janezic & P. Tomazic M. McCusker & B. Bennett
<u>St. Juliana Church</u> 5/31 Sunday 8:00 AM	Mark & Jonathan Nebzydowski	Pat Simpson	Chris Urban
<u>St. James Church</u> 5/31 Sunday 11:00 AM	Oliver, Macson & Seamus Murphy	Rose Burleigh	Gail McKeon



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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord: Gerald Poppo, Jr. & Thomas Lahoda *To add a name call 785-3838.*

Prayers for the Sick: Carol Kneier, Bonnie Watson, Diane Mayenzet, 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.*

Hymns for May 23-24	4:00 pm 9:30 am
Entrance Hymn	#352 Come, Holy Ghost
Readings and Psalm	#846
Sequence	#349 Pentecost
Gifts	#399 O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
Communion	#496 Spirit and Grace
Recessional	#Send Us Your Spirit vs 1&3

Holy Mass Celebrating Our Blessed Virgin Mary in her month of May!

Where: St. Faustina Chapel at MY JESUS MERCY MINISTRIES, 1763 GREAT BEND TURNPIKE, PLEASANT MT. PA 18453

When: Saturday, May 30, 2026

Schedule: 10AM confessions with Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at 11AM will be celebrated by Fr. Charles Connor, retired Priest of the Diocese of Scranton, author and contributor to EWTN.

We will have fellowship in Our Lady's home with lunch afterward.

*All were made
to drink
of the one Spirit*




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