

ASCENSION PARISH and ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

Our Parish Staff

Pastor

Rev. Arun Lakra

Administrative Staff

Jill Bailer
Linda Bezek

Director of Religious Education

Danielle O'Neill
St. Katharine Drexel Parish
Ascension Parish

612 Hudson Street ✕ Forest City, PA 18421

Web Address: apskdp.org

Phone.....570-785-3838 **Email**.....apskdp@nep.net

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 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

MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of June 15, 2026

Monday, June

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Dolores Carra by Rose Marie Mroz

Tuesday, June

9:00 AM-St. James James Muracca by Joseph & Patricia Narciso

Wednesday, June

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Dolores Carra by Sue Kulasinsky

Thursday, June

9:00AM-St. James Dr. John Nebzydoski by Nancy Non & Family

Friday, June

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Communion Service

Saturday, June

4:00 PM-St. Joseph **Father's Day Intentions**

Sunday, June

8:00 AM-St. Juliana **Father's Day Intentions**

9:30 AM-St. Joseph **Father's Day Intentions**

11:00 AM-St James **Father's Day Intentions**

Sanctuary Candle June 14-20

St. Joseph

In Memory of Donald Bennett by Sharon, Alex & Family

St. Juliana

In Honor of all the men in our Parish and their Intentions
By SKD Altar & Rosary Society

Bread & Wine June 27 4:00PM

St. Joseph

Angeline Svecz by Family

Hymns for June 13-14	4:00 pm 9:30 am
Entrance Hymn	#456 All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Readings and Psalm	#883
Gifts	#716 Abba! Father
Communion	#615 Only a Shadow
Recessional	#606 On Eagle's Wings

PARISH FINANCES

Ascension Parish Collection Report May 16-17, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$2345
Other Parish Envelopes	\$555
Loose	\$370
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$3270
Diocesan Second Collection	\$430
Diocesan Envelopes	\$0

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report May 17, 2026

Weekly Envelopes	\$1059
Other Parish Envelopes	\$132
Loose	\$433
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$2037
Diocesan Second Collection	\$231
Diocesan Envelopes	\$40

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: 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

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.

We are making a float for the **4th of July parade** this year and need many hands!!

Food Pantry: June – cleaning products
July – personal products

With summer in our midst, so is the annual SKD Altar & Rosary **Labor Day Raffle!** This fun raffle with surprise prizes will be held after the 11 am mass at St. James Hall on Sunday, September 6th. First prize this year is \$500 CASH with many other great prizes! We welcome donations of prizes from the parish. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Peggy Sarno (570-798-2919), or one of our officers: Joyce Malicky (570-448-9031), Denise Vauter (570-448-2455), Barbara Sprovkin (570-727-8385), Sally Urmanec (570-785-5039), Gail McKeon (609-284-5648).

ROCK LAKE PICNIC

The next Rock Lake Picnic **meeting** will be held on Monday, July 6 in St. Juliana's Hall at 6:30pm. This will be a special year, in conjunction with our 250th celebration of the Declaration of Independence! 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 attend this meeting!

BASKET RAFFLE: anyone interested in donating a prize or an item for the cart of cheer, please contact Rose Ignatovich at 570-798-2539. Items are needed before the day of the picnic.

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.



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...

Diaper & Wipes Drive

- *to benefit Catholic Social Services of Scranton
- *Donate a pack of new, unopened diapers or wipes
- *Any size or brand
- *Through the month of June
- *Place in the baskets at either entrance
- *The Altar & Rosary Society Thanks you for your support!

Next A&R meeting will be June 24th at 6PM. We will be electing new officers. All are welcome!

Daily Number tickets for July are available from members and at weekend Masses.

4th OF JULY PARADE FLOAT

St. Katharine Drexel Parish A&RS, St. Joseph's Society, and



Picnic Committee are crafting a float to enter the 4th of July Parade in Pleasant Mount on Saturday, July 4th! There will be a **meeting to get organized on Monday, June 15th at 6:30 PM in St. James Hall.**

EVERYONE is invited to attend this meeting and help us put together a float that honors America and the Declaration of Independence!!

WORLD REFUGEE DAY CELEBRATION

The community is invited to join together for an afternoon of unity, culture, and belonging at the 10th annual World Refugee Day Celebration, taking place on Saturday, June 20th, at the Diocese of Scranton Pastoral Center (330 Wyoming Avenue, Scranton) from 2-5 p.m. All are invited to attend.

The free, family-friendly event will offer a number of festivities, including a lively mix of cultural music, dance performances, international food, refreshments, games, giveaways, and engaging activities for children.

World Refugee Day honors the strength and resilience of refugees and displaced persons who have been forced to flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, and violence.

PRESTON COMMUNITY DAYS

The 2nd Annual Preston Community Days will be held July 17th & 18th at the new Lakewood Park (643 Old Railroad, Lakewood). Friday's events include a parade at 7 PM. Saturday will feature a car show, corn hole & horseshoe tournament with fireworks after dark. Both days will have food & refreshment vendors, music, children's games, contests, raffles, and more. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @PrestonCommDays. The mission of this event is to bring together and support our community.



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The readings of this Sunday remind us of the profound relationship between God and His people, a relationship marked by love, mercy and a call to serve. In first reading, we hear about God’s covenant with the Israelites. He calls them to be His treasured possession, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. This invitation is not just for the sake of privilege but for mission. God desires that His people reflect His holiness and share His love with the world. In the second reading from Romans, St. Paul emphasizes that while we were still powerless, Christ died for us, demonstrating the depth of God’s love. This is the love proactive; it seeks us out in our weakness and offers redemption. This gift compels us not only to accept His love but to share it, embodying the very love we have received. In the gospel of Matthew, we see Jesus moved by compassion as He looks upon the crowds, distressed and dejected. He then he sends His disciples out, empowering them to heal, proclaim good news, and serve those in need. Jesus’s actions remind us that our faith is not merely a personal journey, but a communal mission. We, too, are called to respond to the world’s need with compassion and action. Let us ask ourselves, **how am I responding to God’s call? Am I recognizing my role as a holy nation, serving as instruments of peace and love in our communities?** ~Father Arun

	SERVERS	LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church 6/20 Saturday 4:00 PM 6/21 Sunday 9:30 AM	Zachary Hicks-Baresse & Chrissy Piatkowski Paul Schror	Darlene Hamlyn Joseph Sukenick	P. Tomazic & J. Janezic M. McCusker & B. Bennett
St. Juliana Church 6/21 Sunday 8:00 AM	Mark & Jonathan Nebzydowski	Al Snyder	Carol Kneier
St. James Church 6/21 Sunday 11:00 AM	Jason Non & Gwendolyn Tallman	Richard LaTournous	Sue LaTournous

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord: Nancy Lewis, David Racht, John Kiselica, Marian Kiselica. *To add a name call 785-3838.*

Prayers for the Sick: Mike Osino, Carol Kneier, Bonnie Watson, Diane Mayenzet, Kathy Spencer, Jessica Moser, Brian Walawender, Lindsey “Ruby” Gorel, 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, 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.*



Oliveri's
CRYSTAL LAKE
HOTEL

**Jones & Brennan
Funeral Home**

John P. Brennan, Supervisor
570-785-3500
430 Main Street • Forest City

BE A FRIEND.
Give blood.



PEANUTS x American Red Cross



SPECIALIZING IN WILLS,
ESTATES & REAL ESTATE LAW
Marissa McAndrew, Esquire
McAndrew Law Offices, PC
630 Main Street • Forest City, PA 18421
Office: 570-785-3333
marissa@mcandrewlawoffices.com

570.785.3153



KEVIN M. LESJACK
FUNERAL HOME
WWW.LESJACKFUNERALHOME.COM

Auto • Home • Life • Business



MEAGHER
Insurance Agency
Nationwide 570-785-5454
Paul@MeagherAgency.com
414 Main Street • Forest City, PA 18421
www.TheMeagherAgency.com



JMJ
CATHOLIC
RADIO
750 AM 1490 AM 98.9 FM

**TURN COMMUNITY
CONNECTIONS
INTO EXTRA INCOME!**

We are seeking a **Part-Time
Advertising Sales Representative**
for this church bulletin.

This is a commission-based opportunity to work with local businesses who want to reach our parish families. The bulletin serves as a trusted community directory – making it a valuable place for businesses to advertise.

Flexible Schedule • Meaningful Parish Involvement

Earn extra cash for College Tuition, Special Vacation, Christmas Club or Holiday Expenses

If you're outgoing, dependable and comfortable talking with local business owners, this could be a great fit!

For more information, email sue@bonventure.net

Dr. Gerard T. Genco
*"We Keep the Smile
in the Mile"*
(570) 785-9500
518 Main Street
Forest City, PA 18421




MARTIN CAUFIELD
MEMORIAL WORKS
249 Sunrise Avenue
Honesdale, PA
• Affordable Cemetery
Memorials
• Largest Inventory
in Area
800-824-5293
martincaufieldmemorialworks.com

PLEASE
SUPPORT OUR
ADVERTISERS
THEY SUPPORT
OUR PARISH

Help your community,
the environment,
& yourself



➤ Patronize your
local businesses

READY.GOV
Don't be afraid...Be Ready



**ONLY YOU
CAN PREVENT WILDFIRES**

CHURCH BULLETIN ADVERTISING

A Simple Way To Support
Your Parish & Promote
Your Business!



SCAN QR TO
E-MAIL ME TODAY!



KEN GREENWOOD 570-331-5565

Beware of Social
Security Phone Scams!



**SLAM
THE
SCAM**
oig.ssa.gov

Learn more at
oig.ssa.gov/scam