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I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE
 YOU WHO COME TO ME SHALL NOT HUNGER
 YOU WHO BELIEVE IN ME SHALL NOT THIRST.
JOHN 6



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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



MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of June 8, 2026

Monday, June 8

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Marge Hnatko by Bernice Lukus

Tuesday, June 9

9:00 AM-St. James Marge Hnatko by Gail McKeon & Family

Wednesday, June 10

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Delores Carra by Beverly Bennett

Thursday, June 11

9:00AM-St. James Dr. John Nebzydowski by Pete & Denise Vauter

Friday, June 12

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Communion Service

Saturday, June 13

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Frank Cyzeski by Sister, Margaret & Family

Sunday, June 14

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Alan Llewellyn by Barbara Sprovkin

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Suzanne Murnock Chisek by Mike Murnock

11:00 AM-St James Joanne Wychowanec by Alice O'Neill

Bread & Wine

St. Joseph 4:00 PM

Donnie Ogozaly by Annette & Marty

St. Joseph 9:30 AM

Hank and Betty Prince by Prince Family

Hymns for June 6-7	4:00 pm 9:30 am
Entrance Hymn	#473 As We Gather at Your Table
Readings and Psalm	#850
Gifts	#511 Taste and See
Communion	#492 Behold the Lamb
Recessional	#493 I Am the Bread of Life

PARISH FINANCES

**Ascension Parish Collection Report
May 9-10, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes	\$2587
Other Parish Envelopes	\$716
Loose	\$213
Parish Second Collection	\$183
Total Parish Collection	\$3699
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocesan Envelopes	\$125

**Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report
May 10, 2026**

Weekly Envelopes	\$2441
Other Parish Envelopes	\$91
Loose	\$151
Parish Second Collection	\$150
Total Parish Collection	\$2833
Diocesan Second Collection	\$0
Diocesan Envelopes	\$80

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

CONFESION 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.

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.

PEOPLE OF HOPE TRAVELING MUSEUM

Catholic Social Services is inviting all people to experience the national traveling 'People of Hope Museum' when it visits Nay Aug Park (500 Arthur Avenue, Scranton) on Wednesday, June 10th. The free interactive museum experience will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. in front of the Everhart Museum and will feature immersive exhibits, storytelling opportunities, and reflections focused on compassion and community service. Presented by Catholic Charities USA, the museum is contained within a 53-foot semi-tractor trailer. Those who visit will also receive free admission to both the Everhart Museum and Brooks Mine (both of which are also located at Nay Aug Park) during event hours.

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.

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 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church (1101 Willow st, Peckville) 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. All are welcome to a reception following Mass at Holy Family Hall.

Not by bread alone...



...does one live.



Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

The readings for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, invite us to reflect on the profound mystery and gift of the Eucharist, which nourishes our souls and strengthens our faith. In the first reading from Deuteronomy, we are reminded of how God nourished His people in the wilderness, providing manna from heaven to sustain them. This physical sustenance was not merely for survival; it was a sign of God’s deeper desire to be in relationship with His people. In the letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul explains the Eucharistic mystery: “the cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the Blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?” Here, we see the intimate connection among believers and with Christ himself. When we partake in the Eucharist, we are not just fed; we enter into a profound relationship with the Lord and with one another. In the Gospel of John, Jesus declares, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever,” this promise offers us eternal life, a life filled with hope, a life that transcends our earthly struggles. It invites us to deepen our faith and trust in Him, acknowledging that in consuming the bread of life, we become part of His very being. ~*Father Arun*

	SERVERS	LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church 6/13 Saturday 4:00 PM 6/14 Sunday 9:30 AM	Lauren Tomazic & Aubrey Franks Paul Schror	Bernice Lukus John Risboskin	J. Janezic & A. Seber M. McCusker & B. Bennett
St. Juliana Church 6/14 Sunday 8:00 AM	Daniel & Bridget Diehl & Anna Nebzydowski	Roger Aguinaldo	Deb Biondo
St. James Church 6/14 Sunday 11:00 AM	Oliver, Macson & Seamus Murphy	Adeline Frisbie	Pete Vauter

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord: Michael Lapera *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 Cyrlin, 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.*



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Gospel Today

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ | John 6:51-58

When Jesus says He is the living bread, He doesn't mean the bread on our p,b&J sandwiches! He refers to the Bread of Life, Blessed Bread, The Holy Eucharist. Bread that, along with the wine at mass, gives us eternal life. This is what we call the Body & Blood of Christ.

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BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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



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Holy
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Christ
Body
Blood
Eternal

Life
World
Blessed
Bread
Whoever
Live
Forever

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LOAVES of BREAD NOURISH US EVERYDAY.

< ACTIVITY/SNACK >

Bread Spread



Take a slice of bread, and spread on peanut butter, cheese spread, hummus or whatever you like, 1/4" thick. Use a plastic knife to "draw" a picture of a fish on your bread spread. Read yourself or ask an older person to read or tell you the Miracle Story of Jesus feeding 5,000 with 5 small loaves and 2 fish (John 6: 1-15), while you eat your snack.

We need BOTH - our daily bread and the Bread of Life.

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