

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 15:57

Our Parish Staff

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ASCENSION PARISH

and

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH

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Parish Office Hours.....Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Office closed 12—1 pm for lunch

After hours—emergencies only: 570-785-7856



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..... 8:30 AM St. Joseph
Tuesday, Thursday..... 9:00 AM St. James

Holy Day Masses

Vigil..... 5:30 PM St. James
Holy Day..... 12:00 PM & 6:00 PM St. Joseph

Confessions..... Half hour before masses



MASS INTENTIONS & MEMORIALS

Week of November 8, 2021

Monday, November 8

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Joe & Anne Shivitz Pavlovich by
Joseph, Raymond, Joanne, & Michael

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 AM-St. James Deceased Members of the Priests'
Purgatorial Society

Wednesday, November 10

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Aldo Martusciello by Bruce Edwards

Thursday, November 11

9:00 AM-St. James Thomas Opeka by Family

Friday, November 12

8:30 AM-St. Joseph Josephine Goskowski by Dave Richards

Saturday, November 13

4:00 PM-St. Joseph Christine Rudolph by Joe & Mary Alice
Remus

Sunday, November 14

8:00 AM-St. Juliana Frank, Gert, & Sue Ignatovich by
Family

9:30 AM-St. Joseph Hank Majdic by Sue Kulasinsky

11:00 AM-St. James James Pasternak by Henry & Jean
Nebzydowski

Sanctuary Candle

Week of November 7 – 13

St. Joseph

Jenny & Joseph Glavich by Marianne & Family

Bread & Wine

Saturday, October 13

St. Joseph 4:00 PM

Louis & Anna Orehek & sons Louis, Leonard & Paul by Rose
Marie Orehek

MASS BOOK – NOVEMBER

The Mass, Bread & Wine, and Sanctuary Candle books for the month of **NOVEMBER 2021 is now open**. If you would like an offering please call the office or email apskdp@nep.net. Masses requested will be limited to two per family, per year

PARISH FINANCES

Ascension Parish Collection Report October 23 & 24, 2021

Weekly Envelopes	\$1915.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$225.00
Loose	\$17.00
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$2157.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$461.00
Diocese Envelopes	\$15.00

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Collection Report October 23 & 24, 2021

Weekly Envelopes	\$1437.00
Other Parish Envelopes	\$525.00
Loose	\$321.00
Parish Second Collection	\$0
Total Parish Collection	\$2283.00
Diocesan Second Collection	\$998.00
Diocese Envelopes	\$190.00

Second Collection

This Weekend: The Care & Education of Priests
Next Weekend: Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal 2021

Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal 2021

Next weekend Sr. Jane Conway from The Congregation of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be speaking at our Masses seeking the financial and spiritual support of our parishioners for the Mission Cooperative Appeal Plan 2021. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.

ONLINE GIVING!

Ascension & St. Katharine Drexel Parishes offer Online Giving, a web-based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure and it is convenient for you. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at www.apskdp.org and selecting the Online Giving link and then selecting the appropriate parish link.



CCD NEWS

Ascension Parish

- CCD is for students in grades 1-8.
- This year we will be continuing with the on-line format. It will be in a Family Catechesis format where students will be responsible for completing all work and assessments online.
- If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Pearson at apfcredu@gmail.com or 570-960-1824.
- We are on Facebook! Please like and follow us on Facebook!

St. Katharine Drexel Parish

- CCD classes for grades 1-8
- Contact Danielle to register and for information about the program this year at 570-642-1190 or oneills@nep.net
- If you have any questions, please contact Danielle

REFLECTION BY DEACON CARL ALBRIGHT

“She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”

In a homily at the Olympic Stadium, St. John Paul II has preached, “In this age which is so marvelous and so tormented, strive to build a culture of love, a civilization of love! You can contribute to this by sport and by your whole behavior, by all the freshness of your feelings, and by all the seriousness of the discipline which sport can teach you.”

Like the poor widows of both our first reading and Gospel, let us strive to live as spiritual athletes. Let us pray at all times to love the Lord with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, and with all our strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In that which we do in love of God and in love of one another, we find what we need to endure.

ASCENSION THANK YOU

Ascension Parish wishes to thank the raffle committee volunteers for organizing and managing the raffle process. Thank you to our parish members that bought tickets and helped to sell additional tickets. We also want to thank Zazzera’s Market and The Forest City News for their efforts in making the raffle a success. Zazzera’s included over 4,000 raffle handouts when bagging groceries during the months of ticket sales, and The Forest City News continuously promoted the raffle in their weekly papers. We look forward to next year’s raffle and remember: more tickets sales can only lead to bigger prizes next year!

NOTICE REGARDING REPORTING SEXUAL ABUSE OF A MINOR

It is the policy of the Diocese of Scranton to report any allegation of sexual abuse of a minor to law enforcement. If you are a victim of sexual abuse committed by a priest, deacon, religious or lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton, you are encouraged to immediately report the matter to law enforcement. If any priest, deacon, religious, lay employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Scranton has cause or reason to suspect that a minor has been subjected to any form of abuse, including child sexual abuse, the matter will be reported to law enforcement. It is also the policy of the Diocese to adhere to all civil and state regulations. In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s Child Protective Services Laws, reports of suspected child abuse should also be made immediately by phone to the 24-Hour Child Abuse hotline (ChildLine) at 1-800-932-0313 or electronically at www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis To this end, the Diocese is equally committed to adhering to the norms of the Code of Canon Law and to upholding the tenets of the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, which includes supporting victims of sexual abuse in their pursuit of emotional and spiritual well-being. As such, information regarding an allegation of sexual abuse of a minor should also be reported to the Victim Assistance Coordinator, Mary Beth Pacuska at (570-862-7551).

WMH TEMPORARILY CURTAILING HOURS @ FC LAB SITE

(Honesdale, October 26, 2021)... Wayne Memorial Outpatient Services is temporarily curtailing hours at its laboratory services site in Forest City to accommodate staff shortages at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Honesdale. The Forest City location, housed in the Forest City Family Health Center at 100 Dundaff Street, will be open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30am – 2:00pm. It will be closed Mondays and Fridays. Patients needing lab services such as blood draws are asked to call ahead (570-785-6622) to be sure staff is available to assist them. Wayne Memorial hopes the site can return to its normal five-day a week schedule at the end of November. Wayne Memorial offers lab services at the hospital and several other outpatient sites. Visit [Laboratory Services](#) | [Laboratory Locations](#) | [Wayne Memorial Hospital \(wmh.org\)](#) [1] for more information.

PIEROGI ARE BACK!

The SKD Altar & Rosary crew are planning on making pierogi on November 9, 10 and 11. Orders are being taken, but quantities are limited. Cost for a dozen pierogi is \$7.00. Only 400 dozen will be made. Order sheets will be in the back of St. James and St. Juliana's church, or call Barbara Sprovkin with your order at 570-727-8385. If you plan to help on any of these work days, you are asked to follow the Bishop's recommendations... be a responsible parishioner and wear a mask to protect our friends and neighbors, regardless of vaccination status. We will have work shifts permitting all who would like to help to be there. Call Joyce at 570-448-9031 if you would like to help. Work shifts are 8:30 am to 11:30 am OR 11:30 am to the end of the day (usually around 2:30 pm.) Gloves must be worn during the project. There will be no community lunch offered during any of the work days, however you are welcome to bring your lunch or snacks for yourself. We still need to be ever so careful these days, yet we want to provide this delicious food to everyone and we can by following these guidelines. We will be watchful right up to peeling day (Tuesday the 9th,) hoping that there will be no further restrictions passed on from the Diocese.

SKD ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY RAFFLE

Saint Katharine Drexel A & R Society is planning for their 2022 Labor Day Raffle. We would like our many talented parishioners to donate items such as original paintings, jewelry making, crocheted or knitted items, woodcrafts, and any other handcrafted items for us to use as our raffle prizes. We are asking now so that if you are talented and would be willing to donate a prize you will have time to create and donate an item or more for our raffle. Please let us know what you will be making and donating by February 1, 2022 by calling Peggy Sarno at 570-798-2919 or Barbara Connor at 570-448-2546. Thank you for your consideration.

DIocese OF SCRANTON: GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC MASSES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The Diocese of Scranton joyfully welcomes the faithful of the Diocese of Scranton to return to Masses at all of its parishes. Despite the challenges of the last year, we invite those who have not yet returned to Mass to rejoin us in person to celebrate the Holy Eucharist, the source and summit of the Christian life.

1. The Bishop is **strongly recommending** that all parishioners wear a mask while attending Mass – regardless of vaccination status. While masks will not be mandated in our parishes at this time, we must all continue to be vigilant against this emerging health threat. In fact, as Catholics, we have a responsibility to protect our friends and neighbors. In order to safeguard our community, the Bishop has also requested that altar servers wear masks and all Priests, Deacons, and Extraordinary Ministers return to wearing masks during the distribution of Holy Communion.
2. Parishioners who have a pre-existing medical condition or are taking medications that weaken the immune system, should talk to their healthcare provider to discuss their activities. They may need/want to continue wearing masks and taking precautions while attending Mass.
3. Please use hand sanitizer upon entering the church.
4. The Sign of Peace be celebrated without physical contact.
5. Distribution of the Precious Blood remains suspended at this time.



SUPPORT PARISH LIFE INITIATIVES

"Our primary goal is to share the Gospel, evangelize and share our faith and bring people back to the Church if they are not there"

— Jose Flores
Coordinator for Hispanic Ministry
Diocese of Scranton

The Diocesan Annual Appeal supports the Office for Parish Life, which works directly with parishes to provide training and support services to guide the faithful. This summer, the office launched a new weekly radio program in Spanish to share the Gospel message with the Hispanic community.

Donate now at: annualappeal.org

GIFTS OF ANY AMOUNT ARE APPRECIATED

2021 **DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL**  **RISING TOGETHER - IN CHRIST**



NOVEMBER 7, 2021
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



NEW WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

American Legion Post 964 of Pleasant Mt is forming a women's Auxiliary. If you have any military family past or present and are passionate about our Veterans and if you would like join a woman's group of fun community minded gals on a mission to make a difference, please call Mitzi MacDonald 570 352 7882 to join in our first upcoming luncheon.

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Join Wayne Memorial Hospice team as a valuable volunteer. Register now for the hospice training to be held on the following dates: Saturday, November 12th and 20th from 9 AM - 4 PM and Tuesday, November 16th from 6 PM - 8 PM at Wayne Memorial Hospital. Call Volunteer Services at 253-8737 to pre-register by November 8th. You must be at least 18 years old.

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

Prayers for the Sick: Rev. Joseph Horanzy, Pete Vauter, Nancy Mitchell, Mollie Konczyk, Jean Welicka, Dan Kimberley, Carmen M. McClelland, Brian Gasper, John Michalizysen, James Calpin, Karen Campbell, Susan Glinkowski, Debbie Trusky, Jeff Ryan, Louise Brockdorf, Bonnie Watson, Ruthie Sterchak, Robert Polinsky, Marilyn Perine, Louis Kotar, Joseph Gugliucci, Fulton Joseph Hood, John Reeder, Sr., Jessica Vigorito, Mark Polednak, Charlie Matthews, Vickie Ravnkar, Maury Urmanec, Phyllis Flynn, Caitlyn Vauter, Susan Carpenter, Mary Connors, Amelia Giorgano, Ella Pearson, Marian Rushen, Erin Andersen, Lydia Jones, Kerry Henderson, Carol Bishop, Geri Duplatre, Bud Peter, Diane Kimberley, Michael Murnin, Jr., Brian Rock, Joe Sprovin, Carl Poterjoy, Walter Welicka, Gerrit Vanderwell, Patricia Simpson, Ruth "Rudy" Peterka, Barbara Scott, Mary Lynott, Kathleen Connor, Patricia Connor Mader, Joyce Skinner, and Cheryl Williams. To submit a name, call 785-3838.

Hymns for 11/7/2021 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 9:30 am	8:00 am	11:00 am
Entrance Hymn	#523 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service	#734 We Gather Together	#523 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service
Readings and Psalm	#947	#947	#947
Offertory	#526 The Cry of the Poor	#614 Amazing Grace	#526 The Cry of the Poor
Communion	#563 Unless a Grain of Wheat	#600 Be Not Afraid	#563 Unless a Grain of Wheat
Recessional	#687 We Are the Light of the World	#625 Christ Be Beside Me	#687 We Are the Light of the World

SERVERS		LECTOR	E. MINISTER
St. Joseph Church 11/13/21 4:00 PM 11/14/21 9:30 AM		Lauren Perry Sue Kulasinsky	Dn. Albright Dn. Albright
St. James Church 11/14/21 11:00 AM	Jason & Nicole Non	Gail McKeon	Dn. Albright
St. Juliana Church 11/14/21 8:00 AM	Laura, Mark, & Jonathan Nebzydoski	Pat Simpson	Dn. Albright

Ascension Parish	Saint Katharine Drexel Parish
18.83%(71 out of 377) gave/pledged DAA 2021 Goal: \$25,000.00 Total Raised: \$12,575.00 Over(Under): (\$12,425.00)	18.13%(31 out of 171) gave/pledged DAA 2021 Goal: \$13,000.00 Total Raised: \$ 8,980.00 Over(Under): (\$4,020.00)

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