

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM and
10:30 AM (with Gospel Choir)

Misa en Español: Domingo 12:15 PM

Weekdays 8:00 AM Monday to Friday

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

Saturday / Sábado:

3:15 to 3:45 PM

First Friday/Primer Viernes:

7:15 to 7:45 AM

or by appointment

FEBRUARY 4, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: JOB 7:1-4, 6-7
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9:16-19, 22-23
GOSPEL: MARK 1:29-39



WELCOME TO ST. KATHARINE DREXEL!

We at Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church pray and worship God as a community of faith through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments of the Church. Our purpose is to nourish our Christian community with Gospel values and works of charity. We dedicate our efforts to proclaim the good news through evangelization, teach the message of Christ through education and formation, and to serve the needs of all people in our community. We ask God to guide and bless our efforts through the intercession of Mary, Joseph, Saint Katharine Drexel, and all the Saints.

St. Katharine Drexel Parish warmly welcomes visitors and new members at all times. If you are not worshiping with another parish community or you are new to the area, we encourage you to fill out a registration form available at the entrance of church. Perhaps you are not Catholic and are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church; all you have to do is ask or call us. Don't put off what your heart is telling you to do. Jesus left the Church behind to continue His work here on earth and we are all called to be His disciples and to follow him *together*.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 4TH, 2018 MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 PM Vigil	<i>Dr. Luis Antonio Fraguada</i>
8:30 AM	<i>Josephine Galczynski</i>
10:30 AM	<i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i>
12:15 PM	<i>Parishioners of St. Katharine Drexel</i>
Mon., Feb. 5	St. Agatha
8:00 AM	<i>Mary & Frank Pileggi</i>
Tues., Feb. 6	St. Paul Miki & Companions
8:00 AM	<i>Anne Sekel</i>
Wed., Feb. 7	
8:00 AM	<i>Margaret Molling & Family</i>
Thurs., Feb. 8	St. Josephine Bhakita
8:00 AM	<i>Michael Sharp</i>
Fri., Feb. 9	
8:00 AM	<i>John Malick</i>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 10TH and 11TH, 2018

VIGIL MASS: 4:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers: (*)
Lector: Sue Ramberg
Ushers: Ed Larkin, James Ianni, Al Willis

10:00 AM

Extraordinary Ministers: (*)
Lector: John Luke Pileggi
Ushers: Marlin Hunter, Rick Dennis, Dan Kennedy, Gus Lugay
Greeters: Paulette Fuller, Ginnie Swinick

(*) No Extraordinary Ministers until further notice. In the event there is no Deacon, an EMHC will be needed.

SANCTUARY CANDLE



Sanctuary or shrine candles can burn in memory of a loved one or for someone's intentions. Please contact our office by phone or in person. *An offering of \$10 per candle is requested.*



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR...

EXCERPT FROM **KISS: KEEP • IT • SIMPLE • SINNER**
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The best Lent is one in which we enter the season wholeheartedly. All too often, people either take on too much or don't take on enough. The solution is to simplify our disciplines, focus our intentions and concentrate more clearly on our spiritual goals. To keep it simple this Lent, try the "1-1-1 Plan": **one sin, one add-in, one give-up.**

Concentrate or focus on one sin or fault that is getting in the way of your relationship with God and with others. Add one positive activity that will deepen your prayer and spiritual life (especially if you think you are too busy to put anything more into an impossibly busy schedule!). Deny yourself something you really like or are attached to. "[But] take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them; otherwise, you will have no recompense from your heavenly Father. When you give alms, do not blow a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win the praise of others. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your almsgiving may be secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you." — Matthew 6:1-4 "Lent offers us the practical and effective weapons of fasting and almsgiving as a means of combating an excessive attachment to money. Giving not only from our abundance, but sacrificing something more in order to give to the needy, fosters that self-denial which is essential to authentic Christian living. Strengthened by constant prayer, the baptized reveal the priority which they have given to God in their lives." — Pope St. John Paul II

One sin

Most of us, if we are honest, know at least one area of sin to focus on during Lent. If you aren't sure, or are having trouble narrowing it down, use the traditional seven deadly sins as a guide. In fact, the deadly sin of pride, or self-love, St. Thomas Aquinas called, "the cause of every sin." If you need help in identifying which sin to concentrate on this year, ask God in prayer to reveal it to you. If you still aren't sure, ask your family or close friends. Just be sure you are willing to listen to them and accept their assessment.

One add-in

The next step in 1-1-1 Lent is to add one thing of God to your routine that you haven't been doing. Because we are all so busy, it's a good idea to not just pick an add in, but to schedule a regular time when you put it on your calendar so you don't "forget." Ideas for add-ins are pretty much endless, but some include: + Go to Mass in the middle of the week + Attend the Stations of the Cross as a family + Read a Gospel + Volunteer at a social ministry + Get up early to pray

One give up

Giving up something for Lent has been part of the Church almost since the beginning. While giving up sweets and alcohol are time-honored, consider giving up one thing that you really like or enjoy. Just make sure it is something that lets you feel the deprivation and is at least a little bit challenging. Make it difficult but doable. + Fast from fault finding and nagging, and fast from a critical tongue or a closed mind. + Give up impulse purchases. + Give up an unhealthy habit, like smoking. + Limit the time you watch television or surf the Web. + Give up fast food and donate the money you save.

THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX SURVEY OPENS THIS WEEK! PLEASE READ AND HELP!

It's official! The Disciple Maker Index Survey opens this week and we need your help! Please help us participate by completing a **10-15 minute survey** as soon as possible.

- Go to www.disciplemakerindex.com.
- There are also opportunities to complete the survey after daily and Sunday Mass and you can obtain a paper copy in the Narthex/Parish Office or by contacting the Parish Office.
- The survey will only be available from **Feb. 5-Mar. 5** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to me and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. Thank you for helping with this important project!

~Fr. Tom

HELP FOR HAITI!

Our parishioner Duyen de Gain will be in Haiti for the next few weeks helping the Brothers of St. Alphonsus de Liguori build a school. Please keep her and the people in the village in your daily prayers. If you wish to more directly contribute to ongoing efforts to improve the lives of the villagers, please speak with her upon her return! You can contact Duyen at dudegain@gmail.com. Thank you!

FAITH FORMATION

Small groups from our Parish will meet to discuss life and faith, reflect together on God's Word and pray for/with one another and to deepen our connection with Jesus through the Bible. We invite our parishioners to be part of these groups. The leaders of each group will be parishioners from our Church. There are no teachers, just friends seeking to discover more about God. The groups will start the week of February 12. For your convenience you will find the flyer/sign-up form and return tray in the

vestibule of Church. As soon as we receive the sign-up forms back we will let you know who will be your leader and location for the groups.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

We have an upcoming retreat for healing after abortion. It is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. It will help you focus on the buried emotions of the past and begin healing in a non-judgmental, loving, safe, and confidential environment. It will give you hope for the future and healing from your pain. **March 9th-11th**, Malvern-Frazer. For information, call Laura at 215-720-5828.



RECENTLY DECEASED



*Eternal rest grant unto **Walter Manchin** and **Thomas Sigda**, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

JOSEPH'S PEOPLE RETREAT

We cordially invite you to attend the 6th Annual Joseph's People Retreat. This wonderful event is a time to enjoy friendship, fellowship, some great advice, and a tasty dinner. Every year, we are blessed to have wonderful people volunteer their services. This year is no exception. The day includes two very interesting speakers. A delightful dinner and Mass for those who wish to participate. Joseph's People is a 100% volunteer mission and like all of our programs, this event is absolutely **FREE**. RSVP is required please. **The RSVP link to EventBrite is on our web page, www.josephspeople.org.** The Theme of our retreat this year will revolve around INNER PEACE and HAPPINESS.

Registration Opens at 1:00 P.M. (Meet & Greet - Coffee and snacks)

Opening Prayer and Introduction

2:00 PM

Our Keynote Speaker – Joe Oliver

2:15 to 3:15 PM

(Coffee & Snack Break)

3:15 to 3:30 PM

Jess Carpenter – Speaker

3:30 to 4:30 PM

Closing Remarks & Prayer

4:30 to 4:45 PM

Dinner

4:45 PM to 5:45 PM

****Please note any dietary restrictions when you register****

Mass

5:45 PM to 6:30 PM

Everyone is invited to attend whether Catholic or not. No one is required to attend.

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Malvern Retreat House, 315 South Warren Avenue, Malvern, PA 19355

(Please NOTE that we are in a different building than in previous years, so please follow the signs to the **Upper McShain Conference Center**. It is located on the property, just in a different location.)

Services for attendees

Free Babysitting

For parents with young children, babysitting will be available for free at the Retreat. Please indicate your babysitting needs via the registration form. (The babysitting will take place in the same building where the retreat is being held).

Carpooling to the Retreat

If you need a ride, or think you might need a ride, please let us know when you register. We will do our best to get you there.

LENT 2018

The season of Lent is fast approaching, Ash Wednesday is **February 14**. This is an opportunity for us to renew our understanding of this important season of the Church year and to see how we can integrate our personal practices in following Jesus.

FEB 14, 2018: ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

We will celebrate Mass in English at **8:00 AM** and **12:00 Noon**. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at **7:00 PM**.

Consider signing up for two Lenten email programs to help you deepen and enrich your relationship with Jesus through daily reflections and videos:

<http://redeemedonline.com/sharejesus/>
<https://dynamiccatholic.com/bestlentever>

EVERY MAN HAS THIS MISSION

It is the mission of every man to guide his sons and other boys into mature manhood. Are you equipped to accomplish this? Come learn about Fraternus, a parish-based ministry in which adult Catholic men are formed to be "True Mentors" for boys of the parish to help guide them into authentic, virtue-based manhood rooted in Jesus Christ. Catholic Men who are interested in launching a Fraternus chapter are invited to attend a Fraternus Information Session on **Monday, February 12 at 7:00 PM** at St. Charles Seminary in Wynnewood. No charge to attend. Please RSVP at phillyevang.org/events. To learn more about Fraternus, visit fraternus.net.

REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE!

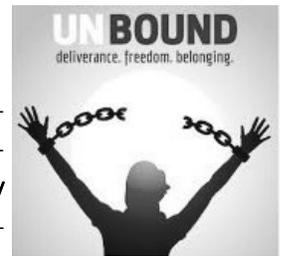
Is your marriage going down the right road...or is it a little off-track? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy, and heal. There are two programs coming up at the Family Life Center in Malvern: **February 16-18** and **April 13-15**. For more info or to register, visit HelpOurMarriage.org or call 800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

WINNERS!

The list of the winners for the drawing of Father Augustus Tolton's canonization fund is available for your information in the vestibule of Church.

STRUGGLING WITH A PROBLEM OR BURDEN?

You are invited to the Unbound: Freedom in Christ Conference on **Saturday, February 24, 9:00 AM-4:45 PM** at SS Simon & Jude Parish in West



Chester. Unbound is a ministry of healing and deliverance that helps you find freedom in areas of your life where you feel bound. This conference will help you discover the freedom that Jesus Christ has in store for you and teach you how to help others find that freedom. Unbound can help with relationship problems, inability to forgive, anger, fear, sadness, and other spiritual obstacles. \$50 per person; \$20 for priests/religious/college students. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Office for the New Evangelization. To learn more and register, visit: phillyevang.org/unbound.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Bernie Brill, Olivia Weatherly, Jeannette Platt, Pat McGarvey, Patty Hackett, Alice Walton, The King Family, Emily Ochrymowicz, Patricia Brown, Sandra Bonner, Paula DiMaio-Reczek, Mary Ann Vail-Etzler, Ralph Langdale, Carmen London, Julie Forcielli, Patricia Jones, Brielle Barbara, Nancy Dunkin, Catherine Kimes, John A. Smith, Linda Garcia, Christine, Gordon Sookrae, Aiyanna Fredericks, James Robinson, Yoselin Rivera, Matthew Woods, Gabby Dillon, Francis Seeley, Julie White, June Maguire, Elizabeth A. Young, Robert McFarland, Regan Kauf, Cassidy Jane Johnson, Hernán García, June Fitts, Jack Klotz, Pearlina Taylor, Emma Clare M., Madeline Divinny, Andrew Perkins, Bill Epp, Peggy Diggins, Roberto Rivera, Luis A. Martínez, Clara Mifflin, Maria Polilli, Michael & Kathy Murphy, Lydia Luciano, Carmen Ramos, Bill Buckley, Kevin Houseman, Elaine Palagruto, Ruth Ann Mullen, Mark Reczek, Jack Sekel, Renee Elliot, Barbara Kertis.

Names on the Sick List will be on for Five Weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the rectory. No names will be published unless we have approval.

