

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
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

NOVEMBER 4, 2018
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 6:2-6
SECOND READING: HEBREWS 7:23-28
GOSPEL: MARK 12:28B-34



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 worshipping 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*.

NOVEMBER 4TH, 2018 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME MASS INTENTIONS

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| 4:00 PM | <i>Memorial Mass for All Deceased</i> |
| 8:30 AM | <i>Most Rev. Bernard W. Schmitt</i> |
| 10:30 AM | <i>Holy Souls in Purgatory</i> |
| 12:15 PM | <i>Parishioners of St. Katharine Drexel</i> |
| Mon., Nov. 5 | |
| 8:00 AM | <i>Frank Di Maio</i> |
| Tues., Nov. 6 | |
| 8:00 AM | <i>Francis & Mary Pileggi</i> |
| Wed., Nov. 7 | |
| 8:00 AM | <i>For Our Good and Holy Priests</i> |
| Thurs., Nov. 8 | |
| 8:00 AM | <i>For the Souls About to Enter Heaven</i> |
| Fri., Nov. 9 | Dedication of the Lateran Basilica |
| 8:00 AM | <i>In reparation for the sins of clergy</i> |

MINISTRY SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 10TH AND 11TH, 2018 VIGIL MASS: 4:00 PM

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| Extraordinary Ministers: Linda Rabon, Sr. Pat Hanway (Alternate) |
| Lector: Carol Burk |
| Ushers: Ed Larkin, James Ianni, Al Willis |
| 8:30 AM |
| Extraordinary Ministers: Pat DiMaio, Sndra Edwards, Clarice Mendonca (Alternate) |
| Lectors: Jim Morgan, Connie Kanady |
| Greeter: Sandra Edwards |
| 10:30 AM |
| Extraordinary Ministers: Dan Kennedy, Gail Brown, Catherine Murray (Alternate) |
| Lector: Rikkaya Dennis |
| Ushers: Marlin Hunter, Rick Dennis, Dan Kennedy, Gus Lugay |
| Greeters: Paulette Fuller, Gail Brown |

MONTH OF THE SOULS

We continue to remember in all our Masses this month in a special way the souls of our beloved deceased whose family names have been placed with votive candle near the altar of St. Joseph. May their souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.





A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR...

A NEW COMMANDMENT? BY DEACON DONALD COX, CATHOLICJOURNAL.US

In the Gospel of John (13:31-35), Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment. Love one another." That's not really a new commandment. You can find that commandment as far back as the book of Leviticus 19:18 which says, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." That commandment was ancient and very prominent in Judaism. So why would Jesus call this a new commandment? What made this commandment new was the next sentence. "As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

Notice that Jesus said that this is a commandment not a suggestion. We are commanded to love one another as He loved us. So it would be prudent for us to make absolutely sure that we understand exactly what it means to love one another as He did. And the first thing that becomes obvious, as we look at the life of Jesus, is that the love that Jesus revealed to humanity was a love that is utterly gracious and totally self-giving; self-giving even to the point of sacrifice.

Each and every one of us was born into this world with an innate need to be loved. But each and every one of us will spend our entire lives learning how to love. And the ability to love perfectly is not innate. It does not come to us automatically simply by our birth. Perfect love must be learned and it must be practiced before it can be perfected.

Remember, real love is much more than just an emotion or a feeling. Real love is a commitment. It is committing to living your life lovingly for another. But we cannot give what we do not possess. We must first learn to love ourselves, love the uniqueness that is our own, before we can give that love to another. And committing to live for others requires that we love even if we are not loved in return. For the sacrificial love that Jesus lived wasn't expressed because He was being loved in return. He did not love to be loved.

Jesus loved perfectly. Which brings up an obvious question; was it necessary for Jesus to make the ultimate sacrifice? Many years ago I had someone ask me that very same question. A young man asked me, "Why did Jesus have to die?" A good question! In fact it was an excellent question. And to be honest with you, I felt stumped at the time, but I collected my thoughts and I responded by saying, "Our God became man, in the person of Jesus Christ, and took upon Himself the punishments that we deserve for our sins." Have you ever said something, then immediately afterwards regretted having said it? As soon as those words left my mouth, I wanted to take them back. I just knew, deep in my heart, that my answer was incomplete, if not downright wrong.

What troubled me most about my answer to that young man is that my words painted a terrible picture of who God is. My answer said that our Heavenly Father is an angry, all powerful God who demands that a penalty be paid for the transgressions of mankind. Mankind is apparently incapable of paying this penalty, so God the Father sent his Son to take the punishment that

we deserve.

This deeply troubled me because this is not the God that I see in Jesus. Jesus' life demonstrated the perfection in committed, self-giving love. And Jesus said, "If you really knew Me you would know My Father also. – Whoever has seen Me has seen the Father." (John 14:7-8) But my answer to that young man described an angry, judgmental God. Not a loving, committed, self-giving God.

Take this Gospel passage and read it in light of John 3:16 & 17, which says, "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life. God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him." Again, Jesus said: "Love one another as I have loved you". (John 13:34) Both passages are familiar! But when you read them in light of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, you come to understand that the starting point in understanding the Easter mystery isn't God's anger. It's God's love.

The God revealed to us in the life of Jesus was a God of love. Jesus did suffer greatly at the hands of an abusive authority and at the hands of an abusive culture. But Jesus did not endure that pain as a substitute for what God is demanding of us. Our God became one of us so we could come to know who our God really is. So we could come to know Him as one who identifies with us, who goes with us, who suffers with us, and who loves us to the point of providing us with an example of how to live our lives.

We get our strength for living from the life of Jesus, His mission, His teachings and His parables. We get our hope for what comes next from the Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. To ask which is more important, Jesus' life or His death is like asking which wing on an airplane is more important. You need them both to fly.

In trying to comprehend the reasoning behind Christ's suffering, it helps to understand that we live in a world filled with problems, pain and suffering. And Jesus introduced us to a God who is not immune to our plight, for He has experienced the worst that this world can offer.

Jesus freely chose to experience all the things that He did so that we could feel safe in sharing our experiences with Him. We can trust Him because He's been there. He understands, and He cares.

In the Gospel of John, Jesus commanded that we do more than just talk about our faith. We have to live it. We have to walk the path of love, service and self-sacrifice, for only then will we truly experience the abundant life that He offers us. And remember, "Service is the action form of love. The command to 'Love One Another' could easily have been worded, 'If you love one another; then serve one another'" ("The Message" by Lance Richardson, page 139).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CONFIRMATION

On **Sunday, November 11th** at our 10:30 AM Mass, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Bishop John J. McIntyre will join us as the celebrant. Please join us!



NOTRE DAME REUNION

Many alumnae from Notre Dame High School in Moylan are joining us on **Sunday, November 4th** at the 10:30 AM Mass for the celebration of their high school Reunion. We are happy to welcome everyone and invite you to share their joy at this Mass!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA



For many years, Josephine Bakhita was a slave but her spirit was always free and eventually that spirit prevailed. Born southern Sudan, Josephine was kidnapped at the age of 7, sold into slavery and given the name Bakhita, which means fortunate. She was re-sold several times, finally in 1883 to Callisto Legnani, Italian consul in Khartoum, Sudan. Two years later, he took Josephine to Italy and gave her to his friend Augusto Michieli. Bakhita became babysitter to Mimmina Michieli, whom she accompanied to Venice's Institute of the Catechumens, run by the Canossian Sisters. While Mimmina was being instructed, Josephine felt drawn to the Catholic Church. She was baptized and confirmed in 1890, taking the name Josephine. When the Michielis returned from Africa and wanted to take Mimmina and Josephine back with them, the future saint refused to go. During the ensuing court case, the Canossian Sisters and the patriarch of Venice intervened on Josephine's behalf. The judge concluded that since slavery was illegal in Italy, she had actually been free since 1885. Josephine entered the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa in 1893 and made her profession three years later. She soon became well loved by the children attending the sisters' school and the local citizens. She once said, "Be good, love the Lord, pray for those who do not know Him. What a great grace it is to know God!"



VETERAN'S DAY MASS AT ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

St. John Chrysostom Parish is privileged to announce its first Mass for Veterans, to be celebrated at 11:30 AM on **Sunday, November 11th** (Veterans Day). All in our community are welcome. Hospitality will follow the Mass. The Mass will honor veterans of all military branches, living and deceased, whatever their current service status.

MEN OF SKD MONTHLY MEETING

Saturday, November 10th at 9:00 AM in the Rectory.

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, Paula DiMaio-Reczek, Mary Ann Vail-Etzler, Ralph Langdale, Carmen London, Julie Forcielli, Patricia Jones, Brielle Barbara, 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, 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, Carmen Ramos, Bill Buckley, Kevin Houseman, Elaine Palagruto, Ruth Ann Mullen, Mark Reczek, Jack Sekel, Renee Elliot, Barbara Kertis, Carole Duncan, Tanya Boscher, Crystale Diaz and family, Alyssa DiMaio, Adele Koch, Al Perry, Vicky Berry, Sally Staats, Sam Auman, Ralph Santaniello, Christine Cavaliere

Names on the Sick List will be on for Five Weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the rectory.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

MONTHLY HOLY HOUR OF REPARATION AND PETITION

All Catholics in the Greater Philadelphia area are invited to spend time with Jesus in front of the Blessed Sacrament one Sunday a month to ask for mercy upon His Church in this time of profound crisis. We come to make reparation for our own sins and those of our priests and bishops. Confessions will be available starting at 5:30 PM. Mass will follow the Holy Hour at 6:30 PM. Location is the Cathedral Basilica. Upcoming dates are:

November 11 December 16

All are welcome.

SEMINARY APPEAL

The weekend of **November 17th and 18th** we will have the annual seminary appeal collection to benefit St. Charles Borromeo Seminary. We welcome Jairo Maldonado Pacheco, to speak to us as we pledge our ongoing support (both by prayer and financial donations) to the seminary's mission to train and educate men for the priesthood.

TRAUMA-INFORMED COUNSELING

We provide free trauma support services to Chester families directly affected by violence. Groups are led by experienced, licensed professionals.

Trauma group counseling for families of homicide victims and survivors of gun violence. Caregivers and children aged 8-12 years, are welcome to participate.

Group art therapy, for children 4-7 years old.

FREE Door-to-door van transportation, supper, and childcare provided.

Healing is possible. You can take charge and we can help you learn how. We will teach:

-Methods for helping your family recover from trauma.

- Relaxation techniques and communication tools.

Sessions start **Thursday, September 27 at 5:30 PM** and continue every Thursday for 12 weeks. **Pre-registration required.** Call 610-368-0714 or email info@ChesterCommunityCoalition.org.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

SKD Bus will leave for this event at 5:30 PM from the parking lot. For your convenience the sign-up sheets are at the entrance of church.

MASS IN HONOR OF ST. MARTIN DE PORRES



PRESIDER & HOMILIST
Bishop Shelton Fabre
Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux

NOVEMBER 5TH | 7:00 P.M.
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL
ADDRESS: 18TH STREET & BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PARKWAY

VISITING ANGELS

Visiting Angels is looking to employ experienced full-time/part-time caregivers to provide in-home care for seniors, starting at a four-hour minimum. We do cover one-hour and two-hour cases as well. Our caregivers provide companionship, meals, light housekeeping, and perform errands. We also have caregivers who are able to help with hygiene, transfers, and hospice care. If you are interested in employment to care for our seniors, please visit our website to apply.

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