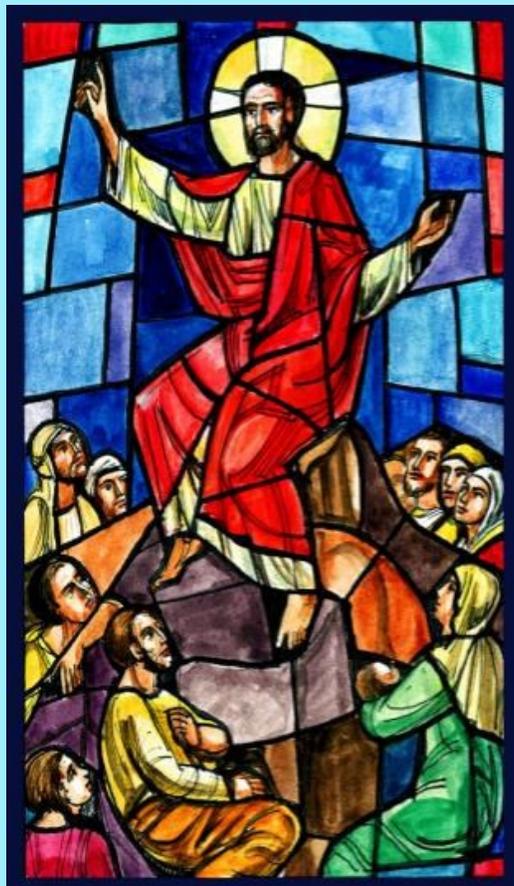


SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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

FEBRUARY 17, 2019
SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17:5-8
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:12, 16-20
GOSPEL: LUKE 6:17, 20-26



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*.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 17TH, 2019 MASS INTENTIONS

4:00 PM Vigil	<i>John Jabbour</i>
8:30 AM	<i>Nan E. Bernhardt</i>
10:30 AM	<i>Parishioners of St. Katharine Drexel</i>
12:15 PM	<i>Melissa Bennett</i>
Mon., Feb. 18	PRESIDENT'S DAY
8:00 AM	<i>Brandon Church</i>
Tues., Feb. 19	
8:00 AM	<i>Ceceila Denight</i>
Wed., Feb. 20	
8:00 AM	<i>Tiffany Sedaris</i>
Thurs., Feb. 21	ST. PETER DAMIAN
8:00 AM	<i>John Peters</i>
Fri., Feb. 22	THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER APOSTLE
8:00 AM	<i>Francis & Mary Pileggi</i>

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Please note that **Monday, February 18th**, President's Day, is a Public Holiday. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM.

The parish offices will be closed for the day.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 23RD and 24TH, 2019 VIGIL MASS: 4:00 PM

Extraordinary Ministers: Liz Benson, Chris Brawley (Alternate)
Lector: Carol Burk
Ushers: Ed Larkin, Al Willis, James Ianni
8:30 AM
Extraordinary Ministers: Pat DiMaio, Matt Brawley, Clarice Mendonca (Alternate)
Lectors: Paul Forsyth, Molly Sinclair
Greeter: Sandra Edwards
10:30 AM
Extraordinary Ministers: Gail Brown, Rick Dennis, David Fisher (Alternate)
Lector: Rikkaya Dennis
Ushers: Rick Dennis, Gus Lugay, Dan Kennedy, Marlin Hunter
Greeters: Gail Brown, Paulette Fuller

ASH WEDNESDAY: MARCH 6th

Mass (in English) with ashes will be celebrated at 8:00 AM. Additionally, there will be a Prayer Service at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM Bilingual Prayer Service offered as well.



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR...

8 REFLECTIONS ON THE BELOVED BEATITUDES

BY FR. ROBERT SKERIS, WWW.SETONMAGAZINE.COM

The Gospel of the eight Beatitudes is surely one of the best-loved passages in all of Holy Writ, and deservedly so. For the fact is that men of all climes and times have regarded the Beatitudes as the ladder, so to speak, or the staircase by which the saints ascend to Heaven. And if we desire to be with the saints in Heaven, then each of us must also mount these same rungs, patiently and perseveringly, hand-in-hand with our Divine Master. Let us therefore take each Beatitude in turn, and reflect upon its meaning briefly, asking Almighty God to enlighten our minds and our hearts as we do.

1. Blessed are the Poor in Spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

They are poor in spirit who, like the Apostles, leave all temporal things for Christ's sake and become poor; they who have lost their property by misfortune or injustice, and bear this loss with patience and resignation to the Will of God; they who are contented with their poor and lowly station in life, do not strive for greater fortune or a higher position, and would rather suffer want than make themselves rich by unlawful means; they who, though rich, do not love wealth, nor set their hearts upon it, but use their riches to aid the poor; and especially they who are humble, that is, who have no exalted opinion of themselves, but are convinced of their weakness and inward poverty, have a proper estimate of themselves and therefore feel always their need, and like poor mendicants, continually implore God's grace and assistance.

2. Blessed are the Meek, for they shall Inherit the Earth.

He is meek who represses every rising impulse of anger, impatience, and desire of revenge, and willingly puts up with everything that God, to prove him, decrees or permits to happen to him, or that men inflict upon him. He who thus controls himself is like a calm and tranquil sea, in which the image of the Divine Sun is ever reflected.

3. Blessed are they who Mourn, for they shall be Comforted.

The mourners mentioned here are not those who weep and lament over the death of relatives and friends, or over misfortune or loss of temporal riches, but those who mourn that God is so often offended, so little loved and honored by men, that so many souls, redeemed by the Precious Blood of Christ, are lost. Among these mourners are also those who lead a strict and penitential life, and patiently endure distress. Sin is the only evil, the only thing to be lamented, and only those tears which are shed on account of sin are useful tears, recompensed by everlasting joy and eternal consolation.

4. Blessed are they who Hunger and thirst after Justice, for they shall have their Fill.

Hunger and thirst denote the ardent longing for those virtues which constitute Christian perfection. He who seeks such perfection with ardent desire and earnest striving will be filled, that is, will be adorned by God with the most beautiful virtues, and will be abundantly rewarded in Heaven.

5. Blessed are the Merciful, for they shall obtain Mercy.

They are merciful who assist the poor according to their means, who practice every possible spiritual and corporal work of mercy, who as far as they can, patiently endure the faults of others, strive always to excuse them, and willingly forgive the injuries they have received. They especially are truly merciful who are merciful to their enemies and do good to them, as it is written: Love your enemies, and do good to them that hate you. Well is it for him who is merciful, for the greatest rewards are promised him, but a judgment without mercy shall be passed on the unmerciful.

6. Blessed are the Clean of Heart, for they shall see God.

They are clean of heart who carefully preserve the innocence which they received in Baptism, and keep their heart and conscience free not only from all sinful words and deeds, but also from all sinful thoughts and desires, and in all their omissions and commissions think only and desire only good. These, while yet on Earth, see God in all His works and creatures, because their thoughts are directed always to the Highest Good. And in the other world, they will see Him face-to-face, enjoying in this contemplation a unique pleasure which is reserved for pure souls only; for as the eye that would see well must be clear, so must those souls be immaculate who are to see God.

7. Blessed are the Peacemakers, for they shall be called the Children of God.

They are peacemakers who guard their improper desires, who are careful to have peace in their consciences and regulated tranquility in all their actions, who do not quarrel with their neighbors, and are submissive to the Will of God. These are called children of God, because they follow God Who is a God of Peace, and Who even gave His only Son to reconcile the world, and bring upon Earth that peace which the world does not know and cannot give.

8. Blessed are they who suffer Persecution for Justice's sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

They suffer persecution for justice's sake who by their words, writings, or by their lives defend the truth, the Faith, and Christian virtues; who cling firmly to God, and permit nothing to turn them from the duties of the Christian religion, but on its account suffer hatred, contempt, disgrace, injury, and injustice with joy. Then they will become like the saints and like them receive the heavenly crown. And if we wish to be crowned with them, we too must suffer with them, as St. Paul wrote to Timothy, "And all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

The rungs of the ladder formed by the eight Beatitudes can also be described and thought of in terms of the virtues; let us therefore beseech Almighty God, that He grant us all the grace to serve Him in sanctity and justice, in poverty and humility, in meekness and repentance, in the ardent desire for all virtues, by mercy, perfect purity of heart, in peacefulness and patience, following in the footsteps of the Divine Master, His only Son Our Lord Jesus Christ, to Whom be honor and glory, now and forever, and to the ages of ages.

LENT 2019

The season of Lent is fast approaching, Ash Wednesday is **March 6th, 2019**. 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.

We will celebrate our Mass (in English) with ashes at 8:00 AM, Prayer Service at 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM Bilingual.



FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2019

The Bishops of the United States prescribe, as minimal obligation, that all persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, March 6th, 2019, on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Further, all persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.

All the faithful are encouraged, when possible, to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily, to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance, to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is es-

pecially recommended.

40 HOURS DEVOTIONS MARCH 3rd-5th

We welcome the Capuchin Sisters of Nazareth to share their reflections and to guide us in prayer before our Eucharistic Lord. We will have Adoration available during the day and celebrate devotions together at 6:30 PM each evening (Sunday-Tuesday). We will end our 40 Hours Devotions with Mass at 7 PM and pizza afterwards in the Gym for our FEAST DAY!

FIRST RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, March 13th at 5:00 PM

This is an opportunity that is also open to all the parishioners of SKD who would like to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LENTEN FAITH SHARING: ROAD TO THE CROSS

Wednesdays during Lent
in the SKD Rectory
Conference Room

11:30 AM-12:30 PM- March 6th, 2019

Questions? Email or call:

Camille Morrison at summersincorolla@gmail.com, or 610-566-2186. All are welcome!

NOVENA TO ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

Please take home a copy of the Novena to St. Katharine Drexel and pray along with, us as a parish community in preparation for our parish feast day. Starting on Saturday, Feb. 23rd with day 1 and ending with day 9 on Sunday, March 3rd. We will be praying the novena together after all Masses in the parish during those dates.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

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, Christine Cavaliere, William Beggs, Dorothy Murphy.

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.

FEBRUARY: BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FREE BOOK RAFFLE!

In honor of Black History Month, the book *The History of Black Catholics in the United States* by Cyprian Davis will be raffled off **after the February 24th 10:30 AM Mass**. One ticket per person. Please see Mary Lopez or Sue Ramberg for a ticket.

USCCB LISTENING SESSION ON RACISM

Monday, February 25, 2019

7:00PM Bishop Shelton Fabre

Saint Joseph University Chapel of St. Joseph

5600 City Avenue

Philadelphia, PA 19131

For more information about events contact:
Father Richard Owens, O.F.M. Cap, Director
fr.rowens@archphila.org or 215-587-3541

FREE! OUTSTANDING SPEAKER!

Our Lady of Peace Church, Milmont Park

Sunday, February 24th, 2-4 PM

Might you or someone you know be struggling with a despair, fear, anxiety, anger, jealousy, relationship issues, the inability to forgive, or a deep hurt? We all have things that bind us and hold us back from living our lives abundantly. Join us at Our Lady of Peace Church (208 Milmont Ave., Milmont Park, PA) as Catholic speaker, Meghan Cokeley (Director for the Office for the New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia), talks about a simple prayer process that will help you find freedom in your life. For more info, contact Patrick Ireland at 484-620-7149 or pireland9@yahoo.com.

MAN UP PHILLY 2019

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

March 9, 2019, 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Now in its 11th year Man Up Philly Men's Spirituality Conference seeks to encourage men to be better fathers, husbands, brothers, and Catholics through enlightening and energizing talks, prayer, Eucharistic adoration, along with the reception of Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist.



Location: Neumann University Mirenda Center
1 Neumann Way, Aston PA 19014.

Speakers include: Eagle star Ron Jaworski, Matthew Kelly, Evangelist Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, Irish tenor Mark Forrest. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Senior. For more information or to register visit: www.manupphilly.com.

WHAT HAPPENS AT A SAMSON RETREAT?

Samson is a 4-day, 3-night men's retreat running from Thursday evening to Sunday afternoon, **March 14-17, 2019** at Discovery Retreat House in Mullica Township, NJ. The retreat includes 9 gourmet meals and sleeping accommodations for 25 men. Activities include: • Stations of the Cross Construction • Eucharistic Adoration • Group Witnessing • Hiking • Daily Mass and Rosary • Cross Building ...and plenty of down time for personal reflection. Activities are appropriately paced for men of all ages and physical abilities, and we have hosted men from ages 18 to 84. We leave no man behind. Creating a sacred and confidential space for reflection, bonding, and forgiveness, Samson provides each man the opportunity to share his story, and sends him forth to continue his journey of healing with a new understanding of how Christ reveals his glory through our crosses. Questions? Call 267-980-5507 or visit samsonretreat.com. The retreat rate for the 2019 dates is \$425 for the NJ retreat. Financial aid is available to those who request their need and hardship in writing.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Eternal rest grant unto

Joseph Platt,

O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him.



This week, the Sanctuary Candle burns in honor of Joe, Sr. and Joe, Jr. Galinas, as requested by Family. 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 to make arrangements.

An offering of \$10 per candle is requested.

