SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL CHURCH  
MECHANICSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA  

Saturday, April 28—SAINT PETER CHANEL;  
SAINT LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT  
Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14  

**VIGIL, FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Jn 15:1-8  
4:30 p.m.  
Mary Michele (Toni and Mike Winslow)  

Sunday, April 29—FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
9:00 a.m.  
People of the Parish  
11:00 a.m.  
**CONTEMPORARY MASS**  
David St. Ledger (Peggy Jean and Joseph Buonono)  

Monday, April 30—SAINT PIUS V  
Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26  

**No Mass**  

Tuesday, May 1—SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER  
Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a (286)  
or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;  
Mt 13:54-58  
9:00 a.m.  
Mary Wright (The Rosary Group)  

Wednesday, May 2—SAINT ATHANASIUS  
Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8  
7:00 p.m.  
Maria Bill (Joan and John Korch)  

Thursday, May 3—SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES  
1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14  
9:00 a.m.  
David St. Ledger (Dave and Barb Graham)  

First Friday, May 4  
Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17  
10:30 a.m.  
**At the Bridges**  
Anna Sabadish (Anna Laverte)  

First Saturday, May 5  
Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
10:00 a.m.  
**FIRST COMMUNION MASS**  
Special Intentions for those receiving  
First Holy Communion  

**VIGIL, SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10;  
Jn 15:9-17  
4:30 p.m.  
William C. Meredith (Lawrence and Jean Rosko)  

Sunday, May 6—SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
9:00 a.m.  
Helen Cymbor Phillips (Jim and Donna Donnelly)  
11:00 a.m.  
People of the Parish  

REMINDER: Please bring your Mass Journal and a pen to Mass every weekend! (Saturday/Sunday)  

The Second Collection this week will be for the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Please give generously.  

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PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA AND LOURDES:  
**OCTOBER 15-26, 2018**  
You are invited to join Father Kenneth Smith on a Pilgrimage to Marian Shrines in Portugal, Spain, and France from October 15-26, 2018. The pilgrimage includes: Daily Mass, professional tour manager and local guides, accommodation in First Class hotels (two nights in Fatima, one night in Salamanca, one night in Avila, one night in Zaragoza, two nights in Lourdes, three nights in Barcelona), breakfast and dinner daily, land transportation by deluxe motorcoach, roundtrip motorcoach from Mechanicsburg to Philadelphia Airport, roundtrip airfare from Philadelphia on nonstop flights with American Airlines, and more, for $3,499 per person/double occupancy. For complete details please contact Karen Hurley at k.m.hurley1@gmail.com or George’s International Tours at (800) 566-7499, sales@georgesintl.com or visit www.georgesintl.com.  

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 29, 2018  
Pastoral Reflection  
Today’s readings continue the previous Sunday’s emphasis on the community of the resurrected Christ—living and life giving. The First Reading gives us a thumbnail sketch of the illustrious teacher and missionary Paul, who began as Saul, a zealous Jew and persecutor of the Jesus Followers, who experienced conversion, was persecuted by fellow Jews, and for some time was viewed warily by Jesus’ disciples. Eventually, he became the missionary to the Gentiles.  
The reading from the First Letter of John highlights the most important attribute that makes the Church truly alive and authentic—love. But this love is not simply a warm feeling or tender words. Rather, it is love “in deed and truth.” If we stay grounded in God’s command to believe in His Son and love one another, we remain in Him and He remains in us.  
In today’s Gospel, John gives us another metaphor for understanding what it means to be Church—the vineyard, for wine was considered a necessity of life. First-century vineyards were constructed differently from today’s vineyards. They were surrounded by a stone wall to keep animals from-trampling the vines, which were allowed to spread along the ground. When the vines were pruned to increase production, the discarded branches were placed on the wall to dry so that they could later be used for fuel. Vineyards also had towers, where the owner and his workers kept watch during harvest time to protect their produce from thieves and marauders. This is the cultural context for understanding the metaphor of the vineyard. At Home with the Word.  

In His love and mine,  
Fr. Ken  

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A MESSAGE FROM DEACON DEREK THOME  
In college at Kansas State, I would occasionally go to Mass on Thursday nights and stay for a few minutes afterwards to pray Night Prayer. These words from Psalm 16 always struck me, “you will show me the path to life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever.” This was a great consolation for me, that Christ would lead me to the fullness of joy in this life and the next, if I but kept “the Lord always before me” (v8) and sought Him in His sacraments.  
That part of the Psalm still applies today. Thank you for being such a generous help in my path to the priesthood. In my time at St. Katharine Drexel I was able to learn from my mistakes and successes and grow in my experience at preaching. I look forward to being able to serve sacramentally as a priest of Jesus Christ and to be able to call Fr. Ken, my brother priest. While I may be in the Diocese of Wichita the rest of my life, St. Katharine’s will always be a part of the path to “the fullness of joy,” pray God in eternity. I hope that my preaching and presence at St. Katharine’s were able to convey the great hope in the reality of Jesus Christ and His Church, and our definite reliance on the Sacraments to find the “path to life, the fullness of joy in [God’s] presence...happiness forever.”  
Thank you for your many prayers; I will remember you in mine, and will celebrate Mass for the parish family on June 13. May God continue to bless you and your families.  

On Saturday, May 26, 2018, Deacon Derek Thome will be ordained as a priest. Join us in the Narthex, after all Masses this weekend, to celebrate! Deacon Derek’s ordination will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, in Wichita, KS. His First Mass will be said on Sunday, May 27, 2018. Congratulations, Deacon Derek!  

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Requiescat in Pace  
In Charity, we remember in prayer—  
Doris E. Carroll, mother of Rev. Keith M. Carroll
7-DAY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, April 29
10:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus Fifth Sunday Rosary / Church
12:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship—Farewell, Deacon Derek!
12:15 p.m. Adult Faith Formation / Library
6:30 p.m. Troop 88 Mtg / Msgr Smith CC

Monday, April 30
6:30 p.m. AA / Classroom 3
6:30 p.m. Pastoral Council Mtg. / Parish Office Conf. Room
7:00 p.m. Cursillo Meeting / Classroom 1
7:00 p.m. Mystogogia (RCIA) / Library

Tuesday, May 1
8:00 a.m. Adoration / Church
8:30 a.m. Rosary / Church
9:30 a.m. Scripture Study/Faith Sharing / Library
7:00 p.m. May Crowning/Social / Church/Msgr. Smith CC

Wednesday, May 2
2:00 p.m. Mats for the Homeless / Msgr. Smith CC
6:00 p.m. Adoration/Holy Hour / Church
6:15 p.m. Confessions / Church
6:30 p.m. AA / Library
8:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fraternal Mtg. / Classroom 6

Thursday, May 3
8:00 a.m. Adoration/Holy Hour / Church
8:30 a.m. Rosary / Church
9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation / Library
11:00 a.m. Liturgy Committee Mtg. / Parish Office Conf. Room
6:00 p.m. First Communion Rehearsal / Church
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study/Faith Sharing / Library
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice / Choir Loft

Friday, May 4
8:15 a.m. Confessions / Church
8:30 a.m. Rosary / Church
9:30 a.m. Chaplet of Divine Mercy / Church
6:30 p.m. AA / Classroom 3

Saturday, May 5
6:30 a.m. That Man Is You / Library
10:00 a.m. First Holy Communion
3:30 p.m. Confessions / Church
5:45 p.m. Confessions / Church

LAST CALL!

There are only a few seats available for our parish-sponsored pilgrimage on May 16 to Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown and the Padre Pio Shrine in Barto (with dinner and free time at the Hollywood Casino in Grantville). The cost is $45 per person. Contact Lou Schultz at LouisSchultz@msn.com or (717) 766-5322 for further information or to request a registration form.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR DEACON DEREK! Teens in grades 6-12 please join us after Mass in the Youth Room for a goodbye party for Deacon Derek! We will have ice cream sundaes, and the youth room will be open. We will have a short time of prayer with Deacon Derek and give him a small token of our appreciation for his presence and involvement with our teens and families at the parish in his short time here!


PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The Saint Katharine Drexel Parish Family, guided by the Holy Spirit, commits itself to reaching out and sharing with all people the love and service modeled by our patroness, with the Eucharist as our source of strength. Through prayer and action, we will serve God, our Lord and Savior, and our community, exhibiting a special concern for the poor, oppressed and marginalized of our society, especially those among the African-American & Native-American peoples.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:
We thank BBEC Electrical Contractors for sponsoring an advertisement in our weekly bulletin.

2018-2019 Religious Education Registration

Registration for the 2018-2019 year is live online on our website at www.skdparish.com. Please register early because class sizes are limited. If a class is full in the session you want, another session will have to be chosen.

• Registration fees for 2018-2019: $75.00 for the first child, $100.00 for two children, and $125.00 for three or more children.

• We want all families to register and to have paid the registration fee by May 1. This year, there will be a late fee of $50.00 per family for any families registering or paying after May 1.

Once you have completed your registration, you will receive an email confirming your registration. Please bring the payment to the Parish Office or you may send the payment via US Mail.

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM—please contact Scott (rootscott@skdparish.com) or Mary Ann (maryann@skdparish.com) before May 15 if you wish to teach this year! We need 28 catechists at this time. Please consider teaching the faith to the children of our parish! We have 10 returning from last year and 2 new catechists for this year! If we do not have enough catechists for each grade, then the program will need to be adjusted to accommodate this situation. As of this time, we have 177 students signed for the program. Days, sessions and classes will be adjusted if we don’t have enough catechists.

WOMEN’S COUNCIL NEWS

MAY CROWNING — Everyone is invited to the MAY CROWNING of our Blessed Mother and to pray the Rosary on Tuesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. We will assemble at the Blessed Mother Shrine in front of the church. Bring a folding chair and (weather permitting) we will pray the Rosary outside. Refreshments will follow.

Fr. Paul C.B. Schenck, MA, EdD, Parochial Vicar at Saint Elizabeth Ann Church in Mechanicsburg, a certified bioethicist and professional pastoral counselor, will address end-of-life decision making in a one hour seminar at Saint Katharine Drexel Church on Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. His seminar will include questions of agency, treatment decisions, and so-called ‘quality of life.’ There will be a question-and-answer period. Everyone is invited to participate. For more information, please call Stella at 766-3436.

Nathaniel Connolly, Derek Eodicze, Charlotte Eodicze, Paul Harrington, Corey Masse, Aerrick Paxton, Eric Sellman, Leah Sweeney, Darren Trohe, Nicholas Vogel.

“I am the true vine... Remain in Me, as I remain in You.” — these words of Our Lord inspired St. Katharine Drexel to choose as her Congregation’s motto: ’ABIDE IN THE VINE.’