

**Mass Readings & Intentions for the Week of February 16, 2020**

**Saturday February 15**

*1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20,  
21-22; Mk 8:1-10*

4:30 p.m. Vigil People of the Parish

**Sunday February 16 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34;  
1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a,  
27-28, 33-34a, 37*

8:30 a.m. †Patricia Arbour (Leon Leonard)

11:00 a.m. †Robert F. Clark (Helen C. Clark)

**Monday February 17 | The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

*Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76;  
Mk 8:11-13*

**Tuesday February 18**

*Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;  
Mk 8:14-21*

**Wednesday February 19**

*Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5;  
Mk 8:22-26*

7:00 p.m. †Les DePaolo (Marilyn & Tom Sweeney)

**Thursday February 20**

*Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33*

**Friday February 21 | Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

*Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Mk 8:34-9:1*

**Saturday February 22 | Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle**

*1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:13-19*

4:30 p.m. Vigil †Elizabeth Rosko (Lawrence & Jean Rosko)

**Sunday February 23 | Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,  
12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48*

8:30 a.m. †Edward A. Gannon (George & Beverly Connolly)

11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

***Requiescat in Pace***

*Pray for the repose of the soul of*

**Patricia Sellman, Parishioner  
Msgr. Vincent Smith, Beloved Priest**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK**



Gus Agostino, John Andrews, Jr., Wendy Bechtel, Lew Bogle, Irene Bourg, Joe Bova, Don Bowers, Marcus Bowers, Matias Bowers, Brooks Boyle, James Boyle, Nelson Bradley, Frances Breen, Liz Chase, Carol Chetaitis, Lisa Coates, Ben Cook, Andy Dapkins, Maria DiRocco, Peter DiRocco, Martha Esposito, Mary Ferrer, Tom Fiorenza, Bob Fisher, Kathleen Fluss, Josey

Gaffney, Dick Gainor, Elizabeth Gora, Anne Grasha, Charlotte Infantino, Fr. John Kemper, Peter Korch, Claire Hine, Bob Kearney, Patrick Kennedy, Reinhard Kress, Rita Kress, Jeannine Kuhn, Nicole Kulchar, Rosemary Langley, Afra Maffey, Constant Maffey, Veronica Malesic, Kathleen McHugh, Terry Miceli, Donna Miller, Fr. Daniel Mitzel, Olda Mondragon, Jan Monismith, Trish Noonan, Alana Perrotta, Mary Phillips, Barbara Root, Diane Ruppert, Elizabeth Schaffhauser, Ruth Schultz, Bob Scott, Jim Sheckler, Barbara Shutter, Fr. Ken Smith, Lois Souza, Clark Swift, Kate Swift, Rita Treon, Sue Trolio, Philip Wilt, Justina Xenakis, Nicole Zomok

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

Steve Carocci, Nathaniel Connolly, Paul Harrington, Corey Masse, Gina Mentzer, Aerick Paxton, Eric Sellman, Leah Sweeney, Darren Troche, Nicholas Vogel



**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.

**Welcome to Saint Katharine Drexel Church**



SKD is the only Catholic Church in Silver Spring Township, one of the fastest growing geographical regions in Pennsylvania. We offer a variety of opportunities to worship and to become involved in parish life. When you are ready to join the parish, simply [click here](#) to register, this link takes you to the registration portal on our church website. You may call the office too for assistance. We are happy to help.

**Office Hours**

9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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*As much as possible, please allow the Sanctuary to remain a quiet, reverent space for those who wish to spend time in prayer after Mass. We encourage you to greet neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners in the Narthex.*

**PEACE AND HEALTH | THIS COLD & FLU SEASON**

We hope each of you is feeling well. In an effort to minimize the spreading of germs at Holy Mass, please refrain from dipping your fingers in the Holy Water fount or giving the sign of peace handshake. With so many ill with different illnesses lately we want you to be well soon.

Entrance Antiphon—Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name. ~ cf. Psalm 31 (30):3-4



## Pastoral Reflections

**February 16, 2020** – The reading from the Book of Sirach sets the scene for all of today’s readings. Sirach offers practical wisdom on how to live according to God’s instructions. The writer reminds us that God has gifted us with the power to choose freely: “Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him.”

Paul’s letter to the Corinthians shows what the call to choose life means. Embrace God’s love by living according to God’s wisdom, a plan until now, a plan of love for the salvation of all humanity. Jesus Christ, the crucified “Lord of glory,” accomplished the Father’s plan through his death and Resurrection.

During the Gospel reading, Jesus continues the Sermon on the Mount as he illustrates how his message “fulfils the law and the prophets.” He selects the fifth, sixth, and eighth commandments to indicate the heart of his new way of life: “You have heard how it was said, You shall not kill... But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment.” Jesus demonstrates that murder stems from within the human heart. The out-of-control emotion of anger within us, if left unchecked, leads to murder. To choose life in Christ means to pay attention not only to one’s actions but, more important, to their roots within our inner being, to the emotions within us. While this is true of the fifth commandment, it also applies to all other commandments. Life in Christ implies that our whole being needs transformation, starting within our very depths. [source: At Home with the Word]

~ In His love and mine, Father Ken

Pick up your copy of the Christmas Flowers Donation Thank You brochure located at the church entrances.



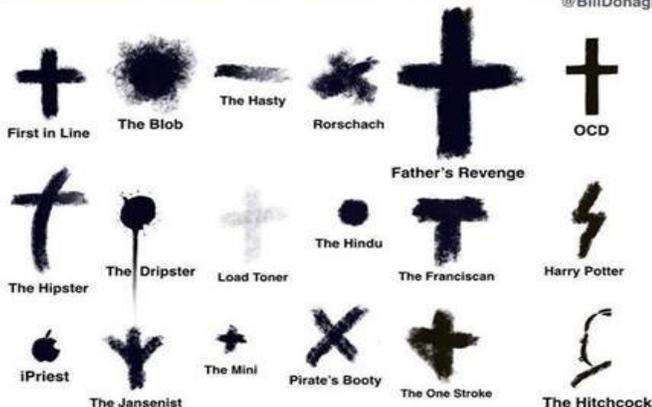
**BLESSED PALMS.** Did you know??? Palms that are blessed should not be thrown in the trash. Rather they should be burned or buried. If you bring in last year’s blessed palms and place them in the basket located in the hallway between the church and the office, we

will burn them for you. The ashes used on Ash Wednesday come from these burnt palms.

## ASH WEDNESDAY MASS FEBRUARY 26 | 7PM

### A Catholic Guide to Ashes, *Extended Edition*

@BillDonaghy



## From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Friends,

I continue to heal and hope to be back in the parish by March 1. Thank you for your continued prayers and best wishes. I appreciate all who took the time to come to the retirement residence to visit or to send cards and best wishes. Thanks to our wonderful Pastoral Staff who helped to allow the parish to move forward “without missing a beat”. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful staff.

It is a great sadness that we say “farewell” to Msgr. Vincent J. Smith who died this past week. We thank him for years of priestly service here at St. Katharine Drexel. His Funeral Mass will be here on **Monday February 17, 2020 at 11AM.** Please come to celebrate his life and to pray for him.

Remember that Lent is about to be here as we celebrate **Ash Wednesday February 26 at 7PM.**

Our **Forty Hours – Annual Eucharistic Devotions** which is also the Feast of St. Katharine Drexel, our patroness is March 1- 3. Please come to celebrate our parish feast and the gift of the Lord’s Presence in the Eucharist.

Blessings and the Lord’s Peace!

In His Love and mine!  
Fr. Ken

## Forty Hours Eucharistic Adoration Devotions Sunday March 1st to Tuesday March 3rd

### SUNDAY MARCH 1

Opening Mass at 11AM followed by Adoration  
Liturgy of the Word at 7PM

### MONDAY MARCH 2

Morning Prayer and Adoration at 9AM  
Mass at 7PM

### TUESDAY MARCH 3

*Feast Day of Saint Katharine Drexel*  
Mass at 9AM followed by Adoration  
Solemn Evening Prayer and Benediction at 7PM



Save your spot with Jesus during  
this year’s 40 Hours Eucharistic  
Adoration

Visit [www.ttsu.me/SKD40](http://www.ttsu.me/SKD40)  
or use sign up sheets located at one  
of the church entrances

### JOHN 6:53-56

So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. “For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.”

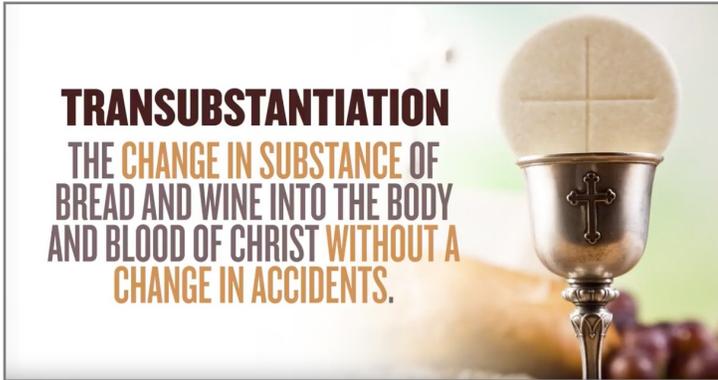
Funeral Mass for Monsignor Vincent J. Smith  
will be at Saint Katharine Drexel Church on  
Monday February 17th at 11AM.



## WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE

### The Real Presence

“Well, if it’s a symbol, to hell with it.” ~Flannery O’Connor



If you ask any Catholic theologian what the most important part of Christian life is, they’ll tell you the Eucharist. Which is why the U.S. bishops must feel like they have been double punched by new data from the Pew Research Center which found that half of Catholics in the United States don’t know the Catholic Church teaches the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. Most of the other half thought the Church taught the Eucharist was just a symbol of Christ’s body, and 4 percent said they were unsure what the Church taught. That was the first punch.

Last Fall, Pew delivered the second - it reported that only one-third of Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. It doesn’t take a math degree to figure out what that means, although Pew does helpfully fill in the blanks: “One-in-five Catholics (22 percent) reject the idea of transubstantiation [the technical term for the bread and wine becoming the Body and Blood of Christ], even though they know about the Church’s teaching.” (I doubt the bishops will be heartened by the fact that the poll showed that 3 percent of Catholics “profess to believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist despite not knowing the Church’s teaching on transubstantiation.”) It brings to mind the quote from the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century American writer Flannery O’Connor: “Well, if it’s a symbol, to hell with it.” O’Connor’s quote came from a letter describing a conversation about the Eucharist with non-Catholics, where a friend said she thought the Eucharist was a “pretty good” symbol. Of course, it could be easy to ascribe this to a general ignorance of their faith by self-described Catholics. The Pew Research Center even acknowledges that practicing Catholics are more likely to believe Church teaching. “About six-in-ten (63 percent) of the most observant Catholics - those who attend Mass at least once a week - accept the Church’s teaching about transubstantiation. Still, even among this most observant group of Catholics, roughly one-third (37 percent) don’t believe that the Communion bread and wine actually become the body and blood of Christ (including 23 percent who don’t know the Church’s teaching and 14 percent who know the Church’s teaching but don’t believe it).

And among Catholics who do not attend Mass weekly, large majorities say they believe the bread and wine are symbolic and do not actually become the body and blood of Jesus,” the organization states.

To read the full article, please visit the parish website

**31%** of Catholics believe that the Eucharist is the actual Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

**4** is the number of recognized Eucharistic Miracles in the past 20 years. [Click here](#)

**63%** of observant Catholics accept the Church’s teaching about Transubstantiation

**37%** of observant Catholics who do not believe the Church’s teaching about Transubstantiation

[Read More](#)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

### Grace Unplugged MOVIE

Sunday February 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the youth group room. Middle schoolers are invited for fellowship, food and edutainment. Call the SKD office for details.

Watch the trailer here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhU1bUeNF3c>

Sign up here - [tsu.me/skdyouthgroup](https://tsu.me/skdyouthgroup)



**Parent Faith Formation**—In line with Lent and also First Penance on March 28th, we will be doing a study on Forgiveness and the Sacrament of Penance. We are offering a 3 session video-based study on formed.org. It is a beautiful presentation of the transforming power of Confession. No matter what you have done, no matter how long you have been away, Jesus is waiting for you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Sundays | February 23, March 8 and 15

Wednesdays | March 4, 18 and 25

Parent Faith Formation Classes coincide with Youth Faith Formation Classes and are in the Monsignor Smith Community Room. Any parishioner is welcomed to attend these session. Contact Becky for more information.

Check out the trailer for the series here:

<https://watch.formed.org/videos/forgiven-trailer>



**CASTING CALL FOR THE LIVING STATIONS!** Youth actors, readers and musicians are needed for this beautiful portrayal of the Passion of Our Lord which takes place on Friday April 3rd at 7 p.m. after the Family Pizza Lenten Meal. All youth in middle and high school are invited. If you are in 6th and 7th grade, you will be able to count this towards service hours for next year.

An Adult Director is needed to coordinate this year’s portrayal of Christ’s Passion. Do you have theater experience? Are your God given talents ready to flourish at SKD? We have the script, but are in need of you to facilitate the practices and stage the production. [Please contact Sally in the office.](#)

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## *Safety and Security Corner*

All parishioners are invited to attend two very important upcoming events in our Parish that deal with the safety and security of all of us.

**On this coming Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 PM we will have to follow-up Active Shooter Training Session in the Monsignor Smith Center.**

- Sergeant David Miller, Commander of the Cumberland County Special Response Team, and Chief Chris Raubenstine, Silver Spring Township Police, will be the two presenters. The session will provide information on how to be alert for individuals who appear to be potential threats to our safety, steps to take if there is an active shooter or threatening intruder, how to help each other, and more.
- Special invitations are extended to staff, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Choir members, Religious Education Catechists, and others with a leadership role at St. Katharine Drexel Church.

**On the weekend of February 22 and 23, the Knights of Columbus #13100 will be offering a free Scam Awareness Seminar.**

- The seminar will provide information on how not to be taken advantage of through unscrupulous means like phone calls, emails, the like, with a focus on your social security number, credit cards, financial records, etc.



Pregnancy Help.  
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Supporting Family.

The **Carlisle Area Family Life Center**, the only pro-life family resource center in the Carlisle area is

**collecting gently-used shoes now through March 15, 2020.** These shoes will be sent to a third-world country, where families will start a small business by selling them for a profit. Families often go from making \$2/month to \$40/month. Another benefit to the community: Landfills will not be filled with perfectly wearable shoes. There will be a box in the hall between the church and the offices for this shoe collection. As you do your spring cleaning and find shoes you no longer wear, please consider donating them to us. Any type or size of shoe is needed, just so they are still in good enough condition to wear.



**GIANT GIFT CARDS** are available for purchase in the church office. Saint Katharine Drexel has Giant Ca\$h for Causes gift cards available through the church office. \$25, \$50 and \$100 denominations are available and can be purchased with cash or check. A portion of your purchase goes to support the activities of the SKD parish. If you have any questions please contact the office at 717-697-8716.

**RECOGNIZING EVIL IN TODAY'S WORLD**—Saint Theresa Parish Mission 2020 is March 8 to 10 at 7PM with Father John Szada, official exorcist for the Diocese of Harrisburg. He will reveal how the devil influences the world today and is influencing children through their entertainment choices. He currently serves as chaplain at the Carmelite Monastery in Elysburg, PA. St. Theresa's is located at 1300 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070.

The **Diocese of Harrisburg Catholic Charismatic Renewal** is having a Winter Workshop with presenter Gloria Coyne, Archdiocese of Philadelphia Liaison for Charismatic Renewal. Her involvement in the world-wide work of renewal of the Church brings an interesting perspective of our part in the Spiritual Life & Health of the Church today. If you feel spiritually stagnant, frustrated, powerless, uncertain or even disgusted with what you see around you, come and give the Holy Spirit all these things and expect to be inspired and renewed. The topics will be "Called to be Missionaries of Renewal" and "Comfort Zone". The event will be held at the Diocesan Center, 4800 Union Deposit Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17111 on **Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 9 AM to 3 PM.** (Doors open at 8 AM.) You can go to [aliveinthepirit.net](http://aliveinthepirit.net) for the schedule or more detailed information. [CALL: Joyce 717-308-7245 or EMAIL: [jbankowski5639@comcast.net](mailto:jbankowski5639@comcast.net) . \*Give your Name, Address, Phone & Email.]

## 7-DAY PARISH CALENDAR

### **Sunday February 16 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:30 a.m. **Mass** | Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. **Mass** | Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration | Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. Adult Faith Formation | Library
- 1:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group

### **Monday February 17 (Office Closed)**

- 11:00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Monsignor Vincent J. Smith
- 7:30 p.m. Cursillo Ultreya | MSCR

### **Tuesday February 18**

**No Mass**

- 10:30 a.m. Rosary at the Bridges
- 6:30 p.m. Active Shooter Training | MSCR
- 7:00 p.m. Mats for the Homeless | Classroom 1

### **Wednesday February 19**

- 5:40 p.m. Youth Faith Formation | Fr. O'Brien Center
- 6:00 p.m. Adoration
- 6:15 p.m. Confessions | Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. **Mass** | Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Men's Cursillo | Classroom 1
- 7:45 p.m. Blessed is She | MSCR

### **Thursday February 20**

**No Mass**

- 9:00 a.m. Adoration
- 9:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation | Library
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Group
- 6:30 p.m. Scripture Study | Library

### **Friday February 21**

**No Mass**

- 6:00 p.m. Iconography Class | Library

### **Saturday February 22**

- 6:30 a.m. That Man Is You | MSCR
- 3:30 p.m. Confessions
- 4:30 p.m. **Mass** | Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Confessions
- 5:30 p.m. K of C Scam Awareness Seminar | MSCR

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**SATURDAY Feb 22 after 4:30 Mass**

**SUNDAY Feb 23 after each Mass 8:30 & 11am**

**All Are Welcome!**

**Saint Katharine Drexel  
Msgr Smith Community Room**

**1 Peter Drive, Mechanicsburg Pa**