

Mass Readings and Intentions for the Week of March 8, 2020

Saturday March 7 | Saint Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
4:30 p.m. Vigil †Dolores Kosenske (Gloria Urbani)

Sunday March 8 | Second Sunday of Lent
*Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9*
8:30 a.m. †Yelina Dorta (Dennis and Colleen Fickel)
11:00 a.m. People of the Parish

Monday March 9 | Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Lk 6:36-38
Private †Chesterann Monko (Reunion Committee)

Tuesday March 10
*Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23;
Mt 23:1-12*
9:00 a.m. †Eleanor Jenkins (Tom Jenkins)

Wednesday March 11
*Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;
Mt 20:17-28*
7:00 p.m. Intention of the Confirmation Class, their Sponsors and Families

Thursday March 12
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 16:19-31
9:00 a.m. Charles Acri (Jim and Denise Hudson)

Friday March 13
*Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46*
9:00 a.m. Priests in the Priest's retirement Residence

Saturday March 14
*Mt 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32*
4:30 p.m. Vigil †Argentina & Antonio Casale (Patsy Harder)

Sunday March 15 | Third Sunday of Lent
*Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;
Jn 4:5-42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42*
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. †Chesterann Monko (Reunion Committee)

The following Mass Intentions were said privately by Father Ken at the Priest's Residence while recovering from foot surgery last month.



†Chesterann Monko (Reunion Committee)
†Intention for Evan Beck (Fr. Ken Smith)
†Charles F. Beemer (Jennifer Lawson)
†Arthur Gray (Barb Cram)
†Sally Wilt (Tom & Nora Langan)

Requiescat in Pace

Pray for the repose of the soul of

Thomas J. Foley, Brother of Eileen Gray, Parishioner

Memorial Mass for Monsignor Vincent J. Smith

Will be celebrated Thursday March 19th at 7:00 p.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Camp Hill with Father Stephen Weitzel presiding and Father William Forrey as homilist. Monsignor Smith served as pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd for 26 years and enjoyed 15 years in retirement as a resident of Saint Katharine Drexel Parish, Mechanicsburg. The faithful are welcome to pay tribute to his many years of priestly service and to pray for the repose of his soul.

**Hope you remembered to
SPRING AHEAD this weekend.**



**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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FLU/CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS

Please remember to follow proper "common sense" procedures if you have cold symptoms, cough or fever/high temp. Please stay home and keep your children home to protect them and others in the community. If a child needs to miss faith formation class, please ask for makeup homework from your child's catechist. If you miss Mass on Sunday, you can participate by Liturgy of the Word at home or watch ETWN! Please use your common sense and the common good for your neighbor.

Entrance Antiphon—Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek: hide not your face from me.
~cf. Psalm 27 (26):8-9



Pastoral Reflections

March 8, 2020 – Our readings today fortify our Lenten journey with the accounts of two journeys. In the First Reading, God commands Abram to set out on a journey to a “land that I will show you.” Trusting in God, Abram leaves behind his family, friends, and homeland.

The Gospel account of Jesus’ Transfiguration occurs in the context of Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem, the place of his suffering and death. Jesus had revealed to his disciples that he was the Messiah who would bring spiritual liberation through suffering, death, and resurrection. Now Jesus takes his three closest disciples, Peter, James, and John, up a mountain where he appears in his risen glory, conversing with Moses and Elijah, who signify the Law and the prophets. This vision points symbolically to Jesus as the fulfillment of the entire Old Testament.

A further symbol emerges when “a bright cloud casts a shadow over them.” The cloud symbolizes God’s presence, and the Father identifies Jesus as he did at Jesus’ baptism: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” These disciples are privileged witnesses to Jesus’ glory as God’s Son who fulfills the plan as foretold in the Old Testament. This vision fortifies the Apostles for what lies ahead. As they descend the mountain, Jesus tells Peter, James, and John a second time that he is destined to suffer, die and be raised from the dead. This vision of the transfigured Jesus offers them strength.

This experience of the disciples offers us courage as well: “Listen to him.” The message is clear: The Risen Christ accompanies us through life’s journey, where our sufferings and death will culminate in sharing in the resurrected life.

“Listen to him.” How does God speak to you today on our Lenten journey?

~ In His love and mine, Father Ken

[source: 2020 At Home with the Word]



Save the Date...
An Lenten Evening of Reflection
with SKD’s first ordained priest,
Father Andrew St. Hilaire,
on Tuesday March 10th at 7PM.
*A social will follow the talk.

WEDNESDAY LENTEN LUNCH SOUP & SPEAKER SERIES

Join us Wednesdays this Lent for Diocese of Harrisburg
Personnel and learn ‘what they do over there’

March 11 at 12p.m. Jim Gontis
Director of Catholic Life & Evangelization

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.



Session 2: Sunday March 8 & Wednesday March 18

An Encounter with Mercy

- ◆ We are not defined by our failures and mistakes; rather we are defined by God’s love for us
- ◆ Confession is an encounter of God’s mercy
- ◆ In the sacrament, God not only forgives us, but he also heals our wounds and the root causes of our sin
- ◆ It is Christ himself whom we encounter in the Sacrament of Reconciliation—the priest is acting in the Person of Christ

Contact Becky for more information.

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

FIRST PENANCE

Our second graders made their First Penance Retreat on Saturday. Please keep them in prayers as they prepare for First Penance.

March 28
First Penance Service
10 a.m.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



June 7
First Holy Communion Practice
12:15 p.m.

June 14
First Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION

Our 8th graders are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next week. They have successfully participated in faith formation classes, completed their spiritual and service hours, attended the Confirmation Retreat, wrote letters to the Bishop explaining why they want to receive this Sacrament, and had their interviews. Please pray for these young men and women as they receive this Sacrament.

Sunday March 8
Confirmation Practice
2 p.m.

Wednesday March 11
Bishop meets the Candidates—6 p.m.
Confirmation Mass—7 p.m.
Pictures & Social—8:15 p.m.



Communion Antiphon – This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased: listen to him.
Matthew 17:5

MASS INTENTIONS

Effective MARCH 1st – NEW MASS INTENTIONS are being accepted for MAY– JUNE 2020.
Please stop by the office, pick up an envelope in the narthex or print out a form from the parish website and submit it to the office.

All requests will be filled as we are able and is based on a first come first served basis with special dates given special consideration.

Father Ken, Sally, Jodi and Barb meet monthly to fulfill your requests.

Thank you for your patient kindness and consideration.

Masses will be celebrated either privately or publicly at Saint Katharine Drexel Church or in a mission chapel/church.

Currently Masses are being celebrated each day of the week!

Current 2020 SKD Membership/Census following a recent purge of our census files
700 Households | 2100 Members



LIVING STATIONS

As you know, the Living Stations are a wonderful tradition here at St. Katharine's and many area parishes. In the past, we have had great volunteers and youth participants. Living Stations have always been well done and well received. This year, despite requests for a coordinator and youth participants, there is little or no interest in fulfilling this need. It would be a shame if we could not have this Lenten tradition this year.

LAST CALL – Please consider being the coordinators of this effort and please encourage our children to participate in this wonderful Lenten ministry to the parish.

DEADLINE for sign up is March 15! LIVING STATIONS are scheduled for Friday April 3 at 7PM. Rehearsals are scheduled for Sundays March 15, 22, and 29 from 6 – 8PM

Thank you for your prayerful consideration

You are cordially invited to attend the
Priestly Ordination and First Mass of
Deacon Michael Bovino

ORDINATION

Saturday June 27, 2020
Time: 10 a.m.
St. Patrick's Cathedral
201 Broadway
Norwich, CT 06360

FIRST MASS

Sunday June 28, 2020
Time: TBD
St. Michael the Archangel Church
60 Liberty Street
Pawcatuck, CT 06379



“In-Pew” program March 7/8, March 14/15, and March 21/22. You may send your 2020 DAC gift directly to the Diocese in the envelope mailed directly to your home. Or you may take a 2020 DAC brochure located at the end of the pew, complete the information and return with your pledge amount, down payment or payment in full. Kindly place in the Sunday collection basket. Please make all checks payable to Saint Katharine Drexel. You can also pay your pledge by credit card. If you want to get started today you can pay by credit card (Visa or Master Card), simply visit <https://hbgdiocese.formstack.com/forms/dac>. Remember to select “Saint Katharine Drexel Church, Mechanicsburg” as your parish. **Thank you so much for your generosity!** Please remember that any amount raised above our goal stays in this parish.



Family Penance Services on the West Shore

Sunday March 8	7 p.m.	Saint Patrick, Carlisle
Tuesday March 17	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Lourdes, Enola
Sunday March 22	7 p.m.	Saint Theresa, New Cumberland
Tuesday March 24	7 p.m.	Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Sunday March 29	2 p.m.	Saint Katharine Drexel
Tuesday March 31	7 p.m.	Saint Bernadette, Duncannon
Wednesday April 1	7 p.m.	Good Shepherd, Camp Hill
Thursday April 2	7 p.m.	Our Lady of Good Counsel, Marysville
Sunday April 5	2 p.m.	Saint Joseph, Mechanicsburg

Forty Hours | Annual Eucharistic Devotions

A tradition for over 200 years in the church, but has recently fallen into a culture of poor attendance (very few young people and children) and understanding which correlates to a lack of faith in the eucharist overall and participation in Sunday Eucharistic devotions and Mass attendance.

My thanks to all who prepared, participated and planned this year's devotions and to all those who participated in adoration of the most blessed sacrament.

Your faith and belief is a valued witness in our increasingly secular culture.

Weekend Mass Attendance is only 20% of our parish families.

Devotions and Faith Formation participation is done by 10% of our parish members.

My deep thanks to Father Jon Sawicki, our guest homilist this year.



CONGRATULATIONS to STELLA KULP for being named the Lorica Award recipient for the Cumberland/Perry Deanery. The Bishop awards this to lay persons in the Diocese of Harrisburg who contribute to the life of the Church and the common good of their community. You are all invited to attend the awards ceremony on **Tuesday March 17th at 6:30pm** at the Cathedral of St. Patrick within the context of Vespers for the Solemnity of Saint Patrick. Free parking on the street and South Street Garage. Additionally, a recognition ceremony will be held at St. Katharine Drexel Church on **Saturday March 14th at 4:30pm** Mass.

Please pray for healing for Aidan, Linda Merhar and all others on our prayer list.



Safety and Security Corner

To ensure the safety and security of all of us, please look out for each other during Mass or other events at St. Katharine Drexel Church.

Be aware of everyone around you, and if you see something of concern, advise an usher so they can monitor it.

Be ready to help those around you who are need of assistance – the elderly, families with young children, or someone who is mobility-challenged.

It is strongly encouraged that all minors going to the bathroom during Mass be accompanied by an adult/parent. No child/minor should be left unattended. Thank you for your due consideration.

Please be alert to email scams—if Father Ken or any staff member were to contact you it would be from their parish email address. Be safe—please check the parish website for helpful tips to keep you safe.

SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY WEEKEND INCLUSIVE

SATURDAY VIGIL 4:30PM
SUNDAY 9:30AM

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



MATS FOR THE HOMELESS DISPLAY: After all the Masses next weekend, parishioners are invited to stop by a display table in the narthex. See how your donated store bags are turned into protective/sleep mats for the local homeless, and possibly find a spot for your particular talent to help in this ministry. If not around next weekend, you can contact Becky Stains at b.stains@hotmail.com for information.



Knights of Columbus #13100 Membership Drive Kicks Off
Weekend of March 14/15

SKD Lenten Fish Fry

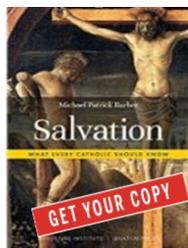
Friday March 20, 2020

Crispy baked fish, coleslaw, mac & cheese, salad bar, beverages and dessert table

Price \$10 per person
\$5 for kids aged 5 and younger



We thank HERSHEY CREAMERY for sponsoring an ad in our bulletin.



Lenten Gift from SKD and the Knights of Columbus available in the narthex.

Do you wonder what Catholics think about Salvation and how we came to this understanding? Do you have Christian friends who wonder if you are truly saved? This is a wonderful book that explores Salvation history. Get your copy. Read it. A book discussion is being planned for the Spring.

7-DAY PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday March 8 | Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 a.m. Mass | Sanctuary
9:40 a.m. Youth Faith Formation
9:40 a.m. Parent Faith Formation | MSCR
11:00 a.m. Mass | Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. No Eucharistic Adoration
2:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice

Monday March 9

Tuesday March 10

8:00 a.m. Adoration with Morning Prayer & Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass | Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
7:00 p.m. Lenten Evening of Reflection

Wednesday March 11

12:00 p.m. Lenten Lunch & Speaker Series | MSCR
6:00 p.m. Confirmation Candidates Meet the Bishop
7:00 p.m. Confirmation Mass | Sanctuary
8:15 p.m. Confirmation Pictures & Social

Thursday March 12

8:00 a.m. Adoration with Morning Prayer & Rosary
9:00 a.m. Mass | Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet
9:45 a.m. Adult Faith Formation | Library
10:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Meeting
11:00 a.m. Liturgy Committee Meeting | John XXIII Conference Room
6:30 p.m. Scripture Study | Library

Friday March 13

9:00 a.m. Mass | Sanctuary
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross | Sanctuary

Saturday March 14

6:30 a.m. That Man Is You | MSCR
3:00 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Mass | Sanctuary
5:45 p.m. Confessions

DIOCESE OF HARRISBURG 2020 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Online Registration Now Open

Register now for the 2020 Diocese of Harrisburg Men's Conference, being held March 28 at Bishop McDevitt High School, Harrisburg. To register, go to www.hbgdiocese.org/men and click 'Register Online.' Early-Bird price is \$35 per man. Dr. William Donohue, President of the Catholic League is keynoting. The conference includes more than 45 workshops, Priests hearing Confessions, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and many Catholic vendors and time for food and fellowship. Bishop Gainer will be celebrating Mass as well as presenting a workshop. The conference is open to any man, Catholic or non-Catholic. Be one of 1,000 or more men to register for this fantastic Catholic Men's Conference.

ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT

Mark your calendar for the 42nd Men's Retreat sponsored by Corpus Christi Parish! Set for July 31 and August 1 and 2 -- Friday evening through early Sunday afternoon, the event is again being held Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, MD. Reservations will be accepted beginning in May. Watch the bulletin for updates. It will be a great spiritual boost to spend this time with the men in our area parishes.

Saturdays at 6:30 a.m.—All men of the parish are invited to this breakfast gathering. The group has a continental breakfast, a video presentation followed by discussion. We are done by 8:00 a.m. so you have the time for your family activities.



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