

CHURCH OF ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

Under the pastoral care of the Religious Institute of the Alagad ni Maria (Disciples of Mary)

A Roman Catholic Parish - Established in 2000

November 28, 2021 – First Sunday of Advent

A Warm Welcome!

... to all who have come to join us in worship today. We are grateful to our parishioners who come faithfully and we welcome our neighbors and guests who visit us. If you are new to the area, we invite you to become a member of our faith community.



MASS SCHEDULE:

Join Us for Worship

Eucharist – the Mass – is the central celebration of our Catholic faith. Through Word and Sacrament we praise and reverence God, and go forth to live Gospel values in our families and in our world!

Weekend Mass in Drexel Hall:

Saturday: 4:30 PM (In-Person and Livestream)
Sunday: 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 5:00 PM
(In-Person)

Daily Mass in Drexel Hall:

Monday - Friday: 8:00 AM
Saturday: 9:00 AM (followed by Rosary)

Holy Days of Obligation in Drexel Hall:

8:00 AM and 7:00 PM (Holy Day)

Eucharistic Adoration in Drexel Hall:

Every Wednesday 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation in Drexel Hall:

Every Saturday 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Special liturgies will be announced in the bulletin.

Distribution of Communion for Livestream Viewers in the Gathering Space:

Saturdays at 5:45PM

Parish Mission Statement

We are a Christian Community that proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ, promotes respect and justice, and welcomes the unity created from our diversity.

Office Hours:

Monday: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Tuesday through Thursday: 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

Parish Life Center & Offices:

6077 West Jersey Avenue

Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Phone: 609-645-7313

Fax: 609-645-9680

E-Mail: office@skd-parish.org

Website: <http://www.skd-parish.org>

Residence/Chapel/Parish Library

6075 West Jersey Avenue

Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Lifelong Faith Formation

We are committed to the spiritual growth of all our members through attention to sacramental moments as well as education and enrichment for all ages. Please find details inside the bulletin.

Baptism of infants and young children:

2nd & 4th Sunday.

Parent Preparation is held every other month.

RCIA – We Walk By Faith: Prepares adults for Sacraments of Initiation and a life dedicated to Christ.

Anointing of the Sick: Upon request; emergency any time.

Communion Call: Please call the office.

Matrimony: Couples begin preparation at least one year before the wedding date.

Religious Education: Levels K to 8 (see page 6)

RCIT: Prepares teens for Sacraments of Initiation

Adult Enrichment: Faith-sharing/Discussion Groups

Youth Ministry: Formation in discipleship for teenagers - Activities vary throughout the year.

Stephen Ministry:

(Confidential Phone) - 609 645-7313 x111

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 27, 2021

- 9:00 AM +Charito Tamayo r/b Flora Ballesteros
9:30 AM ROSARY
3:00 PM SAC. OF RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM +Stanley Ziarkowski r/b The Ziarkowski Family
+Donald Ward r/b Lori Ward
+Amy Rugar r/b Pat Delaney

Sunday, November 28, 2021 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT & BAPTISM SUNDAY

- 8:30 AM +Michael Santo r/b Pat & Jim Doherty
+Mary Iannette r/b Mike & Jen Finnerty
+Alicia Fornolles r/b Josephine Kikimen
10:30 AM +For the Intentions of the Conte Family
r/b Marie Beal
+Ed Henne r/b Bill Trinkle
+James Mong r/b Cleo Palermo
5:00 PM +Brenda Gonzalez r/b Hery Rivera
+Maria & Jose Medina r/b Ivan Rivera
+Nicole Ciccolini r/b The Ciccolini Family

Monday, November 29, 2021

- 8:00 AM +Luis & Emilia Balazuela r/b Beatriz Besas

Tuesday, November 30, 2021 – FEAST OF ST. ANDREW

- 8:00 AM +For the Intentions of the Conto Family
r/b Marie Beal

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

- 8:00 AM +Apolinar & Rosario Lloren r/b Beatriz Besas
8:30 AM ADORATION

Thursday, December 2, 2021

- 9:00 AM +Carmelita Hess r/b The Wolf Family

Friday, December 3, 2021

- 8:00 AM +Lorraine Hurd r/b Mike & Mona Giacomelli

Saturday, December 4, 2021 - ST. JOHN DAMASCENE, PRIEST & DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

- 9:00 AM +FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
9:30 AM ROSARY
3:00 PM SAC. OF RECONCILIATION
4:30 PM +Maria Hong Thi Dang
r/b The Abreu & Dang Families
+Richard Guzzetti, Sr.
r/b Marguerite & Richard Guzzetti, Jr.
+Joe, Julia, Nick & Ceil Cicchini
r/b Ron & Lenora Iannuzzelli

Sunday, December 5, 2021 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 8:30 AM +Maria Hong Thi Dang
r/b The Abreu & Dang Families
+Carol Charydczak
r/b Joe, Julie & Andrew Lisa
+Servanda Pahang r/b The Pahang Family
10:30 AM +Fidel Alindada r/b Nely & Flor Alindada
+Errica & Michael Vittese r/b Carmina Trallo
+Ed Henne r/b John Carrey
5:00 PM +Brenda Gonzalez r/b Hery Rivera
+Alice Harney r/b The Wickham Family
+Maria & Jose Medina r/b Ivan Rivera

RESERVING ANNOUNCED MASSES FOR 2021 & 2022

To request a Mass be offered for a loved one, please contact the parish office. A Mass offering is \$15. The 2022 Massbook is now open for reserving announced Masses.

STEWARDSHIP

Worshiping as Family

Supporting our Home! Building God's House
Please, don't forget to use your envelope.

God bless you warmly & often for your support!

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS OFFERED/MAILED IN:

EARLY TRANSMISSION OF THE BULLETIN WAS REQUIRED DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND OF 11/13-11/14/21 WILL BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN, 12/4-12/5/21.

Thank you to all who continue to donate through our WeShare Online Giving.

ADDITIONAL STEWARDSHIP:

Special Collection Dates for 2021

Retirement Fund for the Religious December 12

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development! This campaign supports those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."



#GIVINGTUESDAY



Get a jump start on #GivingTuesday, November 30, and make your #iGiveCatholic gift **NOW**. Please visit this link:

<https://camden.igivecatholic.org/organizations/church-of-st-katharine-drexel>

PLANNED GIVING

We are all stewards – managers of the many gifts God has bestowed on us. Our challenge as Christians is to make good use of those gifts. Kindly consider The Church of St. Katharine Drexel when planning your estate.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards Stand Erect

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (LUKE 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you live **Stewardship**? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

PRAYERS OF REMEMBRANCE



Feast on Christ's presence by sitting with him in Adoration. Stop in for 15, 30 or 60 minutes of quiet time with Jesus in Drexel Hall on Wednesdays 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The Eucharist is the center of our Catholic faith! If you'd like to know more information, please contact Lois Worthington (609-677-6962).

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION

The Sanctuary Candle for November 28 - December 4, 2021 is In Memory of: Carl Coccozza Requested by: Dolly Coccozza & Family



You may memorialize someone by having the Sanctuary Candle burn for one week in Drexel Hall. The stipend offering is the same as a Mass intention (\$15.00). The candle will burn for the week in your loved one's name and be published in the bulletin. Please contact the Parish Office to make these arrangements.

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK AND THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED FOR PRAYERS, ESPECIALLY:

Nelia Andaya, Ildefonso Berdan, Gregory Brooks, Michelle Biggs, Jennifer Brown, Jean Burrell, Andrea Cheli, Natakia Chestnut, Pearl Coccozza, Germaine Cordial, Danielle Costello, Jessica Dagit, John DeCarlo, David DiMarino, Maria Lourdes Dimayuga, Nancy Dixon, Cynthia Domino, Ray Dudo, Dolly Flanagan, Renee Fowler, Larry Fusaro, Linda Girza, Matilde Gomez, William Gonzalez, Victoria Hargrave, John Horner, Kathleen Horner, Catherine Hughes, Ron Iannuzzelli Jr., Ron Iannuzzelli Sr., Marie Jerdan, Carol Jordan, Emily Kaffenberger, Lee Krueger, Pierre Lavapie, Anthony Lehmann, Mike Leonardo Sr., Brandy Lino, Mark LoCasale, William Loder, Claudette Martin, David Martin, Adam Martin, Bryan McCoy, Joseph McFadden Sr., Lynne Meagher, Bernice Naame, Cassie Pino, Ronnie Pino, Connie O'Sullivan, Geraldine Po-Lee, Pam Price, Nina Printy, Mary Ann Ravert, Ronald Richards Jr., Maxima San Pedro, Olive Smith, Kathy Sorrell, Anna Steelman, Chip Terry, John Thomas, Mark Thompson, Frederick Urban, Nancy Velazquez, Paula Vezinho, Robert J. Wallace, Byron Winfield, Kristi Lee Young, Avram Yushan *Children*: Luke Bradford, Sal Christaldi, Nick Ellis, Cassie Gordon, Jacob Senoben Hudson, Danny Kelleher, Mia LoCasale, Sadie Newsome, Noah Sacco, Lilly Ward, Teddy Ward

Bolded names are new to the list.

To have a loved one listed on the prayer list in the bulletin, please complete the request form below or email us at office@skd-parish.org. The name will remain on the prayer list for eight weeks unless you remove the name before that time.

Person for Sick List _____

Person submitting name _____

Phone# _____ Date _____

THE WEEK AHEAD

NOV. 27, 2021 THROUGH DEC. 5, 2021

- Sat. Nov. 27 Giving Tree: Senior, Children & Youth Tags
Collection: Gifts for Seniors
3:00 PM SAC. OF RECONCILIATION (DREXEL HALL)
- Sun. Nov. 28 Giving Tree: Senior, Children & Youth Tags
Collection: Gifts for Seniors
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, ALL LEVELS
NO RCIT, GR. 9-12
- Tue. Nov. 30
10:00 AM Faith Sharing Group (Zoom)
7:00 PM Adult Choir (Drexel Hall)
- Wed. Dec. 1
8:30 AM ADORATION (DREXEL HALL)
4:30 PM RE, LEVELS 1-6 (PLC)
6:00 PM Grief Support (Parish Library)
6:30 PM RCIT, Gr. 9-12 (Zoom)
- Thu. Dec. 2
6:30 PM Women's Club (St. Andrew)
- Fri. Dec. 3 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
- Sat. Dec. 4 Giving Tree: Children & Youth Tags
3:00 PM SAC. OF RECONCILIATION (CHAPEL)
6:00 PM RCIT, Gr. 9-10 (Zoom)
- Sun. Dec. 5 Giving Tree: Children & Youth Tags
9:30 AM RE, LEVELS 1-6 (PLC)
10:30 AM RE, LEVEL K (PLC)
6:00 PM RE, LEVELS 7-8 (PLC)

ADVENT ACTIVITIES

LIGHT UP FOR CHRIST

Sunday, Dec. 6

after the 5:30pm Mass

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Masses at 8:00am and 7:00pm

Holy Day of Obligation

PENANCE SERVICE

Wednesday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:00pm

in Drexel Hall

11/30, 12/4, 12/11 & 12/18

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2021

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday, Christmas Eve, December 24th

4:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Saturday, Christmas Day, December 25th

9:00 AM and 11:00 AM

(NO 4:30 PM MASS)

NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Friday, New Year's Eve, December 31st

4:00 PM

Saturday, New Year's Day, January 1st

10:30 AM

(NO 9:00 AM MASS)

TODAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING

JER 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah. In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land. In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her:

"The LORD our justice."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

R. (1b) To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day. **(R.)**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way. **(R.)**

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

1 THES 3:12—4:2

Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen.

Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

ALLELUIA

PS 85:8

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is he who comes in the

name of the Lord!

Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

LK 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

"Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

REFLECT

FIRST READING:

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of God's promise to fulfill the covenant made with King David, four hundred years earlier in 1000 B.C. As we enter into the season of Advent, how might you show your fidelity to God?

SECOND READING:

Paul's prayer for the believers in Thessalonica is to abound in love and strength for one another in preparation for the return of Christ. How do you think communities of faith can support each other during the Advent season?

GOSPEL:

In Jesus teaching the disciples about the coming end times and judgement day, he warns them not to be too distracted by the stresses and anxieties of daily life. How do you keep focused on your spiritual life amongst the many daily challenges we face?

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit, was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake, he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Watching in Hope

Loving Father,
you have revealed yourself to us
and even now you call us to you.
You call us to:
wait
watch
look for signs.

You call us to hope.
Help us to remain in you.
Help us not to lose heart.
Keep our eyes toward heaven.
Make us ready for your coming.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, November 28, 2021 Promises Fulfilled

Today's readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14; 1 Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36. Advent, the start of the liturgical year, is a season of preparation for Christ's coming. The decorations that are out already may make it appear that Christmas has arrived. But without anticipation, our celebration cannot be full. In fact, the first two weeks of the season of Advent do not focus on the birth of Jesus at all, but on our hope for his coming at the end of time.

What is it that we hope for?

When we look around, we see that the world is not as it should be. There is illness, suffering, poverty, and injustice. People die. Grief and loss are real. Too often, death comes violently, leaving a

different kind of pain in its wake. Sometimes we think that this cannot be what our loving God intended for the world.

Indeed, God promises something different. Throughout Scripture and history, we know that God is a keeper of promises. It is in those promises that we hope. Jesus and the prophets describe perfect justice, the end of suffering and pain, peace among people, a new heaven and a new earth. The world portrayed in the readings cannot come without disruption. The old must fall away. What is not of God must fall away to make way for the completely new thing that God is doing.

Is there anything that must fall away for God's light to live fully in you?



THIS WEEK AT HOME

Monday, November 29

The Advent Wreath

Set up an Advent wreath if you have not already. You will need four candles, three violet and one rose, and a base to hold them. Advent wreaths often incorporate evergreens. Decide when you will light the candles each day. At this time, the family might read the day's Gospel. Singing even the same simple song every day can create a lovely rhythm for the season. Many resources with daily Advent prayers for adults and children are available in print and online. A piece of purple fabric to place the wreath on will add to the environment. Nearby, consider placing a small statue or picture of Mary, on whom we meditate frequently during the season of Advent. *Today's readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Matthew 8:5-11.*

Tuesday, November 30

St. Andrew

St. Andrew, one of Jesus' first disciples, was called while fishing in the Sea of Galilee. In today's Gospel, we hear that he and his brother, St. Peter, "immediately" left their old lives behind to follow Jesus, who called them to be "fishers of men." The Feast of St. Andrew is traditionally the first day of a beautiful devotion, the Christmas novena, a short prayer that is said fifteen times each day from this day until Christmas. *Today's readings: Romans 10:9-18; Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Matthew 4:18-22.*

Wednesday, December 1

Miracles

Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee when he went up on the mountain and healed many, many people from the crowds who came to him. There, he also feeds thousands of people, multiplying the loaves and the fish. Isaiah foretold that the Lord "will wipe away the tears from all faces" on the mountain, a vision of the messianic kingdom. Jesus reveals that vision when he heals bodies and then offers a feast, an abundant celebration made from humble

things. When might we experience that kind of healing and celebration? *Today's readings: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Matthew 15:29-37.*

Thursday, December 2

A Solid Foundation

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Friday, December 3

St. Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier, the first Jesuit missionary, traveled extensively in Asia, devoting most of his life and mission to spreading the Gospel. His practice of engaging with the culture and language of the people whom he served was later developed into what we call inculturation of the faith. Honor St. Francis Xavier today by supporting the Church's mission work around the world. *Today's readings: Isaiah 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:27-31.*

Saturday, December 4

Advent Music

Make a playlist of music that is focused on preparation with Advent songs found online. Consider more meditative instrumental music for the playlist as well. Listening to this music in the car or while making dinner can balance the excitement and bustle of December. As much joy as we have for the coming of Christ, we still wait in hope for something more, and music can help us be present to that reality. *Today's readings: Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8.*



LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jean Wickham
645-7313 ext. 121
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BAPTISM

Baptism Parent-Godparent Formation Session:

By Appointment

Parents & Godparents are the first & most important teachers of faith. This session explains the procedures for the Sacrament of Baptism and through prayers and conversation with team parents prepares you for your role as models of Catholic life. Plan to attend before your child's birth if possible. Please call Mona in the office (ext. 116) to register.

NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

this Sunday, November 28th for Thanksgiving

Classes will resume for all levels on Dec. 1st (Wed) and Dec. 5th (Sun).

SHARING THE GOSPEL

When you are baptized, God gives you grace to help obey his commandments. These graces are like a pair of shoes with lights on them. They light the way to follow the example of Jesus. You will share your toys. You will take out the trash. You will take good care of your baby sister. The graces of baptism help you to love God above all else. Then God will welcome you into heaven.

Prayer: Lord, send me graces so I love you above everything.

Something to Draw: Draw yourself walking down God's path with the light of baptism on your shoes.

Mission for the Week: I will pray every morning that my family sees and stays on God's path.



"Celebrating 60 Years of Catholic School Education" ~ Est. 1961

Dear Parishioners,
On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Regional School community, we thank you for your support, generosity and prayers. We are so grateful for all you do to help our school continue to provide a Catholic education to many children.

With gratitude,
Ms. Linda Pirolli, Principal

Students participated in the Twp. of Hamilton Veterans Day Ceremony leading with the Pledge of Allegiance and our school choir singing "God Bless America." It was a beautiful ceremony honoring all who served.

This Christmas season, please consider making a donation to our St. Vincent de Paul Regional School Annual Fund. Your gift will benefit students in two key areas - lesson materials for our future Stream Lab and tuition assistance for students in need. Donations can be mailed to: SVDP School - 5809 Main Street, Mays Landing, NJ 08330 or made online at www.svdprs.com. Your support is most appreciated.

We have a few spots in our PK3 class this school year. We offer full and part-time schedules in a nurturing, structured, and fun learning environment. Please call 609-625-1565 for more information and/or to schedule a personal tour.

Christine Willard, Advancement

ADULT SPIRITUALITY & ENRICHMENT WELCOMES YOU!

Tuesday morning Faith Sharing resumes using Zoom Meeting Technology! The meeting starts at 10:00 am every Tuesday. We will be reading and sharing reflections using the past Sunday's Mass readings. There are two ways to join this meeting:

1. Using a computer or smartphone, copy and paste this link to your internet browser: <https://zoom.us/join>. You will be asked to enter our Meeting ID, which you can obtain from Donna Marie.
2. To dial in using a telephone: dial 1 (646) 558- 8656; when prompted enter the Meeting ID, which can be obtained from Donna Marie.

You do not need to have a Zoom account to participate in this meeting. If you have any questions or to obtain the Meeting ID, please email Donna Marie at DMM0706@aol.com or call 609-926-4494.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS ADAPTED FOR TEENS (RCIT)

Do you have a high school teen in the family who needs any of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Eucharist or Confirmation)? You can contact Mrs. Millet LoCasale at ext. 113 or at millet.locasale@skd-parish.org. Our session schedule for November/December is as-follows:

1st Year in RCIT (Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30pm)

Dec. 1 - online, Zoom

Dec. 8 - OFF, Immaculate Conception

Dec. 15 - in-person, PLC

Dec. 22, 29 - OFF

2nd Year in RCIT (Sundays, 6-8pm)

Nov. 28 - OFF

Dec. 4 (Sat) - Zoom

Dec. 12 - in-person, Parish Library

Dec. 19, 26 - OFF

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Are you feeling the nudge to share your faith with others? We are currently looking for faith-filled adults who will accompany others who are seeking to get to know our Catholic faith. Please be a part of our RCIA Team. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office and look for Father Jose at 609-645-7313 ext. 116.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

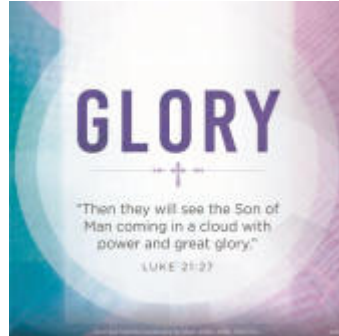
Dear Parishioners,

A new church year begins today with Advent. We are invited to **look at the big picture** by considering the entirety of our lives, the entirety of our personal histories, and the **entirety of our faith journeys**.

The apocalyptic words of Jesus in Luke's Gospel conjure dramatic images of **Jesus' return** in power and great glory. These words and images can be quite startling, puzzling, and even frightening in a certain sense. No one really knows what Christ's coming will involve or whether it will take place **in our lifetimes or long after we are gone**. We are not supposed to know, but we do have hope and look forward to the **promise of eternal salvation**. God has a plan for His creation, and each of us can share in that plan by **traveling down the path to a home prepared by Him for us**.

There is much comfort **believing and trusting in God**. **God loves us beyond our wildest dreams!** While there certainly will be surprises along the way, we do not need to worry **if we follow God's plan for us**.

Yours faithfully in Christ,
Fr. Jose, AM



COMMUNITY NEWS



PARISH GIVING TREE

Our Annual Parish Giving Tree is upon us again! This year we get to have the physical on the tree! The Giving Tree will be decorated by our SKD Youth Ministry with tags for senior residents in a local nursing home. Return your gift with the tag attached this weekend, Nov. 27/28.

Beginning on Thanksgiving, Nov. 25, the Giving Tree will be decorated with tags for children, teens, and young adults in the area with the help of Center for Family Services and the Covenant House in Atlantic City. Please take a tag and return it with your UNWRAPPED gift to the Giving Tree by the weekend of Dec. 11/12.

The Filipino American Community and the Filipino Apostolate of SJ (Atlantic-Cape May-Cumberland Chapter) invite you to

MISA DE GALLO (SIMBANG GABI)

DECEMBER 15th - 23rd @ 5:30 AM

Saint Katharine Drexel Church

6077 West Jersey Avenue, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Invite Friends and the Whole Family

For Details:

Lisa Perez: 609-703-6535 or

Lolita Ganaban: 609-335-7451



CONGRATULATIONS!

Quilt Winner:
Lena Ferone

50/50 Winners:
1st Prize, \$5,335.00:
Vince Male
2nd Prize, \$3,201.00:
Angela Diana
3rd Prize, \$2,134.00:
John & Kathy DeCarlo

Net Profit for the parish was \$10, 119.20!



Thank you to Carol Coyle and Lori Ward for the Wonderful Wine/Draft Tasting event for our 50/50 Raffle & Quilt Raffle Drawings! Thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Quilters and Staff for all their hard work!



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SKD YOUTH MINISTRY WINTER 2021-22 CALENDAR

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Adapted for Teens (RCIT)

High School teens who need preparation for the Sacraments meet on Wednesdays 6:30-7:30PM (for Year 1 students) and Sundays 6:00-8:00PM (for Year 2 students). Winter sessions are as follows:

Wednesdays

Dec. 1, Dec. 15
Jan. 5, Jan. 19
Feb. 2, Feb. 16

Sundays

Dec. 5, Dec. 12
Jan. 9, Jan. 23
Feb. 6

SPECIAL SESSIONS:

Sunday, Jan. 30: Confirmation Retreat & Mass,
1:30-6:00 PM

Sunday, Feb. 27: Confirmation Journals with Parents,
2:00-3:30PM

SILENT SIBLINGS

A faith-based youth support group for teens (Gr. 6-12) with siblings who have special needs, continues to meet once a month online or in-person. Parents meet online once a month, too. See contact info below to get the Zoom details or for in-person meet schedule or other inquiries.



Community Service Opportunities

Giving Tree

Nov. 27/28 - Gifts for seniors in local nursing homes are due
Dec. 11/12 - UNWRAPPED gifts for children/young adults are due

PB&J Night/Blessing Bags

Dec. 13, Monday, 6:00PM-7:30PM
Jan. 27, Thursday, 6:00PM-7:30PM
Feb. 24, Thursday, 6:00PM-7:30PM



Setup Rooms for Christmas

Dec. 20, Monday, 6:00PM-7:30PM

Reset Rooms for RE

Jan. 4, Tuesday, 6:00PM-7:30PM

Valentine's Cards to Home Bound

Jan. 11, Tuesday, 6:00PM-7:30PM

Cards to Seminarians

Feb. 4, Thursday, 6:00PM-7:00PM



Sharing Shelf

For non-parishable foods
Give what you have and take what you need
Drop-off or pick-up food items at the
shelf outside the PLC.

Junior Youth Nights

Gr. 7-8 Young Teens
Sunday, 6:00-7:30PM



Come out and have fun with us! Get that homework done before Sunday night and hangout with us.

Dec. 19 • Jan. 23

Core Team Meetings

Sundays, 6:00-7:30PM



We have a wonderful team of teens and adults that plan and evaluate all our youth events. We need to get organized and meet on Sunday nights as well.

IN-PERSON

(Socials & Prayer)

Dec. 5 (Smithville Trip)

Dec. 12

Jan. 9

Feb. 6

Confirmation Retreat: Jan. 30, Call Time: 12:30pm

CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP ESSAY CONTEST

Sponsored by St. Katharine Drexel Church Knights of Columbus, Council # 12868

Coordinator: Dennis Emerick, KofC Council # 12868, 609-742-3898

- Contest is open to: All Catholic Students in public, private and parochial schools, Grades 8-12.
- Students are encouraged to write a 500-750 word essay on the following theme:

"Describe everyday obstacles that you may have experienced or witnessed others experiencing, while living a life of authentic faith. Explain how you have overcome these obstacles and how, by doing so, it has helped your faith to continue to grow."

- Type the essay and complete the provided Essay Contest Entry Form. Both Students and Parent/Guardian must sign the Entry Form. Attach the typed essay to the form and provide them to: Millet LoCasale, SKD Youth Minister, at the SKD Parish Office.
- Due Date: Essays/Form must be provided to the SKD Youth Minister by Friday, December 17th.**
- Judging: The Local Knights of Columbus Council will have a team of 3 judges score each essay and select the 1st Place Winner in each grade, 8 through 12.
- Awards: Each 1st Place winners will receive an Award of \$100 and all participating students will receive a Certificate of Participation.
- The 1st Place winner essays will be entered into additional levels of competition at the District, Jurisdictional and International levels if deadlines for entry are met by our council.

- 1) Gather 4 or more ink cartridges from your home or office.
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- 3) Our organization receives a check.
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For further updates, questions, or closings due to weather or the pandemic, feel free to contact:

SKD Youth Ministry

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ST. KATHARINE DREXEL'S WALL OF HONOR FOR ALL OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Anyone who is presently serving in our Armed Services can have his/her name placed on a Star on the Wall. Please call the Parish Office at ext. 116 to add a name to the Wall.

Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

BY SAINT ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

My Jesus,
I believe you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.
I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there.
And unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you.
Amen.

This Prayer for Spiritual Communion is to be prayed at home during Communion while partaking in live streamed or broadcasted Mass.

SYNOD Prayer:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.



In response to our invitation from our Holy Father, Pope Francis, to actively participate in the Synodal process, our parish will be emailing a questionnaire via Survey Monkey and hosting in person discussion groups on the following days/times. Please feel free to invite friends, family, neighbors. These sessions are open to everyone who would like to share their experience of the Church, their journey of faith, and their hopes for what the Church can be.

In-person small group discussion schedule.

Monday – November 29
(1) 2:00-3:00pm Parish Library
(2) 3:30-4:30pm Parish Library

Tuesday – November 30
3:00-4:00pm Parish Library

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