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& THE *LIFE*

Saint Katharine Drexel Parish

"Our Family Home"



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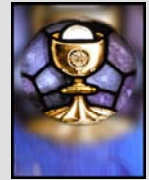
Website: www.saintkatharinedrexel.org

Mass Times:

8:00 am & 10:00 am

1:00 pm (Nigerian Community)

Daily Mass 9:00am Monday-Saturday
(Ruggles Street)



Rosary: Sundays 12:30 pm

St. Katharine Drexel Parish
is a Black Catholic Community
of believers,
celebrating and rejoicing
in the love of GOD



JN 20: 19-31

"Rise and meet the magnificence of the Lord."

ST. K.D.



LECTORS

Sunday	8am:	Loretta Minor	Felix Okonkwo
04/05	10am:	Lorraine Garrell	Alicia Scott Garrell
	1pm:	Stephanie Nwaford	Michelle Uchendu
Sunday	8am:	Damaris Johnson	Robert Gittens
04/12	10am:	Annie St. John Joseph	Breck Joseph
	1pm:	Felicia Otudoh	Jacinta Okwesili

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday	8am:	Marion Peters	Larry Anderson
04/05	10am:	Stacie Holmes	Moy Arneaud
	1pm:	Sr. Christiana O. Francis Ibili	Tina Kamalu
Sunday	8am:	Marion Peters	Robert Gittens
04/05	10am:	Sr. Christine Smith	Jacque Townes
	1pm:	Sr. Christiana O.	Chinwe K Okoye

Scripture for the week of April 5, 2015

5	SUN	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7
6	Mon	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15
7	Tue	Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18
8	Wed	Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35
9	Thu	Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48
10	Fri	Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14
11	Sat	Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15
12	SUN	Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31



**EVERY THURSDAY 7PM-8PM
PARISH CENTER, RUGGLES ST.**

APRIL 9TH

HOME STUDY THIS WEEK



MIDWEEK REFRESHER

READ: John 20: 1-18;
Colossians 3: 1-4

REFLECT: When Christians are asked the meaning of Easter, they refer to the resurrection of Jesus. It is the day for telling the wondrous story: Mary Magdalene saw the stone moved away. Peter went in and saw the wrappings on the ground, and the beloved disciple saw and believed. The faith of contemporary believers builds on their testimony. It is our festival of life, for the boldness of God's love snatched victory from the jaws of death. Our memories and rituals unite us with that event which was so disconcerting, marvelous and liberating. Sunday after Sunday, and especially at this greatest Sunday of the year, we enter events which show Easter as more than a once-upon-a-time event. We bless and share a meal that shapes us as the Body of Christ. We sing alleluias and say the good news still takes flesh in our world. We color eggs and enjoy feasts without need of a rational explanation. The pull to dress finely may be marred by commercialism or a drive for status, but we know our winter has passed and new life is here. In these and in so many other ethnic customs we renew life just as we renew our baptismal commitment. More correctly, we rest in awe before the One who renews life and provides the possibility of commitment. The reading from Colossians highlights still another dimension of this day. Implicit within all these celebrations, there is a sense of future. We can be intent on "things above rather than on things of earth." Easter is a promise of the end time. Our festivals take place in a sinful world, in an imperfect Church. In them we taste that time when we will all be in glory.

PRAY: Reflect of my new life in Christ.

ACT: See signs of resurrection around you that leads you to think of THE Resurrection.

PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Dear Lord, we are happy for life here on earth! Heavenly Father, we are deeply concerned about peace in the world, especially in our communities. We know that true peace is not merely the absence of tension, it is the presence of justice. We ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to descend upon our communities to eradicate the injustices. We know that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere and that what affects one directly affects all indirectly. Send down your rain so the children will be refreshingly bathed. Send your sunshine so they may bask in the rays. Spread your rainbow so the children will be delighted of its beauty. Let them drink of lemonade from the lemons of life. Our faith is strong in you Dear Lord. We thank you for the power of the Holy Spirit who you gave us as our Advocate. May you inspire us in our mission as St. Katharine Drexel Social Justice Committee to bring about the peace and love of Jesus Christ that will truly be an example of Social Justice both locally and globally. It is well with our soul that you will hear our prayer. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



EASTER SUNDAY

1PM

Thanksgiving Mass for the families of the Exclusive Ladies of Boston.

Offering a Thanksgiving Mass for special favors granted.

Requested by: The Odimegwu Family

Praying for the repose of the soul of Akunne Vincent Onochie. May his gentle soul rest in peace.

Requested by: The Family of Augustine Onochie

Praying for their special intentions.

Requested by: The Family of Chief & Lolo Ambrose Ojimba

Thanking God for His goodness and mercies upon him.

Requested by: Ralph Ilona

Thanking God for His faithfulness, for all favors received and for special intentions for the year 2015 and forgiveness of sins.

Requested by: Anonymous



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Cleophus G. Bynoe
Clarine Fenton, Alicia (Renee) Fullerton
Marilyn Hicks, Sr. Joanne McGovern
Mary Ramos, Herb Stephens, Mavis Walker



IN MEMORY OF

Jeffery & Alice Anyaoku, Paul & Henrietta Ibili
Friar Joseph Itabor, W. C. Okwerekwu
Boniface Onyewuche, Caroline Onyewuche



PRAYER/REFLECTION EVENING

Date: Thursday, April 9th

Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM

Place: St. K.D. Parish Center

Learn to pray with our Patron St. Katharine Drexel and her Eucharistic Spirit and Charism.

New members are always welcome!

Art Appreciation

SENIOR CLUB MEETING

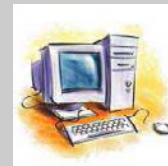
Date: Friday, April 17th

Time: 10:00AM-12:00 Noon

Place: St. K.D. Parish Center

Art Appreciation Workshop
 Leslie MacSweeney

Join us for valuable information, fellowship and refreshments!



ST. KATHARINE DREXEL PARISH
SENIOR CITIZEN CYBER CAFÉ PROGRAM
TIMOTHY SMITH FOUNDATION
SECOND SEMESTER 2015

Day: Fridays (Bi-Weekly) Time: 10:00am-Noon
 Place: Computer Room, 2nd Floor, 175 Ruggles St.

Dates: April 10th; April 24th

Instructors are Sister Karen Hokanson, SND, Ed.D. and students from Emmanuel College. Lessons are one-to-one tutoring and include assistance with the Internet, Email, and Microsoft Office.

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY
www.nigeriancatholicboston.org

Chaplain:	Rev. Jude Thaddeus Osunkwo
Pastoral Associate:	Sr. Christiana Onyewuche, E.H.J
Vice Chairman:	Mrs. Chinwe Okoye
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Acting Director of Music:	Mr. Okey Izuchi
Nigerian Catholic Men's Organization:	Mr. Willy Okwerekwu President
Nigerian Catholic Women's Women's Organization:	Mrs. Uche Uchendu President
Nigerian Catholic Youth Organization:	Miss Gloria Iheuwa President

PRAYER FOR NIGERIA

All powerful and merciful Father, You are the God of Justice, Love and Peace. You rule over all the nations of the earth. Power and might are in Your hands and no one can withstand You. We present our country, Nigeria, before You. We praise and thank You for You are the source of all we have and are. We are sorry for all the sins we have committed and for good deeds we have failed to do. In Your loving forgiveness keep us safe from the punishment we deserve. Lord, we are weighed down not only by uncertainties, but also by moral, economic and political problems. Listen to the cries of Your people who confidently turn to You. God of infinite goodness, our strength in adversity, health in weakness, our comfort in sorrow, be merciful to us your people. Spare this nation, Nigeria, from chaos, anarchy and doom. Bless us with Your kingdom of justice, love and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**OFFICE HOURS AT THE PARISH CENTER
 (175 RUGGLES STREET)**

**TUESDAY: 10AM-2PM
 THURSDAY: 10AM-2PM
 FRIDAY: 9:30AM-12PM**

**ALL OTHER TIMES, CALL IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
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FR. JERRY AT 617-389-5660



**Beginning at 7:00PM every Friday,
 St. Katharine Drexel Parish
 is pleased to make the
 Blessed Sacrament available
 for Adoration for ONE HOUR
 before Holy Mass.**



The RCIA program is open to all who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith. At this time, we are beginning a group of participants preparing for the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The Archdiocese of Boston will be scheduling Adult Confirmation for this year. Now may be the time for you, a friend or family member to complete the Sacraments of Initiation.

Please contact Sr. Christine Smith at 617-442-0980 or see Sister or our Pastor before or after Sunday Mass.



**REMEMBER OUR FOOD BARREL
 IN THE CHURCH VESIBULE**

**Try to drop something in once a month.
 It will be well used.**

PLEASE: NOTHING OUTDATED

Thank You!

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS

GENERAL: That those from diverse religious traditions and all people of good will may work together for peace.

MISSION: That in this year dedicated to consecrated life, religious men and women may rediscover the joy of following Christ and strive to serve the poor with zeal.



**EASTER VIGIL BEGINS AT 7:00PM WITH THE LIGHTING
NEW FIRE, LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE AND SINGING OF THE EXULTET
FOLLOWED BY THE FIRST MASS OF EASTER**



MASSES ARE AT: 8:00AM; 10:00AM; 1:00PM

Fashion Show

**SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
FASHION SHOW**

Fashion Show

The SJC is excited to announce that we will be hosting a FASHION SHOW, featuring the Ladies of Saint Katharine Drexel here at the Church on:

JUNE 6TH

The theme is “EMBRACE THE VISION-ELEVATE AND ILLUMINATE YOUR BRAND.” If you think about it, everyone here has his or her own brand.

We are looking for women of all ages who are interested in participating.

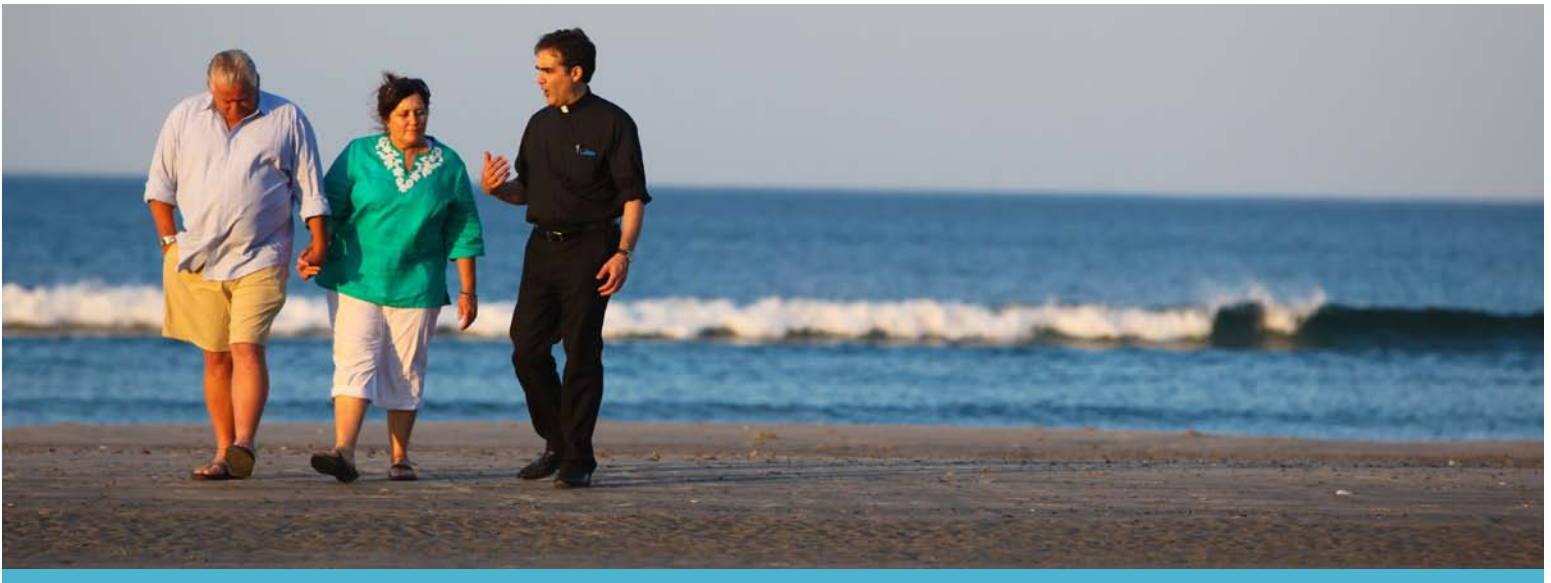
If you are thinking, “I can’t model,” you may not know it, but we have resident experts in our own Parish who will teach you.

Also, anyone interested will participate in 7 uplifting workshops, leading up to the fashion show, where you will have the opportunity to bond with fellow parishioners and uplift yourselves spiritually, physically and mentally.

For those gentlemen that feel left out, we are also looking for volunteers to escort our lovely models down the runway.

If you are interested or know of anyone who would be, please contact:

Damaris Johnson
Felicia Okonkwo
Donnetta Andrews
Jumaada Smith
Violette Emille
Loraine Valentine



Meet Fr. Joe— *Answering the call with compassion*

For Gary and Susan Pickering, Fr. Joe Mazzone is more than a pastor—he is family.

Like so many priests in our Archdiocese, Fr. Joe has been a source of strength and support, helping others find Christ's presence in times of joy and sorrow. When Gary and Susan's daughter Marcy passed away unexpectedly during surgery, Fr. Joe was the first person they called. Marcy had been a close friend of Fr. Joe's, and her faith life had blossomed with his help through challenging times in her life. Fr. Joe was there for the Pickerings as they said goodbye to their beloved Marcy then, and he remains by their side today. Together, they continue to grow in faith and friendship, confident that they will be reunited with Marcy again, and grateful for the hope they receive through each other in Christ Jesus.

Our priests are there for us and our families without question or hesitation. Please consider showing your gratitude by supporting your parish collection this Easter.

Thank you for helping to ensure a continuum of care and quality of life for all our active and senior priests.



“Support your priests with your love and prayers, that they may always be shepherds after Christ’s heart.”

- Pope Francis

To submit your special intentions to be remembered by our senior priests during the celebration of Holy Mass at Regina Cleri each week, visit www.clergyfunds.org/intentions.

To watch a short video of Fr. Joe Mazzone, please visit www.clergyfunds.org.



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