Saint Katharine Drexel Parish
"Our Family Home"





6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Saint Katharine Drexel
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Mr. Meyer Chambers

Website: www.saintkdboston.org

Mass Times:

8:00 am & 10:00 am





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 15: 9-17

"Jesus will dwell in my heart this day; in my heart by Holy Communion; by dwelling in Exposition (presence) this day and daily in the Tabernacle, all day and all night."

ST. K.D.

LECTORS

Sunday 8am: Lorraine Valentine Joe-Ann Fergus Patricia Smith 05/17 10am: Terri-Ann Olivacce-Marie

1pm: Okey Izuchi Chinassa Obijiaku

Sunday 8am: Felix Okonkwo Njida Mbuyi 10am: Moy Calder-Arneaud **Stacie Holmes**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Sunday 8am: 05/10 10am: **Marion Peters** Felix Okonkwo **Jacquie Townes Maurice Tshitenge**

1pm: Sr. Christiana O.

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1pm: Sr. Christiana O.

Scripture for the week of May 10th

10 SUN Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn

15:9-17

11 Mon Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26-16:4a 12 Tue Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11

13 Wed Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Jn 16:12-15

14 Thu Acts 1:1-11/ Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or

4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

15 Fri Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23

16 Sat Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28

17 SUN Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn

17:11b-19



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

> MAY 14TH **HOME STUDY**



(Twitter@Pontifex)

"It is good for us to spend time before the Tabernacle, to feel the gaze of Jesus upon us."

Pope Francis





MIDWEEK REFRESHER



READ: John 15:9-17

REFLECT: It often seems that the more schooling we have the less able we are to handle the ambiguity of Christian living. The logic of scientific thought encourages us to focus upon one concept at a time. The poetic language of the scriptures leads us to hold in a healthy tension concepts which, at first glance, seem mutually contradictory. God calls us to a way of life which makes demands, yet God's ways frequently seem to contravene the way we have taken. This was certainly Peter's experience. Peter thought that only those born in Israel could come to Christ, but the manifestation of the Spirit's gifts in the life of the Gentile Cornelius shattered all his comfortable notions. Christ's resurrection shattered all notions of how God might work among us. It destroyed all barriers which might hedge in the possibilities of God's power wording in human history. Christ's victory showed forth the power of love: God's love which could draw forth from death the servant who had gone to death in obedience to love. For the makers of greeting cards love might be sentimental and soft. For Christians, love is as strong and as real as the demands made by friends who are willing to die that the other might live. That gives greater cause for the singing of alleluias than do fuzzy fantasies about some sort of love which can be reduced to pastel holy cards. Only living in that sort of love will enable us to know that death and life, obedience and freedom, vigilance and surprise are but different refractions of one true Light.

PRAY: Pray for the gift to see as God sees.

ACT: Help the next homeless person with a smile and a donation.



APRIL 26TH

8AM: \$528; 10AM: \$1,125; 1PM: \$1,198.45 Second Collection (Black & Native American) \$541

Please remember the Catholic Appeal for 2015!

Thank you for your generosity!!



Fr. Jerry and the Staff would like to wish all the **Grandmothers, Mothers** and Mothers-to-Be a very **Happy and Blessed** Mother's Day.

ARROURCEMERTS



MAY 10TH 1PM

Praying for all the Nigerian women that God will continue to protect them and guide them.
Requested by: Mrs. Caroline Ude

For the One Year Death Anniversary of the repose of the soul of their husband, father, father-in-law, and grandfather and also for God's continuous guidance and protection on the family.

Requested by:

The Family of Sir Peter & Lady Ogoo Onyemelukwe

Praying for the repose of the soul of <u>Akunne</u>
<u>Vincent Onochie</u>. 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
Mary Ramos, Herb Stephens

GBIO ASSEMBLY AT TRINITY CHURCH

GBIO Interfaith Organization will meet with the Governor:

When: Tuesday, May 12th

Place: Trinity Church in Copley Square

Our Vision for the Future Includes:

Affordable Heath Care

Gun Safety

Public Schoos (Dearborn STEM Academy in particular)

Criminal Justice

Gentrification, Affordable Housing & Homelessness

St. Katharine Drexel is looking to turn out 50 people!

Let's fill the bus that will leave from St. KD Parking Lot on

Blue Hill at 6:00PM.

Come and join us as we BUILD OUR FUTURE!



nd a cloud took him

out of their sight.

ASCENSION THURSDAY SCHEDULE

MAY 14TH AT 9:00AM and 6:00PM Ruggles Street

Ascension Thursday is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please try to attend one of the above Masses.



ASBS PRAYER MEETING

Date: Thursday, May 14th Time: 6:00pm-8:00pm Place: St. K.D. Parish Center

Theme: "Honoring Our Blessed Mother"

New Members Always Welcome! Prayer sharing the spirit & Charism of our Patron, St. Katharine Drexel.



SENIOR CLUB MOVIE DAY

Date: Friday, May 15th
Time: 10:00AM-12:00PM
Place: St. K.D. Parish Center

"At Home"

Movie: "Annie"

Refreshments, Fellowship & Entertainment

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL

When: Saturday, May 16th Time: 9:00AM-2:30PM

Place: 400 Dudley Street, Roxbury Church Hall and Grounds

Attractions:

Many New Gift Tables; New to You Tables; 5 Food Tables to eat in or take out; Chances ALL Day; Moonwalk for

Children and Other games...etc, etc, etc

We look forward to seeing you there!!

CARMELITE MONASTERY OF BOSTON CELEBRATES THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF ST. THERESA OF AVILA

"The Interior Castle"

A musical and dramatic presentation

When: Saturday, May 30th Time: 2:00PM

Place: Carmelite Monastery

61 Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Roxbury, MA

Admission is Free thanks to generous benefactors!

NIGERIAN COMMUNITY

www.nigeriancatholicboston.org

Chaplain: Rev. Jude Thaddeus Osunkwo

Pastoral Associate: Sr. Christiana Onyewuche, EHJ

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Organization: President

Nigerian Catholic Women's Mrs. Uche Uchendu

Women's Organization: President

Nigerian Catholic Youth Miss Gloria Iheuwa

Organization: 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 PARISH, EVERETT

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 <u>ONE HOUR</u> before Holy 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!

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. 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.

Time: 2:00PM-4:00PM



<u>SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE</u> INSPIRATIONAL WORKSHOPS, REHEARSALS & FASHION SHOW



OUR THEME

Embrace The Vision - Elevate and Illuminate Your Brand
I praise you, so wonderfully you made me; wonderful are your works! Psalms 139:14

Casting Call: The Social Justice Committee is calling all Women and girls from 12 to 50+, to appreciate your gifts, to see yourselves as made in God's image, and to value your contributions to community and society.

Come and participate in three uplifting 2 hour workshops and two rehearsals leading up to a fashion show on <u>JUNE 6TH</u>, where you will have the opportunity to bond with fellow parishioners and uplift yourselves spiritually, physically and mentally.

Rehearsals will include inspirational settings and will be held:

Date: Saturday, May 23rd and Saturday, May 30th

Place: 175 Ruggles Street (Parish Center)

We are looking forward to seeing you there! IT IS NOT TOO LATE to attend these settings leading to the fashion show!

For more information, please see:

<u>Donnetta Andrews, Violette Emile, Damaris Johnson, Felicia Okonkwo Tshitenge</u>
Sr. Christiana Onyewuche, Jumaada Smith, Lorraine Valentine



SR. MARY HART SUMMER CAMP SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS

The camp has openings for counselors. We are looking for teenagers 15yrs and older who <u>enjoy working with children</u>, are <u>responsible</u>, <u>energetic</u>, <u>creative</u> and <u>team players</u>.

The counselors are required to attend a 2 day orientation/training the week of <u>JUNE 29TH</u>. The camp runs from <u>JULY 7TH-AUGUST 7TH</u>.

If you have any questions or you are interested in applying for the counselor position:

Sr. Mary Hart Children's Program
St. Katharine Drexel Parish Center
175 Ruggles Street
Roxbury, MA 02120

Email: <u>srmaryhartprogram@gmail.com</u>

Juliette Toulon (857-236-4379) Julie McGovern (978-376-3715





Priest, Deacons & Youth Ministers Familiarization Trip

If you enjoy traveling and want to see how you can immerse your church community in helping children in need while transforming their own lives through service, visit a Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") home with us. Your life may never be the same!

Visit the *Pequeños* at NPH Guatemala August 24th-28th, 2015

Come experience first-hand how NPH transforms the lives of the children it supports. We invite you to visit Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos (NPH, Spanish for "Our Little Brothers and Sisters") Guatemala with us. You will meet the amazing children, staff and volunteers of NPH and learn the ins and outs of their daily lives. If you are new to NPH, visiting a home is the best way to see what we do in action. If you are a longtime supporter or sponsor, come catch up with old friends and see how your godchildren are growing and flourishing. Join us – your life may never be the same!

About NPH Guatemala

Opened in 1996, NPH Guatemala is home to 335 children. It is located in San Andres, 16 miles from Antigua and an hour northwest of Guatemala City, the capital. It has approximately 25 acres of land, kinder through junior high school, a computer lab, vocational workshops, a clinic, gardens and a solar water heating system.

Trip Highlights

- Discover first-hand the effects that love, caring, and acceptance have on children who once struggled to survive
- Experience life as the children of NPH do each day with chores, school, sports, and sharing meals
- Develop meaningful relationships where language and culture have no boundaries
- Meet the leadership, staff and volunteers of NPH Guatemala
- See how your church can make a difference by introducing them to NPH whether it be with a future service trip, sponsorship drive, hosting a pequeño tour, or an NPH speaker!



Cost: \$250.00*

Includes:

- Accommodations at NPH Guatemala
- Local transportation
- Meals while at NPH
- NPH USA interpreter and guide
- Travel insurance and background check
- Airfare to and from Guatemala City

Not included:

- Outside meals
- Airport fees

Reservation Schedule

- Reserve a spot with a \$250 nonrefundable deposit due <u>June 10, 2015</u>
- *We would love to cover the cost of your airfare (approximately \$700.00 value) for the opportunity to be welcomed into your church this year!
- *One representative per church.

Register online at www.nphusa.org/maneguatemala2015
For more information, please contact Monica Henry: mhenry@nphusa.org or 617.206.4943



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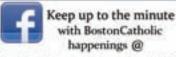
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Rachel mourns her children; She refuses to be consoled, because her children are no more. Thus says the Lord: "Cease from your cries of mourning. Wipe the tears from your eyes...There is hope for your future." Jeremiah 31:15-17





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