



### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*A Christian Community founded on the faith of Polish immigrants,  
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### **TRUSTEES**

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### **WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday Mass:** 8:30 A.M.

**St. Katharine Drexel Sunday Mass:** 10:00 A.M.

### **WEEKDAY MASSES: 8:30 A.M. in Church**

Tuesday, Thursday

The Rosary is recited after daily Mass

First Friday: Rosary at 9 AM followed by Mass and Adoration

**St. Katharine Drexel:** Wednesday & Friday 8:30 A.M.

**HOLY DAYS AND HOLIDAYS:** As announced

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 11:30 A.M.

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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:** We welcome all visitors and ask that if you like what you see and hear to please contact the parish office to register. A parishioner is someone who has completed a registration form, regularly attends Mass, and regularly supports the parish financially through the use of envelopes. It is necessary to be a registered and active parishioner in order to receive a letter of recommendation to serve as a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor. If you are moving away, we ask you to please contact the parish office so we can update our records.

**MARRIAGE:** Please consult with the Parish Administrator/Pastor at least six months to one year before setting a wedding date.

**BAPTISM:** Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

Visit our parish website – [www.saintjohnkanty.com](http://www.saintjohnkanty.com)



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**PLEASE NOTE SUNDAY MASS IS AT 8:30AM**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26 – WEEKDAY  
NO MASS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27 –FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

8:30 AM +Florence Wieszczeni, (Family)  
+Michal & Mary Anna Terejko, (Family)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 –ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM Communion Service at  
St. Katharine Drexel

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29- ADVENT WEEKDAY  
(IN CHURCH)**

8:30 AM +Alicia Spychaj 5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.,  
(Children & Grandchildren)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30- ST. ANDREW,  
APOSTLE**

8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 –ADVENT  
WEEKDAY (IN CHURCH)**

8:30 AM +Florence Baranowski, (Family)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2 – ADVENT WEEKDAY**

8:30 AM Mass at St. Katharine Drexel  
9:00 AM Rosary at St. John Kanty  
Followed by Mass and Adoration  
Blessings and Good Health for the  
Morning Chapel Group  
+Gino Grasso, (Morning Chapel  
Group)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 – ST. FRANCIS  
XAVIER, PRIEST  
NO MASS**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 –SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

8:30 AM +Gino Grasso, (Janice, Richard, Caroline)  
+Helen Kolodziejski, (Janice)

**The Mass book for 2022 is open.**

Weekend and week day Masses are available. The Mass stipend is \$15 per Mass. Please contact the rectory to schedule your intentions. You may also place your intentions, with the stipend amount, in the collection basket or mail in your intentions.

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** is lit for Dolores Ruda  
requested by Angie

**Let Go and Let God**

*Womanist theologian Diana L. Hayes describes how Black women in her life rely on God to help carry their suffering. She draws on her upbringing in the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, in which seemingly impossible difficulties are sustained with God's help:*

The mothers of the black church, those elderly women who have worked hard all of their lives, often with so little reward, have a way of saying, whenever something goes wrong or someone is burdened more than they feel they can bear, "You just have to 'let go and let God.'" As a child, I would look at these strong black women who I knew had been through so much in their lives, and who were still going through difficult times, and wonder what they meant. . . .

They had experienced both the joys and the sorrows that human life has to bring. Yet, they could, when necessary, simply "let go and let God."

They could "let go" of the pain of losing a child through illness or misfortune or of watching another child or their husband slowly give up hope of getting a meaningful job, of having something tangible to produce at day's end. They could "let go" of the racism that confronted them at every turn. . . . They could "let God" carry those sorrows for a while. God did not take over the pain, the frustration, or the anger—it was still there—but they could rest their burden with the Lord for just a little while until they found the strength to take it up and carry it again. Some would say they were passive. . . . But they would be wrong.

*Through her own suffering, Hayes has come to understand what the mothers of the Black church meant by "let go and let God":*

Today, as I battle with my own fears and doubts, my own frustrations (about who I am and where I am going) and yearnings for a life free from pain, free from prejudice and discrimination, free from the constant struggle to survive and simply be me, I have come to realize that there are times when life becomes infinitely more tolerable if the burden is shared, with human friends, yes, but even more important, shared with a God who loves and watches over me like a "mother hen

**November 27**

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brooding over her chicks" [Luke 13:34]. It is that same God who has said, "Behold, while you were in your mother's womb, I knew you and I named you [Jeremiah 1:5]. How could I love you less now?"

To "let go and let God" is to put yourself into the hands of God, even for just a little while, until the challenges of life are more bearable. . . . It is not a form of "otherworldly" escape, for the pain, the anger, the fears, the frustrations are always, sadly, a part of life, not because God wants it so, but because of our own human failure to make it different.

### **Journey with Grief Support Group**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month anyone is welcome who may be experiencing difficulty in their life due to loss. Meeting will take place at St. Katharine Drexel Main Church from 4-5 PM All are invited.

Also every Tuesday from 10 – 10:20 AM we come together for Centering Prayer. Twenty minutes of quiet time in the church. Just bring 1 special word with you, (ex. Love, Jesus) This is held at St. Katharine Drexel

### ***The Renewal Prayer***

*In every age, O God, you have called us to be your people, to be your Church. In this time, we begin anew to discern the pathways that will lead us, your people, closer to you. Continually Bless our journey as we proclaim your Good News, celebrate your saving presence among us, serve others with charity and justice, and steward the world you have entrusted to our care. Send your Spirit to lead and guide our Emmaus journey as we commit ourselves to the renewal of our Church. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Please pray for the healing touch of Jesus' hand for those who are ill**, especially: Jessica Frysz, Dee Stetz, Rev. Michael Burzynski, Emily Wolf, Patricia Milas, Dr. Owen Moye, Msgr. Matthew Kopacz, Eric G., Elizabeth Quizon, Dolores Quizon, Emily Ventura, Norm Macierowski, Julie Ulicki, Melanie Plata, Kimberly Paul, Jeffrey Nietopski, Barbara Koza, Joanne Marcucci, Sharon Jakubowski, Ben Lisiecki, Edward Szadkowski, Stanley Kowalski, Alice Walek, Ronald Slazak, Paul Fox, Rogo Family, Dolores Ruda and all the sick of our parish. **If you have a name to add or a deletion, please call the parish office.**

### **Background on the Gospel Reading**

Today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is also the first Sunday of a new liturgical year for the Church. The Advent season includes the four Sundays that precede Christmas. It is a time of preparation for the coming of the Lord. In this

season, we recall two central elements of our faith: the final coming of the Lord in glory and the incarnation of the Lord in the birth of Jesus. Key themes of the Advent season are watchful waiting, preparation, and justice.

In this new liturgical year, the Gospel of Matthew will be the primary Gospel proclaimed (Lectionary Cycle A). In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus speak about the need for wakefulness, for watchful waiting, for the coming of the Son of Man.

Matthew's Gospel is dated by most scholars after 70 A.D. Most believe that Matthew wrote for a primarily Jewish community, but one that was no longer centered on the Temple in Jerusalem. These were Jewish Christians trying to come to terms with their relationship to Judaism in a new situation: Judaism after the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem. There may have been Christians who believed that the events of the world around them gave evidence of the imminent return of the Lord in glory.

The passage from Matthew we read today is rather straightforward. No one knows the precise time of the coming of the Lord in glory, so watchful waiting and vigilance are required. The passage speaks to the uselessness of looking for signs; there will be none. As a thief sneaks in during the night, so will the Lord's coming in glory be.

The question for us as members of the Christian community, then, is how do we prepare for this? Today's passage speaks more about the manner of waiting, rather than the details of the preparation. Jesus compares the vigilance required of Christians to the vigilance of a homeowner who knows the plans of the thief. If one knows that the thief's action is imminent, one remains watchful. As Christians, we know *that* our Lord is coming even if we cannot know the precise timing. Jesus calls us to be watchful and vigilant, like the homeowner. If we become lax in our Christian living, we may be caught unprepared.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>**

**10 AM – 1 PM**

**Parish Center**

***Pierogi/Placek Sale***

***Candy Sale***

We will also have a Theme Basket Raffle.  
Donations are needed for the basket Raffle.  
Further information will follow.

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