We Welcome in Faith Francesca Belle Kinnamont and Gannon Rumble who are initiated into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May our daily example of prayer and service help young people to grow as faithful members of Christ’s Body.

We Joyfully Congratulate Rose Spangler, as she receives her First Communion and joins us at the table of the Lord for the first time this weekend.

We Pray in Hope that God’s healing power may touch those who are sick, especially Phil Aiken, David Baldwin, Jr., Agnes Barachie, John Barachie, Sam Bilotta, Phyllis Bowlus, Mary Brockway, George Brown, Joe Buzy, Beth Cangemi, Michael Carretta, Dennis Carroll, Christine Chandler, Barbara Christoff, Luanne Colin, Bob Dacey, Olivia Dowell, Mansuet D’Souza, Marion Embrey, Lou Eskuchen, Chrissy Essig, Nancy Essig, John Filipovits, Barttolemy Forze, David Funsch, Aurélie-Frejus Gogan, Lisa Hinrichs, Grady Hoffman, Mark Kavanaugh, Maryanne Latin, Margaret Leon, Xia Martinez, Genevieve Mbamalu, Louise McAleavy, Noreen McGrath, Grace McGraw, Ted Meek, Christine Miller, Monday Mogollon, Suzy Nathan, Doan Thi Nhàn, Peg O’Hara, Harvey Pelletier, Jace Quinn, Pat Reifsnider, Joann Ryan, Mary Ryan, Mike Sincevich, Jean Smith, Jacqueline Speelman, Neil Stitely, William Ten Eyck, Judy Wahl, Cobi Walschot, Ann Warner, Donnie Weaver, and Rita Weygandt. May our prayers offer them inner strength.

Please contact the Parish Office with your prayer requests.

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday 17 August
12:00 PM African Faith Community .............. Stage

Monday 18 August
10:30 AM Weekday Mass ......................... Chapel
10:30 AM Kid’s Playgroup ............... Fractured Prune

Tuesday 19 August
9:15 AM Weekday Mass ......................... Chapel

Wednesday 20 August
7:00 PM Social Justice Ministry .......... Parish Office

Thursday 21 August
11:30 AM Pray and Play ............... Piraino Home
7:00 PM Grief Support Group .......... Parish Office

Friday 22 August
6:30 AM Weekday Mass ......................... Chapel
7:00 PM L’Arche Event ............... McElroy Hall

Sunday 24 August
10:15 M RCIA .................. School Conference Room

Next Weekend (24 August 2014)

Scripture Readings
Isaiah 22:19-23
Romans 11:33-36
Matthew 16:13-20

In the Gathering Space:
Gift Cards
Parish Picnic
K of C Golf Tournament

Second Collection:
None

Grief Support Group: If you have experienced a death in your life, consider joining Saint Katharine Drexel’s Grief Support Group. We give mourners the opportunity to come together in a safe environment to talk about their loved one, express their feelings, ask questions, and lean on others for comfort and understanding. Our next meeting is Thursday 21 August. The topic is Dealing With the New Normal. Join us in the Parish Office at 7:00 PM. For additional information, please contact Kathy Moore at skdassociate4@saintdrexel.

Last Weekend (10 August 2014)

Attendance at Mass.......................... 865
Registered Households ...................... 863
Number of Parishioners ..................... 2,939

Weekly Offering
Envelopes .................................................. $6,004.00
Electronic Transfer .................. $5,721.00
Loose ........................................................ $587.56
Total ..................................................... $12,312.56

Other Offerings
Poor Box .................................................. $226.16
Food Bank Items ......................... 159
Catholic School Education .......... $880.22

Prayer Service for Iraq: Catholics and all people of good will are invited to join Archbishop William E. Lori for an inter-religious and ecumenical prayer service for persecuted Christians in Iraq. Sectarian violence has forced hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, many of them Christians, from their homes with little more than the clothes on their backs. Children are reported to be dying from thirst and hunger, and women are taken during flight from their homes. Responding to the humanitarian crisis and Pope Francis’ calls for prayers for peace, the Archdiocese of Baltimore will join with people and leaders from other faiths for a prayer service at 2:00 PM on Sunday 24 August at the Basilica in downtown Baltimore. All are welcome.

Don’t Miss Mass When Traveling!
For Mass times and locations throughout the United States, be sure to visit www.masstimes.org.
After Christmas last year, we began running educational inserts in the bulletin each week reflecting on various aspects of the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, one of the major documents to emerge from the Second Vatican Council. It has been 50 years since that document was released, and it seemed to be a good opportunity to reflect on the structure and quality of our worship each week. The inserts come to an end this week, and I hope you have found them helpful over the last six months to deepen your understanding of the experience of communal prayer in the Mass.

All parishes in the United States with the name "Saint Katharine Drexel" have been invited to contribute recipes to a cookbook being published by the religious order Katharine Drexel founded, the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. There is more information elsewhere in this bulletin, and I remind you that the deadline for submitting recipes is approaching soon.

Please take notice of the announcement regarding the L'Arche Sing-Along scheduled for this coming Friday night in McElroy Hall. For some time we have been hosting this support group for individuals with disabilities, their families, and friends as part of our service to the wider community. Our youth ministry often volunteers their service on these Friday nights also. In addition, you will see an insert this weekend describing our new Sunday School program for children and adults with special needs (called "Kate's Special Buddies"). Please call the parish office if you would like more information or would like to become involved.

Archbishop Lori and other major faith leaders are organizing an inter-religious prayer service for Iraq next Sunday in Baltimore (more information elsewhere in this bulletin) to which all are invited. Please continue to pray for the people of Iraq, and for the people of the Holy Land who have been without peace for so long.

Fr. Keith
Catholic School News

St. John Regional Catholic School

Looking for something fun to do with your tot this Fall? Story time for 2, 3, 7 4 year olds with a STEM activity, craft, and refreshments from 8:30–9:30 AM on the second Monday of every month during the school year. This program is free and open to the community. Children must be accompanied by a parent. For more information or to be added to the email reminder list, contact Sheila Evers (301-662-6722) or severs@sjrcs.org.

Children’s Sacramental Preparation Registration is now underway for the sacraments of Reconciliation (confession) and Eucharist (First Communion). Celebration of these sacraments does not take place at a certain grade level, but whenever parents feel their child is ready. If your child did not receive an enrollment packet in the mail, please pick one up at the Information Center or the Parish Office. The parent session for Reconciliation will take place on Sunday 14 September or Tuesday 16 September. If you have questions, please contact Ana Maria Alvarado at skdassociate3@saintdrexel.org or Barbara Miller at barbemiller72@gmail.com.

Children’s Liturgy Assistants: CLOW welcomes the assistance of students in grades 5–8 during their worship session in the Chapel at the 9:00 & 11:00 AM Masses. If you are interested in joining this ministry in the fall, sign-up on the clipboard located in the Chapel or you may sign up-by emailing Pat Mayernik at pamayernik@yahoo.com. New volunteers will have a training session on Sunday 24 August at 10:15 AM in the Chapel.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Have you ever thought about becoming Catholic? Have you been attending Catholic Mass with your spouse, a friend, or family members and would like to learn more about joining the Faith? To learn more about RCIA, call Pastoral Associate Ana Maria Alvarado in the Parish Office or email her at skdassociate3@saintdrexel.org.

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

There are no middle school or high school youth group gatherings during the month of August. Youth group gatherings will resume in September. Enjoy the remaining weeks of summer.

Youth Confirmation Preparation: If you’re a high school youth (entering 9th grade this fall or older) who hasn’t yet been confirmed, you are welcome to begin the preparation process here at SKD in September. Eligible youths must have completed a full year of Faith Formation or Catholic School before beginning the preparation process. For more information or to register please call the Parish Office.

L’Arche Service Project will take place on Friday 22 August from 6:30–9:00 PM in McElroy Hall. High school teens are invited to participate in this outreach to the developmentally and intellectually disabled. RSVP by contacting the Parish Office.

Small Faith Communities for Families: The Christian Family Movement helps you to: enrich your marriage, put your faith into action in everyday life, find support for raising a Christian family, teach your children the value of serving others, and become better connected to your parish. Groups of five to seven families are forming now for monthly meetings beginning in the fall. Families will take turns hosting in their homes. The program fee is $40 and includes CFM membership and program booklets. A kick-off picnic will be held on Saturday 6 September at 4:00 PM. Please contact Rosemary Piraino (301-378-9821) or rosemary.piraino@gmail.com.

Kid’s Playgroup will visit the Fractured Prune on Monday 18 August at 10:30 AM. Come make your own doughnut creation. For $3, you get two doughnuts and a drink. The group is open to any family with small children (birth to school age) looking for social events for the kids. We meet about once a week. For further information, contact Melissa at usckappa2001@aol.com.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISMs: Preparation sessions are scheduled regularly and announced in the bulletin. Parents are encouraged to attend while preparing for the arrival of their child. For more information, contact the Parish Office.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST: Family preparation sessions are scheduled in the fall and spring each year for children desiring to celebrate these sacraments, including those in Catholic Schools. For information call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE: Couples desiring to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage should contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the anticipated date to allow time for the required preparation sessions.

CONFIRMATION: Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation can be started anytime in High School and flexes to adjust to the needs of students. Ongoing Faith Formation participation is required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Adults interested in joining the Catholic Faith? Contact the Parish Office for more information.
**Mark Your Calendars!**

- **7 September > Parish Picnic**
  Join fellow parishioners at Cloverhill Park at 1:00 PM for our annual picnic. Sign-ups will take place in the Gathering Space after all the Masses through **31 August**. For more information, or if you would like to help, please contact Cindy Mulick at 301-624-0088 or cmulick@comcast.net.

**SKD Shrine Cookbook:** Do you have a "special" family recipe you would like to share with the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament? They are currently assembling a cookbook that includes recipes from all over the United States and Haiti that will be published and sold nationally with the proceeds benefiting the sisters and their work. They are interested in old family recipes and down-home cookin'. Recipe sheets are available at the Information Center and in the Parish Office. You are asked to submit your recipes by **20 August 2014** or you may email them to skdshrinecookbook@yahoo.com.

**“Back to School”** donations are being collected during the month of August to provide needed school supplies for homeless children in Frederick County. Please bring your donations of cash, gift cards, or school supplies to the Gift Card table in the Gathering space before Mass or to the Parish Office during business hours. Everything that is collected will be distributed to students by the Frederick County Public School Homeless Services. Last drop-off dates are **30/31 August**.

**L’Arche Sing-Along:** Join us in McElroy Hall for a fun night of sing-along and live music on **Friday 22 August** from 7:00–8:30 PM for. This activity is for individuals with disabilities, their families, and friends. The sing-along is sponsored by Quest for L’Arche in Maryland. L’Arche, French for "The Ark", was founded by Jean Vanier, a Canadian Catholic layman to provide caring homes where people with and without disabilities chose to live together with comfort, spirituality, and respect. For more information, call 301-416-0273.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**WEEKDAY MASS READINGS**
Monday 18 August ...................... Ez 24:15-24/ Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday 19 August ...................... Ez 28:1-10/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday 20 August ................ Ez 34:1-11/ Mt 20:1-16
Thursday 21 August .................... Ez 36:23-28/ Mt 22:1-14
Friday 22 August ...................... Ez 37:1-14/ Mt 22:34-40
Saturday 23 August ................... Ez 43:1-7a/ Mt 23:1-12

**MASS INTENTIONS**
Monday 8/18 10:30 AM .................... Lester Burrier
Tuesday 8/19 9:15 AM ...................... Joseph Montney
Friday 8/22 6:30 AM ..................... Benjamin Dizon Canlas
Saturday 8/23 5:00 PM ................... SKD Parishioners
Sunday 8/24 9:00 AM .................... Teresa Black
11:00 AM ................................. Carol Manley

Mass intentions may be scheduled to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, other special events, or the lives of deceased loved ones. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Frederick County Church Softball League News:**
We played Frederick Presbyterian on Sunday 10 August and won both games, 12–6 and 9–6. We will play St. Ignatius (Father’s Day make-up game) at 5:00 PM on **Sunday 17 August** at Pinecliff field #3. Please contact Bob Eaton at beaton@comcast.net with questions.

**Upcoming Scandinavian Adventure:** Join Fr. Keith, fellow SKD parishioners, and members of several other parishes and their pastors for a wonderful cruise through Northern Europe on the beautiful Holland America ship Eurodam next spring from **8–20 May 2015**. We will visit exciting ports of call throughout the Baltic, including Kiel (Hamburg), Germany; Tallinn, Estonia; Helsinki, Finland; Warnemunde, Germany (a resort town for relaxing or visiting medieval Rostock or historic Berlin). We will also overnight in Stockholm (Sweden), Copenhagen (Denmark), and St. Petersburg (Russia), where we will visit the world famous Hermitage Museum. Airfare has now been established, so this is a good time to secure definitive details about this trip. For more information and to reserve your stateroom, please call Diana Reuling of Your Travel Concierges (301-663-0485) or toll free (855-410-2255).

**SOCIAL OUTREACH**

- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** of Frederick County provides individual, couple, and family counseling at several locations. Call 301-898-7900 for an appt.
- **FREDERICK FOOD BANK** is the recipient of non-perishable food items placed in the baskets located near the entrances before Mass each weekend.
- **FREDERICK RESCUE MISSION** is the recipient of clean and usable clothing placed in the receptacles located near the rest rooms each weekend.
- **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** provides financial assistance to those in need through donations to the poor box. For assistance call 301-662-4676.
- **HELPING HANDS** links parishioners with other parishioners needing help with errands, transportation, household task, etc. Call 301-360-9581.
- **PROJECT RACHEL** offers women and men suffering from abortion trauma a confidential referral to trained counselors and clergy to sort through unresolved feelings and conflicts. Call 410-354-6900 for help.
- **AUBURN CENTER** is a 24-hour crisis pregnancy referral line supported by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Call 1-800-492-5530.
New Sunday School Program
for Children & Adults with Special Needs

Offered weekly in a least restrictive environment, committed to sharing the gospel with individuals of all ability levels;

Provides opportunity for parents & caregivers to attend Mass;

Open to all; parishioners & non-parishioners alike.

Kate's Special Buddies - An invitation for parents & caregivers:

- LOVING, INDIVIDUAL CARE & ATTENTION FOR YOUR SPECIAL PERSON IN THE SAME BUILDING;

- RECHARGE YOUR MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, & SPIRITUAL BATTERIES;

- AN HOUR FOR JUST YOU & GOD;

- PEACEFUL WORSHIP TIME.

Offered every Sunday throughout the year (except Easter Sunday)

10:50 AM to 12:00 Noon

Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church

8428 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, MD 21701

No cost or registration, for planning purposes, please contact Parish Office

(301) 360-9581 to RSVP
Ready, Set, Sign Up for an Afternoon of Food, Fun & Fellowship
Bring your lawn chair & spend the afternoon!

Saint Katherine Drexel Parish Picnic
Sunday, 7 September, 2014
1:00 pm – 4:00 PM
Clover Hill Park
(See directions below)

Menu: Pork Sandwiches, Hot Dogs, Iced Tea, Lemonade

No Cost! Just bring your favorite (with lots to share)
Salads, Side Dishes, & Desserts

Music & Entertainment, Games For All, “SPECIAL EVENTS”

Where?
Directions to Clover Hill Park
From St. Katharine Drexel, Opossumtown Pike, south,—turn right on Poole Jones Rd.
3rd left on Greenvale Drive ~ 1st right on Glendale Drive
Follow Glendale Drive around the turn to the park on your right.
Additional parking at the end of the softball fields before you get to the park entrance.
PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET!

DON’T FORGET TO SIGN UP AFTER MASS (WE NEED A HEADCOUNT)––THANKS
In the eighth century, a great controversy arose in the Church: iconoclasm. Iconoclasts claimed that it was wrong, even blasphemous, to represent Christ and the saints in wood, glass, or stone. They were zealous Christians, who felt the only way properly to image Christ was in the goodness and virtue of one’s life. But the Second Council of Nicaea in 787 decreed that sacred images were not only permissible, but good because they can direct our thoughts to the holy things they represent. Sacred art—whether architecture, glass, mosaics, paintings, or sculpture—opens a window to spiritual realities. That is why our church buildings draw our eyes heavenward, why we illuminate the mysteries of faith in stained glass, why we light candles before statues and icons. Sacred art—both representational and non-representational—leads us by the *via pulchritudinis*, the way of beauty, toward God.
“The Church . . . has admitted styles from every period, according to the proper genius and circumstances of peoples”

(Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 123)

No one artistic style can be described as “Catholic.” Rather, just as the Church has drawn people of all races and languages to Christ, the Church has taken to herself many forms of music, art, and architecture. Had this not been the case, the glory of the Gothic cathedrals would never have leapt up toward the heavens and the exuberance of the Baroque would never have had a chance to express the joy and glory of Christ’s Resurrection. Today, we are more aware than ever that we are a global Church: Our experience of the faith is enriched by Russian icons, Ethiopian illuminations, vestments from Vietnam, and a myriad of contemporary architectural styles. Who we are as Catholics is not defined by any one “look” or language. To be Catholic is to be open to what is beautiful from every time and place—including ours.