THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD January 6, 2019

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers Pastor

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Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Karalis, SSJ, Colleen Maguire, Frank Tosti, JoAnne Alexander, Bill Bruno, Dan Hayes, Robert McAlaine, Erika Murdocca, Betty Sabol, Patrick Scanlon, Jessica Waltman, Jeff Walkenhorst

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Scott Belveal, John Church, Carolyn Evans, Frank Tosti

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 pm Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30am

Weekday Masses

Monday-Friday 6:30, 8:00am Saturday 8:00am

Holy Days

Vigil 6:00pm 6:30 & 8:00am, 12:10 & 7:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 4:00-4:45pm

Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays 12:45pm Please contact the rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married are asked to contact the parish priest at least 6 months in advance.

Sacrament of the Sick

For those who are seriously ill, aged or infirm, or who are scheduled for surgery.

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's

9:30 AM Joseph Ruddy 11:30 AM Ann Tosti 6:00 PM Youth Mass

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White Anne Therese Śmith 8:00 AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 6:30 AM Jimmy McAllister

Pegg and Flaherty Families 8:00 AM

WEDNESDAYJANUARY 9, 2019 Joseph Gallagher 6:30 AM 8:00 AM Deacon George Bolter

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019

6:30 AM Tony Hayden

8:00 AM Deacon George Bolter

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11, 2019 6:30 AM Pam McMahon 8:00 AM Herbert B. Smith, Jr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 2019 8:00 AM Lee MacMurtrie

5:00 PM James and Marjorie White

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 2019

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's

9:30 AM John Manning 11:30 AM Elizabeth Bole

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Requests for Pravers Sick Prayer List:

If you wish to have your name or the name of a loved one added to this prayer list, please call or email us. New names will appear in bold. Other than critical or terminal conditions, the names will remain on this list for 30 days. Please help us keep our prayer list current by letting us know when the status of a person on the sick list changes. Due to HIPAA laws, parish staff does not know if a parishioner is hospitalized or placed in a nursing home unless someone informs them. Please contact the parish office if you would like a hospital visit.

Ryan Carlton Charles Carr Mark Del uca Patrick Graham Jean Hemcher Ginny Jackson

Libby Judge Corrine Kerrigan Daniel Maguire Timothy Mahoney John McCabe Logan Schweiter

Claire Sieracki Debbie Snyder John Studenka Connie Winoski

Deceased Prayer List:

Duke Oxford, Michelle Heacock



Check out our website at www.sksparish.org!



Visit us on Facebook.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mothers of Young Children

Wednesday, January 9th from 9:30 to 11:30 am: Parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 are welcome to join us for our weekly play group in the Parish Center. Contact Emily Monstra - emilydevoe@yahoo.com or (610) 955-9676 for more information. Also, please feel free to join our Facebook group - Saint Katharine's Mothers of Young Children - to get more information on meet-ups and events.

H.O.P.E. Co-Leaders this Week – (Group 2)

Shauna Munshower 610-688-4348 Colleen Maguire 610-688-0551

"8 O'Clock at Wayne" Group

Weekly A.A. meetings are held Katharine's Parish Center on Friday nights at 8:00 pm.

Close-Knit Community

The St Katharine group of knitters and crocheters meets every Wednesday in the parish center from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. All are welcome to join us in making warm items for the needy. Rides can be arranged. For information, call Marie Rauscher at (610) 964-0642.

Parish Coffee

SKS Religious Education is hosting a Parish Coffee after the 9:30 Mass today. Coffee and treats will be served.

All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Clothing Drive

Every second Sunday of the month, our parish provides a collection point for used clothing, housewares and furniture in good condition for a thrift shop in North Philadelphia. The thrift shop sells these items and distributes the proceeds to area churches to help them fund their mission outreach work. Please place your used clothing, housewares and furniture in good condition under the overhang of the Midland Avenue school entrance before 1:00 pm on the second Sunday of every month. The next clothing drive is next Sunday.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed this marvelous festive season as we celebrated once again the birth of our Savior at Christmas as well as the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph last Sunday. Gathering together with family and friends is certainly a wonderful way to commemorate our Lord joining our human family so that we could become once again worthy to be part of God's family! The Christmas season ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord next Sunday.

As we begin another year in God's grace. I want to thank you - in the name of the thousands of people throughout the Archdiocese who will benefit - for your tremendous generosity to the 2018 Catholic Charities Appeal; (we reached a new milestone this year)! As you may recall from my report on the Catholic Charities Appeal early this year – it was in my 18 February 2018 Parish Bulletin article - our goal for 2018 was \$152,390.00. And, as in past years, we exceeded our goal; the total collected to date is \$161,291. As you know from the literature you receive every year, the Catholic Charities Appeal assists men, women and children throughout the Archdiocese through a whole variety of organizations, programs and other initiatives; in their name, I thank you. Your ongoing generous response to this annual appeal is a true testimony to your awareness that, as followers of Christ, we are all called to make his love and care apparent to all the world.

Speaking of making our Lord apparent, today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of our Lord. As you surely know, Epiphany means "to appear to" and today, it refers to the manifestation of the infant Jesus to the gentiles, personified in the wise men who came from the East. As we hear in today's Gospel, "magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem saying, 'Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." However, in the writings of early Christians, the term "epiphany" was also used in reference to his birth since it was then that God appeared in human form. In fact, "epiphany" often referred to his baptism and the wedding feast at Cana as well, since these were events where Jesus' divinity was made manifest. Today's readings at Mass all focus on the visit by the magi but throughout the Divine Office (the official prayer that clergy are required - and laity are encouraged - to pray throughout the day), there are references to our Lord's birth, baptism and miracle at Cana - all vestiges of the events that have been indicated by this feast.

Down through the past 2,000 years of Christianity, it has taken on significance in a variety of ways around the world. In the Western Church, Christians began celebrating the Epiphany in 354AD, associating it with the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus. The three kings-tradition has given them the names Melchior, Caspar

and Balthazar (representing Europe, Arabia and Africa respectively) - followed the star of Bethlehem to meet the baby Jesus where they offered gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. The gifts were symbolic of the importance of Jesus' birth. The gold represented his royal standing as the new king in the line of David, frankincense symbolized his divinity and myrrh anticipated his death (myrrh is a balm used to prepare a body for burial).

The Solemnity of the Epiphany began to be celebrated in the Eastern Church around 361AD. Even today, many Eastern Churches consider the Epiphany as important as – if not more important than – Christmas. During the medieval period, Christmas was celebrated for the 12 days from Christmas Eve on December 24, until the Epiphany. Even up until the 19th century, January 6 was as big a celebration as Christmas Day in many countries.

We Catholics observe Epiphany on a single day, usually on the Sunday after 6 January or, as it happens this year, on 6 January when it occurs on a Sunday. For many Protestant churches, however, the season of Epiphany extends from 6 January until Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. The last Sunday of the Epiphany is celebrated as Transfiguration Sunday. And, some Orthodox Christians, who celebrate Christmas on 7 January, observe the Epiphany on 19 January each year. Across the world, the day's celebration is observed in a variety of ways. In the Spanish speaking world, Epiphany is known as El Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings' Day). In some Latin American countries, believers gather to taste the Rosca de Reyes - Kings' bread. A Jesus figurine is often hidden in the bread and whoever finds the small statue of the baby Jesus hidden inside their slice of the Rosca de Reyes throws a party on Candlemas in February.

Yes, we celebrate our God's becoming apparent to us through his Son, born of Mary, made manifest to the wise men who came from the East, baptized by John in the Jordan when God's voice from heaven declared "this is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests; listen to him", and showing his love and concern for everyone he met by his miraculous acts – the first of which was changing water into wine at Cana. In these – and countless other ways – the Sacred Scriptures recall God's revelation to us in his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the Epiphany today, let us be grateful to our God, who has made his presence known to all who open their eyes of faith to see!



PARISH ACTIVITIES



Calling all college students

While you are home during the Christmas break, please come to our first Teen Mass of 2019 tonight at 6:00 pm. The Youth Group meeting will follow in the parish center from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Steph Twohig at youthministry@sksparish.org.



MLK Day of Service

The Youth Group, along with our parish and school, will again be helping the different shelters, Cabrini Food Pantry and, this year, Covenant House. If you would like to donate any of the Items listed below, please drop them off in the church library next weekend Jan 12-13, or the weekend of Jan 19-20.

Teen Items: soap, tooth brushes, travel tooth paste, travel shampoo, deodorant, shower caps, flip flops (for shower), bath towels, and blankets for a twin bed.(any donations are GREATLY appreciated)

Our teens will be assembling the packages on Monday January 21st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the school cafeteria. If you have any questions, please contact Steph Twohig at youthminister@sksparish.org.

Low-Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

As more people become aware of celiac disease, which, according to a recent report in the World of Gastroenterology, "now affects one in 100 people in Europe and North America," lowgluten hosts (i.e., with a gluten content of 0.01 percent) are available at Mass for those who request them. Please contact the rectory during regular office hours or text Msgr. Brouwers directly (610-420-8749) at least fifteen minutes before the Mass you plan to attend so the hosts can be ready for you.

Thanks from Mercy Hospice

Dear St. Katharine of Siena Parishioners,

On behalf of the staff and residents of Mercy Hospice, I wanted to extend a warm thank you for making this year's Christmas a memorable one. Without the support from people like you, we would not be able to provide our residents with a true Christmas experience. Some of our residents have not celebrated the Christmas season in years and some of our children never experienced the joy of opening gifts on Christmas morning. Your donations to Mercy are life changing for the women and children that reside here. Your kindness and love exemplifies the true meaning of Christmas. We are extremely grateful for your continuous generosity over the years. Be assured of our prayers for a blessed New Year.

Nicole Wakeman Program Director

Casseroles for Mercy Hospice

Thirty-six years ago (December of 1982), the first announcement appeared in the Parish Bulletin about Mercy Hospice in Center City, Philadelphia, and the need for casseroles to feed homeless women and children. For the past 36 years, the response has always been generous.

In December, we delivered 36 casseroles, 5 turkeys and lots of bread from Panera's. Our next deadline is **Wednesday**, **January 16th**. Pans and recipes for newcomers to the program are located at the Aberdeen Avenue door of the church.

New Years resolutions are a part of tradition so maybe you could make ONE casserole a month to help out. No time to cook? They could use regular coffee, creamer, sugar, cake mixes, peanut butter and jelly. Info: Kay and Jerry Lafferty, 610-687-4707.

Thanks from Cabrini University

We delivered non-perishable food items you generously left in the parish library to stock the food pantry at Cabrini University.

We were told 49 students who are food insecure, have registered to receive the donated items. The University staff and students thank you and hope we can continue to support their program.

Suggestions: soup, cereal, pasta mixes, ravioli, crackers, fruit cups and oatmeal. Info: Kay and Jerry Lafferty, 610-687-4707.



St. Katharine's is happy to introduce a new opportunity for supporting your parish through online giving. We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer a simple, secure, and convenient means of contributing to St. Katharine's using your credit card or bank account.

To get started, scan the QR Code below or go to http://sksparish.org/give and follow the easy registration steps. If you need assistance enrolling or if you have questions, please contact Angela Kusterbeck, our parish business manager at 610-688-4584 or busmgr@sksparish.org.



Flocknote

"Thank you" to everyone who has signed up on Flocknote. This helps everyone in the parish connect more easily. To date, over 1,100 parishioners have signed up!

If you haven't signed up yet, no worries, sign up is quick and easy! Visit www.flocknote.com/sksparish and fill in your First Name, Last Name, Email and Mobile Phone or just fill out the card in your pew and drop it in the collection basket. Once enrolled, you will start receiving general parish communications and announcements.

Eucharistic *Eucharistic Adoration* takes place at St. Katharine's every Monday from the end of the 8:00 am Mass until BenAdoration ediction which starts at 4:30 pm and lasts until around 4:45 pm. Spend some quiet time with the Lord. Read the divine words of Our Lord Jesus, meditate, pray or just sit quietly and listen to His words to you. You will leave the church happy and refreshed. Come and visit for as few or as many minutes as you have. You won't be sorry. This is the best gift that you could ever give yourself.





Respect Life

Fourth Culture of Life Concert and Dinner The Story of Life Sunday, January 27, 2019 at 4:00 pm

Featuring: Archbishop John Carroll High School Honors Choir, vocalists from Merion Mercy Academy, Harpist Gianna Coffee of Cardinal O'Hara High School, SKS alumnus Jack Terzian and his friend Claire Jacob will give compelling presentation about their life journeys.

RSVP by January 20th to Cultureof-Life4.eventbrite.com. Tickets are \$20/person or \$50/family.

Thank You from Mothers Home

Thank you to all of our parishioners who helped to make the Mothers Home bottle drive a success this year. We collected \$1,207. Mothers Home, located in Darby, PA, is a residential shelter that provides a safe haven for vulnerable, pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. These dollars are instrumental in allowing Mothers Home to meet their overhead and to provide parenting and life skill training for our mothers so that they can achieve independence and self-sufficiency. For more information please visit mothershome.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catholic Social Services Needs Foster Parents for Unaccompanied Children Program

Catholic Social Services (CSS) is recruiting foster care parents to welcome unaccompanied children from Mexico and Central America into their homes. These pre-adolescent children have come here alone or been separated from their families at the border, and many have experienced significant trauma. What they need is caring individuals or families willing to provide a supportive foster care home environment for 2 to 3 months while the children attend a daily educational and counseling program located at the former St. Bernard School on 7340 Jackson Street in Northeast Philadelphia. Households within about a half-hour commuting distance to the program would be preferable. Ability to speak some Spanish would be helpful but is not required. Please contact Robert Montoro at montoro@chsadphila.org or call 267-331-2443 for more information.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We, of St. Katharine of Siena Parish, believe that we have been gifted with life, faith and discipleship. Empowered by Jesus in word and sacrament, we are called to grow in wisdom and grace, fidelity to His Sewardship

Church, and in service to our brothers and sisters.

Time and Talent Team Coordinators: Bob McAlaine: bobbydmc@gmail.com, Stephanie McAlaine: s.mcalaine@verizon.net, Chris Gagliardi: cgagliardi@cdssh.org

WORSHIP

Adoration

Maureen Reilly 610-989-3747 Marie Northington 610-687-6498

Adult Altar Servers

Canice Treangen 610-525-3494

Altar Servers

Liz Dole 610-291-8475

Charismatic Prayer Group

Paul Hayes 610-687-8835

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Betty Sabol 610-688-9489 Michele Staves mcstaves@gmail.com

Church Environment

Amy Tahtabrounian 610-688-3970

Eucharistic Ministers

Patrice Polgar 484-620-2282

Liturgical Music Ministries

Jeremy Triplett 610-688-9489

Ministers of Hospitality

Canice Treangen 610-525-3494

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

Craig Hadden 610-688-0481

Pre Jordan

Sister Mary Elizabeth 610-688-7890

Rosary Group Mary Ann Mahoney

Mary Ann Mahoney 610-971-0441

CATECHESIS

Bible Study

Msgr. Brouwers 610-688-4584

Home and School Association

Rebecca Roe 610-529-9768

Marriage Preparation

Dan and Julie Pijawka 610-993-1249

Parish School

Frank Tosti 610-688-5451

P.R.E.P. and P.R.E.P. Board (CCD Advisory Board)

Sr. Mary Elizabeth Karalis 610-688-7890

Respect Life

Matt and Maria Sowden 610-975-9474 sksrespectlife@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Msgr. Brouwers 610-688-4584

ABUSE POLICY

Report Abuse to:

Office of Child and Youth Protection Archdiocese of Philadelphia 888-800-8780 www.archphila.org/protection

Pennsylvania Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-932-0313

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact Rectory 610-688-4584

Hospitality Committee (Newcomers)

Helen Gleason 610-688-0124

Mothers of Young Children

Elise Parisi moyc@sksparish.org

Parish Coffee

Anne Walkenhorst 610-525-1452

Parish Center Reservations Manager

Marian Cellucci 610-688-7044

Aberdeen Club

Susan Diebold 610-527-3298

Walking with Purpose

Maureen Reilly 610-989-3747 Susan Wiener 610-331-3847

OUT OF PARISH RESOURCES

Archdiocesan Information 215-587-3600

Crisis Pregnancy Line 1-800-CARE-002

Metropolitan Tribunal 215-587-3750

Separated and Divorced Catholics

215-587-0500

If you are interested in learning more about any of the groups call the contact name above or the rectory at 610-688-4584.

SERVICE

Aid for Friends

Barbara Gallagher 610-687-6526

Athletic Association

Michael McCormick ad@sksparish.org

Blood Drive

MaryAnn Crowe 610-688-9479

Boy Scouts

John McGee 610-389-0451

C.A.R.E.S. (Children Are

Receiving Extended Care) Michael Gavin 610-587-7440

Close Knit Community

Marie Rauscher 610-964-0642

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)

Colleen Maguire 610-688-0551 Shauna Munshower 610-688-4348

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Robert and Jane Till 610-710-6410

Knights of Columbus

Tom Grube skskofc@gmail.com

Mercy Hospice Casserole Program

Jerry and Kay Lafferty 610-687-4707

Parish Library

Christine Purkis 610-687-8367

Parish Center Kitchen

Ginny Dutton 610-710-6307

Persons with Disabilities

Rosemarie Mazzeo 215-888-1043

St. Martin de Porres Outreach

Beth Stone 610-688-8627