

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers
Pastor

Rev. Msgr. John J. Jagodzinski
Pastor Emeritus

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Father Scott Reilly, LC
Weekend Assistant
484-422-8117

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610-688-5451

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610-688-7890

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610-688-9489

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Karalis, SSJ, Colleen Maguire, Frank Tosti, JoAnne Alexander, Sarah Bradley, Dan Hayes, Ed Kubala, Nick Lee, Robert McAlaine, Jessica Waltman, Jeff Walkenhorst

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, 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, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's
 9:30 AM Gloria DeMitis
 11:30 AM Carmen Perez

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2019

6:30 AM Helene Frelicot
 8:00 AM Jean Karalis

Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 8:00 am Mass with Benediction starting at 4:30 pm.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2019

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
 8:00 AM Keith Mastronardo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2019

6:30 AM Libby Bruno
 8:00 AM Brian Evans

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019

6:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
 8:00 AM Thomas McCafferty

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2019

6:30 AM Jeff Bond
 8:00 AM Dorothy and John Boyd

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019

8:00 AM Richard Caruso (Living)
 5:00 PM Margaret Schwartz

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's
 9:30 AM Thomas Payne, Jr.
 11:30 AM Marjorie White

Readings: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



Requests for Prayers 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.

Mario Andan	Jean Hencher	Madeleine O'Keefe
Lucia Billings	Helen Hobson	Paula Rudnick
Robert Bruno	Ginny Jackson	Logan Schweiter
Charles Callaghan	Libby Judge	Claire Sieracki
Ryan Carlton	Corrine Kerrigan	Jessica Smucker
Charles Carr	Tony Lopez	Debbie Snyder
Jackie Chedeville	Daniel Maguire	Maryanne Sullivan
Mark DeLuca	Timothy Mahoney	Connie Winoski
Patrick Graham	John McCabe	

Deceased Prayer List:

Barbara Fitzgerald, Mimi Schwerdtfeger, John J. Fitzsimmons



Check out our website at www.sksparish.org



Visit us on Facebook.

ONGOING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mothers of Young Children Wednesday, November 20th 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 are welcome to join us for our weekly play group in the Parish Center. Contact Elise Parisi at moyc@sksparish.org or 484-885-0130 for more information. Join our Facebook group - Saint Katharine's Mothers of Young Children - to get more information on meet-ups and events.

H.O.P.E. Leader this Week – (Group 8)

Gail Dillon 610-688-0533

“8 O’Clock at Wayne” Group

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

Sister Kathleen Callaghan

Sister Kathleen had shoulder replacement surgery last week. Below is the address of St. Joseph's Villa for anyone wishing to send their best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Sister Kathleen Callaghan
 St. Joseph Villa
 110 W. Wissahickon Avenue
 Flourtown, PA 19031-1898
 215-836-4179

Close-knit Community

The knitting and crocheting group of St. Katharine of Siena parish meets every Wednesday in the Parish Center from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. We create warm items for several organizations in the diocese. Not sure of your skills? Come along and we'll be happy to help you. Feel free to drop in and say hello; we'd love to see you. For information, call Marie Rauscher at (610) 964-0642.



HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for both the November 24th and the December 1st Bulletin is due to the rectory by **5:00 pm this Monday.**



The December 22nd Bulletin information is due to the rectory by noon on **Tuesday, December 10th.** The December 29th Bulletin by noon on Monday, December 16th and the January 5th Bulletin by noon on Wednesday, December 18th.

A SMALLER BUT MORE COMMITTED CHURCH

The Pew Research Center, a nonpartisan organization that conducts public opinion polls to inform the public about the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world, recently released the results of its ongoing study on religion in our country. The results were not surprising and they are worthy of our reflection. The report tracks the numbers of Christians, Catholics and “nones”, that is, those who identify their religious identity as atheistic, agnostic or “nothing in particular”, over the past ten years here in the U.S.A. In 2009, 77% of the population identified themselves as Christians; last year, that number was down 12 percent to 65%. The Catholic population in 2009 was 23%; last year, it was 20%. On the other hand, the “nones” have grown from 17% in 2009 to 26% last year. Of the “nones”, only 4% describe themselves as atheists; the rest either don’t believe God can be known or choose not to identify themselves with any religion.

Attendance at religious services has also declined. In 2009, 52% of the American population reported to have attended a religious service at least once or twice a month; last year, it was 45%. On the other hand, those who attend only occasionally have risen in percentage from 47% to 54%.

Unfortunately, we see a trend that started in the mid-60’s and continues today. The ongoing clergy sex abuse scandal has not helped but this trend here in America has many contributing factors: the sexual revolution, humanism, relativism, materialism, secularism and individualism are the main ones. And, we are lagging behind Europe by only a few years, where the trend away from religious affiliation is even more extreme.

Fortunately, the global picture is much more reassuring; the percentage of religiously affiliated (84%) and “nones” (16%) remains about the same as ten years ago. The only notable shift has been between the Christian and the Islam populations; the Islam population has increased by 1% while the Christian population has declined by 1%.

Meanwhile, we in the U.S.A. are trying to understand and address the trend of disenfranchisement from organized religion; as I mentioned above, there are many factors beyond the clergy sex abuse scandal that have affected the downward trend. Those of us who are fifty years old or older remember when churches were full and the lives of many people revolved around church activities. Many lived in Catholic neighborhoods where it was culturally expected to be involved in the Church.

I believe the first challenge to this culture occurred in our country with a shift in our teaching about God from one who is to be feared to one who loves us. At a time when many Catholics went to Church out of fear of going to hell, the focus on the teaching that God loves us all – very true but also very simplistic – made it easier to skip Mass in favor of other activities. Then, with the introduction of artificial contraceptives, we see another decline in Mass attendance after Pope Paul VI issued his controversial encyclical, *Humanae Vitae*. The desire for sexual satisfaction was met with clear teachings on the sanctity of life and the unbreakable link between sexual intercourse and procreativity. Then, as the humanism of the intellectual world began to sift down to the common folk, a comment in Fyodor Dostoyevsky’s book, *The Possessed*, written in 1872, “If there is not God, then I am God,” started to become a significant part of the American landscape. As we became more humanistic, we considered ourselves god and become the arbiters of life – deciding when it had value and when it was to be discarded. As relativism seeped in, we also became the arbiters of truth – redefining marriage, gender and objective reality in so many other ways. And, as we became more prosperous, we were able to attain and become more satisfied with momentary happiness and stop searching for eternal joy; that’s the main reason why religion prospers in poor areas but languishes in affluent ones. As more people turned away from religion, they began to oppress it in order to silence the inner voice that recognized its importance in their lives. As more people became more isolated from each other, due to mobility and the proliferation of electronic devices, they turned to destructive means (pornography, alcohol, drugs, etc.) that deadened their senses that naturally draw human beings into communion with one another. And, as they became disenchanted with all human institutions – which are all flawed – they mistook religion as just another human institution and worked to dismantle it in the same way that they are dismantling so many human institutions.





In the face of all of this, it's easy to become discouraged. I'm not discouraged, however, because I see a purification going on and those of us who remain involved in our Church are even more committed to it. I'm reminded of the Church's foundation – Jesus Christ – and the people he called around him: Judas, who used to steal from the common purse and who betrayed Jesus; Peter, who tried to prevent Jesus from going to Jerusalem and then abandoned him at his hour of greatest need; James and John, who were only concerned with the glory they could enjoy at Jesus' left and right; and Paul, who started out as a persecutor of the followers of Jesus. And, through the ages, even until today, we have had countless examples of weak, deeply flawed people in leadership positions. And yet, the Church has continued, because it is not a human institution but one founded by God himself – through his Son, Jesus Christ – and led by his Holy Spirit.

Yes, the role of religion in America is declining. But, it's importance to our country remains. And, in our little corner of the country, I see lots of signs of life and reasons to hope. Our many parish organizations are thriving and so many of them help us to grow closer to God and as a faith community. We continue to grow – from 6,537 parishioners in 2009 to 7,120 last year. Although our October Count continues to show a decline in Mass attendance (26% in 2009; 13% last year), our records show that 44% of our families contributed with a Sunday envelope throughout the course of last year; this seems to indicate that almost half of our families attend Sunday Mass with some regularity. So, I invite you to reflect on the importance of the Church in your life. It is, indeed, made up of sinners – in fact, that's why it exists: to bring sinners back to God – but it is solidly built on Jesus Christ, our foundation, and it will continue to be the beacon of light and truth for all who seek it. Let's recommit ourselves to be the fullest reflection of this truth so that, as Jesus commands us, our light will shine before others and they may see our good deeds and glorify our Heavenly Father!

The 4th annual DELCO Lock-In last weekend was a huge success! It was a night of games, adoration, bubble soccer, a speaker, pizza, service, Just Dance and Mass!



**Hey Youth Group...
Movie this Sunday, November 17th
From 6-8:00 pm in the parish center.**

We will be watching Breakthrough and of course snacks will be served!



Parish Nurse Ministry

Influenza (flu) and viral infections have affected people all across the country and can linger for 7 to 10 days. Some basic reminders are:

- ◆ Get a flu shot because it is never too late to get one. If you are sick, stay home and avoid contact with others.
- ◆ Limit your activities and rest your body along with good hydration and a balanced diet.
- ◆ Wash your hands often and cover your cough into your elbow not your hand.
- ◆ Take over the counter medications to treat the various symptoms such as a cough, fever, sore throat, and nasal congestion.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. Martin de Porres Food Pantry

Our sister parish, St. Martin de Porres, operates a food pantry for their parishioners. Many of these families rely on this facility for their daily needs. On Thanksgiving, we are holding a special drive to help replenish the pantry. Please bring any non-perishable items to the 9:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving Day and we will transport them to SMDP. If you are unable to attend, but would like to contribute, items can be placed in the church library starting the weekend of November 23rd and 24th. We thank you for your continued support of our sister parish!

Casseroles and Groceries for Mercy Hospice

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we are thankful for our many blessings. With the spirit of gratitude, let us support the women and children of Mercy Hospice with groceries and casseroles.

In October, we delivered 50 casseroles. The Rotary Club graciously gave their time and made 22 casseroles. We are extending the next deadline for groceries and casseroles to **Wednesday, November 21st**. Pans and recipes are located inside the Aberdeen Avenue door of the church. For more info please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171, Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436, or Susan Wiener at 610-331-3847.



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE
Weeks of 6 November 2019 — 12 November 2019

<u>PARISH INCOME</u>	<u>PARISH EXPENSES</u>
Sunday Collection: \$9,878.00	Administration Expenses: \$2,330.53
Electronic Giving: \$10,003.67	
Other Income: \$2,090.08	Other Expenses: \$6,574.85
Weekly Income: \$21,971.75	Weekly Expenses: \$8,905.38
YTD Income: \$1,520,993.82	YTD Expenses: \$1,307,739.02
	YTD Balance: \$213,254.80

Mercy Hospice Giving Tree

Next weekend two trees will be decorated with tags suggesting gifts for the homeless women and children at Mercy Hospice. The trees will be located at the St. Joseph Shrine and at the Lancaster Avenue vestibule. Please take a tag with the suggested item and bring your unwrapped gift to the church and place it in the wrapped open box located at the St. Therese Shrine by Sunday, December 15th. For more information please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171, Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436, or Susan Wiener at 610-331-3847.

Interfaith Hospitality Network of the Main Line

The Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) provides temporary housing to homeless families and supports them in accessing community resources. Each week, the families move to one of ten host congregations on the Main Line. SKS parish supports Wayne Presbyterian Church when the families visit by helping with the set-up on Sunday morning, making meals and spending time as evening and overnight hosts. We **REALLY** need volunteers for the next visit **during Thanksgiving week (November 24th - December 1st)**!

Please consider volunteering your time to this very worthy cause. For more information or to register, please contact our parish coordinator, Jane Till at 610-710-6410, or email jane.jht@gmail.com.

Cabrini University Food Pantry

The Cabrini University students who are using the Food Pantry are grateful for the non-perishable food items that we deliver. The students in need can stop in at the Food Pantry throughout the day to grab a snack or get something to eat for breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

Non-perishable, single serve, microwaveable items as well as snacks/treats such as cracker packs, cookie packets, granola bars, trail mix packets are appreciated. For more info please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171, Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436, or Susan Wiener at 610-331-3847.



*****SAVE THE DATE*******

March for Life 2020
When: Friday , January 24, 2020
Where: Washington DC
Time: Depart SKS at 6:30 am



Sisters of St. Joseph

The Sisters of Saint Joseph are conducting their annual chance drive to benefit the sick and elderly Sisters of Saint Joseph in St. Joseph Villa in Flourtown. We, the Sisters of St. Joseph, who work at St. Katharine's are asking for your support. Chances will be available in the rectory until Friday, November 22nd. There are 11 ways to win!!

Donation--\$1.00 each or \$5.00 for a book of 6 chances
 Grand prize is \$10,000
 Ten Prizes of \$500 each
 Drawing is December 8, 2019

Thank you for your help.
 Sisters Kathleen and Mary Elizabeth

Adopt-A-Family

Sign up to adopt a St. Martin's family after the Masses at St. Katharine's this weekend. Then, assemble a box of modest gifts or clothing for each member of your adopted family. Bring the gifts to St. Katharine's School cafeteria on Saturday, December 7th, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm. Your gifts will be trucked to Philadelphia and distributed to the families by St. Martin's parishioners in time for Christmas day.

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 Church, and in service to our brothers and sisters.



Time and Talent Team Coordinators: Bob McAlaine: bobbydmc@gmail.com,
Chris Gagliardi: cgagliardi@cddssh.org

SERVICE

Aid for Friends
Barbara Gallagher
610-687-6526

Athletic Association
Michael McCormick
ad@sksparish.org

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
Jane Dwyer
610-306-9171
Jane Dooner
610-505-1436
Susan Wiener
610-331-3847

Parish Library
Christine Purkiss
610-202-5360

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

WORSHIP

Adoration

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

Adult Altar Servers

Paul and Alicia Peterson
610-989-0277

Altar Servers

Lisa Lopez-Carickoff
610-793-7681

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

Dr. Ted Latham
610-688-9489

Ministers of Hospitality

TBF

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

Craig Hadden
610-688-0481

Pre Jordan

Sister Mary Elizabeth
610-688-7890

Rosary Group

Mary Ann Mahoney
610-971-0441

CATECHESIS

Bible Study

Msgr. Brouwers
610-688-4584

Home and School Association

Erin Buckley
610-331-8237

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
skspectlife@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
Colleen Brady
610-687-3449

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.