

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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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, DECEMBER 1, 2019

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's
9:30 AM Proculo and Carmen Andres
11:30 AM Alexander and DiLauro Families

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM Msgr. Bernard Witkowski

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Eugene J. Maguire, Sr.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

6:30 AM CJ Danna
8:00 AM Jerry Lafferty

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

6:30 AM Helen Grinnan
8:00 AM Rajive Sondhi

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019

6:30 AM Gallagher and McDonnell Families
8:00 AM Domenic Martino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019

8:00 AM Gene Luongo
5:00 PM Cindy Quinn

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's
9:30 AM Boagio Piazza
11:30 AM John McCafferty, Jr/

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12



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:

Mary Christopher, Patrick McGinty, Barbara Fitzgerald



Check out our website at www.sksparish.org



Visit us on Facebook.

ONGOING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mothers of Young Children

Wednesday, December 4
9:30 am - 11:00 am

Parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 are welcome to join us for Christmas Carols with the Kindergarten. We will meet in the parish center at 9:30 and then walk over to the school together! Also, this is the last day to bring your wrapped presents for our Adopt a Family!! Contact Elise Parisi at moyc@sksparish.org or 484-885-0130 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 1)

Vicki Manganiello	610-608-8935
Anne Layfield	610-688-2423

"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. 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

March for Life 2020

When: Friday, January 24, 2020

Where: Washington DC

Time: Depart SKS at 6:30 am

Make your reservations to go on the bus trip to the March on Friday, January 24th in Washington, DC. Eleven spots are already taken. Please call Maria Sowden at 610-975-9474



HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

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.

THE SEASONS OF ADVENT

“Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” (Mt 24:44).

With these words, our Lord helps to prepare us for his coming. As we begin a new liturgical year today, the First Sunday of Advent, allow me to reflect on the season of Advent and the *Gospel of Matthew* (from which we will hear extensively during this liturgical year).

We human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the rest of the animals in this world, we are blessed with the ability to recognize the future and to realize that our actions have some effect in shaping it. This is such an essential element of humanity that we cannot live without it. We must have something to live for, something to which we look forward. Once there is nothing to live for, we give up and die. But, we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for so many different things that will give us reason to live. Whether it be as close to us as living for our children and grandchildren or as global as trying to make the world a little better or as simple as eagerly anticipating our next vacation, these all give us a reason to live, something for which we can hope.

One of the reasons we Christians read the Old Testament during the Advent season is to learn where we should place our hope as followers of Christ. The people of the Old Testament times had great hopes. As we hear in today's first reading from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah*, they believed that “in the days to come” the Lord would fulfill the promise he had made to the house of Israel, when “the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it” (Is 2:1-2). They were looking for that day when God would establish Israel as the greatest of all nations and lead all people toward his kingdom here on earth.

Our hope is a little different than the hope of the people of the Old Testament since we live in the age of fulfillment. The coming of Jesus in history has brought about the beginning of the Kingdom of God. So, our hope is for its complete fulfillment as Jesus prepares to come again. As we celebrate the Season of Advent, let us turn our hope to the fulfillment of God's plan, which will bring lasting peace and joy to our lives!

Beginning this Sunday, we will begin to hear from the *Gospel of Matthew* throughout the Sundays of this liturgical year. Each of the years in the Church's three-year Sunday cycle features one of the three Synoptic Gospels. Year A, which begins today, features the *Gospel of Matthew*, year B features the *Gospel of Mark*, and year C - which ended last Sunday - features the *Gospel of Luke*. This cycle allows us to hear each gospel, which presents our Lord's teachings in slightly different ways since each gospel was written to different audiences at different times under different circumstances

and for different reasons. The *Gospel of John* is also featured on certain Sundays throughout the year as well as on the first Sundays of Lent and during the Easter season.

The *Gospel of Matthew* is generally thought to be written at least after 70AD and probably after 80AD (40 to 50 years after our Lord's death and Resurrection) in Antioch, Syria. Like the gospels of *Mark* and *Luke*, it was written as the eye-witnesses of our Lord were dying and they wanted to preserve the important message of salvation they had received from him while he was in their midst. Like the other gospels, the text of the *Gospel of Matthew* does not identify the author. Although it was traditionally thought to be Matthew, also known as Levi, the tax collector-turned-apostle, modern scripture scholars identify him as either a Jewish Christian or a Gentile Christian, not an eye-witness to Jesus' ministry. Intended for Jewish converts to Christianity who were being persecuted by both Jews and Romans, it seeks to encourage them to be confident that Jesus is, indeed, the Messiah, the fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures prophecies.

As we begin this new liturgical year, let us listen carefully to all the readings - and especially the *Gospel of Matthew* - which are proclaimed to prepare us for the Kingdom of God! May they encourage us in our doubt and strengthen us in our faith in the Lord.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

We are blessed to have approximately 2,600 religious sisters, brothers and priests in 74 religious congregations serving in our Archdiocese. They have dedicated their lives to serve in a wide variety of ministries, teaching in our numerous elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities, caring for the sick and marginalized, and serving our parishes in countless ways. These consecrated men and women have brought the person of Christ to us through their loving care. Both in active ministry and in contemplative life, we recognize the fruits of their labor. Currently, 800 of these religious sisters, brothers and priests are retired. Even in their retirement, however, they grace us with their daily prayers.

Many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. During the early and mid-twentieth century, the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. experienced a surge in vocations to religious life; numbers peaked in the mid-1960s. Care for the elderly members was provided largely by younger ones.

In recent years, however, the number of religious vocations decreased; meanwhile, lifespans increased. The result is far fewer younger members available to support the retirement and eldercare needs of senior members. In 2018, 68% of the religious communities had a median age of 70 or older. It is easy to understand their need for our financial support.

With gratitude to our many religious congregations and recognizing the pressing difficulties they confront with declining numbers and the costly obligations for the care of their aging members, we join with our Archdiocese in taking up the national Retirement Fund for Religious Collection next weekend. This appeal enables us to demonstrate our genuine appreciation for their service. I am confident that you will be generous in your response to this collection and I ask your continued prayers for all of the consecrated men and women throughout our Archdiocese; be assured of their prayers for you.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



December Youth Group

Our next Youth Mass will be today at 6:00pm. Following Mass, come over to the parish center and attend the Youth Group meeting from 7-8:30pm. Join us for pizza and snacks and find out about December service projects, social events and Advent youth group activities.



St. Martin de Porres Drop Off Saturday, December 7th 10-2pm

Any teen in grades 7-12 who can help unload the Christmas and food boxes from the SKS parishioners' cars please meet in the school parking lot. Then on Sunday, from 10:30-11:30am, we will be loading the moving van with the Christmas presents and food boxes. If you have any questions, please contact Steph Twohig, Youth Minister at, youthministry@sksparish.org.

Here are more pictures from the Youth Group Lock-In.



SKS SCHOOL NEWS

Dear SKS Parishioners,

Two weeks ago I talked about how the landscape of education has changed over the years. I mentioned that today's students need to be critical thinkers and problem solvers - no longer is it good enough for them to be just a rote memorizer of facts.

Another way education has changed has been in the way teachers deliver instruction. No longer can a teacher just deliver information by means of the straight lecture method. Today's children are wired differently. Any teacher today that uses a straight lecture method for teaching five days a week is likely to have a difficult time keeping students engaged. Today's 21st century teachers use different methods to engage the students. Small group instruction, teaching centers, and guided independent learning are just a few ways that teachers instruct today. Collaboration is an important word and student centered learning is a focus where the teacher becomes the "*guide on the side*" rather than the "*sage on stage*." On a good day here at SKS as I make the rounds, I am likely to see students in every nook and cranny of the school collaborating together on a project. Collaborating for the common goal of an end result is a real life skill. Tied into this is how teachers are called to differentiate their instruction to meet the needs of different learners in their classroom. Not all students learn in the same way. Some are auditory learners, others are visual, while some may learn kinesthetically (requiring hands on and movement). Great teaching today allows for these various instructional approaches to meet the needs of the students in each classroom. Teaching today, although a challenge in many ways, also is tremendously rewarding. Everyday a teacher has the ability to impact the life of a child in so many positive ways. Our SKS Faculty does this daily through caring, nurturing and meaningful instruction.

Next time around I'll write to you about the impact technology has had as a resource tool in education.

Best regards,

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PARISH ACTIVITIES



Please join us for Breakfast with Santa. The event will be held from 9:30am-11:30am on Sunday, December 15th. Tickets may be purchased at the online store on the school website. Included in your ticket purchase is the continental breakfast, photo with Santa, games and crafts. \$15 per individual or \$50 per family

**Women's Advent by Candlelight
December 5th from 6:30-8:30pm
St. Katharine of Siena Church**

We invite you to join us and refresh your soul! Father Scott Reilly, LC will lead us in these mini retreats. The evenings begin with Mass, followed by a light dinner and fellowship, and a reflection for the mind and heart focused on a particular theme.

RSVP/Questions: contact Laura Kerr at pianolaura1@gmail.com or Marie Northington at mhnorth@comcast.net.



Mercy Hospice Giving Trees

Please remember the white tags suggesting gifts for the homeless women and children at Mercy Hospice that have been placed on the two trees located at the St. Joseph Shrine and at the Lancaster Avenue vestibule. Please help make this a special Christmas for these women and children by taking a tag and buying the gift specified on the label.

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.

Casseroles and Groceries for Mercy Hospice

Please consider making a casserole or donating groceries to help feed the women and children at Mercy Hospice. Pans and recipes are located at the Aberdeen Avenue door of the church. The next deadline is **Sunday, December 15th**.

If it is easier to buy groceries, the following items help stock the shelves in the Mercy Hospice pantry so that the children can grab breakfast on the way to school or the women can pack a lunch. These include: peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, pop tarts, ground coffee, creamer and sugar, pancake mixes, and juice boxes. Toiletries are also needed to stock the showers for the homeless. Please drop off the groceries or toiletries at the parish library. For more information please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171, Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436, or Susan Wiener at 610-331-3847.

Aberdeen Club News

Come celebrate Christmas with the Aberdeen Club on Tuesday, December 10th from 11:30am-1pm in the parish center. A festive lunch will be followed by carols by the SKS students. Rides are available to all who need or want them. Please RSVP to susan.diebold@verizon.net or call 610-585-2727 to reserve your spot. Please come and bring a friend – all are welcome!

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

2019 Day of Sanctification for Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year, our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 2nd, for the *2019 Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant to these men
a persevering obedience to your will,
so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*



First Sunday of Advent

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@cdssh.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

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Church Environment

Amy Tahtabrounian
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Eucharistic Ministers

Patrice Polgar
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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
skrsrespectlife@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.