

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 8, 2019

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2019

6:30 AM Dorothy Cashman
8:00 AM Deacon George Bolter

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2019

6:30 AM Rick and Ellie Melli (Living)
8:00 AM Maria Mencarelli

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019

6:30 AM Lorraine Hibbs
8:00 AM Linda Myrtetus

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019

6:30 AM Arturo and Helen Hervada
8:00 AM James and Marjorie White

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019

6:30 AM Anna Mangan
8:00 AM Kristin Quigley

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

8:00 AM Anne and Timothy McNamara
5:00 PM Veith/Williams Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2019

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's
9:30 AM Joanne Romano
11:30 AM Michelle Heacock

Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt. 11:2-11



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:

Susan Fisher, Mary Christopher, Patrick McGinty, Barbara Fitzgerald



Check out our website at www.sksparish.org



Visit us on Facebook.

ADVENT 2019 AREA PENANCE SERVICES

St. Thomas of Villanova,
Monday, December 9th, at 7:00pm
**(Church on Campus)

Our Mother of Good Counsel
Tuesday, December 10th, at 7:30pm

St. Katharine of Siena
(at Our Lady of the Assumption)
Tuesday, December 10th, at 7:00pm

St. Anastasia
Wednesday, December 11th, at 7:00pm

St. Dorothy
Monday, December 16th, at 7:00pm

Annunciation B. V. M.
Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:00pm

St. Denis
Tuesday, December 17th, at 7:00pm

Sacred Heart
Thursday, December 19th, at 7:00pm

St. John Neumann
Thursday, December 19th, at 7:00pm

St. Pius X
Thursday, December 19th, at 7:00pm

ONGOING PARISH ACTIVITIES

Mothers of Young Children Wednesday, December 11 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 moysc@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 2)

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

"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.

THE INCARNATION

(Advent is the time when we await the coming of our Lord, both in time as the son of Mary and at the end of time as the Risen Lord who draws all the faithful to our heavenly Father. This is a good time to reflect on one of the great mysteries of our faith: the Incarnation. Paul Peterson, one of our faithful parishioners who was a civil engineer and a religion teacher - he taught for 11 years at Bishop Shanahan High School, Downingtown - recently shared a paper he had written on this very important subject. I found it to be so well presented that I asked him if I could share it with you. The following is the first of three parts of his paper; I offer it for your reflection and inspiration as we look forward to celebrating our Lord's birth at Christmas.)

How can God, the Eternal Being, wishing to show humanity His own character focused, His own thoughts expressed, and His own purpose demonstrated, introduce Himself into the stream of human history without disrupting it? He did so in the person of his son who, as we affirm in the Creed every Sunday, "was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man."



His early followers, the original Christians, struggled to grasp the Incarnation. The first Christians were all Jews. They came to believe in Jesus Christ in the same way that Jews had always come to know all of God's truths - through revelation. At Pentecost, in what is the first recorded Christian homily, Peter proclaimed to his fellow Jews: "Therefore let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Messiah this Jesus whom you crucified" (*Acts 2:36*). Peter's words shocked the Jews. Peter had called the man Jesus "Lord," a title Jews reserved for Yahweh, the Most High God.

Peter backed up his amazing proclamation with an abundance of Old Testament quotations to show that everything previously revealed by God to his people was now being fulfilled in the Christian revelation of Jesus the Lord. This was a great scandal to many Jews. They simply could not accept what for them was a blasphemous teaching, that is, that God had become

human. Other Jews, however, did accept the Christian revelation. And, as the *Acts of the Apostles* describes, the Church began to grow.

As the Church grew, Jewish Christians carried the Christian revelation to non-Jews. This created a problem, brought on by the fact that non-Jews, most of whom were brought up in the Greek tradition of rationalism, arrived at religious truth not through revelation but through speculation. In order to become Christians, both Jews and Gentiles had to make the same leap of faith concerning the Incarnation, but because of their traditionally different starting points for arriving at religious truth, Jews and Gentiles brought different predispositions to their newly accepted faith.

Jewish Christians accepted the Incarnation as the pinnacle of the Old Testament revelation concerning the Messiah. Gentiles, on the other hand, wanted to tinker with the whole idea of the Incarnation. Speculating about the "mechanics" of the Incarnation, they started asking, "How did God become man?" Their probing questions led to a furious debate within the Church, culminating in the great Christological controversies of the fourth and fifth centuries.

Two schools of thought attempted to answer the "how" question about the Incarnation. One school of thought had a negative view of human nature and therefore was suspicious of letting Jesus' human nature "get too close" to his divine nature. According to this school, Jesus really did not have a human soul. Rather, the eternal preexistent Word (see *John 1:1*) operated in place of Jesus' human soul. In this view Jesus' "God-ness" was everything and his "human-ness" was virtually nothing. By becoming incarnate, God in Jesus saved humanity by "lifting" humanity, so to speak, up to God, or by "absorbing" humanity into divinity. By this view, Jesus' human effort and will had little to do with the salvation of the human race. The implication of this viewpoint, of course, is that we human beings don't amount to much in God's eyes, because Jesus himself had not been fully human.

The second school of thought went to the other extreme in rejecting the proposition that Jesus' human nature had been assimilated into the divine Word. This school said that Jesus' divine and human natures had remained completely distinct during Jesus' life. Thinkers of this school tended to make Jesus a "God-like man," who by his moral example showed us how to attain salvation. The implication of this second tendency is that humanity saves itself by following Jesus' moral example. If this is how God saves the human race, we could ask, how is Jesus any different from Plato, Buddha, Gandhi or any other God-like man?

Neither of these early approaches to "how God became man" understood the fullness of the truth of the Incarnation. Two persons in particular were instrumental in leading the Church to its eventual official formulation on the Incarnation. These two great thinkers were St. Cyril (Bishop of Alexandria, 412 – 444AD) and St. Leo the Great (who was the pope, 440 – 461AD). Their work is behind the Council of Chalcedon's formula defining the Incarnation, "one Christ in two natures unconfused, unchangeable, undivided and inseparable...both coming together in one person and substance, not parted or divided among two persons, but in one and the same only-begotten Son."

Perhaps today more people question Jesus' divinity like this: We know that Jesus is human, but can his very humanness be present to us in a way that transcends history? Is the Gospel Jesus more than just a very wonderful historical figure? Many of us ask, especially in times of great need: Is Jesus Christ truly accessible to the inner anguish of my heart?

Jesus Christ is fully human, but if his humanity is to be truly accessible to us, then it must be humanity woven into something transcendently larger – divinity. The divinity of Jesus, rather than distancing us from the human Jesus, fulfills the searcher's longing for a Christ who can bend very near. It is only the One who is the "Word of God, begotten not made," who can reach down through the centuries with a presence that, to paraphrase the great insight of Saint Augustine, is more intimately near to my inner depths than even my own consciousness.

"I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father", as we attest every Sunday when we recite the Creed. This inseparable union of Jesus' two natures in one person forms "the-Word-become-flesh" (*John* 1:14). It is this inseparable union between divinity and humanity in Jesus, and in ourselves, which distinguishes Christianity from all other religions.

There is a radical difference between Jesus just being a prophet, a moral leader who gives us insight, and a dynamic loving God who sends His Son into the world. The Son of God who through His life, death and resurrection brings about a relationship with God that was not possible before He did these things. Now God can become our Father; we can be transformed from being sinners into being fully men and women, sons and daughters of the Father. Now we can live a whole new life by the power of the Holy Spirit; we have the guarantee of our own bodily resurrection, something that we never had before. We know the love of the Father in a special way.

Saint Irenaeus, who was the Bishop of Lyons at the end of the second century AD, summarized what the Incarnation means from humanity's point of view when he said, "The glory of God is man fully alive." In the Incarnation, divinity and humanity come together indissolubly, so that humanity becomes truly ennobled and dignified, raised to an entirely new level of existence, a level of existence in which the human and divine interpenetrate, fulfilling God's ancient revelation to the Jews: "God created man in his own image" (*Genesis* 1:27).

(Next week, Paul will reflect on the eternal plan of God in the Incarnation; stay tuned!)

YOUTH GROUP NEWS



Luminary Light Sale

Our Youth Group will be selling luminary lights for \$5.00 a bag after all the Masses next weekend, December 14th-15th. The lights will illuminate the outside of St. Katharine's Church on Christmas Eve Night. Please support the Youth Group who will be attending the Stuebenville Catholic Retreat and our mission trip Summer 2020.



Christmas Caroling

The Youth Group has been asked to sing Christmas Carols on Saturday, December 14th from 11:00am – 1:00pm. All teens from 7th – 12th grade who would like to join in on the fun and spreading Christmas cheer please contact Steph Twohig, our youth minister at youthministry@sksparish.org.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



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.

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

Aberdeen Club News

Come celebrate Christmas with the Aberdeen Club this Tuesday, 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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE
Concert for Life
Sunday, January 19, 2020
4:00 pm

Featuring Valentin Radu and Peter DeMaio



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Weeks of 20 November 2019 — 3 December 2019

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$28,336.00
Electronic Giving: \$3,530.00

Tuition: \$62,257.50
Stewardship Appeal:
\$14,975.00

Socials/Donations: \$5,225.00

Other Income: \$19,564.40
Weekly Income: \$133,887.90
YTD Income: \$1,749,414.52

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$74,137.36
Benefits: \$7,234.59
Administration Expenses:
\$13,497.11
Diocesan Assessment:
\$12,966.67
Diocesan Insurance:
\$11,830.41

Other Expenses: \$9,874.26
Weekly Expenses: \$129,540.40
YTD Expenses: \$1,550,566.25
YTD Balance: \$198,848.27



Please join us for Breakfast with Santa. The event will be held from 9:30am-11:30am next Sunday. 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

SKS SCHOOL NEWS

Dear SKS Parishioners,

I saw Christmas advertising taking place the day after Halloween! There were umpteen Pre Black Friday sales everywhere.

It's no wonder that the season of Advent can be lost to us as Catholics if we pay attention to just the outside world. Commercialization of this season pushes aside our spirituality. It's a challenge. That's why things such as *The Dynamic Catholic series for Advent* (dynamiccatholic.com) or the *Little Blue Book for Advent and Christmas* are a great way to refocus our thoughts on the true spirit of Advent and the beauty of Christmas. In this season of Advent we are called to be more mindful of our relationship with God. Each Advent we prepare again for the miracle of the coming of the Christ Child. During this time we try to be more prayerful. We try to be more forgiving of others and ask for forgiveness. We try to be more thankful for our blessings and look to serve others in their need. We try to be more faithful and more joyous about our faith.

Dynamic Catholic and *The Little Blue Book* are two great ways to put aside the daily distractions of life and spend a few minutes with God. I encourage you to do just that.

At school we have two wonderful Advent/Christmas traditions:

- The Christmas Concert for grades KG-4th grade this Wednesday at 7 pm in church.
- The Christmas Tableau led by our 8th grade Class of 2020 and our 5th, 6th & 7th graders. This is on Wednesday, December 18th in church at 7 pm.

If you want to be renewed in the true spirit of the Advent/Christmas seasons, I extend a most welcome invitation to you on those nights. Your presence would add meaning to those evenings and I know you would enjoy the night.

Blessings on you and your family as you prepare for His coming.

Take care,
Bud

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

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
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.