

# ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

*Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community*



## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers  
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610-688-5451

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610-688-9489

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Parish Secretary

### 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, DECEMBER 15, 2019

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2019

6:30 AM Joel Zeff  
8:00 AM Pam McMahon

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

6:30 AM Lorraine Beiter  
8:00 AM Raymond Adamczyk

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2019

6:30 AM Mercedes Kerr  
8:00 AM Robert Butwin, Sr.

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2019

6:30 AM Souls in Purgatory  
8:00 AM James and Marjorie White

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2019

6:30 AM Special Intention  
8:00 AM James Snell

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019

8:00 AM Maria Kovolski  
5:00 PM Richard McDonnell

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2019

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's  
9:30 AM Richard Caruso (Living)  
11:30 AM Elizabeth Readle

Readings: IS 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24



### 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 Alice Hamilton, Susan Fisher, Mary Christopher, Patrick McGinty



Check out our website at [www.sksparish.org](http://www.sksparish.org)



Visit us on Facebook.

## ADVENT 2019 AREA PENANCE SERVICES

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 18 9:30 am - 11:00 am

Parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 are welcome to join us for a Christmas Party in the Parish Center! This is our last play group for 2019 -- we will meet again on January 8, 2020!! Contact Elise Parisi at [moyc@sksparish.org](mailto: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. Leader this Week – (Group 4)

Heather Reilly 610-341-9262

### "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.



## HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

The information for the **December 29th Bulletin** is due to the Rectory by noon on Monday, December 16th and the January 5th Bulletin by noon on Wednesday, December 18th.

## THE INCARNATION—PART II

*(As I mentioned last week, Paul Peterson, one of our parishioners, recently shared a brilliant paper he had written on the mystery of the Incarnation. With his permission, I am offering it to you for your reflection and inspiration as we prepare to celebrate our Lord's birth at Christmas. Last week, he offered some very worthwhile reflections on the mystery of the Incarnation. As we hurry toward Christmas, we benefit this week from his reflections on the eternal plan of God in the Incarnation.)*

Saint Paul's first experience of Jesus Christ was on the road to Damascus. Paul was so overwhelmed by this encounter with the risen Christ and his sudden conversion that he was not really able, at that point, to fathom completely the identity of Christ or the mystery of the Incarnation. He would, eventually, with experience and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. From prison in Rome, where you can imagine that he had lots of time to think, Paul deepened his understanding of the true role and identity of Jesus in the eternal plan of the father.

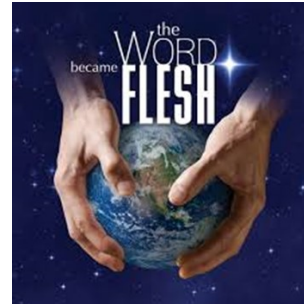
One way to think about the basic time sequence of human salvation is this: 1) Creation, 2) the fall of the human race, and 3) the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ. However, Paul came to understand that creation was not really the first step in the story of our salvation. Think about what he wrote to the church in Ephesus:

Blessed be the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the great pleasure of his will to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth (*Ephesians* 1: 3-10).

This is the focal point of the mystery hidden from all eternity: Before creation, before our first parents, before sin, the Word made Flesh takes first place in God's plan. Jesus is not simply an afterthought or last-minute rescue plan in God's mind because Adam and Eve sinned. Rather, Christ is the focal point, the center of gravity, the heart of the Father's plan from all eternity.

The Second Vatican Council expressed it this way: "The Lord is the goal of human history, the focal point of the longings of history and civilization, the center of the human race, the joy of every heart, and the answer to all its yearnings" (*The Church Today*, #45).

That is incredible, but what boggles the mind even more is that before the Father decided to create the world, he thought of you and of me, and our relationship to his Son, Jesus. We did not just happen. God chose us and we have been given a place in his plan, that we may be "holy and blameless" in Jesus (*Ephesians* 1:4).



How is it that Jesus who was always first in God's mind showed up last in the familiar timeline of salvation: Creation, fall, Incarnation? The concept is not hard to understand. The plan or blueprint of something always comes first, even though its realization comes last. And so it was with Jesus: He was always first in the plan of the Father but only enters history at its final stage—the fullness of time.

The various and far-flung parts of creation only make sense when they come together in Christ. It helps to look at all created things as if they are scattered pieces of a beautiful picture puzzle. It's only when the pieces are put back in their proper places that they form the original image of Christ, thus displaying their true beauty and meaning.

*St. Paul makes this point in his Letter to the Colossians:*

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers - all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven by making peace through the blood of his cross. (1: 15-20)



What is meant by thrones, dominions, rulers and powers? To understand these strange beings or forces, we need to remember that the communities of Ephesus and Colossae in Asia Minor did not come to Christianity from a religious vacuum. The inhabitants of this region shared very strong beliefs about who was in charge of this world. It was the age of specialization, and they believed that between themselves and the divinity there were all sorts of intermediaries called thrones, dominions, rulers or powers. Each of these spiritual powers had its own proper area of expertise and sphere of influence.

The role of religion, in the view of these people, was to recognize this system, and to keep each celestial being happy, satisfied and off their backs. When Paul introduced the gospel to this region and taught that Jesus is our mediator with the Father, the people accepted that as good news. But they wanted to know just where Christ fit into their system. Just what was Jesus' area of specialization?

With a magnificent proclamation of the role of Christ, Paul lets his readers know just what Jesus is in charge of. He is Lord of everything: the cosmos, the universe, the past, the future, every person, place or thing! Jesus does not just fit into their system, he is the system! In him all things hold together.

In Paul's view of creation, there is nothing in this world that makes sense apart from Jesus Christ. Every creature in some way points to Christ. Indeed, if the singing of the birds and the humming of the insects could be formed into a chorus and if the rustling breeze and tinkling rain could have a voice and the roar of the ocean could be put into words, they would all have one thing to say: "We were made for the sake of Jesus Christ."

Divine self-giving, the birth of Christ signaled incredibly good news: God immensely loved the world he created and wanted all to come to healing, salvation and the fullness of life. "God so loved the world," proclaims the *Gospel of John*, "that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (3:17).

As the eminent Scripture scholar, the late Father Raymond Brown, observes in *A Retreat with John the Evangelist: That You May Have Life*, the *Gospel of John* does not stress the future coming of Jesus nearly as much as the other Gospels do. John prefers to accent, rather, the supreme importance of Christ's first coming - the Incarnation itself. "True," Brown writes, "the Son will come back from heaven, but more important for our understanding of him (and God) is that he came from heaven in the first place." According to Brown, John's is the only Gospel in which "Jesus himself speaks about his previous life with God" and which emphasizes his coming as the Word made flesh.

"For most of the New Testament," Brown adds, "God's supreme act of love is embodied in Jesus' self-giving on the cross. Incarnation brings into the picture an earlier act of love: the divine self-giving in becoming one of us.... Indeed some theologians have so appreciated the intensity of the love in the Incarnation that they have wondered whether that alone might not have saved the world even if Jesus was never crucified."

*(These powerful reflections give us pause to think, don't they? We'll let scripture scholars debate about whether or not Jesus' crucifixion and Resurrection are essential aspects of God's plan of salvation, but Paul Peterson certainly helps us to understand even more deeply the significance of the Incarnation. Stay tuned; next week, he will offer his final reflections that will help us even more as we draw close to Christmas.)*

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS



### Luminary Light Sale

Our Youth Group will be selling luminary lights for \$5.00 a bag after all the Masses this weekend. 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.

Over 300 boxes filled with presents and food were delivered to our cafeteria last Saturday for the Adopt-A-Family program. Thank you to all the parishioners who adopted one of the 88 families from St. Martin's and SKS. A special "Thank You" to the over 50 teens from Malvern Prep, Episcopal Academy, Radnor High School, Conestoga High School, St. Joe's Prep, Devon Prep, Radnor Middle School and St. Katharine's school who helped unload the boxes.



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

**Featuring Valentin Radu and Peter DeMaio**

### 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.

**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



### OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Weeks of 4 December 2019 — 10 December 2019

#### PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$14,306.00  
 Electronic Giving: \$8,841.68  
 Tuition: \$39,528.25  
 Stewardship Appeal: \$8,990.00  
 Socials/Donations: \$10,544.00  
 Other Income: \$26,459.66  
 Weekly Income: \$108,669.59  
 YTD Income: \$1,858,084.11

#### PARISH EXPENSES

Medical Benefits: \$44,896.76  
 Administration Expenses: \$7,403.66  
 Maintenance: \$7,175.95  
 Lunchroom Expenses: \$8,098.37  
 Other Expenses: \$35,595.72  
 Weekly Expenses: \$103,170.46  
 YTD Expenses: \$1,653,736.71  
**YTD Balance: \$204,347.40**

**Charismatic Healing Mass**  
**Thursday, January 2, 2020**  
**7:00 pm - worship and praise**  
**7:30 pm—Mass**  
**Questions: Paul Hayes, 610-687-8835**

### SKS SCHOOL NEWS

Dear SKS Parishioners,

Have you ever heard of the term a *God-wink*? Have you ever experienced one? Some people define a God-wink in this way:

*A God-wink is an event or personal experience, often identified as coincidence, so astonishing that it is seen as a sign of divine intervention, especially when perceived as the answer to a prayer.*

My personal *God-winks* are not coincidence. I see them as a message that God is near and here in my life and cares for me. *God-winks* happen sporadically, usually when least expected. Like a pinch hitter in baseball, sometimes there are loved ones who have passed away that intercede and pinch hit for God.

This past summer we visited a cousin of mine in Rome while our family was there for our son's wedding. While trying to get to my cousin's apartment we were somewhat lost. I prayed to St Anthony (my Waze app was not working and my cousin's phone was not picking up).

We walked aimlessly for a bit and suddenly my daughter pointed to a street sign. As I looked up at the sign I got chills and was filled with emotion. The name of the street was *Via Luigi Tosti, the name of my grandfather!* We then found my cousin's home. Say what you want but it was no coincidence that at that place and time in our lives we were at that street and noticed that street sign out of the literally thousands of street signs in Rome. That was a *God-wink!*

As you continue your journey in Advent to Christmas, may you continue to look for ways to grow closer to God, and be on the lookout for your own personal *God-winks*.

Take care,

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# 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.*