

# 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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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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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 22, 2019

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

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2019

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White  
8:00 AM Fred Burns

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2019

8:00 AM Ferdinando Iavarone

#### Christmas Vigil Masses

4:00 PM Special Intention (Church)  
4:00 PM William and Joan Philips (Parish Center)  
6:00 PM Deborah Krafczak

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2019

8:00 AM Lena and Rudolph Sciore  
9:30 AM Helen and Arturo Hervada  
11:30 AM Bill Gleason and Ann-Michele Higgins

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2019

6:30 AM Rick and Ellie Melli (Living)  
8:00 AM Elizabeth Readie

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2019

6:30 AM Susan McDaid  
8:00 AM McCafferty/Scheicher Families

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2019

8:00 AM Dolores Chessock  
5:00 PM Sue Burgess

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2019

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's  
9:30 AM Robert Smith, Jr.  
11:30 AM Diomira Abbondandolo

Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17;  
Mt 2:13-35, 19-23



#### 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



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



Visit us on Facebook.

## ONGOING PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Mothers of Young Children Wednesday, December 25

No play group today! Contact Elise Parisi at [moyc@sksparish.org](mailto:moyc@sksparish.org) or 484-885-0130 for more information about Mothers of Young Children. 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 5)

Jo Ehart 610-688-1395

### “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.

### 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.

### 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,” low-gluten 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.



**The Parish Office will be closed  
on Tuesday, December 24th until  
Friday, December 27th.**

## THE INCARNATION – PART III

*(We continue to benefit from Paul Peterson's paper on the Incarnation. I hope you didn't miss the first two sections that were offered here over the past two weeks; if you did, you'll find them on our parish web site under my name. As Paul concludes his reflections, he helps us to understand how the Incarnation allows us to become one again with God. I invite you to reflect on his presentation; it will lead you even closer into the mystery of the Incarnation and its importance in our eternal destiny.)*

If ever a saint was smitten by the incredible love revealed in the Incarnation, it was St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1226). St. Francis was repeatedly moved to tears when he thought of God's limitless love and total self-emptying as revealed in the birth of Christ. This mystery of God's humility and love in entering the world of humanity and of every other creature motivated Francis to especially celebrate the feast of Christmas.

St. Francis had a deep sense that because of the Incarnation everything was changed. God's entrance into the family of creation sent shock waves through the entire cosmos. Because all creatures - minerals, plants, animals - were touched by the divine, they now possessed a new dignity and an elevated meaning.



St. Francis was named the patron saint of ecologists in 1979 because of his great respect for all of creation. This love of creation flowed in large part from his profound understanding of the Incarnation and of the Creator's all-inclusive love. If we believe that the birth of Christ affirmed and elevated the dignity of all men and women, as well as the world of creation in general, should we not embrace a spirituality (a style of serving God) that corresponds to this vision?

Such a spirituality includes a reverence and love toward all people and all creatures. And surely, it is not a spirituality of flight from the world, as if the world were evil and something to be rejected. On the contrary, we know that St. Francis showed great respect and affection for each human being and for every creature, addressing all as "brother and sister" - as family.

He honored the world of creation further by writing the "Cantic of the Creatures," which invites all creatures - "Brother Sun" and "Sister Moon," water, fire, wind, earth, plants and flowers - to praise God. He wished to worship God as an integral part of the symphony of creation.

Thus St. Francis' advice is not to run away from creatures, but to draw close to them - to incorporate them into our prayerful journey to God. According to the Franciscan mystic and theologian St. Bonaventure, St. Francis saw creatures as "a ladder" by which we climb to the God of love. As Bonaventure put it, "Francis saw God's Beauty imprinted in every creature, and the saint followed his divine Beloved everywhere, making from all things a ladder by which he could climb up and embrace God who is utterly desirable."

Why did the Word become flesh? In Paul's mature theology in *Ephesians* and *Colossians*, he does not give the impression that Jesus Christ, the God-Man, arrived upon the scene because of Adam. Jesus, not Adam, is the focal point of the plan of God. Christ was intended by God from all eternity as the crown and goal of creation, and not simply as "a last-minute cure" to offset the sin of Adam.

This theological view has been the consistent view of Franciscans since the Middle Ages, championed especially by John Duns Scotus (1266-1308). In Scotus' view, the Word of God did not become flesh because Adam and Eve sinned, but because from all eternity God wanted Christ to be creation's most perfect work, the model and crown of creation and humanity - the glorious destination toward which all creation is straining. In his view, the divine Word would have been incarnated in Christ even if the first man and woman had never sinned. Another point made by Scotus is this: It was not Adam who was the pattern or blueprint that God used in shaping Christ. It was the other way around. Christ was the model in God's mind from which Adam and Eve and the whole human race were created.

Christ would have come under any condition, but given the sin of Adam, the way he actually came was as the redeemer of the universe - a universe that was made for himself. Just as the rebellion of our first parents had its repercussions on all of creation, so too does the coming of Jesus initiate the process of restoration not only of humanity, but also of all of creation to himself.

Closer to our own times, the Jesuit priest- anthropologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (1881- 1955) and others have embraced the same viewpoint. "Christ is not an afterthought in the divine plan," writes Chardin. "He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and end of all things."

If we really adopt this teaching of St. Paul, expressed in *Colossians* 1: 15-17, that from all eternity God intended Christ to be the crown of creation, the perfect model of humanity and the glorious destination toward which all creation is striving, then what does this mean for us here and now?



It means that every human being finds his or her fullest meaning only in Christ. As Saint Pope John Paul II points out in his encyclical *Redeemer of the Human Race*, Jesus is the key to understanding the meaning of human life. Christ, he asserts, "fully reveals human beings to themselves." It is in and through Christ, the pope says, that humans acquire "full awareness of their dignity" and "of the meaning of existence." Thanks to the Incarnation, we come to see our own body and humanity, and that of our sisters and brothers, as something embraced by God himself.

God became man that we may partake in the divine nature. The sacred writer of 2 *Peter* wrote: "His divine power has bestowed on us everything that makes for life and devotion, through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and power. Through these, he has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire" (1:3-4).

This profound truth is repeated in 1 *John* 4:7-12: "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us."

And how do we apply this vision of all things culminating in Christ to the role of Mary of Nazareth, his mother? Surely, her role is pivotal. She is the sublime entry point of the Word into the human family and the family of creation. Mary's generous response to God imitates God's own self-emptying love. Totally open to God, she says "yes" to the Creator's plan of having the Word become flesh and the most perfect work of creation-and indeed the Savior of the World!

As we make our pilgrimage through this world - especially in times of doubt - we are tempted to ask what lies just beyond the face of reality. Is it a blank void, or just some distant, disinterested god? The mystery of the Incarnation reveals something very different, namely, a God who cares for us intimately and totally. Seen in its fullest scope, the story of the Incarnation reaches its most dramatic chapter in the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ. There, God's ultimate gift of total love reveals itself most powerfully.

Certainly, the risen and glorious Christ, who gave his life for us without reserve, remains intertwined with the universe he entered 2,000 years ago. The Irish poet, Joseph Mary Plunkett (1887-1916), had an intuition of this and expressed it magnificently in the following poem. He saw Christ's unconditional love behind every feature of the universe.

## "I See His Blood Upon the Rose"

I see his blood upon the rose  
And in the stars the glory of his eyes,  
His body gleams amid eternal snows,  
His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower;  
The thunder and the singing of the birds  
Are but his voice - and carved by his power  
Rocks are his written words.

All pathways by his feet are worn,  
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea,  
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn,  
His cross is every tree.

*(I hope you found Paul's reflections as inspiring as I did; they have drawn us even closer to the great mystery of the Incarnation that we will celebrate in just a few days at Christmas! Merry Christmas to you and all of your loved ones!)*

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

A special "Thank You" to the CYO basketball teams who came out and helped with the drop off for the Adopt-A-Family.



## **CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**

**2019**

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve  
4:00 PM Vigil Masses in Church  
and Parish Center

5:30 PM Choir Concert  
6:00 PM Vigil Mass

Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day  
8:00 AM, 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Tuesday, December 31st  
6:00 PM Vigil

Wednesday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God  
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

## **Assistive Hearing Units**

We have a hearing assistance system in church and six hearing assistance units; they are available in the sacristy. If you would like to use one, please come to the sacristy before Mass. The sacristan will show you how to use it. Feel free to bring your own earbuds to ensure a better fit, or, you can use earpieces we have with the hearing assistance units.

### **Charismatic Healing Mass**

**Thursday, January 2, 2020**

**7:00 pm - worship and praise**

**7:30 pm—Mass**

**Questions: Paul Hayes, 610-687-8835**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**Concert for Life**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**

**4:00 pm**

**Featuring Valentin Radu and Peter DeMaio**

### **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

## **Some Ways to Handle the Holidays**

The holidays can be challenging when a family member or friend is experiencing health issues. The following tips may help make your celebrations easier — and more fun — for everyone involved.

- ♦ Adjust expectations. It might not be realistic to maintain every holiday tradition or event this year. Only do what you can reasonably manage.
- ♦ Familiarize others with the situation. Changes in someone's behavior or memory can be difficult to accept. Make sure guests know what to expect if they're visiting for the first time in awhile.
- ♦ Keep the person involved. Do activities together that are meaningful, such as simple food prep, wrapping packages or decorating.
- ♦ Be flexible. If evenings have become a difficult time of day, consider changing your holiday dinner into a lunch or brunch.
- ♦ Take it easy. Try to keep the holidays from becoming disruptive. Build in times for breaks and rest.

**HAVE A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A HOLY AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
MSGR. BROUWERS  
MSGR. CARROLL  
FATHER REILLY  
AND THE  
ENTIRE  
PARISH STAFF**

# 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.*