

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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610-688-9489

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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

Please Note: all Masses are private until further notice.

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020

For the people of St. Katharine's
Carole Rose
James and Marjorie White

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020

Special Intention
Mary and Leo Connelly

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020

Special Intention
Esther D'Iorio

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2020

Special Intention
Rick and Ellie Melli (Living)

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

Souls in Purgatory
Agnes Hayes

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2020

Fred and Joan Seher
Don and Barbara Wells

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020

McCafferty/Schleicher Families
John Veith, III

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

For the people of St. Katharine's
Kenneth Faistl
Carmine Conighoni

Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35



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
Robert Bruno
Charles Callaghan
Ryan Carlton
Charles Carr
Jackie Chedeville
Patrick Graham
Jean Hencher
Helen Hobson

Ginny Jackson
Libby Judge
Corrine Kerrigan
Tony Lopez
Daniel Maguire
Timothy Mahoney
Rocco Martino
John McCabe

Madeleine O'Keefe
Paula Rudnick
Logan Schweiter
Claire Sieracki
Jessica Smucker
Debbie Snyder
Maryanne Sullivan
Connie Winoski

Deceased Prayer List:

Rebecca Hurley, Norman Danzik, John Plasha, Joseph Zazyczny, Breda Cryan



Check out our website at www.sksparish.org!



Visit us on Facebook.



PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Although our parish facilities are closed (except our church, which remains open daily from 6:00am until 4:30pm for private prayer), our parish is still active. Our parish staff continues to work from home, providing the usual administrative assistance and paying all of our bills. Our school is operational as students continue to learn at home. So, we are grateful to our parishioners who are already supporting our parish through *Parish Giving* and we ask those who aren't doing so to sign up now. *Parish Giving* is a leading provider of secure, user-friendly online giving systems that specializes in religious organizations. Like dozens of parishes in our Archdiocese that also use it, we are using *Parish Giving* with great satisfaction since it provides us with reliable year-round income. To sign up, simply go to our parish website (www.stkatharineofsiena.org) and click on the "Give to SKS" blue box; it's easy to do and especially important for the vitality of our parish during these times when we can't pass the Sunday collection basket.

OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of 1 April — 14 April 2020

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$10,986.00
Electronic Giving: \$12,901.67
Tuition: \$4,287.75
Easter Collection: \$14,855.00
Donations: \$10,445.00

Other Income: \$3,531.62
Weekly Income: \$57,007.04
YTD Income: \$3,306,799.54

PARISH EXPENSES

Diocesan Assessment: \$12,966.67
Administration Expenses: \$9,786.73
Clergy Salary/Benefits: \$7,076.34

Other Expenses: \$10,908.22
Weekly Expenses: \$40,737.96
YTD Expenses: \$2,993,946.63

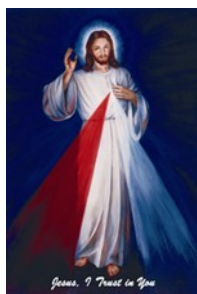
YTD Balance: \$312,852.91

Clothing Collection

Our monthly clothing collection is suspended until further notice. The store has been closed since March 16th and will remain closed until the order is lifted. We will let you know when the collections will resume. In the meantime please do not drop off any items.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Happy Easter! As we bring the Octave of Easter to its conclusion, know that I have kept you in my prayers all week, that you may experience the joy of the Resurrection! Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. Heeding the call that our risen Lord gave to St. Marie Faustina Kowalska in the 1930's, the Church decreed on 23 May 2000 that "throughout the world, the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in the years to come." This certainly speaks to us today, as we continue to struggle with a wide variety of difficulties and trials in the midst of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.



I'm sure you're familiar with the image of Divine Mercy; it originated from a vision St. Faustina had on Feb. 22, 1931. She recorded the event in her *Diary*, which she kept at the Lord's request. In this *Diary*, she wrote:

In the evening, when I was in my cell, I saw the Lord Jesus clothed in a white garment. One hand [was] raised in the gesture of blessing; the other was touching the garment at the breast. From beneath the garment, slightly drawn aside at the breast, there were emanating two large rays, one red, the other pale. In silence I kept my gaze fixed on the Lord; my soul was struck with awe, but also with great joy. After a while, Jesus said to me, "Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: 'Jesus, I trust in You.' I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world." (*Diary*, 47)

So what is the symbolism of the image? The image of Divine Mercy represents the risen Christ whose hands and feet bear the marks of his crucifixion. When asked about the meaning of the rays from his pierced heart, Jesus explained, as St. Faustina recorded in her diary:

"The pale ray stands for the water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the blood which is the life of souls. ... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of my tender mercy when my agonized heart was opened by a lance on the cross." (*Diary*, 299)

These two rays signify the sacraments of mercy (Baptism and Penance), and the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the life-sustaining food for our spiritual journey. The water speaks of the sacraments of Baptism and Penance, since it is through these sacraments that our souls are washed clean. St. Faustina reported that Jesus further explained: "But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God (cf. 1 Cor 6:11). Happy is the one who will dwell in their shelter," said Jesus, "for the just hand of God shall not lay hold of him" (*Diary*, 299).

Jesus promised an abundance of blessings to those who venerate this image. As you spend time in veneration, allow me to reflect on this relatively new observance of God's eternal mercy, why it was introduced and how it can help us in these days of distress and worry. Our need for the message of Divine Mercy took on particular urgency in the beginning of the 20th century. As Saint John Paul II explained so well in his encyclical, *Evangelium Vitae*, it was a time of "[t]he eclipse of the sense of God and of man" which "inevitably leads to a practical materialism and breeds individualism, utilitarianism and hedonism." It was a time when so many people began to lose the understanding of the sanctity and inherent dignity of human life. So, in the 1930s, Jesus chose a Polish nun, St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, to receive private revelations concerning Divine Mercy that were recorded in her diary. St. John Paul II explained in *Memory and Identity*, the last book that he wrote:

This was precisely the time when those ideologies were taking shape. Sister Faustina became the herald of the one message capable of offsetting the evil of those ideologies, that fact that God is mercy - the truth of the merciful Christ. And for this reason, when I was called to the See of Peter, I felt impelled to pass on those experiences of a fellow Pole that deserve a place in the treasury of the universal Church.

Over the course of several years, our Lord appeared to Sr. Faustina. Her *Diary* records 14 occasions when Jesus requested that a Feast of Mercy (Divine Mercy Sunday) be observed:

My daughter, tell the whole world about my inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of my tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the Fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. ... Let no soul fear to draw near to me. ... It is my desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the Fount of My Mercy. (*Diary*, no. 699)

As we continue to struggle with the ongoing stresses of the coronavirus pandemic, we may be asking ourselves why this is happening to us? Is God punishing us, as some would say? As we have just completed the Lenten Season and have begun the joyous Easter Season, some of the reflections we find in St. Faustina's *Diary* may help us to understand God's hand in this moment.

First of all, it's essential to recognize that everything that happens in the created universe is part of God's plan. Nothing is an accident, nothing is an afterthought. This doesn't mean that everything is predetermined but rather that God, who is all knowing, is always in charge. Yet, in his infinite love for us, God also gives us free choice and our choices have consequences. Second, it's important to realize that God's plan is eternal. We usually think in terms of minutes, hours, days, weeks or years. God's plan, on the other hand, is beyond time; it is from eternity to eternity. Third, it's imperative that we admit that God and God's plan are, in this age, beyond our complete understanding. But, as we reflect on some of the messages Jesus gave to Sr. Faustina, we get helpful insights into God's mercy, demonstrated so clearly in the suffering and death of his son, Jesus, and how our suffering can lead us to better understand and appreciate God's mercy. In her *Diary*, St. Faustina wrote:

Suffering is a great grace; through suffering the soul becomes like the Savior; in suffering love becomes crystallized; the greater the suffering, the purer the love." (#57)

God's pure love for us is demonstrated so clearly in his son's crucifixion. As Jesus declared, "No greater love has one than to lay down his life for his friends" (*Jn* 15:13). We are called to unite our sufferings to Jesus; it is through our suffering that our love is purified.

I will not allow myself to be so absorbed in the whirlwind of work as to forget about God. I will spend all my free moments at the feet of the Master hidden in the Blessed Sacrament. (#82)

This decision that Sr. Faustina made in her life is a good one for us to make today. The stay at home order has given us the opportunity to slow down and remember God. It is a good time to spend some time "at the feet of the Master." That's why the churches remain open - so that we can spend time before the Blessed Sacrament. In fact, God is present everywhere and we can find him whenever we open our hearts and minds to him.

When I see that the burden is beyond my strength, I do not consider or analyze it or probe into it, but I run like a child to the Heart of Jesus and say only one word to Him: "You can do all things." And then I keep silent, because I know that Jesus Himself will intervene in the matter, and as for me, instead of tormenting myself, I use that time to love Him. (#1033)

During this time of worldwide struggle, we can either fret and worry or we can turn to our Lord in love for, as St. Paul assures us so clearly, "all things work for the good for those who love God" (*Rm* 8:28).

And finally, we need to trust in God's mercy, for God's love is most clearly shown in his mercy and God's mercy is perfectly demonstrated in the life and death of his son. Jesus instructed Sr. Faustina:

"I am love and mercy itself. There is no misery that could be a match for my mercy, neither will misery exhaust it, because as it is being granted - it increases. The soul that trusts in my mercy is most fortunate, because I myself take care of it." (#1273)

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we turn to our Lord who revealed himself to Sr. Faustina in a special way to reveal his mercy anew. Our Lord requested that the image be venerated on the Feast of Divine Mercy (The First Sunday after Easter, which we now call Divine Mercy Sunday). Jesus told St. Faustina, "I want this image, which you will paint with a brush, to be solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy" (*Diary*, 49). Under the direction of St. Faustina and her confessor, Blessed Michael Sopocko, the artist Eugene Kazimirowski, of Vilnius, painted the image in 1934-35. Other artists have since painted their own versions of the image of Divine Mercy. Kazimirowski's

version (now known as the Vilnius image) is one of three versions of the image of Divine Mercy that have ecclesiastical approval. Through the generosity of our one our parishioners, we have a copy of that image; it will be displayed in our sanctuary all week for your veneration.

It was in space and time - at a particular moment in history in Jerusalem - that our Lord was raised from the dead, but the effects of his Resurrection must change the hearts and minds of people in every age as we prepare to be with God for all eternity. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us thank God for his love and mercy, which he demonstrated so clearly through the suffering and death of his Son, and pray for God's mercy among us and all peoples around the world, especially now as we struggle in the face of the deadly COVID-19 disease. May God have mercy on us all!

Due to Covid 19 we are accepting only Casseroles For Mercy Hospice

At this time, we are accepting only frozen casseroles for Mercy Hospice. If you would like, and you find yourself with ingredients to make a dinner, please consider making a casserole to help feed the women and children at the Mercy Hospice shelter. Pan recipes can be found at the Aberdeen Avenue door of the church. Thank you for helping us continue to support the women and children of Mercy Hospice.

For more information, please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171, Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436, Susan Wiener at 60-331-3847 or Vicki Warner at 610-937-1648.

SKS SCHOOL NEWS

Dear SKS Parishioners,

I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

The closing of schools for the remainder of the school year is difficult for us as a school community to hear, as it is for every school. I feel an emptiness in my heart that matches our vacant school building. However, we must rally around this challenging time and move forward.

While our school building is closed, our virtual school remains open for business. Our students, parents and teachers are all working hard to make the best of this new normal. Is it perfect or ideal? Of course not. It's the proverbial making lemonade out of the lemons!

Zoom, Google Meet, Loom, Vimeo, and Educations, along with other platforms, have become new and welcome resources for teachers to reach out to our students. Our "built in" school community has been fractured by this pandemic. We are trying hard to keep our community intact by connecting with our families through these means and keep learning for our students an important part of their daily lives.

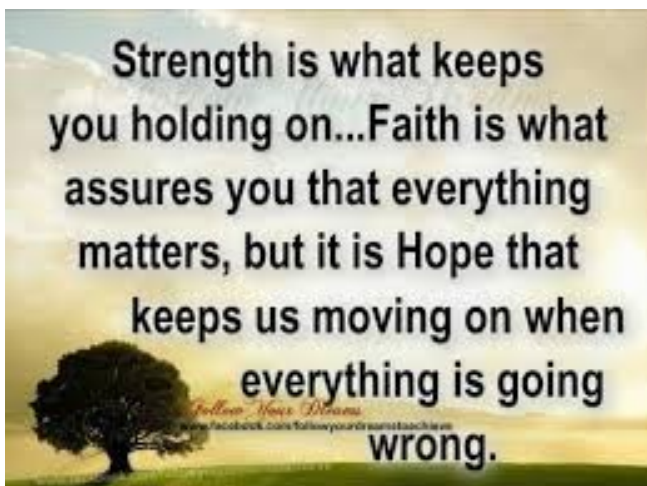
We cannot control this pandemic. We try to control it some by doing our part to stay safe and keep others safe as well. We can't control what has happened in closing down our school building, and school as we know it. Yet, what we can control is our attitude and approach going forward to get creative and do all we can to make the very best of this situation.

I am proud and commend our families and teachers for doing the very best we can under challenging circumstances.

I have faith and hope that after this is all over, we will be together again, stronger and more appreciative of the simpler things God has provided for us.

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.



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Chris Gagliardi: cgagliardi@cdssh.org

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
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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

Janna Forte
484-432-2640

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
sksrespectlife@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

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
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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

If you are interested in learning more about any of the groups call the contact name above or the rectory at 610-688-4584.