PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 31, 2020

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers Pastor

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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.

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

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MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please Note: all Masses are private until Saturday, 6 June.

SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020

For the people of St. Katharine's Ben and Pat Piazza Michael Dwyer

MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020

James and Marjorie White Rick and Ellie Melli (Living)

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2020 James P. Sinz Rajive Sondhi

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2020 Special Intention Stan Shumoski

THURSDAY, JUNE 4 2020 Special Intention Rudolph Sciore

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2020 Special Intention

Frank Scalzo

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2020

8:00 AM	Elizabeth Houghton
5:00 PM	Jane Brady

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

8:00 AM	For the people of St. Katharine's
9:30 AM	Michael Dwyer
11:30 AM	George Morelli

Readings: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18



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.

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:

Marianne Quinn, Anita Ford



Check out our website at www.sksparish.org!





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 20 May — 26 May 2020

PARISH INCOME

PARISH EXPENSES

Benefits: \$46.630.92

\$4,197.51

Administration Expenses:

Sunday Collection: \$15,814.00

Electronic Giving: \$5,085.00 Tuition: \$17.650.75

Other Income:\$9,336.009 Weekly Income: \$47,885.84 YTD Income: \$4,128,096.73 Other Expenses: \$5,921.39 Weekly Expenses: \$56,749.82 YTD Expenses: \$3,404,289.29 YTD Balance: \$723,807.44

Staying Connected to St. Katharine's

During this challenging time we invite you to stay up-to-date with news and events at SKS! Join our Flocknote email list to receive emails and texts. Sign up only takes a few seconds. You can join by texting SKS to 84576. You will receive a text back. Click the link to sign up and get started!

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

PENTECOST SUNDAY

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

(Acts 2:1-4)

With this dramatic description, we hear today the evangelist Luke portray the descent of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church as the apostles are empowered to speak to the crowds who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Feast of Weeks. As we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, allow me to reflect on its significance in the Church and in the lives of every follower of Christ.

First, as promised last week, I would like to reflect on the historical background for Pentecost because, just as Easter has its roots in the Jewish Passover celebration, Pentecost has its roots in the Jewish Feast of Weeks. The Old Testament speaks of a festival of the first fruits of the grain called "Ingathering," "Harvest," or "Weeks. The last name is given to the feast because it is celebrated seven weeks after Passover (cf. *Ex.* 34:22; *Deut.* 16:16, *et al.*). In *Deuteronomy* 16:16, we read: "Three times a year, then, every male among you shall appear before the Lord, your God, in the place which he chooses: at the feast of Unleavened Bread, at the feast of Weeks, and at the feast of Booths." Since the temple in Jerusalem was the holiest of the Jewish places, Jerusalem would be filled with faithful Jews not only at Passover (the feast of Unleavened Bread) but also at the Feast of Weeks and the Feast of Booths. These were celebrations of thanksgiving to God who had blessed the people with another bountiful harvest. The Feast of Weeks was celebrated in the spring at the beginning of the harvest season while the Feast of Booths (so called because the harvesters lived in makeshift tents or booths in the fields to protect their crops from marauders) was the final harvest festival, celebrated in the fall. Since seven weeks are fifty days, both the Old Testament and the New Testament referred to the Feast of Weeks as "Pentecost" (from the Greek Π evrŋ – *Pente* – which means "fifty").

In early Christianity, the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist was always a sort of Easter, a commemoration of the resurrection of Christ from the dead. It was not until the second century that various Christian communities began to observe an annual special time for Easter. As this developed, the Easter observance expanded quickly into a fifty-day period. At this time, the Easter season was called Pentecost. Since the early fourth century, there has been a special festival called Pentecost that is assigned to the fiftieth day of this season and commemorates specifically the events that we hear about in the *Acts of the Apostles* 2: the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles. In this same century, communities also began to distinguish the feast of the Ascension from that of Pentecost, celebrating the ascension on the fortieth day from Easter, as suggested by *Acts* 1:3, which speaks of the risen Lord appearing to the apostles for forty days before ascending into heaven. As you can see, the Christian Pentecost took little from the Jewish festival of Weeks except its position on the calendar. For Christians, the meaning of Pentecost derived from the accounts in *Acts* (1:4, 5; 2:1-47) that portray the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which inaugurated the mission of the Church.



The Pentecost episode in *Acts* – part of which we hear in today's Eucharistic celebration – presents the Holy Spirit coming upon all of those gathered in prayer as Jesus had instructed. The Spirit's presence was experienced as a strong, driving wind and "tongues of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them" (v. 3). This enabled the apostles to preach ecstatically and convincingly to people of all nations in their own language. This, some scholars suggest, reverses the unintelligible babble of languages that had separated nations from the time that people tried to build a tower to heaven (cf. *Gen* 11:1-9; the account of the Tower of Babel). It is also seen as a beginning of the Church's ministry which spread the Gospel far and wide in just a few centuries. Some scholars also see a reversal of the Old Testament situation when inspired prophets often spoke ecstatically but with little effect on the people.

Next, allow me to offer some theological reflections on this great feast. We celebrate Pentecost annually as the beginning of the Church, as is explained so well in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ's Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given, and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance. (§ 731)

Our Lord, Jesus Christ, has completed his work here on earth but, as he assured his disciples, God would continue to be present in the world through the Holy Spirit, sent to "remind you of all that I told you" (*Jn* 14:26). The *Catechism* goes on to explain:

The Church was made manifest to the world on the day of Pentecost by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. The gift of the Spirit ushers in a new era in the "dispensation of the mystery" – the age of the Church, during which Christ manifests, makes present, and communicates his work of salvation through the liturgy of his Church, "until he comes again." In this age of the Church Christ now lives and acts in and with his Church, in a new way appropriate to this new age. He acts through the sacraments in what the common Tradition of the East and the West calls "the sacramental economy"; this is the communication (or "dispensation") of the fruits of Christ's Paschal mystery in the celebration of the Church's "sacramental" liturgy. (§ 1076)

Just as Jesus showed the love of God while he was among us in the flesh by expelling demons, feeding thousands, forgiving sins and healing the sick, so the Church now demonstrates God's love by overcoming the power of the devil in the sacrament of Baptism, providing spiritual nourishment in the sacrament of the Eucharist, manifesting God's forgiveness through the sacrament of Reconciliation and offering God's healing strength through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. And, the Church continues to provide us with the living Word of God proclaimed in all of these sacraments. And, all of this is accomplished through the Holy Spirit, God's presence acting in the Church today.

Yes, Pentecost is still very important to us today. Let us, daily, open ourselves to the power of the Spirit and watch, amazed, as the apostles did, while the Spirit moves us in new and wondrous ways!



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and we shall be created and you will renew the face of the earth!

ONGOING PARISH ACTIVITIES

2021 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2021 will open on Monday, June 1st. Since the Rectory is currently closed, please email Barbara Lombardi at **rectory@sksparish.org** or call the rectory at 610-688-4584 and leave a message to schedule Masses for 2021. She will get back to you as soon as possible.

Due to Covid 19 we are <u>accepting only</u> Casseroles For Mercy Hospice

Thank you for continuing to support Mercy Hospice during this challenging time. We are currently accepting only frozen casseroles. Recipes, directions, and pans are located at the Aberdeen Avenue door of the church. As Mercy Hospice is feeding around 40 women and children, we ask that you follow the recipe directions which will provide them with the correct portions, as the Mercy Hospice kitchen operates best with the proper sized casseroles. Unfortunately, they are not able to accept frozen miscellaneous food items such as soups, sauces, or leftovers. Thank you for continuing 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.

Close Knit Community

Members of the Close Knit Community have not been idle during this challenging time. Leida Leighbody and Rosemary Causbrook have hung up their needles temporarily and have been doing other things, one of which is making masks. In fact, Rosemary has made almost 500 masks, which she has donated to CHOP, Einstein Medical, Paoli & Bryn Mawr hospitals and Meals on Wheels drivers.

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.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

The SKS families are on the seventh week of service for the homeless with the help of the amazing Legionaries of Christ priests and missionaries! If you would like to help with their mission please email Steph Twohig for the details youthministry@sksparish.org.







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 Sewardship Church, and in service to our brothers and sisters.

Time and Talent Team Coordinators: Bob McAlaine: bobbydmc@gmail.com, Chris Gagliardi: cgagliardi@cdssh.org

WORSHIP

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Adoration Maureen Reilly 610-989-3747 Marie Northington 610-687-6498

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Ministers of the Word (Lectors) Craig Hadden 610-688-0481

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Rosary Group Mary Ann Mahoney 610-971-0441

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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 610-688-4584

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.

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