

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, JUNE 7, 2020

9:30 AM Michael Dwyer
11:30 AM George C. Morelli

MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM McCafferty/Schlicher Families

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020

6:30 AM Rick and Ellie Melli (Living)
8:00 AM Bolter/Muldoon Families

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2020

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Diane Maldonado

THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Frank Scalzo

FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2020

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM Joseph and Ruth Walters

SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020

8:00 AM Richer Family
5:00 PM Anthony Cellucci

SUNDAY, JUNE 14, 2020

9:30 AM Vincent Baldassari
11:30 AM Peter Vitanzo

Readings: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

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:

Chester Harrington, Maria DiStefano, Marianne Quinn, Anita Ford



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of 27 May — 2 June 2020

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$7,531.00
Electronic Giving: \$8,515.00
Tuition: \$9,225.00

Other Income: \$3,406.16
Weekly Income: \$28,677.16
YTD Income: \$4,156,773.89

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$77,320.46
Administration Benefits: \$9,799.47
Maintenance: \$8,106.32

Other Expenses: \$10,969.14
Weekly Expenses: \$106,195.39
YTD Expenses: \$3,510,484.68
YTD Balance: \$646,289.21

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!

2021 Mass Book

The Mass Book for 2021 is open and our rectory office has reopened. Please feel free to stop by the rectory or email Barbara Lombardi at rectory@sksparish.org or call the rectory at 610-688-4584 and leave a message to schedule Masses for 2021.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Because of the recent unrest in Philadelphia, the Legionaries of Christ are no longer delivering the sandwich bags in person to the homeless. Fr. Michael has made arrangements with Visitation Parish, a parish in the middle of Kennsington, to drop off the bags on Friday mornings. The missionaries recognized the unrest in the city the last two weeks and the need to change how they were making their deliveries.

Thank you for your tremendous support of this important initiative to benefit the needy in Philadelphia. As we continue to provide this much needed assistance, we are rescheduling the sandwich drop off here at our parish center to Thursday evening from 6:00 - 6:30 pm so they can be delivered to Visitation Parish on Friday mornings.

Please keep our missionaries in your prayers as they continue to help the most vulnerable.



Check out our website at www.sksparrish.org!



Visit us on Facebook.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

TRINITY SUNDAY

“In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” This is how we Christians begin all our prayers because we believe in and worship a triune God. But, what do we actually mean when we say that God is a Trinity? As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, allow me to offer some reflections on this very important mystery of our faith.

First of all, it is important to realize we are dealing with a mystery, a reality that is well beyond our total understanding, just as the Incarnation and Resurrection are mysteries beyond our comprehension. Our words, our concepts, our minds, cannot adequately grasp or describe this aspect of God – just as we are incapable of completely understanding or expressing any aspect of God. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states so well, “[t]he mystery of the Trinity in itself is inaccessible to the human mind and is the object of faith only because it was revealed by Jesus Christ, the divine Son of the eternal Father” (CCC, p. 902). But, we can speak about God as a Trinity through analogies, images and metaphors.

At the same time, it is very important for us to reflect on the Trinity because it is at the center of our faith. To quote the *Catechism* again, “[t]he mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is, therefore, the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the ‘hierarchy of the truths of faith’” (CCC, 234). So, it is essential that we have some understanding and appreciation of this “most fundamental” mystery of our faith.

As we profess every Sunday when we recite the Nicene Creed, “I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.” God first revealed himself to Israel as the almighty creator and heavenly father. The two *Genesis* creation accounts speak of his creative power and demonstrate his fatherly care as he prepares the Garden of Eden and places humanity there. In his final address to Israel before his death, Moses reminds Israel: “Is he not your father who created you?” (Dt 32:6)

After Jesus was baptized in the Jordan, “the skies opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in visible form like a dove. A voice from heaven was heard to say: ‘You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests’” (Lk 3:22). And so we see Jesus begin to be revealed as the Son of God, a revelation that is expressed most clearly in Jesus’ address to his apostles on the night before he was crucified: “Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me” (Jn 14:11) and in his prayer for his followers that same night: “I pray...that all may be one as you, Father, are in me, and I in you” (Jn 17:21). As we profess in the creed, Jesus is “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.”

Although the Holy Spirit has been at work since the creation of the world and has, as we recognize in the creed when we say, “spoken through the prophets,” it is Jesus who reveals him to us. At the Last Supper, Jesus tells his apostles that “I will ask the Father and he will give you another Paraclete” (Jn 14:16). He then assures them that “the Paraclete, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will instruct you in everything, and remind you of all that I told you” (Jn 14:26). We profess in the creed that we “believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.”

THE TRINITY



But, who is this Blessed Trinity? Perhaps the best way to explain the Trinity is through imagery or analogy. St. Augustine used fire to point to the Trinity. He explained that a single flame has three elements: heat, light, and color. Also, a flame cannot burn without its brightness and its warmth. The flame represents the Father, the brightness is the Son of God shining into the world, and the warmth of the flame is the Holy Spirit, the love poured into our hearts. Augustine also used the image of an artist and a lover. An artist has an image in his mind that he wishes to present. His artistic ability allows him to make this image outside of himself, using canvas or marble or some other medium. In a similar manner, God the Father knows himself and begets the Son who is the Father's perfect self-knowledge of himself. The Father and the Son, in knowing each other perfectly, also love each other perfectly. And, as a man and woman bring about a new life in their child as a result of their love for one another, the Father and the Son bring about the Spirit who proceeds as the perfect love between them.

St. Patrick, when he was out on the land bringing the Good News to the people in Ireland, would stoop down and pick a three-leaf clover to explain the mystery of the Blessed Trinity. Each plant is one, yet has three leaves.

All of these revelations and analogies help us to embrace the mystery of the Triune God. In the end, however, we humbly bow and acknowledge that we cannot understand this mystery; we simply accept it, grateful that God would want to reveal this about himself to us. And, this is all very important to us because, in revealing himself, he reveals something about us, since we are made in God's image and likeness. Just as God is a Communion of Persons, so we are called to be a community of persons. As the Father, Son and Spirit are in an all-knowing, loving embrace, so we are called to know and love each other. And, as each Person of the Blessed Trinity has specific roles to play, yet all are involved in all that is, we each have specific roles to play and yet are all involved in all that we are called to do.

Here at St. Katharine's, we have many ways to experience the life and work of the Trinity in our midst! Whether it is in the daily or Sunday Eucharistic celebration – the most important work of our faith community – or through any of the many other parish organizations and activities, even during these challenging times, we are sharing in the life of the Blessed Trinity! As God's faithful stewards, we build community here in the parish, reflecting the mystery of the Trinity and making it known right here in our midst! "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!"

SCHOOL NEWS

Dear SKS Parishioners,

Below is an Op-Ed article published in the Delaware County Daily Times on May 27th. The CARES Act was created nationally to help all schools work through the Covid Pandemic. Perhaps you have not heard that Governor Wolf has taken \$47 million away from non public schools and given it to the public schools. Originally, \$66 million was appropriated. The governor gave non-public schools only \$18 million. The process is explained clearly in the article below by editorialist, Christine Flowers. You will see my quote at the end. Please contact Governor Wolf in Harrisburg about this injustice at <https://www.governor.pa.gov/contact/#Mail>.

Thanks for your support,

Bud

Christine Flowers: Stop Wolf's theft of funds from non-public schools

When it comes to the issue of Catholic school education, I admit to being what many have accused me of in other contexts: completely biased. Having spent 15 of my 19 years of education in Catholic institutions (St. Mary's Academy, Ancilla Domini Academy, Merion Mercy Academy and Villanova Law School,) and having spent another three years teaching in a Catholic girls high school (Villa Maria Academy,) it is safe to say that I am a true believer in the value of a faith-based experience. This disclaimer is addressed to every reader out there who questions my impartiality: I have none.

That being said, I am also an attorney who understands that there are specific rules and guidelines governing the separation of church and state, and that federal or state aid to private institutions, whether faith-based or secular, demands significant oversight. There is no space in this column to cover the sometimes bitter (bitter as in Lemon Test,) sometimes confusing and sometimes glorious history of First Amendment litigation when it comes to school funding battles, but suffice it to say that what I am about to tackle has nothing to do with the Bill of Rights, and everything to do with the Bill of Goods being sold us by Governor Tom Wolf.

Pennsylvania recently **received \$471 million in funding from Washington** as part of a Coronavirus funding package known as the CARES Act. That funding came with specific directions from the federal government that it be distributed equally between public and private schools. The directions can be found at this link:

<https://oese.ed.gov/files/2020/04/FAQs-Equitable-Services.pdf>

It's important to remember that these are not federal Title services but are, rather, emergency funding to support American students in a wide variety of educational settings who have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. The disruption has been devastating, and cuts across race, ethnicity, age, geographic and, yes, faith lines. Catholic and other private school children are as harmed by the pandemic and its repercussions as children in public schools.

But Governor Wolf has decided to set these groups against one another, playing games with some of the most vulnerable among us: kids. Instead of equitably dividing the funds based on actual need, he has decided to place an ideological thumb on the scale and favor public school children, for reasons completely unrelated to the goal of treating victims of this crisis equally. Instead of allocating the full amount that is owing to children in private schools, approximately 66 millions dollars, Wolf has allocated only 19 million dollars, thereby misappropriating 47 million in federal funds.

According to Sean Macaleer of the Pennsylvania Catholic Conference, **"Catholic and nonpublic school students matter," said McAleer. "We are asking Mr. Wolf and Education Secretary Pedro Rivera to please follow the federal guidelines! In a time when thousands of Pennsylvania's children and families are suffering and struggling to make ends meet, the administration has chosen to cause further harm by refusing to allocate money as directed by the federal government."**

The Wolf administration has explained its decision to deviate from the equitable guidance provided by the federal government as an attempt to assist low income children, and has apparently made the decision that since there are more low income children enrolled in public schools, that it will ignore federal guidance and engage in its own version of social engineering. Pennsylvania is diverting federal tax monies paid by Catholic and non public school students to advance its own agenda. Here is confirmation of their reasoning:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Schools/safeschools/emergencyplanning/COVID-19/CARESAct/Pages/Equitable-Services-Reservation-Guidance.aspx>

Viewed in this context, it is clear that Wolf and his administration have decided that Catholic and non public school students are second class citizens, and are advancing their own ideological agenda based on a skewed understanding of who is suffering the impact of this crisis. This is reprehensible, but not surprising given similar judgment calls made by this governor (e.g. keeping abortion clinics open as essential services).

I spoke with Bud Tosti, principal of Saint Katharine of Siena school in Wayne, and he expressed his concern for the devastating impact this move will have on his students:

"I believe what Governor Wolf has decided in terms of keeping millions of dollars away from thousands of students across the state is both unjust and cruel. It basically sends a message that our designated population who pay state and local tax dollars for public schools, yet choose to send children to non public schools are 2nd class citizens and not deserving of educational funding at a time when all schools are in a crisis mode thinking about what September will bring. It is an unjustifiable and a biased decision on his part."

I agree. I would urge all of those reading this column and who believe that all students have dignity and value to contact Harrisburg and register your anger. Do it now.

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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WORSHIP

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Altar Servers

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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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)

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Mothers of Young Children

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Walking with Purpose

Maureen Reilly
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Colleen Brady
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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

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Athletic Association

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Boy Scouts

John McGee
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C.A.R.E.S. (Children Are Receiving Extended Care)

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Close Knit Community

Marie Rauscher
610-964-0642

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)

Colleen Maguire
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Persons with Disabilities

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St. Martin de Porres Outreach

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