

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, JULY 5, 2020

9:30 AM Margaret Manley
11:30 AM Breda Cryan

MONDAY, JULY 6, 2020

6:30 AM Michael Schanne
8:00 AM Martha McNicol

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

TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2020

6:30 AM Rick and Ellie Melli (Living)
8:00 AM John McCafferty, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2020

6:30 AM Ann Marie Mason (Living)
8:00 AM Mimi Minor

THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM James and Marjorie White

FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2020

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Deacon George Bolter

SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2020

8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Peter Vitanzo

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2020

9:30 AM James and Marjorie White
11:30 AM Carmine Coniglioni

Readings: Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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:

Joseph Garzio, Sr., Edward Hickey, Edna Cellucci, Lawrence Adelberger, Jr.



Check out our website at www.sksparish.org!



Visit us on Facebook.

Academic Honors

The following students from St. Katharine's have merited distinguished honors at **Merion Mercy Academy**: Elizabeth Ciminero, Morgan Doyle, Grace Flood, Anne Gleason, and Amy Werner. Congratulations to all!

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.

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.

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!

WOMEN OF HOPE

Women of Hope is a Catholic Services homeless shelter for young women in Philadelphia. They are currently in need of some basic new clothing for the women who come off the streets to shower and get a meal. Some of the new clothing the women need are: women's t-shirts, leggings, and underwear in all sizes. These items can be dropped off in the Parish Library. 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.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

UNDERSTANDING TRUE FREEDOM TODAY

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.” (*Mt. 5:43-45*)

As we celebrate Independence Day this weekend, we rejoice in the freedom God has provided us in this country as the result of a hard battle against an oppressive and unjust regime. At this time, however, we are also faced with cries of ongoing oppression and injustice in our nation from a people who are the descendants of those who were brought to our country as slaves and who still find themselves fearing for their lives due to what they perceive to be “systemic racism.” This is a good time for us to examine our Lord’s teachings – by word and example – as he came to bring us the only true freedom we will ever experience: before God.

God’s eternal plan called for his son, Jesus, to come among us to free us from the bonds of sin and death. These bonds are the result of our rejection of God and choosing, instead, to listen to the tempting of the devil, who tricks us with lies and half-truths in order to lead us away from God and into his control. This turning away from God is recounted in the Book of Genesis where we find the story of Adam and Eve, a mythological account that explains the rebelliousness we all struggle with in our lives.

It’s important to note that God sent his son into a society that was struggling with oppression and injustice. The Roman Empire enslaved those whom they conquered, treating them with contempt and exploiting them and their lands. And, Jesus was not born as the son of the Roman Emperor but the son of Mary, a Jewish woman who was among the oppressed. He surely experienced the brutality of the Roman Empire as he grew up.

So, what was Jesus’ response to this oppression and injustice? We learn a great deal about it in the Sermon on the Mount where we hear Jesus teach his fellow Jews:

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. ...Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ...Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of God. (cf. *Mt. 5:5-10*)

Our Lord goes on to admonish his fellow Jews to love their enemies and pray for their persecutors. You won’t find anywhere any of the gospels a call to angry protests or finger pointing. Instead, it calls everyone to a conversion and a change of heart. Even when Jesus spoke with righteous anger against the Pharisees, calling them a “brood of vipers,” (*Mt. 12:34*), he doesn’t call his followers to rebellion. Instead, he teaches:

“Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? ...You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother’s eye.” (cf. *Mt. 7:1-5*)

Jesus calls us to stop judging others – only God has the authority to judge – and instead, to look at ourselves to overcome our own sinfulness. Racism, murder, oppression and injustice will never go away in this world - it's part of the sinful nature of man, symbolized in Cain slaying Abel, and of the reign of the devil - but Jesus came to establish his new kingdom where those who follow him strive to correct their own sinful ways and, by their example, call others to do the same. When the Jews brought the woman caught in adultery before Jesus, they wanted him to condemn her. His response was, "let the one without sin throw the first stone." No one did because they had to admit their own sinfulness. And then, Jesus - God himself and the only one who is supposed to pass judgement - assured the woman that he didn't condemn her; he just called her to avoid this sin. He called her to a change of heart, gently and with an abundance of mercy and love.

Our Lord's teaching about love in the face of oppression is even more demanding as we also see in the Sermon on the Mount:

"You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one to him as well. ...Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles." (cf. *Mt.* 5:38-41).

This is a very strong admonition and one that we all struggle to heed; we want justice without mercy and look for vengeance instead of reconciliation. Jesus' teaching is even more powerful when you understand the two examples he used here. In the time of our Lord, there was a specific significance to the act of someone striking you on the right cheek: he was challenging you to fight. Roman soldiers would often strike the Jews on the right cheek to provoke them to fight. So, how does Jesus call them to respond? Offer them the left cheek, as well, as a sign of gentle, abundant love in the face of hatred and contempt. And, Roman soldiers were allowed to press their subjects into service but there were limits to their demands to ensure that the subjects would not be taxed beyond their abilities. Jesus uses the example of being pressed into service for one mile. In the face of this oppressive practice, Jesus calls for a generous response; going the extra mile. Jesus goes on to teach: "whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother" (*Mt.* 12:50). That's what the Church - the presence of God in this world - calls us to do today.

The Church has long been in the forefront of promoting social justice. But, it starts by calling everyone to a conversion and a change of heart. That's how we are called to respond. Beginning with *Rerum Novarum*, a powerful encyclical promulgated in 1891 in response to the oppressive practices of some capitalists over their laborers and continuing through the years, including a 1989 proclamation entitled *The Church and Racism: Towards a More Fraternal Society*, the Church has called all peoples to recognize that we are all made in the image and likeness of God and are all to be equally loved and respected.

Jesus, who teaches that we should love one another, calls us to extend an even more generous love in the face of oppression and injustice. His gospel – Good News – is very clear, but very difficult. And, he lived as he taught, standing silently before Pontius Pilate in the face of false accusations and praying for the forgiveness of our sins as he hung on the cross. If we are honest with ourselves, we would admit that we are all sinners. *Black Lives Matter* exposes another, contemporary example of that sinfulness. Rather than insisting on an "eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth" Jesus says, "offer no resistance to one who is evil." And, as I mentioned above, Jesus is speaking specifically in the context of an even more oppressive environment than we have today. The Roman Empire demonstrated its superiority over its subjects with a vengeance and with the intention to intimidate and oppress them. Our nation, on the other hand, was founded on the Declaration of Independence, proclaimed on 4 July 1776, which attests:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

As we celebrate the freedom that we enjoy here in our beloved country, I invite you to reflect on how we can best bring the true freedom that only God offers us to our land now, once again, torn apart by division and discord. True freedom comes only in loving as God does, abundantly, unconditionally, with mercy for all and a constant awareness of our own need for conversion of heart. May God bless America!



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

All sandwich and toiletry bags are to be delivered to the SKS Parish Center Thursday nights from 6-7:00pm. Sandwich or gallon ziplock bags are to have 1 peanut butter and jelly sandwich, snack (granola bar or snack bag) and water bottle (piece of fruit optional)



PARISH ACTIVITIES

MERCY HOSPICE ACCEPTING CASSEROLES AND GROCERIES

Thank you for continuing to support Mercy Hospice during this challenging time. Many thanks to those parishioners who have been donating casseroles to feed the women and children at the shelter. We are currently accepting frozen casseroles AND groceries. If you are making a casserole, 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.

If you would like to donate groceries, some much needed items include: Coffee, Creamer, Cake Mixes, Pancake Mix, Granola Bars, Pop Tarts, Peanut Butter and Jelly. These items can be dropped off in the Parish Library. For more information, please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171, Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436, Susan Wiener at 60-331-3847 or

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
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Marie Northington
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Paul and Alicia Peterson
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Altar Servers

Lisa Lopez-Carickoff
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Janna Forte
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Craig Hadden
610-688-0481

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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
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Parish School

Frank Tosti
610-688-5451

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Sr. Mary Elizabeth Karalis
610-688-7890

Respect Life

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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

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
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610-688-4348

Interfaith Hospitality Network

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Knights of Columbus

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Mercy Hospice Casserole Program

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Parish Library

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Persons with Disabilities

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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.