

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

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Evangelization

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Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Stephanie Twohig, Kim O'Neill, Jeanne Mulvanerty, Donna Blumeris, Sarah Bradley, Charles Cognata, Tina Rovito, Kevin Haynes, Ed Kubala, Bill Lehner, Mary Packer, Jeff Walkenhorst

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Angela Kusterbeck, Jeanne Mulvanerty, Richard Craft, Joseph Chott, Rita Tuma

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

9:30 AM John Munshower
11:30 AM Christopher Peluso

MONDAY, APRIL 28, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Mark Sargent

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025

6:30 AM Brooke White
8:00 AM Dennis Fiandra

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Dorothy DiGiallorenzo

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

6:30 AM Raul Barcelata
8:00 AM Daniel Brennan

FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Helene Snarponis

SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025

8:00 AM Mary Jane Crowe
5:00 PM Mary Ann Martillotti

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025

9:30 AM Howard and Claire Collier
11:30 AM Michael Jarmolowich

Readings: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Rv 5:11-14;
Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

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. If you or a loved one would like the parish nurse or parish priest to visit the home or hospital, please call the rectory to make arrangements.

Joan Beiter
Robert Bruno
Mike Busch
Michael Bushey
Nol Calabrese
Ryan Carlton
Charles Carr
Jackie Chedeville
Nancy DeFelice
Brady Duperreault
Jamie Lynn Donnelly
Annette Forte

Patrick Graham
Rosemary Grimm
Ginny Jackson
Wesley Jones
Libby Judge
Tony Lopez
Timothy Mahoney
Vince Malloy
John McCabe
Mark Megaw
Mary Ann Moffit
Madeleine O'Keefe

Paula Rudnick
Logan Schweiter
Claire Sieracki
Greg Schmidt
Jessica Smucker
Debbie Snyder
Maryanne Sullivan
Thomas Wallace
Kathleen Ward
Jamie Weber

Deceased Prayer List:

Sarah Geary, Johanna Ehart, Eileen McTague, Helene Snarponis

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PARISH ACTIVITIES

OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE

Week of: 9 April– 22 April 2025



simple. secure. convenient.

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$28,603.00
Electronic Giving: \$15,732.00

Tuition: 78,091.00
Insurance Proceeds:
\$75,275.89

Easter Sunday: \$22,871.00
Socials/Donations: \$7,361.50

Other Income: \$7,468.30
Weekly Income: \$235,402.69
YTD Income: \$4,128,564.68

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$87,477.29
School Boiler: \$49,995.00
Administrations Expenses:
\$19,415.16

Maintenance: \$6,935.62
Church Boiler Demo:
\$12,900.00

Other Expenses: \$7,848.96
Weekly Expenses \$184,572.03
YTD Expenses: \$3,825,615.89

YTD Balance: \$302,948.79

Women's Evening of Reflection

Thursday, May 1st

6:30—8:30

Father Reuben Nuxoll, LC

Testimonial by SKS Organist and Choir Director Laura Kerr "The Witness of Faith through Music"



Pre-Jordan/Baptismal Instruction

If you are having your first child baptized, the Archdiocese requires the parents to attend a Pre-Jordan class. The classes take place at 7:00pm the first Tuesday of the month. The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6th. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

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 ever more fully the joy of the Resurrection. Today is also Divine Mercy Sunday. How appropriate it is to celebrate our Lord's mercy as we say farewell to Pope Francis whose years of ministry as our Holy Father were highlighted by his preaching on mercy both in word and deed. Who can forget the first Good Friday that he celebrated as pope. Rather than washing the feet of twelve cardinals in the Basilica of St. Peter, as had been the custom for so many years, he went down the street to a local prison and washed the feet of twelve inmates? And, we all remember his powerful message in an interview shortly after being elected as pope:

"The thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. It is useless to ask a seriously injured person if he has high cholesterol and about the level of his blood sugars! You have to heal his wounds. Then we can talk about everything else. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds. ... And you have to start from the ground up."

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." We can all benefit from divine benevolence today as we continue to struggle with a wide variety of difficulties and trials in the midst of the ongoing war in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and continued unrest in so many other regions throughout the world as well as continued division in our own country.



I'm sure you're familiar with the image of Divine Mercy; it originated from a vision St. Faustina had on Feb. 22, 1931 and you will find it on display in our sanctuary this week. 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. Water – presented in this painting by the pale ray – speaks of the sacraments of Baptism and Penance since it is through these sacraments that our souls are washed clean. The Eucharist is the life-sustaining food for our spiritual journey.

Jesus promised an abundance of blessings to those who venerate this image. As you spend time in veneration, allow me to offer some reflections 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.

As we continue our struggles, both personally and worldwide, 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 passages 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.

Sr. Faustina also offers us a strong message about the importance of spending time with God:

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. We need to find time to spend "at the feet of the Master."

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 struggles, we can either fret and worry or we can turn to our Lord in love because 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). Through the generosity of one of 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 which Pope Francis exemplified so well during his pontificate, and pray for God's mercy among us and all peoples around the world, especially now. May God have mercy on us all!

PARISH ACTIVITIES



Congratulations to our new Parishioners

Olga Dramis, Heather Cocco, Philippa Pascale, Michelle Johnson, Alexander Sykes, Anna Solyarick, Alyssa Slattery, Katharine Purvis, Brian Libby

Knights of Columbus

Congratulations to the recipients of Catholic Education Grants:

\$1000 Grants from Pa State Council:

Anne Slattery - SKS school
Molly Hnat – Archbishop Carroll HS
Conor Hnat – Archbishop Carroll HS

\$500 Grants from SKS Council:

Michael Bugler – SKS school
Julianne Staves – SKS school

The Knights are committed to Catholic education. Come check us out! Our next meeting is May 14th at 7pm in the parish center.



SKS PREP Registration for the 2025-26 school year opened on Monday, April 7th. Existing PREP Families check your inboxes for an email, dated April 7th from St. Katharine of Siena/Flocknote to register for the 2025-26 school year. We are offering a \$25.00 discount off tuition, per child, until April 28, 2025 and FREE TUITION/FEES for Catechists (teachers) and Aides. (No experience needed.) If you have any questions, please contact Kim Pepper at religioused@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 Church, and in service to our brothers and sisters.



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COMMUNITY BUILDING

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Walking with Purpose

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Retrouvaille: Marriage Help

215-766-3944
www.helpourmarriage.org

Gym Reservations

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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

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