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### Sunday Masses

Sun: 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm

### Holy Days

6:30am, 8:00am, 12:00pm & 7:00pm

Schedule may vary on Christmas and New Year's Day, and on Holy Days that fall on a Sunday.

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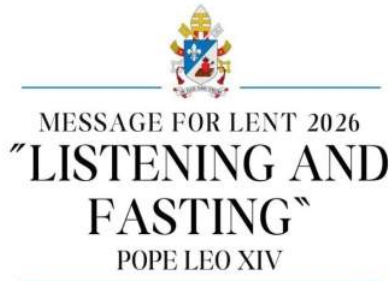


2nd Sunday of Lent

THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL PLEASED;

listen to him.

MATTHEW 17:5



## ***Listening and Fasting: Lent as a Time of Conversion***

### ***Fasting***

If Lent is a time for listening, fasting is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we “hunger” for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our “appetites,” keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbor.

With spiritual insight, Saint Augustine helps us to understand the tension between the present moment and the future fulfillment that characterizes this custody of the heart. He observes that: “In the course of earthly life, it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this bread, this food. The human race, on the other hand, hungers for it; we are all drawn to it in our desire. This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity.” Understood in this way, fasting not only permits us to govern our desire, purifying it and making it freer, but also to expand it, so that it is directed towards God and doing good.

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. It must be grounded in communion with the Lord, because “those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly.” As a visible sign of our inner commitment to turn away from sin and evil with the help of grace, fasting must also include other forms of self-denial aimed at helping us to acquire a more sober lifestyle, since “austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic.”

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbor. Let us begin by disarming ***our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.***

***(to be continued)***

## PARISH ACTIVITIES MARCH 2026

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|-------|--|----|--|
| 02    | <b><i>St. Vincent de Paul Gen. Meeting</i></b><br>Fitzgerald Hall, 7pm     | 21 | <b><i>Lenten Day of Service (p.3)</i></b><br>McBride Hall, 10am              |
| 04    | <b><i>Soup &amp; Stations (p.3)</i></b><br>Fitzgerald Hall, 6pm            | 23 | <b><i>Catholic Daughters of America Meeting</i></b><br>McBride Hall, 6:30pm  |
| 7/8   | <b><i>Legacy of Life Bottle Drive (p.5)</i></b>                            | 27 | <b><i>Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser (p. 6)</i></b><br>Fitzgerald Hall, 6pm     |
| 14/15 | <b><i>Lenten Food Drive (p.3)</i></b><br>Drop off at back of the Church    | 28 | <b><i>Men’s Prayer Breakfast Meeting</i></b><br>Fitzgerald Hall, 8:30-9:30am |
| 15    | <b><i>St. Patrick’s Day Family Social (p.6)</i></b><br>McBride Hall, 4-8pm |    | <b><i>(Lottery calendar winners on p. 6)</i></b>                             |

# LENT

2nd Sunday

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place in the church every Wednesday at 4pm during Lent, Feb 25th; March 11th, 18th, 25th, April 1st. Soup and Stations will be March 4th, 6pm.

*"We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee. Because by Thy Holy Cross, Thou hast redeemed the world."*

# Soup & Stations

An Annual Lenten Tradition at St. Katherine's



Wednesday, March 4  
6:00 PM

Fitzgerald Hall

Followed by Stations of the Cross in Church

Meal includes:

- Assorted Soups • Bread
- Light Refreshments

\$6 Per Person

**Special Guest Speaker:** Father Kevin Okafor

This year all proceeds will benefit Holy Cross Parish in Mt. Airy, where Father Kevin currently serves Pastor.

We are honored to support Holy Cross Parish as they work to meet the needs of their community.

✝ Come share a simple meal during this, holy season of Lent, gather in fellowship- and pray the Stations together as a parish family. ✋

### Soup & Stations - Wednesday, March 4

(Return Form.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed (\$6 per person): \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please return form with payment to the Parish Office.

✝ Saturday & Sunday, March 14th & 15th

## Lenten Food Drive

We are collecting donations of **Canned Goods & Hams** for our "Caring for Friends" cook-in at the Lenten Day of Service.



**Canned Vegetables**

- Boxed Potatoes • Hams
- are in need.

All donations can be dropped off at Mass the weekend of March 14th & 15th in the back of Church.



*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*



✝ Saturday, March 21st | Beginning at 10:00 AM

## Saint Katherine of Siena Parish

— McBride Hall —

## Lenten Day of Service

This Lent, we are called to serve with joyful hearts. Join our parish family for a morning of faith in action.

**10:00 AM – Caring for Friends**

Prepare meals for our homebound neighbors.

**11:00 AM – Project Linus**

Make No-Sew Fleece Blankets for those in need.

**11:00 AM – Rosary Making with the Catholic Daughters**

Create Rosaries to share with others.



Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Participating In: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_

Let us walk together through this holy season by putting our faith into action. ♥

**SACRAMENTS**

**Baptisms**

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays at 1pm.

**Requirement:** Parents must attend Pre-Jordan classes held on the **2nd Monday of the month**, 7:30pm in the Church. **Contact:** Deacon Duffy at 215-637-1464

**Communion Calls**

The Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring the **Eucharist** to those parishioners who are homebound. Please call: **215-637-7548**.

**Anointing of the Sick**

If you are ill or homebound and would like to receive the holy oil of healing, please let us know and one of our priests will be in touch with you.

**Matrimony**

Engaged couples should make arrangements with a Priest at least 6 months prior to the desired wedding date. Information on Pre-Cana, music and the liturgy will be provided at that time. Call the Rectory office to make an appointment. **215-637-7548 ext. 228**



**MONDAY, March 2**

6:30am Kathy Francis  
8:00am Donald & Kathryn Socket

**TUESDAY, March 3**

6:30am Veronica Feiler  
8:00am Nancy & Charles Hausmann

**WEDNESDAY, March 4**

6:30am Rita Schmidt  
8:00am James S. Christie

**THURSDAY, March 5**

6:30am Rosemarie Canning  
8:00am Michael Dirscherl

**FRIDAY, March 6**

6:30am Betty Maier (3rd Anniversary)  
8:00am Bonanno Family Living & Deceased

**SATURDAY, March 8**

8:00am Maria Cali



**SANCTUARY CANDLES AND BREAD AND WINE OFFERINGS**  
for the week of **March 1-7, 2026**

**The Sanctuary Candles burn for:**  
Donald & Kathryn Socket

**Adoration Chapel Sanctuary candle burns for:**  
Donald & Kathryn Socket

**The Blessed Mother Altar candles burn for:**  
Donald & Kathryn Socket

**All St. Joseph Altar candles burn for:**  
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**The Bread and Wine at Mass are for:**  
Donald & Kathryn Socket

**Want to become a Parishioner?**  
**Do you, your family, or a friend want to join our parish?**

The **REGISTRATION** of new parishioners takes place in the rectory. Please call us or stop by from Mondays to Fridays between 9:00am to 4:00pm. We look forward to being your faith community.

*Welcome to St. Katherine's.*

*Pray for the*  
**SICK**

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Jack Bronkovic        | Frank Kluzinski        |
| Marita Campbell       | Jim Kluzinski          |
| Barbara Cardullo      | Katie Krenzel          |
| Bill Champion         | Melanie Mathes         |
| Jason Cooper          | Tim McCarthy           |
| Rosemary Crowley      | Joe Micco              |
| Gil Damis             | Pat Mundy              |
| Marilyn Darrah        | Baby Ethan T. Nguyen   |
| Richard Dinan         | Heath Olsen (child)    |
| Anna Doody            | Patrick                |
| Stephen Duzinski, Sr. | John Quinn             |
| Justin Eshbaugh       | Mary Kay Ryan          |
| Missy Fischer         | William Ryan Jr.       |
| Mary Ann Gosser       | Valerie Saldana        |
| Tricia Hayes          | Joan Schott            |
| Stephen Haughton      | George Sinese          |
| Bob Horan             | Pacita Sinese          |
| Baby Isla             | Fr. Paul Stenson       |
| Baby Theo Iannacone   | George Stuhl           |
| Baby Noelle Iannacone | Kathryn Tisone (child) |
| Janine                | Marie Tisone           |
| Joseph G. Kain Sr     | Dawn Vogt              |
| Susan Kennedy         | Lawrence Wrenn         |



Sunday 9am to 12pm  
Tues & Wed 9am to 1pm  
Thurs 9am-12pm & 2pm-6pm  
Friday 9am-12pm

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**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

We remain dedicated to helping our neighbors in need. You are welcome to join our next meeting on

**Monday, Mar. 2nd, 2026 7:00 p.m.**  
**at Fitzgerald Hall.**

If you are in need, know someone in need within the parish, or have questions about our mission, please email: [svdp.phila.sks@gmail.com](mailto:svdp.phila.sks@gmail.com) or call 215-637-7548 ext. 250.

**Nar-Anon Meetings**

Nar-Anon is a 12 step support group for the family & friends of addicts.

Meetings are held every Thurs, 7:15pm in Fitzgerald Hall (Church Basement).

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**Catholic Housing and Community Services**  
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**ST. KATHERINE ELDERCARE PROGRAM**  
Community Resources

Do you need information about home care services, transportation options, financial benefits, health insurance, legal documents, social activities, home-based therapies, housing, etc...?

There are a variety of community resources available that provide services to seniors and disabled adults. If you are interested in finding out what community resources are available for you, your family, or your friend, please call the St. Katherine Elder Care Program.

**LISA SHOUSKY, Elder Care Program Manager**  
267-251-7766 (preferred number)  
or 215-637-7548 x224 (to leave a message)



Supports 3 crisis pregnancy centers in our area.

Their mission is to *save lives and transform families* by providing:

- Free pregnancy testing and ultrasound
- Compassionate information sessions and advocacy for women who feel abortion is their only option
- Comprehensive aftercare program that provides ongoing support for at least 3 years.



The centers provide real assistance for women in difficult circumstances to help them give their babies the gift of life.

A speaker will be at each Mass on Feb 28/March 1 and a "Bottle Drive" 2nd collection will be taken to support their work on March 7 & 8. Please be generous as you are able.

Donations can also be mailed to: Legacy of Life Foundation  
25 South Main St. #217  
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Donations on line at: [www.legacyoflifefoundation.org](http://www.legacyoflifefoundation.org).



*Remember, you can use e-giving as a way of making your contributions!*

**Please do not forget to put in your parish ID number (found on the upper right corner of your envelope) when creating your account.** Please call Sister Guia at the Rectory, 215-637-7548 x 223 with any questions. For more information, go to: [www.paritygiving.org](http://www.paritygiving.org).

**ARE YOU CLEARED TO VOLUNTEER?**

In order to **chaperone, volunteer, work or coach** at St. Katherine's, all adults over the age of 18 years must first obtain their clearances through the Safe Environment Clearance program.

For additional information, contact **Carmela in the Safe Environment Office,** tel: 215-637-7548 ext 224. **(Mon, Wed, Fri)**

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**Sunday, March 15**  
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**\$30 Adults | \$10 Children**

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**RESERVATION FORM**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

✦ Please send payment to School or Rectory by Friday, March 6  
✦ Tables reserved for parties of 8 - 10 - Others will be seated as as available

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Tables of 8 will be reserved~ all check made payable to SKS

Feb. 2026	LOTTERY CALENDAR WINNERS		
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3	918	\$ 40.00	Martin Dixon
5	688	\$ 40.00	Steph McCarthy
6	555	\$ 40.00	Sammie Munizza
7	863	\$ 40.00	no winners
8	147	\$ 40.00	Andrea Anderson
		\$ 40.00	S. Loftus(Samantha)
9	485	\$ 40.00	no winners
10	691	\$ 40.00	Jeffrey Derr
11	132	\$ 40.00	no winners
12	049	\$ 40.00	Bernadette Strain
13	520	\$ 40.00	Charlie Vazquez
		\$ 40.00	Matthew Kling
		\$ 40.00	Kimber Miller
14	782	\$ 40.00	Charlie Vazquez
		\$ 40.00	Fr. Zaleski
15	237	\$ 40.00	Mulholland family (Kristina)
16	188	\$ 40.00	Wayne Magee



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