

# ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

*Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community*



## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers  
Pastor

Rev. Msgr. John J. Jagodzinski  
Pastor Emeritus

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610-688-5451

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610-688-7890

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610-688-9489

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### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Karalis, SSJ, Colleen Maguire, Frank Tosti, JoAnne Alexander, Bill Bruno, Dan Hayes, Robert McAlaine, Erika Murdocca, Betty Sabol, Patrick Scanlon, Jessica Waltman, Jeff Walkenhorst

### PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Scott Belveal, 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, DECEMBER 2, 2018

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's  
 9:30 AM Msgr. Bernard Witkowski  
 11:30 AM Tony Albaladejo  
 6:00 PM Youth Mass

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

6:30 AM Eugene J. Maguire, Sr.  
 8:00 AM Gloria DeMitis

Eucharistic Adoration will begin after the 8:00 am Mass today with Benediction starting at 12:30 pm.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

6:30 AM Robert Farrace  
 8:00 AM Stanley Giorgiow

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2018

6:30 AM Special Intention  
 8:00 AM Richard Anderson

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2018

6:30 AM Special Intention  
 8:00 AM Anne and Tim McNamara

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2018

6:30 AM Special Intention  
 8:00 AM Lewers/Shea Families  
 6:00 PM Special Intention

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018

#### Immaculate Conception

9:00 AM McAllister/Guiney Families  
 12:10 PM Peggy and Joe Lynch  
 5:00 PM Cindy Quinn

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018

8:00 AM For the people of St. Katharine's  
 9:30 AM Deacon George Bolter  
 11:30 AM Maryann DiLucia

Readings: Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6



#### 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.

Ryan Carlton  
 Charles Carr  
 Mark DeLuca  
 Patrick Graham  
 Jean Hemcher  
 Ginny Jackson

Libby Judge  
 Corrine Kerrigan  
 Daniel Maguire  
 Timothy Mahoney  
 John McCabe  
 Logan Schweiter

Claire Sieracki  
 Debbie Snyder  
 John Studenka  
 Connie Winoski

#### Deceased Prayer List:

Julie Jagodzinski Michaels (sister of Msgr. Jagodzinski), Gloria Morelli, Jeannine Jalbuena



Check out our new website at  
[www.sksparish.org](http://www.sksparish.org)!



Visit us on Facebook.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Mothers of Young Children

**Wednesday, December 5th:** Parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5 are welcome to join us for our weekly play group in the Parish Center. Contact Elise Parisi at [moyc@sksparish.org](mailto:moyc@sksparish.org) or 484-885-0130 for more information. Also, please feel free to join our Facebook group - Saint Katharine's Mothers of Young Children - to get more information on meet-ups and events.

### H.O.P.E. Co-Leaders this Week – (Group 6)

Theresa Brennan 610-687-9414  
 Lee Mucha 610-688-0881

### "8 O'Clock at Wayne" Group

Weekly A.A. meetings are held in St. Katharine's Parish Center on Friday nights at 8:00 pm.

### Close-Knit Community

The St Katharine group of knitters and crocheters meets every Wednesday in the parish center from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. All are welcome to join us in making warm items for the needy. Rides can be arranged. For information, call Marie Rauscher at (610) 964-0642.

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

### *This is a Holy Day of Obligation.*



#### Mass Schedule

Friday December 7th  
 Vigil 6:00 pm

Saturday, December 8th  
 9:00 am and 12:10 pm



## HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

The December 23rd Bulletin is due to the rectory by noon on **Wednesday, December 12th**; the December 30th Bulletin by noon on **Monday, December 17th** and the January 6th Bulletin by noon on **Wednesday, December 19th**.

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ...And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud. ...When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand" (Lk 21:25ff).

With these words, our Lord helps to prepare us for his coming. As we begin a new liturgical year today, the First Sunday of Advent, allow me to reflect on the season of Advent and the *Gospel of Luke* (from which we will hear extensively during this liturgical year).

We human beings cannot live without hope. Unlike the rest of the animals in this world, we are blessed with the ability to recognize the future and to realize that our actions have some effect in shaping it. This is such an essential element of humanity that we cannot live without it. We must have something to live for, something to which we look forward. Once there is nothing to live for, we give up and die. But, we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for so many different things that will give us reason to live. Whether it be as close to us as living for our children and grandchildren or as global as trying to make the world a little better or as simple as eagerly anticipating our next vacation, these all give us a reason to live, something for which we can hope.

One of the reasons we Christians read the Old Testament during the Advent season is to learn where we should place our hope as followers of Christ. The people of the Old Testament times had great hopes. As we hear in today's first reading from the *Book of the Prophet Jeremiah*, they believed that the "days are coming" when the Lord would fulfill the promise he had made to the house of Israel, when "Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure" (Jer 33:16). They were looking for that day when God would come and save them from their earthly suffering, pain and misery at the hands of the Babylonians who were besieging them.

And yet, our hope is different from the hope of the people of the Old Testament since we live in the age of fulfillment. The coming of Jesus in history has brought about the beginning of the Kingdom of God. So, our hope is for its complete fulfillment as Jesus prepares to come again. As we celebrate the Season of Advent, let us turn our hope to the fulfillment of God's plan, which will bring lasting peace and joy to our lives!

Beginning this Sunday, we will begin to hear from the *Gospel of Luke* throughout the Sundays of this liturgical year. Each of the years in the Church's three-year Sunday cycle features one of the three Synoptic Gospels. Year A features the *Gospel of Matthew*, year B - which just ended - features the *Gospel of Mark*, and year C - which begins today - features the *Gospel of Luke*. This cycle allows us to hear each gospel, which presents our

Lord's teachings in slightly different ways since each gospel was written to different audiences at different times under different circumstances and for different reasons. The *Gospel of John* is also featured on certain Sundays throughout the year as well as on the first Sundays of Lent and during the Easter season.

The *Gospel of Luke* is generally thought to be written between 80 and 90AD in Syria. Intended for Greek converts to Christianity, it sought to encourage them to be confident that Jesus was, indeed, the Savior and that God's plan for salvation included the Gentiles. Like the other gospels, the text does not identify the author. Although it was traditionally thought to be a Syrian physician, modern scripture scholars identify him as a well-educated non-Palestinian Gentile convert - possibly Luke, a companion to Paul. He admits at the very beginning of his gospel that he is not an eye-witness of Jesus but has "decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence...so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received" (Lk 1:3+4).

As we begin this new liturgical year, let us listen carefully to all the readings - and especially the *Gospel of Luke* - which are proclaimed to give us hope as we prepare for the Kingdom of God!



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

**Men's Evening of Reflection**  
**December 10, 2018 from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm**  
**Saint Katharine of Siena Parish Center**

Calling all men, especially those with an appetite for good food and great beer. Next Monday evening, the parish will be hosting another Men's Evening of Reflection in the parish center. The evening will begin at 6:30 pm with Mass in the parish center followed by a free dinner and beer at 7:00 pm. At 7:30 pm, Fr. Scott Reilly will deliver a spirited talk on being men of courage for Christ and our Church. If you've been looking for an opportunity to connect with more men in our parish, or if you're seeking a spiritual boost, you won't want to miss this night. We hope to see you men there.





### December Youth Group 12/2/18



Following our 6:00 pm Sunday Youth Mass this weekend, we will be holding our Youth Group meeting from 7-8:30 pm in the parish center with pizza, water and snacks. The group will be assembling Advent Calendar Tags of "doing" and we will be sharing the month of December's service projects, social events and youth group activities. If you have any questions, contact Steph Twohig, Youth Minister at [youthministry@sksparish.org](mailto:youthministry@sksparish.org).



### St. Martin de Porres Drop Off

All teens in grades 7-12 who can help unload the Christmas and food boxes from the SKS parishioner's cars are asked to meet in the school parking lot on Saturday, December 8th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. On Sunday, December 9th from 10:30-11:30 am, we will load the moving van with the Christmas presents and food boxes. If you have any questions contact Steph Twohig, Youth Minister, at [youthministry@sksparish.org](mailto:youthministry@sksparish.org).



### Luminary Light Sale

Our Youth Group will be selling luminary lights for \$5.00 a bag after all the Masses the weekend of December 8th-9th. The lights will illuminate the outside of St. Katharine's Church on Christmas Eve Night. Please support the Youth Group who will be attending the Stuebenville Catholic Retreat and our mission trip Summer 2019



### Christmas Caroling

The Youth Group has been asked to sing Christmas Carols at Eagle Village Shops on Thursday, December 6th from 6-8 pm. All teens from 7th – 12th grade who would like to join in on the fun and spreading Christmas cheer, please contact Steph Twohig, our youth minister, [youthministry@sksparish.org](mailto:youthministry@sksparish.org).



### Mercy Hospice Giving Tree

Please remember to take a red tag suggesting a gift for the women and children at Mercy Hospice, that are on the two trees. One tree is located at the St. Joseph Shrine and the other one at the Lancaster Avenue door of the church.

Please help make this a special Christmas for the homeless women and their children by taking a tag and buying the specified gift. The gifts, in gift bags with the red tags attached, must be returned to the St. Therese Shrine by Sunday, December 9th. Info: Kay and Jerry Lafferty, 610-687-4707.

**SKS**

*Come Gather and Shop in the Spirit of Giving*

**SKS Holiday Stroll**  
Eagle Village Shops | Wayne  
Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup>

All Day Shopping | Evening Gathering Soirée at The Little House Shop at 5:30PM

*Participating Stores:*  
Ellie, Interiors for the Home, J. McLaughlin, The Little House Shop Menagerie, ViVi. G, along with pop-up, Bowerbird Garden.  
Autograph offering \$5 Menu and SKS Signature Drink  
SKS receives 20% Back of All Day & Evening Sales



St. Katharine's is happy to introduce a new opportunity for supporting your parish through online giving. We have partnered with Parish Giving to offer a simple, secure, and convenient means of contributing to St. Katharine's using your credit card or bank account.

To get started, scan the QR Code below or go to <http://sksparish.org/give> and follow the easy registration steps. If you need assistance enrolling or if you have questions, please contact Angela Kusterbeck, our parish business manager at 610-688-4584 or [busmgr@sksparish.org](mailto:busmgr@sksparish.org).



### OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of 14 November — 27 November 2018

<u>PARISH INCOME</u>	<u>PARISH EXPENSES</u>
Sunday Collection: \$22,841.00	Salaries: \$73,559.46
Electronic Giving: \$4,400.00	Diocesan Assessment: \$12,625.00
Tuition: \$12,505.00	Administration Expenses: \$5,679.44
	Maintenance: \$9,050.56
	Benefits: \$11,754.47
Other Income: \$17,447.09	Other Expenses: \$11,974.95
Weekly Income: \$57,193.09	Weekly Expenses: \$124,643.88
YTD Income: \$1,556,390.34	YTD Expenses: \$1,521,385.97
	<b>YTD Balance: \$ 35,004.37</b>



*Please join us for a Special Event*  
**Women's Morning of Adoration**

*Tuesday, December 4th*  
*9:15 am to 11:00 am*  
*St. Katharine's Church*



*Women's Eucharistic Adoration fol-  
lowed by reflection, silence, confession  
and benediction.*

For more information contact: Maureen Reilly at  
[cmkmjr@yahoo.com](mailto:cmkmjr@yahoo.com) or 610-745-6320.

#### **Aberdeen Club News**

The Christmas lunch for the Aberdeen Club will be held on Tuesday, December 11th from 11:30 until 1:00 pm in the Parish Center with entertainment by the SKS students. Rides are provided for all who need or want them. Please RSVP to Susan Diebold 610-527-3298 or email [susan.diebold@verizon.net](mailto:susan.diebold@verizon.net). Please come and bring a friend – all are welcome!

#### **Philadelphia Boys Choir and Chorale** **St. Katharine of Siena** **Friday, December 14th at 8:00 pm**

Join us for an evening of traditional and not-so-traditional Holiday Music to get you into the Holiday Spirit! Ninety boys and 45 adult voices will be accompanied by a small ensemble of instrumentalists. The first half of the concert will trace the story of the Nativity through song - including a new arrangement of *Silent Night*: the second half will feature favorites such as *Somewhere in My Memory* and *Christmas Time is Here*.

To purchase tickets (\$25-\$40) and for more information, visit [www.phillyboyschoir.org](http://www.phillyboyschoir.org).

#### **VoxAmaDeus**

Presents

#### **Handel's Messiah**

Conducted by our own, world-renowned  
Valentin Radu

At St. Katharine of Siena Church

Sunday, December 16th at 4:00pm

For tickets and information: 610-688-2800 or

[www.VoxAmaDeus.org](http://www.VoxAmaDeus.org)

#### **ARCHDIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **2018 Day of Sanctification for Priests**

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the Sacred Priesthood. This year, our priests will gather with Archbishop Chaput at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 3rd, for the *2018 Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people  
make use of the ministry of Priests,  
grant to these men  
a persevering obedience to your will,  
so that by their ministry and life  
they may gain glory for you in Christ.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

#### **St. Charles Seminary Open House and Christmas Concert** **St. Martin of Tours Chapel** **Sunday, December 9th**

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual Open House and Christmas Concert, featuring our seminarian choir. The Open House and seminary tours begin at 1:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 4:00 p.m. in our St. Martin of Tours chapel. Visit <https://www.scs.edu/node/2506>.

#### **Catholic League for Persons with Disabilities**

CLPD is a group of adults with disabilities who meet for spiritual, liturgical and social activities. They are welcoming new members, 18 years and up, to their Christmas party on Sunday, December 9th.

Mass will be celebrated by Rev. William Dean, Spiritual Director of CLPD at 1:00 pm at St. Katherine of Siena Parish Center at 9700 Frankford Avenue in Philadelphia. There will be entertainment by the Nevillaires during dinner and a 50-50 drawing for anyone interested. Charge for the afternoon party is \$8. RSVP to Barbara at 215-725-9746. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the Catholic League for Persons with Disabilities, please contact Barbara or Teresa at 215-725-9746.

## 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.*



**Time and Talent Team Coordinators:** Bob McAlaine: bobbydmc@gmail.com, Stephanie McAlaine: s.mcalaine@verizon.net, Chris Gagliardi: cgagliardi@cdssh.org

### SERVICE

**Aid for Friends**  
Barbara Gallagher  
610-687-6526

**Athletic Association**  
Michael McCormick  
ad@sksparish.org

**Blood Drive**  
MaryAnn Crowe  
610-688-9479

**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  
skskofo@gmail.com

**Mercy Hospice Casserole Program**  
Jerry and Kay Lafferty  
610-687-4707

**Parish Library**  
Christine Purkis  
610-687-8367

**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

### WORSHIP

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

**Adult Altar Servers**  
Canice Treangen  
610-525-3494

**Altar Servers**  
Liz Dole  
610-291-8475

**Charismatic Prayer Group**  
Paul Hayes  
610-687-8835

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
Betty Sabol  
610-688-9489  
Michele Staves  
mcstaves@gmail.com

**Church Environment**  
Amy Tahtabrounian  
610-688-3970

**Eucharistic Ministers**  
Patrice Polgar  
484-620-2282

**Liturgical Music Ministries**  
Jeremy Triplett  
610-688-9489

**Ministers of Hospitality**  
Canice Treangen  
610-525-3494

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

**Pre Jordan**  
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**  
Rebecca Roe  
610-529-9768

**Marriage Preparation**  
Dan and Julie Pijawka  
610-993-1249

**Parish School**  
Frank Tosti  
610-688-5451

**P.R.E.P. and P.R.E.P. Board (CCD Advisory Board)**  
Sr. Mary Elizabeth Karalis  
610-688-7890

**Respect Life**  
Matt and Maria Sowden  
610-975-9474  
skrsrespectlife@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  
610-525-1452

**Parish Center Reservations Manager**  
Marian Cellucci  
610-688-7044

**Aberdeen Club**  
Susan Diebold  
610-527-3298

**Walking with Purpose**  
Maureen Reilly  
610-989-3747  
Susan Wiener  
610-331-3847

### 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.*