

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers
Pastor

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Senior Priest

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Pastor Emeritus

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Youth Minister

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Parish Secretary

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Sr. Mary Elizabeth Karalis, SSJ, Kim O'Neill, Adria Crowley, JoAnne Alexander, Sarah Bradley, Dan Hayes, Ed Kubala, Robert McAlaine, Jessica Waltman, Jeff Walkenhorst

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Angela Kusterbeck, Carolyn Evans, Adria Crowley, Richard Craft, Joseph Chott

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.

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

9:30 AM Mark Jones
11:30 AM Robert Dudzinsky

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2022

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM Robert Butwin, Sr.

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2022

6:30 AM Maria Kovolski
8:00 AM James Snell

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2022

6:30 AM Danny Lincicome
8:00 AM Mary Ellen McGrath

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2022

6:30 AM Lily Waldman
8:00 AM Maria Falcone

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2022

Christmas Eve

8:00 AM Nep Fitzgerald
4:00 PM Danny Lincicome
6:00 PM Faz/Sowden Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022

Christmas Day

9:30 AM Russel Giallorenzo
11:30 AM Gleason/Higgins Families

Readings: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

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.

Jim Arimond	Rosemary Grimm	Madeleine O'Keefe
Joan Beiter	Ginny Jackson	Paula Rudnick
Dave Bielinski	Wesley Jones	Logan Schweiter
Robert Bruno	Libby Judge	Claire Sieracki
Ryan Carlton	Robert Kelly	Greg Schmidt
Charles Carr	Tony Lopez	Jessica Smucker
Jackie Chedeville	Daniel Maguire	Debbie Snyder
Brady Duperreault	Timothy Mahoney	Maryanne Sullivan
Jamie Lynn Donnelly	John McCabe	Carol Taddeo
Patrick Graham		

Deceased Prayer List:

Susan Bryne, Salvatore Poidomani

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2022

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CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00 PM Vigil Mass in Church
6:00 PM Vigil Mass in Church

Sunday, December 25th, Christmas Day
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Saturday, December 31st
8:00 AM Morning Mass
5:00 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Home Visits

Would you like Holy Communion brought to you in your home? Please call the rectory at 610-688-4584.



Close-knit Community

The St Katharine group of knitters and crocheters meets every Wednesday in the parish center from 1:00 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.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for the December 25th Parish Bulletin was due to the rectory by 5:00 pm on **Tuesday, December 13th.**

Information for January 1st Parish Bulletin was due to the rectory by 5:00 pm on **Friday, December 16th.**

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, December 23rd through Monday, December 26th.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

ADVENT COMES TO AN END

All of this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."* (Mt 1:22-23)

On this, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we all realize that Christmas is just a few days away! As we hear proclaimed in both our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and our gospel from Matthew, Jesus, the son of Mary, is also truly God: Emmanuel - that is God-with-us. As we contemplate this most important moment in human history, allow me to offer some reflections on its significance to us, 2,000 years later.

I think we can all agree that we live in very challenging times. Even before the coronavirus pandemic, we were struggling with much social and political strife not only in our country but around the world. The pandemic, along with the war in Ukraine, has only added to the stress, division, distrust and disharmony among us. It seems that we cannot come together on so many issues but are being torn apart in so many ways. We need intervention and reconciliation.

As he did 2,000 years ago, Jesus is the one who can provide us with intervention and reconciliation. As you know, Jesus was born into a troubled world that, like ours, was divided into kingdoms that were often hostile to each other. His nation – Israel – had been conquered by successive empires: Babylonian, Greek and Roman. His people were eagerly awaiting a Messiah – an anointed one like King David – who would lead them to overcome their oppressors and make them a great, united nation once again. But, as we heard in last week's gospel account, Jesus did not come as a warrior king. He came so that the blind could regain their sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear, lepers become cleansed and the dead be raised. He came not to reestablish an earthly kingdom but to establish God's kingdom. All of his miracles demonstrated God's mercy on the afflicted and foreshadowed the heavenly kingdom where there would be no more sadness and death but only eternal joy in the loving embrace of God.

As the greatest sign of God's love, Jesus offered himself generously to us under the forms of bread and wine in the Eucharist and to the Father on the cross in expiation for our sins. In dying for us, he overcame the final effect of sin – death – as he rose from the dead. His Resurrection allows us to be raised to eternal life with him. And, before he returned to his rightful place at the hand of God, he promised the Holy Spirit of God to continue to lead and guide us. Yes, Jesus, the Son of God who became the son of Mary, has showered us with gifts and we are blessed every day of our lives as we benefit from them. In a world of strife and discord, he brings God's peace and harmony into our lives.



This is why it is so important to join regularly in the Eucharist Celebration, where we learn about God's great deeds and are reminded of God's great generosity to us. In turn, we are strengthened and encouraged to share God's love with those around us. In the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council remind us that our Lord, who came once in history to accomplish his great work of salvation, and will come again at the end of time to lead all the faithful to our heavenly Father, remains in our midst, especially through the Eucharist:

To accomplish so great a work, Christ is always present in His Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass...particularly under the Eucharistic species.

It has been a real delight for me to see that more and more of you are returning to Mass on a regular basis. And, many of you have remarked to me that you missed receiving our Lord in Holy Communion. Of course you have! Just as we need food to nourish our bodies and keep them healthy, we need the Eucharist to nourish our spirits and keep them healthy. And, just as you can't eat virtually, sharing in the Celebration of the Eucharist virtually doesn't satisfy your deepest hunger for our Lord's living Body and Blood; you can only receive it in person. So, I encourage everyone whose health doesn't prevent them from coming to join us, once again, in celebrating the Eucharist. After all, Christmas only tells the beginning of the story. Jesus came to offer us his life-giving Body and Blood and we are so blessed to be able to receive it regularly, especially during these stressful times!

Yes, our coming together to worship God is the most sacred action we can perform as we gratefully acknowledge all that God has done for us, especially through his Son, Jesus, who is God with us. And, it guides and directs our daily lives in imitation of Christ's great work. As we come to the end of another Advent Season, let us give ourselves time to meditate on this great mystery and so prepare ourselves ever more deeply to receive our Lord as we celebrate his coming on Christmas in just a few days. Remember, the very word "Christmas" means "Celebration of the Messiah" – that's what we do every time we celebrate the Eucharist.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



A special "Thank you" to all of the parishioners who donated to our luminary collection last weekend. The \$1,500.00 raised will pay for college student Grace Twohig to attend the Catholic conference, SEEK, in St. Louis, MO over Christmas break!

Thank you again to the many parishioners who adopted one of the 77 families from St. Martin's and from St. Katharine's. Your generosity will help their families celebrate Christmas this year!





OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE
Weeks of: 7 December – 13 December 2022

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$9,232.00
 Electronic Giving: \$6,217.00
 Tuition: \$25,314.68
 Stewardship Appeal: \$7,270.00
 Socials/Donations: \$15,259.76
 Student Activities: \$3,202.64

 Other Income: \$7,757.19
 Weekly Income: \$74,253.27
 YTD Income: \$2,091,729.38

PARISH EXPENSES

Diocesan Assessments: \$16,933.33
 Administration Expenses: \$16,633.62
 Insurance: \$4,676.83
 Maintenance: \$3,911.73

 Other Expenses: \$4,827.92
 Weekly Expenses: \$46,983.43
 YTD Expenses: \$2,038,654.83

YTD Balance: \$53,074.55



Parish Coffee

There will be a parish coffee after the 9:30am Mass this Sunday hosted by Walking with Purpose. We hope you can join us and learn a little about this dynamic group at SKS!

Donate to Scholarships for SKS and SMdP Students and Save Money on Your PA Taxes!

The Business Leadership Organized for Catholic Schools (BLOCS) partners with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development's Educational Improvement (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs to provide an opportunity to donate toward scholarships and receive up to a 90% PA tax credit for your contribution. You may be able to deduct a portion of the remaining 10% as a federal deduction. The scholarships are awarded to students based on need at the school of your choice. For information, please see the [BLOCS website](#) or call (484) 704-2300.

To donate to St. Katharine of Siena School, contact Anne Condello at 610-688-5451.

For St Martin de Porres School contributions, contact Marissa Keough Director of Annual Giving Independence Mission Schools 610-200-5100 ext. 124 or mkeough@imspihla.org.

Men's Evening of Reflection

Please join us for a Men's Evening of Reflection with Father Scott Reilly, LC on Tuesday evening, December 20th in the parish center, starting at 6:30pm with Mass, followed by Father Scott's reflections. For more information, please contact Father Scott at frscott@legionaries.org.

Culture of Life Concert
Sunday, January 8th at 3:00pm

A Prayerful Concert for Peace featuring:

- Combined SKS and STV adult and children's choirs
- St. Martin de Porres God's Men choral group

For more information and to RSVP please go to SKSrespectlife@sksparish.org.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

March for Life
January 20, 2023
Washington, DC

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest, together we gather to celebrate life. We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected. If you are interested in joining fellow parishioners who will be taking a a bus from our school parking lot, please call the rectory at 610-688-4584 as soon as possible.



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.



SERVICE

Caring for Friends
Kim O'Neill
610-688-4584

Athletic Association
Michael Gompers
ad@sksparish.org

Cub Scouts
Jeff Walkenhorst
skspack219@gmail.com

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)
Kim O'Neill
610-688-4584
Shauna Munshower
610-688-4348

Family Promise
Robert and Jane Till
610-710-6410

Knights of Columbus
Bill Lehner
610-764-6267

Mercy Hospice Casserole Program
Jane Dwyer
610-306-9171
Jane Dooner
610-505-1436
Susan Wiener
610-331-3847

Parish Library
Christine Purkiss
610-202-5360

Parish Center Kitchen

Persons with Disabilities
Rosemarie Mazzeo
215-888-1043

St. Martin de Porres Outreach
Maria Carrillo
610-357-2392

WORSHIP

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

Adult Altar Servers
Paul and Alicia Peterson
610-989-0277

Altar Servers
Dan Hayes
610-772-7760

Charismatic Prayer Group
Paul Hayes
610-687-8835

Children's Liturgy of the Word
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Church Environment
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610-688-3970

Eucharistic Ministers
Patrice Polgar
484-620-2282

Liturgical Music Ministries
Dr. Ted Latham
610-688-9489

Ministers of Hospitality
Janna Forte
484-432-2640

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)
Erika Murdocca
610-348-2357

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
Ben Piazza
215-760-9743

Marriage Preparation
Dan and Julie Pijawka
610-247-0582

Parish School
Adria Crowley
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
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
Emily Monastra
emily_devoe@yahoo.com

Parish Coffee
Anne Walkenhorst
610-688-4584

Parish Center Reservations Manager
Kim O'Neill
610-688-4584

Aberdeen Club

Walking with Purpose
Maureen Reilly
610-989-3747

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.