

# ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

*Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community*



## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

### SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers  
Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Francis W. Beach  
Senior Priest

Rev. Msgr. John J. Jagodzinski  
Pastor Emeritus

Father Scott Reilly, LC  
Weekend Assistant  
484-422-8117

Stephanie Twohig  
Youth Minister

Kim O'Neill  
Coordinator for Parish Life and  
Ministry: 610-688-4584

Adria Crowley, School Principal  
610-688-5451

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Director of Religious Education  
610-688-7890

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Parish Nurse: 610-688-9479

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Evangelization

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

Joyce W. Chen  
Organist and Choir Director

Angela Kusterbeck  
Business Manager

Barbara Lombardi  
Parish Secretary

### 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, 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

## MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2022**

**Christmas Day**

**9:30 AM** Russell DiGiallorenzo  
**11:30 AM** Gleason/Higgins Families

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2022**

**6:30 AM** Special Intention  
**8:00 AM** Elizabeth Readie

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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022**

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2022**

**6:30 AM** Pam McMahon  
**8:00 AM** Patricia Reusche

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2022**

**6:30 AM** Judy Gavin  
**8:00 AM** Neil Ryan

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2022**

**6:30 AM** Special Intention  
**8:00 AM** Patricia Irvine

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**8:00 AM** Special Intention  
**5:00 PM** Larry Gaspari

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2023**

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**9:30 AM** Benjamin Woods  
**11:30 AM** Mary Pat Follman

*Readings: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21*

### 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:

Mary Rentschler, Susan Bryne

## NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 31st  
 5:00 PM Vigil

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

### Parish Coffee



SKS Religious Education will be hosting a parish coffee on Sunday, January 8th after the 9:30 Mass. Coffee and treats will be served. All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Parish Nurse Ministry

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is a portable medical device that analyzes and, when necessary, restores heart rhythm. An AED is the only effective treatment for restoring heart rhythm during a sudden cardiac arrest. AED's are designed for the layperson with step by step instructions. We have 3 AED's on site; they are located in the school cafeteria, the church sacristy and the parish center hallway in front of the Siena Room. If you want your blood pressure checked, please contact the parish nurse, Mary Ann Crowe at 610-688-9479.

### Home Visits

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

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

**Visit our website: [www.sksparish.org](http://www.sksparish.org)**



## *From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers*

### **MERRY CHRISTMAS and FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

On this most holy day, allow me to wish all of you a very blessed Christmas! I hope all of your preparations have been successful and you will be able to take a moment to sit back and reflect on the meaning of this great Feast – the birth of God’s only son for our salvation! All around you – even in the secular Christmas decorations and events – you can find symbols of this pivotal moment in Salvation History. Take, for example the Christmas tree. It is taken from the medieval German tradition that was in response to their belief that the gods and good spirits abandoned the earth in the winter, as seen by the lengthening darkness of every passing day and scarcity of food. They would hang food on an evergreen tree in the dead of winter to entice the gods and good spirits back to earth. Candles on the tree lit up the food so that it could be seen. We Christians took this pagan practice and provided our own interpretation. The evergreen tree – the only tree left alive in the midst of leafless trees that appear to be dead – symbolize the life of Christ that comes to us who are dead to sin. The ornaments speak of the many gifts that come to us as a result of our Lord’s birth. And, the lights remind us of Jesus, who is the “light of the world” (*Jn 8:12*). The wreath, which is traditionally made of evergreens as well, speaks of the eternal life God comes to give us through his son. The Christmas cards we send recall the good news that the angels brought to the shepherds in the field at our Lord’s birth: “For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is the Messiah and Lord!” (*Luke 2:11*) And, the gifts we exchange reflect the great gift God sent us – his son in the flesh!

We rejoice as Jesus is born into the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary. And, ordinarily, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year. This year, however, both Christmas and New Year occur on a Sunday, leaving no Sundays between them. So, the Feast of the Holy Family will be celebrated next Friday, 30 December. Of course, these two feasts flow from one to the other so allow me to reflect on the significance that these special celebrations have for all of us.

The birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God and son of Mary is, indeed, one of the greatest celebrations of our entire liturgical year; second only to Holy Week and Easter. After revealing himself in mysterious ways throughout Salvation History (e.g., a burning bush, a pillar of fire and column of smoke in the desert, a hand writing on the wall), and communicating himself through a variety of prophets, in the fullness of time, God came into our midst in person. What love and care he shows us all – that the all-powerful, infinite God would become man, as we hear stated so poetically in the Christmas Day gospel passage:

In the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God,  
and the Word was God. ...  
And the Word became flesh  
and made his dwelling among us,  
and we saw his glory,  
the glory of the Father’s only Son,  
full of grace and truth. (*Jn. 1:1, 14*)

We hear in the Christmas Vigil gospel account that Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, was found with child through the power of the Spirit of God. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and commanded him to name her child Jesus, which means “God saves.” As we hear in that gospel account, this was to fulfill the prophecy found in Isaiah: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means “God is with us.”

All of this happened within the context of family life. In the Gospel of Luke, we read about Mary traveling to help her cousin, Elizabeth who was pregnant with her first child. She was an older woman and Mary wanted to offer her assistance even though she, too, was pregnant. Clearly, Mary had already learned the importance of her family and even her extended family. And, in the gospel passage we hear on the Feast of the Holy Family, Joseph takes his family first to Egypt and then to live in Nazareth to protect them from the Roman rulers who were looking to kill Jesus because they had heard that he was the newborn king of the Jews. Joseph understands and accepts his role of protector and provider of his family.

It is within our family that most of us learn about God and are taught about his love for us and how we are to grow in our love for him and one another. It is within our families that we, like Jesus, usually advance “in wisdom and age and favor before God and man” (Lk. 2:52). And so, I invite you to reflect on both the wondrous mystery of God becoming man so that we could, once again, become one with God and the call for us all to make our homes and our families miniature churches, as the early Church Fathers instructed so well. In this way, everyone in our home will grow in love of God - who came to show us his love in person - and one another - for we are all made in the image of God. That’s why the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us!



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

***Eucharistic Adoration*** takes place at St. Katharine’s every Monday from the end of the 8:00 am Mass until Benediction which starts at 4:30 pm and lasts until around 4:45 pm. Spend some quiet time with the Lord. Read the divine words of Our Lord Jesus, meditate, pray or just sit quietly and listen to His words to you. You will leave the church happy and refreshed. Come and visit for as few or as many minutes as you have. You won’t be sorry. This is the best gift that you could ever give yourself.

### **Low-Gluten Hosts Available at Mass**

Low Gluten Hosts are available at Mass for those who request them. Please contact the rectory during regular office hours or text Msgr. Brouwers directly (610-420-8749) at least fifteen minutes before the Mass you plan to attend so the hosts can be ready for you.



**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 (ETC) 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@imsphila.org](mailto:mkeough@imsphila.org).

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

A Prayerful Concert for Peace featuring:

- Combined St Katharine of Siena and St. Thomas of Villanova 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](mailto: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. We gather together 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 bus from our school parking lot, please call the rectory at 610-688-4584 as soon as possible.

**HAVE A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND  
A HOLY AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
MSGR. BROUWERS  
MSGR. BEACH  
FATHER REILLY  
AND THE  
ENTIRE  
PARISH STAFF**

# 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

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

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  
skspectlife@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.*