

# 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

Laura Kerr  
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 4, 2022

9:30 AM Christopher Peluso  
11:30 AM William Wilson

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022

6:30 AM Butch Romano  
8:00 AM Joseph Rose, Sr.

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

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022

6:30 AM Bernard Quinn  
8:00 AM Judy Gavin

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2022

6:30 AM Special Intention  
8:00 AM John McCafferty  
6:00 PM Joan Quinn

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2022

6:30 PM Lewers/Shea Families  
8:00 AM James F. Brennan, Jr.  
12:10 PM Suzanne Stefan  
7:00 PM Special Intention

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2022

6:30 AM Dorothy Cashman  
8:00 AM Deacon George Bolter

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

8:00 AM Maria Mencarelli  
5:00 PM Veith/Williams Families

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022

9:30 AM Lewers/Shea Families  
11:30 AM Julia Centofante

**Readings:** Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

### 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
Jamie Lynn Donnelly	Timothy Mahoney	Maryanne Sullivan
Patrick Graham	John McCabe	Carol Taddeo

### Deceased Prayer List:

Susan Bryne, Salvatore Poidomani, Bernard Quinn

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



## PARISH ACTIVITIES



### OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Weeks of: 16 November – 29 November 2022

PARISH INCOME	PARISH EXPENSES
Sunday Collection: \$18,561.00	Diocesan Assessment: \$16,933.33
Electronic Giving: \$11,339.00	Maintenance: \$23,376.02
Tuition: \$70,941.67	Administration Expenses: \$9,210.71
Stewardship Appeal: \$17,358.34	Clergy Benefits: \$5,852.28
Socials/Donations: \$18,369.73	Charitable Giving: \$1,000.00
School Subsidy From Other Parishes: \$5,100.00	
Other Income: \$2,398.60	Other Expenses: \$6,588.62
Weekly Income: \$144,068.34	Weekly Expenses: \$62,960.96
YTD Income: \$1,898,695.64	YTD Expenses: \$1,799,012.07
	<b>YTD Balance: \$99,683.57</b>

### Advent Holy Hour

Our Knights of Columbus will lead the second annual Advent Holy Hour on Saturday evening December 10th after the 5:00pm Mass. Throughout the service there will be spiritual readings, songs and time for quiet prayer. This is a great opportunity to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord on Christmas Day. This is open to all parishioners. Please, join us!

### HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

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

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

## *From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers*

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Thursday we will join with the universal Church in celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is under this title that Mary is Principal Patroness of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as well as the Patroness of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. It is a holy day of obligation and we will celebrate Mass at 6:00pm on Wednesday evening as well as at 6:30, 8:00am, 12:10 and 7:00pm.

What does this title given to Mary mean and what is the significance of this solemnity? In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we read:

To become the mother of the Savior, Mary “was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role.” The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as “full of grace.” In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God’s grace. (§ 490)

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, “full of grace” through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin. (§ 491)

Unlike the rest of humanity, Mary was free from original sin from the moment of her conception. As we see above, it was a gift from God so that she could give her free assent to God’s call for her to bear his son. The *Catechism* goes on to explain:

The “splendor of an entirely unique holiness” by which Mary is “enriched from the first instant of her conception” comes wholly from Christ: she was “redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son.” The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person “in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” and chose her “in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love.” (§ 492)

Jesus Christ came to redeem humankind. Mary shared in his redemptive power from the moment of her conception. The *Catechism* asserts that God the Father “blessed Mary more than any other created person.” With this special gift, Mary could be “holy and blameless before him in love.” In fact, the *Catechism* explains that “by the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long” (§ 493). The *Catechism* continues to speak of Mary in this way: “espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God’s grace.” (§ 494)

And so, as with so many aspects of our faith, while the immediate focus of today’s feast might be on Mary, the real focus is always on her son, Jesus the Christ. Like all Marian feasts, today’s solemnity cannot be celebrated without reference to Jesus. That’s why we hear Pope Pius IX emphasize that the dogma comes about through the “merits of Jesus Christ.” It is Jesus who redeems, but in the mystery of the Incarnation, God has chosen to preserve Mary from original sin so she can be a fitting mother for his Son. Consequently, she plays a unique role in redemption and is properly given the title of Redemptrix. In other words, Mary was sinless so that she could give birth in the flesh to the Savior.

As we honor Mary, the Mother of God on Thursday, the feast of her immaculate conception, let us gratefully acknowledge the mercy of God and, like Mary, humbly submit our will to his so that we, like Mary, may be able to continue to cooperate with God as he draws all humanity back to him through his son, Jesus; that’s where we all belong!





## PARISH ACTIVITIES



Two weeks ago our YG middle schoolers assembled snack bags for St. Patrick's in Norristown. A special "Thank You" to all the parishioners who donated over 50 boxes of cereal to St. Patrick's food pantry! Youth Group members attend SKS, TE, Radnor and the Woodlynde School!



## Youth Group

After school Youth Group for the 7th-8th graders will be on Tuesday, December 6th and December 13th from 3:00-4:00pm in the parish center.

## Youth Mass

Due to the Adopt-A-Family weekend, the Youth Mass will be on Saturday, December 10th at 5:00pm followed by Youth Group from 6:00-7:00pm in the parish center.



## Luminary Light Sale

The Youth Group will be selling luminary lights for \$5.00 a bag after all the Masses the weekend of December 11th - 12th. The lights will illuminate the outside of St. Katharine's Church on Christmas Eve Night.

## Mercy Hospice Giving Tree

There are still some Christmas tags with gift suggestions for the homeless women and children at Mercy Hospice available on the tree located at the St. Joseph Shrine. Please help make this a special Christmas for these women and children by taking a tag and buying the gift specified on the label.

Bring your **unwrapped** gift to the church and place it in one of the wrapped open boxes located at the St. Therese or St. Joseph Shrine by Sunday, December 11th. For more information please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171, or Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436.

## Christmas Concert/Tableau

All are welcome to attend two special school traditions that are coming up. These events will be sure to get us into the true spirit of Christmas!

- ♦ **K-4 Christmas Concert** on Tuesday, December 6th at 7:00pm in church.
- ♦ **Grades 5-8 Tableau** on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00pm in church.

For those that would prefer not to venture out at night, please feel welcome to attend the matinee performance of the Tableau on Tuesday, December 13th at 1:00pm in church. Both will be live-streamed.

Hope to see you all there!

## Mercy Hospice Christmas Food Collection

Thank you for your generosity with the Thanksgiving food collection. We were able to deliver turkeys, potatoes, rice, vegetables and desserts to Mercy Hospice just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Thank you also to parishioner Julianna Blazey and the Wayne Rotary Club for making 24 casseroles! The chef there is so grateful to all of you! Our parish is truly helping to make a difference in the lives of the residents at Mercy Hospice as well as the homeless people who come in daily for a hot meal.

Please consider donating one of the following items for a Christmas meal at Mercy Hospice:

- \* Frozen vegetables such as broccoli, green beans and spinach ("Costco" or family size packages, or multiple packages of the same vegetable are appreciated)
- \* Whole Roast Beef – uncooked, chef will prepare, please freeze and then bring to parish center freezer
- \* Frozen vegetables and beef can be put in the freezer located at the back of the parish center (where casseroles are stored.)
- \* Instant mashed potatoes
- \* Beef gravy
- \* Pies and Christmas cookies – store bought please

### NO TURKEYS OR HAMS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

Items will be delivered on Monday, December 12, 2021. Drop off your donation to the freezer or church library by Sunday, December 11th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

### 2022 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 the Archbishop at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary on Monday, December 5th, for the *2022 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.*

## SCHOOL CORNER

November flew by at school! Students enjoyed finding ways to show gratitude for the many gifts God has given them. Thankful trees, turkeys, gratitude journals, and many more activities connected beautifully to the theme of Thanksgiving. On Friday November 11th we celebrated Veterans Day as a school by making cards to send to soldiers getting ready to deploy this holiday season. We also enjoyed a visit from Commander Lauber, an SKS parent, who came to speak with our students about his years serving our country. Under the direction of Mrs. Twohig and many helpful parents, we put on an amazing SKS Got Talent show on November 11th showcasing the many talented students we have here at school. Students sang, danced, played instruments, and even did a comedy routine. It was a wonderful night! We wrapped up the month with health screenings, took part in a pilot program for the new format of TerraNova testing, and celebrated Thanksgiving.

Thank you for your support of our school!

Mrs. Crowley



# 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  
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

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.*