

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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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

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From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

You will notice that the two Christmas trees that had been filled with almost 300 tags for women's and children's gifts at Mercy Hospice are gone – so are all the tags! Over the past few weeks, so many of you have so generously taken the tags and returned with gifts for these needy women and children whom you will probably never meet; in their name, I want to thank you! Let me also thank those of you who filled the school cafeteria last Saturday with gifts and food baskets for needy families both in our sister parish, St. Martin de Porres, as well as our own parish. And, I just received a letter from Msgr. James Beisel, the archdiocesan director of the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith, acknowledging your very generous financial support for the missionary Church; our Mission Sunday collection brought in \$4,691.00! These are just three recent examples of your great generosity throughout the year and especially at Christmas time toward those here in our own neighborhood, throughout our archdiocese and around the world, in response to our God's great gift to us – his Son, whose coming we eagerly await during this Advent Season. While he was with us, Jesus offered himself to us under the forms of bread and wine in the Eucharist and to the Father in expiation of our sins on the cross. This is why it is so important to join regularly in the Eucharist Celebration. Through this sacrament, we are reminded of God's great generosity to us and are, in turn, strengthened and encouraged to share of ourselves with those around us. I've been edified to see so many parishioners return to our Eucharistic celebrations as we all learn to live with the coronavirus. I'm sure you have found spiritual strength and encouragement as you receive our Lord at Mass both through his sacred Word and his life-giving Body and Blood.

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 sacraments:

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, not only in the person of His minister, "the same now offering, through the ministry of priests, who formerly offered himself on the cross", but especially under the Eucharistic species. By His power He is present in all the sacraments, so that when a man baptizes it is really Christ Himself who baptizes. He is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, lastly, when the Church prays and sings, for He promised: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (*Matt 18:20*).



Our generous outreach to those in need around us comes from our worship of God and leads us back to worship God as well, as the Council of Fathers remind us so well:

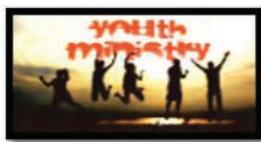
Christ indeed always associates the Church with Himself in this great work wherein God is perfectly glorified and men are sanctified. The Church is His beloved Bride who calls to her Lord, and through Him offers worship to the Eternal Father.

Rightly, then, the liturgy is considered as an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. In the liturgy the sanctification of man is signified by signs perceptible to the senses, and is effected in a way which corresponds with each of these signs; in the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members.

From this it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others; no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree.

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. It guides and directs our daily lives in imitation of Christ's great work. As we continue this sacred Advent Season, let us encourage each other by coming to Mass regularly so we can give ourselves time to meditate on this great mystery and so prepare ever more deeply to receive our Lord at Christmas!

PARISH ACTIVITIES



Huge thanks to the over 40 teens who helped this weekend with St. Katharine's Adopt-A-Family! The teens from Conestoga HS, Malvern Prep, St. Joe's Prep, Radnor HS, LaSalle HS, Notre Dame HS, Agnes Irwin, Episcopal Academy, Radnor Middle School and SKS unloaded and packed the Wayne Moving Van with all the presents and food! A special "Thank You" to ALL the SKS families who purchased and wrapped all the presents and food for the SMD families! Merry Christmas!



Youth Group

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



Luminary Light Sale

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



Parish Coffee

Walking with Purpose will be hosting a parish coffee next Sunday, December 18th, after the 9:30 Mass in the parish center. We hope you can join us and learn a little about this dynamic group at SKS!

Academic Honors

The following student in our parish has merit-ed honors at **Bishop Shanahan High School**: Julia Bennett. Congratulations!

Men's Evening of Reflection

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



SCHOOL CORNER

Christmas Tableau

All are welcome to attend our annual Christmas Tableau, presented by grades 5-8.

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

Hope to see you all there!

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Family Promise of the Main Line

IHN has updated its name & logo to reflect a long time national affiliation: Family Promise of the Main Line. Its mission remains the same: to help families experiencing homelessness. The number of families in need is higher than ever. We no longer host the families at our parish but we are the support parish for Wayne Presbyterian Church and we need SKS volunteers.

The next visit is this week. For more info visit the website: fpmainline.org. To volunteer or learn more contact: jane.jht@gmail.com or call/text 610-710-6410.

March for Life January 20, 2023 Washington, DC

The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vi-brant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of thousands of pro-lifers con-verge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill. It's the largest annual human rights demon-stration 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 cele-brated, valued, and protected. To inquire about buses leaving from the Archdiocese of Philadel-phia, contact the Office for Life and Family, 215-587-0500. If you are willing to coordinate a bus from our parish, please call the rectory at 610-688-4584 as soon as possible.

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