

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers
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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
Day: 6:30am, 8:00am, 12:10pm & 7:00pm

Adoration

Monday 8:30am - 4:30pm with
Benediction 4:30-4:45pm

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 Crow-
ley, Richard Craft, Joseph Chott

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

9:30 AM Ann Marie Massaro
11:30 AM Enriqveta Beriguistain

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023

6:30 AM Madelyn Phillis
8:00 AM John J. Rooney

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

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Thomas McCafferty

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Patricia Pittenger
6:00 PM Patrice Guiney

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM William and Catherine Murphy
12:10 PM Patrice Guiney
7:00 PM Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 19, 2023

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM Suzanne Conlan

SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023

8:00 AM Jamie Sauer
5:00 PM Veith/Williams Families

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

9:30 AM Robert Carlton
11:30 AM Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor

Readings: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a

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
Robert Bruno	Wesley Jones	Logan Schweiter
Ryan Carlton	Libby Judge	Claire Sieracki
Charles Carr	Tony Lopez	Greg Schmidt
Jackie Chedeville	Timothy Mahoney	Jessica Smucker
Brady Duperreault	John McCabe	Debbie Snyder
Jamie Lynn Donnelly	Mark Megaw	Maryanne Sullivan
Patrick Graham	MaryEllen O'Dwyer	

Deceased Prayer List:

Margaret Trobovic, Theresa Whiteman, Charles Mannix

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES

May Bulletin Deadlines

As John Patrick Publishing Company moves its office from Trenton, NJ to Ivyland, PA, they have requested early transmission of our copy during the month of May. Please have all bulletin information to the rectory as early as possible. See the schedule below (all due by noon).

- ♦ Information for the May 28th bulletin is due to the rectory by Wednesday, May 17th.



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE

Week of: 26 April – 2 May 2023

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$9,856.00
Electronic Giving: \$5,922.00
Tuition: \$562.00
Socials/Donations: \$14,291.24

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$75,952.89
Administrations Expenses: \$13,916.61
Student Activities: \$5,621.06
Charitable Giving: \$2,882.00

Other Income: \$5,851.88
Weekly Income: \$36,483.12
YTD Income: \$3,790,671.84

Other Expenses: \$3,092.54
Weekly Expenses: \$101,465.10
YTD Expenses: \$3,748,459.50
YTD Balance: \$42,212.34



Thursday, May 18th is the Ascension of Our Lord and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are on the left side of this page.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers of the parish and the mothers of all our parishioners! We all know how important our mothers have been to us as we grew up and so we join with our nation in honoring them today. Mother's Day has a very long history; allow me to offer a little background. The earliest tributes to mothers dates back to the annual spring festival that the ancient Greeks dedicated to Rhea; their religion considered Rhea to be the mother of many of their gods and goddesses. The ancient Romans had a spring festival dedicated to Cybele, the mother of their gods. Early Christians transformed this pagan celebration into an opportunity to honor Mary, the mother of Jesus; this was first done on the fourth Sunday of Lent. In England, this holiday was expanded to include all mothers and is still called Mothering Day. In the United States, the Mother's Day that we celebrate today has its roots in the efforts of Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, who organized a day 150 years ago to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community. She called it "Mother's Work Day."

At a time when our society encourages women to avoid having children, we celebrate the great gift that God has given us in calling families to share in his creative work, especially through the loving care of their children. As we have done in the past, we will be making baby bottles available for you to fill with your donation to support *Mothers' Home*, located in Darby, PA, that offers mothers and their children assistance before, during and after a crisis pregnancy. Please be generous with your offering; your support is very important for these women who have made the difficult decision to give birth to their children and now need our support.

Mother's Day is not part of the Church's liturgical calendar. In fact, liturgical directives state that "this secular observance must in no way diminish the primary focus of Sunday as the celebration of the paschal mystery." Yet, this national holiday allows an opportunity to reflect on the essential role of a mother in everyone's life, so allow me to offer some food for thought. Every human being has a mother. No one is born except through a mother's nurturing and labor. Even Jesus Christ, the eternal Son of God, had a mother. In fact, as Saint John Paul II wrote so eloquently in his apostolic exhortation, *The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*, "God then manifests the dignity of women in the highest form possible, by assuming human flesh from the Virgin Mary, whom the Church honors as the Mother of God" (§ 22). He went on to say that:

There is no doubt that the equal dignity and responsibility of men and women fully justifies women's access to public functions. On the other hand, the true advancement of women requires that clear recognition be given to the value of their maternal and family role, by comparison with all other public roles and all other professions. Furthermore, these roles and professions should be harmoniously combined, if we wish the evolution of society and culture to be truly and fully human. ...Therefore, the Church can and should help modern society by tirelessly insisting that the work of women in the home be recognized and respected by all in its irreplaceable value (§ 23).

Yes, women, and mothers in particular, play an irreplaceable role our lives. I'm delighted to see a return to the respect that stay-at-home mothers are enjoying once again in our society. Although their presence in the workforce is also very helpful to society at large, their work at home is of such great value that no one else can ordinarily do it as well. Let us take time today to honor our mothers, thanking them for their many sacrifices as they have brought us into the world and cared and nurtured us throughout our lives! As we celebrate Mother's Day this year, let us thank God for giving them the sacred vocation of motherhood, through which all of us have come to life.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:10-11)

This Thursday, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord, another significant feast during the Easter Season. This is a very important feast for us as we reflect on the end goal of our lives – eternal life with God in heaven! Allow me to offer you some food for thought.

Three days after Jesus was crucified, he rose from the dead and appeared to several of his followers. He then ascended into heaven where, as we proclaim every Sunday in the Nicene Creed, he "is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end."

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers an excellent teaching on the Ascension. In §659 of the *Catechism*, we read:

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.

Drawing from several of the scriptural accounts of our Lord's post-resurrection appearances, the Church teaches that Christ's body was glorified at his Resurrection, but his full glory did not become apparent until his Ascension. The *Catechism* goes on to explain in successive paragraphs:

§660 The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (Jn 20:17). This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

§663 Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified."

§664 Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end".

Whereas the Resurrection assured our Lord's followers that he was alive, the Ascension gave them - and us - definitive assurance that God's kingdom has no end. As we approach the end of the Easter Season and continue to reflect on the meaning and significance of the mysteries of this great Season, let us be encouraged to follow the example of the first disciples and witness to everyone the new life our Lord offers in his Resurrection and the promise of entry into his eternal kingdom when he returns in glory!



PARISH ACTIVITIES



Our last Youth Mass for the 2022-23 school year is Saturday, May 20th at our 5:00 pm Mass. Monsignor will be offering a special blessing to our graduating 8th and 12th graders. After Mass the Kona Ice truck will be serving water ice to everyone who attends the Mass.

Save the Date!
Abbeyfest 2023
Saturday, September 16th

Clothing Drive

We will hold a clothing drive from May 20th to June 4th for the St Francis Inn in Philly, which operates Marie's Closet Clothing Center. The center serves low-income residents who depend on Marie's Closet for their clothing and shoes; community members receive coupons for needed items at no cost. The volunteer staff is looking for casual spring clothing (jeans, shorts, t-shirts, sweatshirts/hoodies, etc.) for men, women and children. Please drop off your gently-used clothing in the church library. Please no winter clothing as storage space is very limited. For more information, contact Bob Till at retill7@aim.com or 610-999-0191.

Manna Bags

Manna Bags will be distributed at all of our Masses on the weekend of May 20th - 21st. Kindly return your filled Manna Bags or your own bags, over the next two weeks.

Canned food items in greatest need are: beef stew, tuna fish, fruit, vegetables, pasta, soups, and pork and beans.

Thank you for reaching out to people in emergency situations. Emergency food pantries often run out during the summer so your support will be greatly appreciated.

Baby Bottle Drive Mothers Home May 13 through June 11

Mothers' Home is a residential shelter in Darby that provides safe haven for vulnerable, pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. Each spring, SKS hands out empty baby bottles at the doors after Mass for parishioners to take home and fill with donations. The money collected goes toward overhead costs, which couldn't be fully paid without your support. Youth Group volunteers will be standing outside church after each Mass this weekend with bottles for you to take home, or to accept any donations you might want to give. Please know in advance how grateful we are for your generosity. Should you be interested in more information please visit our website mothershome.org or contact Mary Packer at mjw-packer@gmail.com.

Collection for Mercy Hospice Women's Shelter

Please consider donating the following items to Mercy Hospice:

- * Frozen fish (raw or cooked filets)
- * Frozen Chicken breasts (raw or breaded/cooked)
- * Frozen Lasagna, Macaroni and Cheese, or Chicken Enchiladas (party size)
- * Rice or Instant Potatoes (large boxes)
- * Snacks such as chips, granola bars, packs of cookies and juice boxes for "to go" lunches given to those who are experiencing homelessness.

Remember, bulk size is most appreciated by the chef who cooks for 40 people at each meal!

Drop off your donation in the freezer at the rear of the parish center or in the church library.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Rosary Group

The Rosary group meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the church or parish center. In the warmer weather, the Rosary is said at the Grotto. St. Katharine's parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus on Tuesday, May 9th at the Grotto for this tribute to the Blessed Mother.

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
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Athletic Association

Michael Gompers
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Cub Scouts

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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

Persons with Disabilities

Rosemarie Mazzeo
215-888-1043

St. Martin de Porres Outreach

Maria Carrillo
610-357-2392

WORSHIP

Adoration

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610-989-3747
Marie Northington
610-687-6498

Adult Altar Servers

Paul and Alicia Peterson
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Altar Servers

Dan Hayes
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Charismatic Prayer Group

Paul Hayes
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Church Environment

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Eucharistic Ministers

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Liturgical Music Ministries

Dr. Ted Latham
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Ministers of Hospitality

Janna Forte
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Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

Dan Hayes
610-772-7760

Pre Jordan

Sister Mary Elizabeth
610-688-7890

Rosary Group

Mary Ann Mahoney
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CATECHESIS

Bible Study

Msgr. Brouwers
610-688-4584

Home and School Association

Ben Piazza
215-760-9743

Marriage Preparation

Dan and Julie Pijawka
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Parish School

Adria Crowley
610-688-5451

P.R.E.P. and P.R.E.P. Board (CCD Advisory Board)

Sr. Mary Elizabeth Karalis
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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

Walking with Purpose

Maureen Reilly
610-989-3747

Faithful Families

Kate Mallach
215-858-9507

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.