

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers
Pastor

Rev. Msgr. John J. Jagodzinski
Pastor Emeritus

Father Scott Reilly, LC
Weekend Assistant
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Transitional Deacon

Stephanie Twohig
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Kim O'Neill
Coordinator for Parish Life and
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610-688-5451

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Director of Religious Education
610-688-7890

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Liturgical Music Director
610-688-9489

Laura Kerr
Organist/Adult Choir Director
Evangelization

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
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, Donna Blumeris, Sarah Bradley, Charles Cognata, Tina
Grandizio, Kevin Haynes, Ed Kubala, Bill Lehner, Mary Packer, Jeff Walken-
horst

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Angela Kusterbeck, Carolyn Evans, Adria Crow-
ley, Richard Craft, Joseph Chott

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023

9:30 AM Jim Lombardi
11:30 AM Samuel Begg

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

6:30 AM Paula Feeney
8:00 AM Ellen Ryan

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023

6:30 AM All Forgotten Souls in Purgatory
8:00 AM Mike Bruder

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023

6:30 AM Helen Schnyder
8:00 AM Ginger Heim

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Clotilde Frazzette

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Frances Snell

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2023

8:00 AM Kevin Regan
5:00 PM Basil Kuzio

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

9:30 AM Anthony D'Agostino
11:30 AM Fred Essis

Readings: Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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

Deceased Prayer List:

Margaret Bedford, Michael Pansini

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 9 August – 22 August 2023

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$9,629.00
Electronic Giving: \$10,134.00
Tuition: \$647,315.00
Donations: \$12,534.00

Other Income: \$6,988.74

Weekly Income: \$686,600.74

YTD Income: \$1,006,945.72

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$77,753.80
Benefits: \$61,946.35
Maintenance: \$37,333.75
Administration Expenses: \$12,188.56
Utilities: \$9,021.38
Professional Fees: \$15,343.70

Other Expenses: \$6,272.69

Weekly Expenses: \$219,860.23

YTD Expenses: \$526,886.17

YTD Balance: \$480,059.55

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St. Martin de Porres School Supplies Drive August 20th-September 10th

Every year we collect school supplies for our sister parish school, St. Martin de Porres. Your past generosity has helped the 440 children in grades PK-8th start their year off right with new supplies! It has made a big difference in the lives of these families.

The supplies most needed are 2-pocket folders, marble notebooks, pencils, crayons, washable markers, colored pencils, pens, Dry Erase markers, Dry Erase pocket sleeves, scissors (for both small and large hands), glue sticks and eraser tops. New items only please!

Please drop off supplies through Sunday, September 10 in bins in the church library or at the entrances to the school and parish center. You can also send items directly to the school at 2300 W. Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19132.

Any questions, please contact Maria Carrillo at mariamcarrillo@icloud.com or 610-357-2392. Thank you for helping our sister parish!

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

Summer Projects Update

It's hard to believe that summer is coming to an end; I hope you've enjoyed some time for rest and relaxation! As we do every summer, this year, we have undertaken a number of projects throughout our parish facilities. The gym floor was resurfaced again this summer; this cost \$3,592.00. As you may recall, it was completely replaced last spring after the gym was flooded when Aqua improperly connected our gym to its new water line. Fortunately, Aqua paid for the floor's replacement but it needs to be refinished annually for the safety of all who use the gym since the floor becomes dangerously slippery as its finish wears off.

In school, all of the hard surface floors were stripped and waxed. This is done every summer to prepare for another busy school year; the cost for this work is \$8,218.00. And, eight of the windows in the front office area are being replaced. We are very grateful to the Tague family, longtime parishioners, for providing the windows at a greatly reduced price; this work cost the parish only \$26,085.00.

We also spent some time to clean out and reorganize the church and rectory basements. As I'm sure you can well imagine, we have items left over from innumerable parish activities that have accumulated in these basements. It was time to reevaluate what we could still use and what needed to be thrown out. I want to take this opportunity to thank Anne Condello, Jessie Bryan and Steph Twohig for working with Dave Craver, our facilities manager, to evaluate, eliminate and consolidate everything in the church basement. It looks much better and will allow everyone to have easier access to the items that were left after the much-needed purge.

The major summer project has been the installation of a new sound system in our church. As I noted earlier this summer, our current sound system, installed in 2012, needed to be replaced as so many of the electronic components of the system had broken down. As I'm sure you have experienced yourselves at home and work, the electronics of so many products last eight to ten years. When they break down, the entire system often needs to be replaced due to significant technological improvements. We've been working all summer on replacing the entire system (wiring, speakers, amplifiers, mixers and microphones). You will notice the ten new speakers already installed throughout the church. What you do not see is the hundreds of feet of wiring that has been run to connect them to the rest of the new system. Fortunately, Chris Plasha, who retired just last year as our facilities manager after he moved to the Poconos, was willing to return and oversee this work. Due to his involvement in the installation of the sound system in 2012 as well as the installation of our new church lighting system and pipe organ, he has discovered all of the nooks and crannies and hidden passageways so that these wires could be run most effectively and remain unobtrusive. He is currently working with several experts in the church sound industry to connect the speakers to the mixer, and amplifiers. He will soon oversee the installation of new microphones and a loop system that will allow those with hearing aids that are Bluetooth equipped to hear through their hearing aids. We hope everything will be in place and operational within the next few weeks with the expectation that the improvements will result in a much better auditory experience for everyone. I'm sure you realize how important this is for all of us to participate in our sacred liturgies, especially the Liturgy of the Word at Mass. I hope you will respond with your generous support of this work which is projected to cost approximately \$75,000.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support for your parish. We are, indeed, blessed with a strong and thriving parish, the result of so many parishioners involved in so many ways as we work to build up God's kingdom in our midst! As Labor Day fast approaches, I hope you can enjoy the rest of the summer; September is just around the corner!

Black and Indian Mission Collection

Over the past several years, the local media has drawn a great deal of attention to the inequality in the quality of education offered in predominantly Black neighborhoods in Philadelphia. We are blessed to be involved in supporting a school in our sister parish – St. Martin de Porres – that helps over 440 children in one of the most challenging areas of the city to receive a high quality education in a faith-filled environment. This inequality in educational opportunity has a long history throughout our country and next week, we have the opportunity to contribute to addressing this ongoing problem as we participate in the annual Collection for the Black and Indian Missions. Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Collection responds to the concern of the Catholic Church throughout our nation for evangelizing the Black, Native American and Indigenous peoples of the United States of America. Your contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers in their ongoing efforts to evangelize these people – so often forgotten by the rest of our society.

This important ministry within our Church has an interesting local connection; allow me to share it with you. I imagine you're familiar with the story of St. Katharine Drexel, our first Philadelphia-born person to be declared a saint. She was the daughter of Francis A. Drexel, a wealthy international banker. Born in 1858, she lived a very comfortable life as a child and young woman. She was well educated and travelled extensively around the country with her family in their private railroad car. A book that she read, Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor*, brought to her attention the plight of the American Indians. So, while she was on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend, Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't you become a missionary?" Her initial response to his answer was to become so distraught that she became ill.

Once home, however, she visited the Dakotas, met Red Cloud, the Sioux chief, and began a systematic aid program to Indian missions. In 1889, she renounced her fortune and dedicated her life to care for the American Indians and African Americans. By 1942, she had a system of 50 missions for Indians in 16 states and Catholic schools for African Americans in 13 states. Her crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first university in the United States for blacks.

I present her inspirational life for your reflection as we prepare, once again, for this annual collection, which we will take up next weekend. Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious men and women, and lay leaders who minister on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, and mission schools throughout the country. And locally, a number of parishes in our Archdiocese – including, St. Martin de Porres, our sister parish – are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. Every year, about \$9 million is collected from Catholics across the U.S.A. It is only through your continued generosity to this collection that such efforts can be realized.

The Black and Indian Mission Office is comprised of three distinct but inter-related organizations, each with its own purpose and history, but all seeking to fulfill the one mission to three mission outreaches in our country. The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions was established in 1874 to evangelize the American Indians and to advocate for better treatment of these earlier settlers of our land. The Commission for Catholic Missions, founded in 1884, focused on serving the Native Americans in Alaska. And, the Catholic Negro-American Mission Board was established in 1907 to evangelize and serve the African American community in our country. By 1980, these three separate organizations, all founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States, were combined into the Black and Indian Mission Office which cooperates with local diocesan communities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs of these three communities.

After his resurrection, Jesus commanded his followers to "go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature" (Mk 16:15). Pope Francis reminds us regularly that everyone is called – by their baptism – to share in the essential work of evangelization. As we begin another year of evangelization in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is called to make a difference by offering their prayers and financial support. As you have done in the past, I encourage you to be generous to this annual collection.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Walking with Purpose Connect Coffee September 19th at 9:15-11AM

Walking with Purpose is so much more than Bible Study. More than 50 women, of all ages and life experiences, gather at SKS each week to deepen their faith through personal study and small group discussions that link everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Join us on September 19th for our first Connect Coffee, an opportunity for newcomers to learn about WWP with coffee, breakfast treats and an inspirational video followed by a casual discussion.

Come as you are - you are welcome here.

Close-knit Community

Hello everyone. I hope your summer has gone wonderfully. It's time to let you know that the Close-knit Community is back and beginning its 10th season on Wednesday, September 6th. We invite any and all knitters and crocheters to come join us from 1:00pm to 2:30pm every Wednesday in the parish center for an hour and a half of good conversation and camaraderie while we continue our mission of supplying warm winter accessories for those in need. We'd love to see you and by all means, feel free to bring a friend. For further information, feel free to call Marie Rauscher at (610) 964-0642.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Eucharistic Revival in Action at SKS

The National Eucharistic Revival, a three-year initiative, was created by the US Congress of Catholic Bishops to remind us of Jesus' Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Year one focused on strengthening Eucharistic devotion through efforts by priests and bishops at individual dioceses. Year two began in June and brings the revival to the parish level for personal encounters with Christ during Mass, Adoration and special events. Year three starts in May 2024, and is dedicated to going out on mission to share the gifts of the Eucharist.

St. Katharine's will be offering opportunities throughout this second year to foster understanding of Jesus in the Eucharist:

- The Eucharistic Congress sponsored by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is **SOLD OUT**. Contact Kim O'Neill, koneill@sksparish.org or 610-688-4584 if you will attend and are interested in traveling with fellow SKS parishioners.
- **Forty Hours Devotion** will take place from October 8-10. During this time, the consecrated host will be displayed in a monstrance on the altar. All are invited to spend time in prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament. Father Bill Gabriel, O.S.A., from Malvern Preparatory School will preside each evening at 7:00 pm.
- **Eucharistic Adoration** is held in church every Monday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, with Benediction from 4:30-4:45 pm. Spend quiet time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament each week.
- Read Bishop Robert Barron's book ***This Is My Body***, a brief and inspired discussion of the importance of the Eucharist. Free copies of this excellent book will be available at the church entrances. Watch for details of a SKS book club later in the year.

To dive deeper into the National Eucharistic Revival, visit www.eucharisticrevival.org or sign up for the Heart of the Revival newsletter at www.eucharisticrevival.org/heart-of-the-revival-newsletter.



We held our College Blessing for over 25 college students last weekend. Not only did the students receive a "College Prayer" card and a religious bracelet, many of our parishioners who have college students also took the gift to mail to their loved one! A special congrats to Amelia Dole (Boston), Holly Bevenour (UConn) and Meghan Dole (Franklin and Marshall) as they begin their college journey.



Family Promise: New Coordinator Needed!

Thank you to Jane Till who, after many years, has stepped down as coordinator of the SKS Family Promise ministry. We are grateful for her dedication and leadership.

Family Promise (www.fpmontco.org) is committed to helping families experiencing homelessness in our community by providing shelter and comprehensive support services. St. Katharine's has been a part of Family Promise for years and serves as a Support Parish. Families stay at Wayne Presbyterian Church (WPC) several times during the year; WPC relies on Support Parishes to help them provide hospitality. SKS volunteers buy groceries, drop off dinners or stay at WPC for dinner or as an overnight host.

If you are interested in serving as the SKS Family Promise Coordinator, please contact Kim O'Neill at koneill@sksparish.org or 610-688-4584. It's a rewarding volunteer opportunity to help those in need!

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

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
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Church Environment

Amy Tahtabrounian
610-688-3970

Eucharistic Ministers

Patrice Polgar
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Liturgical Music Ministries

Dr. Ted Latham
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Ministers of Hospitality

Janna Forte
484-432-2640

Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

Dan Hayes
610-772-7760

Pre Jordan

Sister Mary Elizabeth
610-688-7890

Rosary Group

Mary Ann Mahoney
610-324-3437

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 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.