

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
484-422-8117

David Wang
Transitional Deacon

Stephanie Twohig
Youth Minister

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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Parish Nurse: 610-688-9479

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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, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

9:30 AM Rev. Frank McNulty
11:30 AM Ann-Michele Higgins

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

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

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

6:30 AM Barbara Brennan
8:00 AM James Donohue

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Eileen Donohue

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

6:30 AM Ruth Sullivan
8:00 AM Sugar White

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

6:30 AM Juliette Ackre
8:00 AM Gerald Strid

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

8:00 AM Eileen Donohue
5:00 PM Ginger Heim

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

9:30 AM Rita Dougherty
11:30 AM Susan Kovolski

Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

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:

Edward O'Neill, John McGee, Agnes Giovinazzo

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 13 September – 19 September 2023

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$9,120.00
Electronic Giving: \$5,837.00
Tuition: \$14,374.00
BLOCS Tuition Grant:
\$82,800.00
School Fees: \$14,707.26

Other Income: \$1,155.89
Weekly Income: \$127,994.15
YTD Income: \$1,286,286.29

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$75,594.35
Benefits: \$21,757.97
Insurance: \$16,553.25
Maintenance: \$16,703.12
Utilities: \$5,986.92

Other Expenses: \$6,421.80
Weekly Expenses: \$143,017.41
YTD Expenses: \$872,107.82
YTD Balance: \$414,178.47

Protecting God's Children workshop at SKS October 3, 7pm

We will host a *Protecting God's Children* workshop on October 3rd at 7:00pm in the parish center. The Archdiocese requires all staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children (once a week or more) to complete this training. This includes adults working or volunteering in school, PREP, CYO and other parish activities. Registration for the in-person session will begin at the end of the summer. These workshops fill quickly! If you would like to be notified when registration opens or have questions about the Safe Environment requirements, contact Kim O'Neill at koneill@sksparish.org.

There are also several online sessions offered over the summer; you can find info on our website, under the "Get Involved" tab. Sign up quickly because, just like the in-person classes, these spots fill fast.

Home Visits

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

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

And

This is My Body

Next Saturday, 30 September, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host its Eucharistic Congress at Our Lady of Czestochowa Shrine in Doylestown. Several of our parishioners signed up to attend before the celebration reached its capacity a few weeks ago. You can still participate virtually by joining the livestream. It will begin with Archbishop Nelson Pérez leading the congregation in the celebration of the Eucharist at 9:00am. Bishop Michael Burbidge, a Philadelphia native who is now the Ordinary of Arlington, Virginia, will offer the keynote address, "The Sacramental Sacrifice of Christ," at 10:30am. Several notable speakers will offer presentations on the Eucharist in the afternoon. I encourage those who have not signed up yet to do so and take advantage of this important opportunity to join with fellow Catholics throughout our archdiocese in learning about and celebrating this great gift of our faith: the Eucharist. Go to www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org/congress to register.



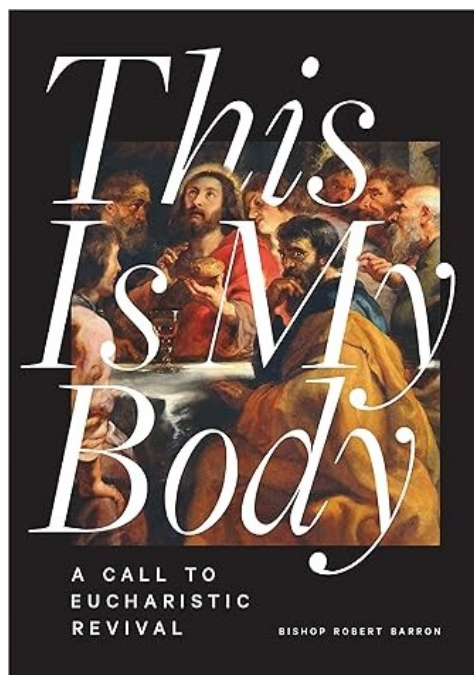
NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

Here in our parish, we are continuing our participation in the national Eucharistic Revival in a number of ways. I'm inspired to see more parishioners spending time before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during our weekly adoration on Monday beginning after the 8:00am Mass and ending with Benediction at 4:30pm. I have also been encouraged to see that so many copies of Bishop Robert Barron's excellent book, *This is My Body*, have been taken. I hope that you will take the time to read this superb presentation on the Eucharist.

To encourage you to do so, I would like to offer an overview of one of the themes from this book that I have found to be particularly powerful. The first theme that Bishop Barron explores is the Eucharist as a sacred meal; that's the title of the first chapter of this book. Bishop Barron begins with the account of creation found in the Book of Genesis and asks: why did God create? The answer is very simple: God created the heavens and the earth "of his own goodness and almighty power, not for the increase of his own happiness," as the First Vatican Council teaches so clearly. Bishop Barron goes on to explain that the best symbol of creation is the sacred meal, "the banquet at which the Creator shares his life with his grateful creatures." He continues to relate that:

Genesis tells us that God placed Adam and Eve in the midst of the garden of earthly delights and gave them permission to eat from all of the trees in the garden save one (Gen. 2:15-17). He instructed them, in short, to participate in his life through the joy of eating and drinking. (pp. 4-5)

We too often concentrate on the fall of Adam and Eve and fail to remember that it all started with God inviting our first parents to tend his garden and share in the abundance of its blessings, to eat and drink and share in this *sacrum convivium* (sacred banquet). Tragically, this communion with God was broken when Adam and Eve aspired to be like God. This is symbolized in their eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Only God, the ultimate good, has the fundamental right to determine good and evil. But God is relentless in his love for us and, according to Bishop Barron:



The whole of the scriptural story, though contained in a wide variety of texts written at different times for different purposes, can be seen as a coherent narrative of God's attempt to restore the fallen creation, to reestablish the joy of the banquet. In the language of the biblical scholar N.T. Wright, much of the Bible is the account of God's "rescue operation" for his sad and compromised creation. The choosing of Abraham, the Exodus of the children of Israel from Egypt, the giving of the Law on Sinai, the victories of David and Solomon, the sending of the prophets, the setting up of the temple – all are moments in the story of liberation. And in the Christian reading, the rescue operation culminates in Jesus, who recapitulates, sums up, the sacred history that preceded him. He is the one to whom Abraham looked, he is the final freedom from the slavery of sin; he is the embodiment of the new Law; he is the true successor of David and Solomon; he is the final teller of the divine truth; his body is the new Temple. This entire saga is the story of God's desire to walk once again in friendship with Adam, to sit down once again with the whole of his creation at a great festive banquet. (pp. 6 – 7)

Bishop Barron continues his study with an excellent reading of the significance of the Passover Meal which, he explains "was a recovery (however imperfect) of the easy unity and fellowship of the Garden of Eden, God hosting a banquet at which his human creatures share life with him and each other" (p. 9). He then moves to the New Testament and examines a few instances of meal fellowship to be found there beginning with the Christmas story:

The account of Jesus' birth in the Gospel of Luke is not, as Raymond E. Brown reminded us, an innocent tale that we tell to children. Instead, all of the drama and edginess of the story of Jesus are adumbrated here. We are meant to notice the contrast between the figure mentioned at the outset of the narrative – Caesar Augustus – and the character who is at the center of the story. Caesar would have been the best-fed person in the ancient world, able at the snap of his fingers to have all of his sensual desires met. But the true king, the true emperor of the world, is born in a cave outside of a forgotten town on the verge of Caesar's domain. Too weak even to raise his head, he is wrapped in swaddling clothes and then laid "in a manger," the place where the animals eat (*Luke 2:7*). What Luke is signaling here is that Jesus had come to be food for a hungry world. Whereas Caesar – in the manner of Eve and Adam – existed to be fed, Jesus existed to be fed upon. He was destined to be, not only the host at the sacred banquet, but the meal itself. (p. 13)

Bishop Barron goes on to explore the significance of a meal in the conversion of Matthew, the feeding of the thousands and, ultimately, the Last Supper. It is very helpful to read the Bible through this lens especially this year as we continue to join with all Catholics throughout our country in the national Eucharistic Revival. I offer you these few citations from *This is My Body* to entice you to read it in its entirety; you will surely find it to be very informational and inspirational!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Charismatic Healing Mass
Thursday, September 28th at 7:30pm
Celebrant: Father Raphael

Life in the Spirit Seminars
Starting Thursday, October 5th from 7:30pm
 Seven consecutive Thursdays ending the week before Thanksgiving

If you have any questions, please contact Paul Hayes at 610-687-8835.

PREP Registration

Returning families please register for PREP through your Parish Giving account. If you have any questions in regards to your PG account, please call 866-307-7140. New families please see our website to register today. General questions, please contact Sister Mary Karalis or Kim at mekaralis@sksparish.org or religioused@sksparish.org or please call 610-688-7890.



Sunday, September 24th
9th-12th graders
6:00 - 7:30 pm
Barbecue and Games

Steph Twohig, Youth Minister
Youthministry@sksparish.org

SKS Alumni **Bud Tosti is looking for your help!**

I hope this message finds you and your families well! St. Katharine of Siena School is looking to expand our SKS Alumni Board and we would love to have you join us. The purpose of the board is to reconnect former graduates of SKS with the school and each other, and to offer networking opportunities. We look forward to planning some SKS Alumni events in the area.

If you have any interest in joining the SKS Alumni Board please contact me at: btosti@sksschool.org or 610-745-0697.

I would love to hear from you and look forward to reconnecting with our SKS alums!

Bud Tosti
 Coordinator of Development & Alumni Relations



SCHOOL CORNER

We are happy to be back for a new school year! This year we welcome some new educators to our faculty. Mrs. Gail Marcil and Mrs. Crista Ford are the new aides in our Kindergarten program. Mrs. Colleen Fisher and Mrs. Bridget Elliott are the new aides in our 2nd and 3rd grade classes. Mrs. Tracy Barausky is our new 1st grade teacher. Mrs. Christy LoPiccolo is our new Kindergarten teacher and Mrs. Deanna Morrissey is our new 6th grade teacher. We welcome back the rest of our amazing faculty and thank them for all the work they put in over the summer to give us a strong start back at school!

I am also proud to share that for another year row our school received honors from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as a School of Distinguished Instruction! We received distinction in areas of both **growth and potential**. This award is based upon our Terra Nova scores which showed evidence of greater-than-expected growth from the previous year's tests. Our school was found to have exceeded 85% or above in all content areas across all grade levels who took the test. We exceeded predicted potential for our school with every grade level meeting or exceeding predicted potential on the Terra Nova Next testing.

Sixty-one archdiocesan schools were honored for distinction in either Growth or Potential. SKS was one of 18 who received distinction for *both* areas! We will proudly display our award in the main lobby this school year. We have received this award in past years, however this year I feel especially proud of our school given that we took a brand new, and more challenging, form of the Terra Nova tests last year. I am so proud of our students and teachers who have made this honor a reality for us!

I look forward to sharing many more exciting school updates throughout the year. Thank you for supporting 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

Family Promise

Adrienne Carroll
610-905-3583
loveaemail@gmail.com

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)

Kim O'Neill
610-688-4584
Shauna Munshower
610-688-4348

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

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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
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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

Jessica Bryan
610-310-6749

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

skrespectlife@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.