

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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Pastor Emeritus

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Liturgical Music Director
610-688-9489

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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, DECEMBER 3, 2023

9:30 AM Richard and Rita Dougherty
11:30 AM Leo Chessock

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Michael DiMaggio

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Richard and Peggy O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023

6:30 AM Lila Miles
8:00 AM Mary Kelly

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023

6:30 AM Those spending the Holidays alone
8:00 AM Martha Zazyczny
6:00 PM Thomas Robinson

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023

6:30 AM Caitlin Lumsden
8:00 AM John McCafferty
12:10 PM Lewers/Shea Families
7:00 PM Carole Quinn



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

8:00 AM Dorothy Cashman
5:00 PM Deacon George Bolter

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

9:30 AM Maria Mencarelli
11:30 AM Virginia Svoboda

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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:

Vittorio Predi, Scott Belveal, Elizabeth Greenwood, Barbara Rogers

PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 15 November – 27 November 2023

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$16,938.00
Electronic Giving: \$11,584.00

Tuition: \$92,417.50
Stewardship Appeal: \$29,870.00
Student Activities: \$3,059.52
Socials/Donations: \$2,300.84

Other Income: \$8,396.16
Weekly Income: \$164,566.02
YTD Income: \$2,068,804.75

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$83,290.01
Benefits: \$69,383.31
Administration Expenses: \$18,222.72
Maintenance/Utilities: \$5,625.81

Other Expenses: \$3,594.66
Weekly Expenses: \$180,116.51
YTD Expenses: \$1,869,689.15
YTD Balance: \$199,115.60



HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION



Information for the December 10th Parish Bulletin was due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Wednesday, November 29th.

Information for the December 17th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Friday, December 8th.

Information for the December 24th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Thursday, December 14th.

Information for the December 31st Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Monday, December 18th.

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THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. ...Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" (Mk 13:33, 36-37).

With these words, our Lord calls us to prepare us for his coming; he comes to bring us to God's kingdom. As we begin a new liturgical year today, the First Sunday of Advent, allow me to reflect on the season of Advent and the *Gospel of Mark* (from which we will hear extensively during this liturgical year).

We all know that Christmas is coming. All you have to do is look at the street lampposts or in the stores and you will see all the Christmas decorations; they seem to appear earlier and earlier every year. As the days shorten and darkness comes sooner and lingers longer every night, we are looking for some color and light to cheer us up. And, for us – we who believe in Jesus Christ – there is a much deeper awareness of something very special happening that offers us even greater cheer. And so, we first enter into the season of Advent as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and look forward to his return in glory.

Christmas is the time, every year, when we have the graced opportunity to reflect on God's love for us. He has shown us his love in person through the coming of his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. We should reflect often on this great mystery of our faith: that God, the infinite creator of the universe, would humble himself to become a man to save us.

And, we need to ask ourselves why God would come among us. As we hear proclaimed so clearly in today's first reading from the prophet Isaiah, God is our loving Father and we, who have hardened our hearts to him, need him to return. Our readings remind us that, as of today, we are not simply getting into the commercial Christmas season but entering into a season of conversion. Isaiah's prayer calls on God to be the potter forming the clay of our lives. Jesus calls us to be alert to God's unexpected appearances in our lives.

Watch

Traditionally, we talk about Advent as a time of waiting. But this week's readings emphasize watching — watching for the signs of God's presence, watching for the ways in which God desires to act as the potter to reform our lives according to his will. Jesus told the disciples that the master could show up at any hour — when we should be at our task or in moments of well-deserved rest. The task of discipleship then is not so much to be busy as it is to stay alert.

Beginning this Sunday, we will begin to hear from the *Gospel of Mark* throughout the Sundays of this liturgical year. Each of the years in the Church's three-year Sunday cycle features one of the three Synoptic Gospels. Year A - which just ended - features the *Gospel of Matthew*, year B, which begins today, features the *Gospel of Mark*, and year C features the *Gospel of Luke*. This cycle allows us to hear each gospel, which presents our Lord's teachings in slightly different ways since each gospel was written to different audiences at different times under different circumstances and for different reasons. The *Gospel of John* is also featured on certain Sundays throughout the year as well as on the first Sundays of Lent and during the Easter season.

The *Gospel of Mark* is generally thought to be written between 65AD (when Nero began his persecution in Rome) and 70AD (when Jerusalem was destroyed) and probably in Syria. Like the other gospels, the text does not identify the author. Although it was traditionally thought to be John Mark, a cousin of Barnabas and companion to Paul (as identified in the *Acts of the Apostles*), now it is proposed that he was an unknown Hellenistic Jewish Christian, that is, a Jew who was influenced by the Greek culture so prevalent in the Middle East at that time and who had come to accept Jesus as the Messiah. Originally intended for Gentile (that is, non-Jewish) converts to Christianity, it sought to encourage them as they faced persecution from both the Romans and the Jews.

As we begin this new liturgical year, let us listen carefully to all the readings - and especially the *Gospel of Mark*; they are proclaimed to prepare us for the Kingdom of God!



PARISH ACTIVITIES



Middle School Youth Group will meet on Tuesday, December 5th, from 2:45 - 4:15pm.

CYO Basketball Help Needed

Weekend help needed December 2023 through February 2024 in St Katharine's parish center during basketball games to supervise children and ensure they remain in designated areas for their safety. Hours and salary will depend on the weekend basketball schedule. If interested, please contact Mike Gompers at mjgompers@gmail.com.

Mercy Hospice Christmas Food Collection

Thank you for your generosity with the Thanksgiving food collection. We were able to deliver turkeys, potatoes, vegetables and desserts to Mercy Hospice just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. The chef here is so grateful for 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 the parish center freezer.
- * Ham—pre-cooked, pre-sliced or canned, frozen
- * Frozen vegetables and beef can be put in the freezer located at the back of the parish center (where the casseroles are stored).
- * Instant mashed potatoes
- * Beef Gravy
- * Christmas cookies, Christmas candy—store bought please.
- * NO TURKEYS NEEDED AT THIS TIME

Items will be delivered on Friday, December 15, 2023. Drop off your donations to the freezer or church library by Wednesday, December 13th. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Mercy Hospice Giving Tree

Christmas tags with gift suggestions for the homeless women and children at Mercy Hospice have been placed on the two trees located in the St. Joseph Shrine and at the Lancaster Avenue vestibule. 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 the wrapped open box located at the St. Therese or St. Joseph Shrine by Sunday, December 10th. 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 Wednesday, December 6th at 6:30pm in church.
- ♦ **Grades 5-8 Tableau** on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30pm 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.

Hope to see you all there!

Advent Prayer Service

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a short Advent Prayer Service following the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, December 16th in the church. The service will consist of prayer, meditative silences and songs in preparation for the coming of the Light of the World.

Please join us in this time of preparation for the Christmas miracle when God became man.

2023 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 Mother of Divine Providence Parish, King of Prussia on Monday, December 4th, for the *2023 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.*

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)

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

Betty Sabol
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Church Environment

Amy Tahtabrounian
610-688-3970

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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)

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

skspectlife@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.