

# 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  
Ministry: 610-688-4584

Adria Crowley, School Principal  
610-688-5451

S. Mary Elizabeth Karalis, SSJ  
Director of Religious Education  
610-688-7890

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Parish Nurse: 610-688-9479

Dr. Ted Latham  
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, NOVEMBER 26, 2023

9:30 AM Frank Dougherty  
11:30 AM Janet Bauman

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention  
8:00 AM A. J. Karalis

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

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention  
8:00 AM Mary M. Kelly

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention  
8:00 AM Regina McAfee-Jones

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention  
8:00 AM Thomas and Alice Pippett

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2023

6:30 AM Mardean Ann Martindale  
8:00 AM DiLauro/Alexander Families

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

8:00 AM Robert Hurley  
5:00 PM Cindy Quinn

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

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

*Readings: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mt 13:33-37*

### 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:

Barbara Rogers, L. Richard Brown, Nancy Burke

Visit our website: [www.sksparish.org](http://www.sksparish.org)



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Adopt-a-Family Volunteers Needed For Drop Off Weekend December 2nd

Each Christmas, our generous parishioners provide gifts and food for families from St. Martin de Porres, our sister parish in North Philadelphia. All of our families were adopted by last Sunday; thanks for your generous response! If you would like to help with this rewarding project, please contact Kim O'Neill at [koneill@sksparish.org](mailto:koneill@sksparish.org) or 610-688-4584.

### Adopt-A-Family Boxes

Adopt a Family boxes are now available inside the main entrance of the parish center. Please use the smaller boxes for food baskets and the larger ones for gifts. The filled boxes will be collected at our school on Saturday, December 2nd between 10:00am and 2:00pm. Many thanks to the generous parishioner who donated the boxes!

## HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION



**Information for the December 3rd Parish Bulletin was due to the rectory by 5:00pm on Thursday, November 16th.**

**Information for the December 10th Parish Bulletin is 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.**

## *From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers*

### **SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

On this, the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, the Church calls us to reflect on the kingship of Jesus Christ. It's quite different from how we ordinarily think of a king. Rather than a ruler who makes his power known over his subjects, our God is like a shepherd tending his flock. As we hear in this Sunday's first reading from the *Book of the Prophet Ezekiel*, God will look after his sheep "as a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep" (Ez 34:11). Like every good shepherd, God knows us by name and cares for our every need. He leads us away from the danger of sin and death to the green pastures of heaven. We are familiar with this image of God; it is found throughout the Bible. It is often used in reference to his son, Jesus, as well. When we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany at the beginning of the year we hear that Jesus comes to shepherd God's people. During the Easter season, we hear that Jesus is the good shepherd who leads his flock to safe pastures.

This Sunday, however, we hear in the Gospel of a different role that Jesus plays. Like a shepherd at the end of the day separates "the sheep from the goats" (Mt 25:32), Jesus will separate us at the end of time when he comes in glory. Christ's kingship is both one of service to his flock and of judgment over his flock. Following God's call – presented so clearly for us in the life and ministry of his son – we are to remain strong in our relationship with God and attentive in our care for everyone we encounter, leading them back to our loving Father. God sent his son to shepherd us. He is God in the flesh and he cares for us with an endless love. In turn, he calls us to care for each other as he cares for us.

When Jesus was in our midst, we see that he had special care and concern for the outcasts: lepers, widows, public sinners and foreigners. In listening to today's Gospel, we are reminded that "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). The "least brothers" include the hungry, the stranger, as well as those who are sick and in prison - all those our society so often wants to disregard or discard. When the Lord teaches us that whatever we do to the least, we do to him, he teaches us that God resides in everyone. And, it is Jesus, our Lord and King, who will judge us at the end of time. As we hear so clearly in this Sunday's Gospel reading, we will be judged by how we share God's love, especially with those forgotten by society.

Yes, we are fortunate to be citizens of this country but we are citizens first and foremost of the Kingdom of God. On this, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, let us reflect seriously on the end of our lives and rededicate ourselves to preparing ourselves for that time when our Lord, the Good Shepherd, separates us like a shepherd separates his flock so that we will be among the sheep on his right and so enter into his heavenly sheepfold!



## PARISH ACTIVITIES



### Young Adult Mass Saturday, November 25th at 5:00pm

All adults in their 20s to early 30s are invited.  
Confession is available from 4-4:45pm.



Middle School Youth Group will meet  
on Tuesday, November 28th, from  
2:45-4:15pm.



High School Youth Group will meet  
on Wednesday, November 29th, from  
6:30-8:00pm.

### 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](mailto:mjgompers@gmail.com).

### St. Katharine of Siena School

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year opened on November 1st.

New families are welcome to submit their online application at [sksschool.org](http://sksschool.org) for grades K-8. Space is limited so prompt applications are encouraged. Please feel free to contact Anne Condello at [acondello@sksschool.org](mailto:acondello@sksschool.org) or 610-688-5451 if you have any questions.

The complete application process is available on the Admissions page at [sksschool.org](http://sksschool.org).

### Knights of Columbus

Upcoming events are the Advent Prayer Service on December 16th after the 5:00pm Mass, Keep Christ in Christmas contest for all grade school children and discussion on the book "*This is My Body*" by Bishop Robert Barron over the next 3 meetings. If you are interested in joining the Knights, you are welcome to our next meeting on December 13th in the parish center at 7:00pm. The Knights are a great way for men to share your time and talents for your parish, strengthen your faith and support your family.

### 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.

### Advent by Candlelight Hosted by the Women's Ministries of SKS Thursday, November 30th 6:00-9:00pm Church and Parish Center

Dinner will be provided by Paola's. The cost is \$25, which includes dinner, dessert and beverages/wine. Please RSVP by November 27th at [sksparish.org/adventRSVP](http://sksparish.org/adventRSVP).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Laura Kerr, [evangelization@sksparish.org](mailto:evangelization@sksparish.org) or Patty Clerkin, [pattyclerkin@gmail.com](mailto:pattyclerkin@gmail.com).





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December 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

For many generations, the Catholic Church has been richly blessed by the ministries of consecrated men and women in religious congregations.

They have tirelessly dedicated their lives to helping others in the fields of education, health care, social services, and more. The number of those in need has grown in our city and nation over the years and our religious have been there at every turn to provide comfort and care while sharing the pure love of Jesus Christ. Our local Church has been emphasizing the importance of Missionary Discipleship over the past few years. I ask that you join me in commending these men and women religious as shining examples of that ideal.

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be held in our parishes during the weekend of **December 2-3, 2023**. This special collection is taken up in all parishes nationally. Thousands of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes, and organizations—often for a small stipend. Their sacrifices leave their religious communities without adequate funds for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious Collection** helps provide prescription medications, nursing care and health related assistance in these later years.

Please support the Retirement Fund for Religious Collection scheduled in our parishes **December 2-3, 2023**. It is an opportunity for us to give back to those who have selflessly given so much. Every gift helps no matter the size.

I also ask that you please continue to keep men and women religious in your prayers. Thank you in advance for your kind contributions and continued support of our elder religious. Be assured of remembrance in my prayers. May God bless you abundantly.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.  
Archbishop of Philadelphia

# 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  
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  
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.*