

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, DECEMBER 24, 2023

9:30 AM William and Doris Northington
11:30 AM Richard Brown

4:00 PM Connie Kelly
6:00 PM Chris Gray

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2023

9:30 AM McCafferty/Schleicher Families
11:30 AM Gleason/Higgins Families

There will be NO Adoration today.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2023

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Elizabeth Readie

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2023

6:30 AM Kathleen and Charles Heil
8:00 AM Piro and Rita Arcifa

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2023

6:30 AM James Childress
8:00 AM Patricia Reusche

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2023

6:30 AM James Childress
8:00 AM Thomas Robinson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023

8:00 AM Russell and Dorothy DiGiallorenzo
5:00 PM Karen Roberts

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

9:30 AM Thomas Robinson
11:30 AM Richard and Rita Dougherty

Readings: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-9-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

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:

Mary Ann Martillotti, James Childress, Vittorio Predi, Scott Belveal

PARISH ACTIVITIES

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2023

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 23rd
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24th
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday, December 24th Christmas Eve
4:00 PM Vigil Mass in Church
5:30 PM Choir Concert
6:00 PM Vigil Mass in Church

Monday, December 25th, Christmas Day
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Sunday, December 31st
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Monday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God
Not a Holy Day of Obligation
6:30 AM and 8:00 AM

Pray the Rosary

The Rosary group meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the church or parish center.

Parish Nurse Ministry

One in three adults ages 65 or older fall each year. Below are four ways you can prevent falls:

1. Review your medications.
2. Reduce home hazards.
3. Have your eyes checked.
4. Exercise and stay mobile.

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From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

ADVENT ENDS AND CHRISTMAS BEGINS

It's not very often that we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent one day and Christmas the next. The last time this occurred was six years ago in 2017 and it won't happen again until 2028. As I have heard from so many, it seems that Christmas has come much sooner, even though it's on the 25th of December, as it is every year. As we end the Advent Season and jump right into Christmas, allow me to reflect on the significance this time has for all of us.

Last Sunday, we heard about St. John the Baptist's encounter with some of the Jewish leaders as he was baptizing those who came to him at the Jordan River. As you know, the ancient Israelites believed that their God dwelt in their magnificent temple in Jerusalem and their faith-life centered around this temple. Several times a year, all faithful Jews would come to the temple to offer sacrifice to God. When the Roman Empire swept over the Middle East around 39BC, the Jewish people faced a real dilemma; bow to the gods and goddesses that the Romans put before them or face persecution and even death. The Jewish people have long been good at the bargaining table and the Jewish leaders struck a deal with the local Roman leaders that would allow them to continue worshiping their God rather than being forced to worship the Roman gods and goddesses. Of course, this came at a price; the Jews had to pay extra taxes to the Romans for this privilege. Unfortunately, it seems that many of Jewish leaders were more concerned about their relationship with the Romans than with their own people. And, as recent archeological excavations have revealed, they lived very well while most of their fellow Jews were struggling to make a livelihood, burdened by the heavy taxes laid upon them by both the Romans and the Jewish leadership.

This led to unrest among many Jews. Some, like John the Baptist, called for a new way to worship, away from the temple. The baptism he offered was to symbolize the washing of their sins; this was ordinarily reserved for the ritual baths in Jerusalem. He was clever enough to baptize on the eastern shore of the Jordan River, just outside of the Roman jurisdiction. But, he was a worry to the Jewish leaders who saw their fellow Jews leave the temple and seek out John. That's why we heard them last week ask John "Who are you?" This wasn't just a friendly inquiry about how he understood himself. Rather, they were asking "Who do you think you are?" After all, he was calling the Jewish people to repentance, that is, a turning away from the corrupted religious practices in the temple toward a pure relationship with God in preparation for the coming of the Messiah.



It is with this background that we better understand Christmas, when we celebrate the coming of the Messiah, the long-awaited savior. It was not by chance that Jesus was born of a poor Jewish woman in the obscure town of Nazareth. God sent his Son at a particular time and to a particular place to make a statement that speaks to people of all time. And, as we hear in the *Gospel of Mark*, Jesus began his public ministry by proclaiming: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (1:15). Like John the Baptist, Jesus calls his followers to repent, to turn around and come to focus on what is truly important; a pure relationship with God because this will prepare them for heaven.

No matter how poor or wealthy we are in this life, how healthy or sick, how young or old, we will all die and we all have an eternal destiny. As we come to the end of Advent, we hear in today's first reading that King David wanted to build a house for God. After all, he had established his kingdom with its capital in Jerusalem and had built himself a fine palace there. But, his prophet, Nathan, told him not to do so. "When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors," Nathan said, speaking for God, "your kingdom shall endure forever" (2 Sam 7:12, 16). Of course, they did not yet believe in heaven so they understood this as a foretelling of the kingdom that would grow under David's son, Solomon. But, we recognize that the prophecy was speaking of the coming of God's son. In this Sunday's reading from the *Gospel of Luke*, we learn that Mary, the poor woman living in the obscure town of Nazareth, would bear the "Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, ... and of his kingdom there will be no end" (Lk 1:32, 33b). It wasn't until Jesus rose from the dead that Mary, and other followers of Jesus, would come to understand exactly what that meant – eternal life with God in heaven!

And, all of this leads us to Christmas Day, when the Son of God is born as the son of Mary. Joseph, who is betrothed to Mary, learns from an angel that Mary will bear a son who is to be called, "Emmanuel, which means, 'God is with us'" (Mt 1:25). God comes to be one with us so that we can, once again, be one with God. God comes in time to save all people of all time - that includes us! As we end the Advent Season and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord, I invite you to reflect, once again, on this most important moment in all of history because it impacts our daily lives as we decide, day-by-day, where we are to focus our attention. Like the Kingdom of David and the Temple of Jerusalem, everything we build up here on earth will come to an end. Only God's kingdom will endure forever. As we celebrate these most holy days, let us gratefully accept Jesus who has come among us to lead us back to this eternal kingdom!

PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 12 December – 18 December 2023

Women's Evening of Reflection
Thursday, January 4, 2024
6:00-8:30pm
Church and Parish Center

If you have any questions or would like to RSVP, please reach out to Laura Kerr, evangelization@sksparish.org or Patty Clerkin, pat-tyclerkin@gmail.com.

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$14,796.00
Electronic Giving: \$6,192.00

Tuition: \$1,195.00
Stewardship Appeal: \$32,225.00

Socials/Donations: \$8,502.93

Other Income: \$2,953.39
Weekly Income: \$65,864.32
YTD Income: \$2,370,038.74

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$80,104.23
Benefits: \$60,227.39
Maintenance/Utilities: \$7,729.53
Administration Expenses: \$5,177.29
School/Parish Activities: \$7,082.46

Other Expenses: \$4,502.66
Weekly Expenses: \$164,823.56
YTD Expenses: \$2,293,320.48
YTD Balance: \$76,718.26

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.

LOOKING FOR A RECTORY HOUSEKEEPER

We congratulate Joyce Ngugi, our current housekeeper, who recently graduated from nursing school. As she leaves to pursue her nursing career, we are looking for someone to succeed her. We are looking for someone to perform light housekeeping, including laundry and grocery shopping for Msgr. Brouwers and Deacon David at our rectory, as well as Abp. Charles Chaput, who lives in retirement at nearby St. Edmond's Home. It is a part time paid position with flexible hours. Please contact the rectory (610-688-4584) if interested.

Home Visits

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

SCHOOL CORNER

We have enjoyed celebrating the Advent season at school. The students have completed many projects and writing activities to observe this holy season of preparation for the birth of Jesus. We have also enjoyed celebrating the season by presenting our K - 4th Christmas concert and 5th - 8th Tableau. These performances have reminded us of the true reason for the season and brought joy to family and friends. Thank you to all of the parishioners who joined us for these special events! We have also taken time to reach out to those in need this holiday season by collecting socks and food for the homeless. This week we will partner with our buddies at school to create care packages for senior citizens in local nursing homes. We wish the entire SKS community a very Merry Christmas and many blessings in the New Year!

God bless you!
Mrs. Crowley

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Family Promise Host Week December 31-January 7 Volunteers Needed!

Family Promise (fpmainline.org) is committed to helping families experiencing homelessness in our community. Families in the program stay at Wayne Presbyterian Church (WPC) several times during the year; WPC relies on St. Katharine's to help provide hospitality and meals. SKS volunteers buy groceries, drop off dinners or stay at WPC for dinner or as an overnight host.

The next host week at WPC is December 31-January 7. To volunteer or receive more information, please contact Adrienne Carroll at loveaemail@gmail.com or 610-905-3583 or Barbara Todd at bcivi@hotmail.com or 610-585-5044.

**HAVE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HOLY AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MSGR. BROUWERS
FATHER REILLY
DEACON WANG
AND THE
ENTIRE
PARISH STAFF**

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
610-608-4447

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.