

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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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, JANUARY 14, 2024

9:30 AM Charles Heil
11:30 AM Debra Palermo

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Martin O'Connor

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

6:30 AM Mark Jones
8:00 AM Christopher Peluso

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024

6:30 AM James Childress
8:00 AM Mary Ann Martillotti

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Frank Cosgrove

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 2024

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM James Childress

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

8:00 AM Danny Petrarca
5:00 PM Angelo Ortenzi

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

9:30 AM Scott Belveal
11:30 AM Victor Predi

Readings: Jon 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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:

Frank Campbell, Richard Helms

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 1 January – 9 January 2024

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$19,130.00
Electronic Giving: \$6,749.00

Tuition: \$145,936.00
Christmas: \$7,062.00
Stewardship Appeal: \$9,200.00
Fundraising: \$4,456.76

PARISH EXPENSES

Benefits: \$53,983.98
Insurance: \$21,220.77
Administration Expenses: \$25,063.22
Maintenance: \$25,882.50

Other Income: \$1,942.13
Weekly Income: \$194,475.89
YTD Income: \$2,921,460.63

Other Expenses: \$6,682.70
Weekly Expenses: \$132,833.17
YTD Expenses: \$2,559,514.22
YTD Balance: \$361,946.41

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 or if you have an agency you would recommend.

Home Visits

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

Pray the Rosary

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

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

REFLECTIONS ON RECENT PAPAL DECLARATION

As you probably know, the Vatican Office for the Doctrine of the Faith recently issued a declaration entitled *Fiducia Supplicans* in response to questions that had been raised over the past several years regarding same-sex couples. You may also have read about the controversy that this declaration has raised throughout the Church around the world. In case you haven't read it, I would like to offer a summary of this declaration and some reflections about it.

The document begins with an introductory Presentation that offers the context for this declaration. It offers a clear assurance that it "remains firm in the traditional doctrine of the Church about marriage, not allowing any type of liturgical rite or blessing similar to a liturgical rite that can create confusion" (§ 3). It then explains that the "value of this document, however, is that it offers a specific and innovative contribution to the *pastoral meaning of blessings*, permitting a broadening and enrichment of the classical understanding of blessings, which is closely linked to a liturgical perspective. Such theological reflection, based on the pastoral vision of Pope Francis, implies a real development from what has been said about blessings in the Magisterium and the official texts of the Church" (§ 3).

An Introduction follows in which the document reiterates the longstanding Church's teaching that "from a strictly liturgical point of view, a blessing requires that what is blessed be conformed to God's will" (§ 9). It goes on to state:

10. Indeed, blessings are celebrated by virtue of faith and are ordered to the praise of God and the spiritual benefit of his people. As the *Book of Blessings* explains, "so that this intent might become more apparent, by an ancient tradition, the formulas of blessings are primarily aimed at giving glory to God for his gifts, asking for his favors, and restraining the power of evil in the world." Therefore, those who invoke God's blessing through the Church are invited to "strengthen their dispositions through faith, for which all things are possible" and to trust in "the love that urges the observance of God's commandments." This is why, while "there is always and everywhere an opportunity to praise God through Christ, in the Holy Spirit," there is also a care to do so with "things, places or circumstances that do not contradict the law or the spirit of the Gospel." This is the liturgical understanding of the blessing insofar as they are rites officially proposed by the Church.

11. Basing itself on these considerations, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's *Explanatory Note* to its 2021 *Responsum* recalls that when a blessing is invoked on certain human relationships by a special liturgical rite, it is necessary that what is blessed corresponds with God's designs written in creation and fully revealed by Christ the Lord. For this reason, since the Church has always considered only those sexual relations that are lived out within marriage to be morally licit, the Church does not have the power to confer its liturgical blessing when that would somehow offer a form of moral legitimacy to a union that presumes to be a marriage or to an extra-marital sexual practice.

On the other hand, the document continues:

12. One must also avoid the risk of reducing the meaning of blessings to this point of view alone, for it would lead us to expect the same moral conditions for a simple blessing that are called for in the reception of the sacraments. Such a risk requires that we broaden this perspective further. Indeed, there is the danger that a pastoral gesture that is so beloved and widespread will be subjected to too many moral prerequisites, which, under the claim of control, could overshadow the unconditional power of God's love that forms the basis for the gesture of blessing.

13. Precisely in this regard, Pope Francis urges us not to "lose pastoral charity, which should permeate all our decisions and attitude" and to avoid being "judges who only deny, reject and exclude."

The document next offers several examples of blessings found in Sacred Scripture and then presents a Theological-Pastoral Understanding of Blessings:

20. One who asks for a blessing shows himself to be in need of God's saving presence in his life and one who asks for a blessing from the Church recognizes the latter as a sacrament of the salvation that God offers. To seek a blessing in the Church is to acknowledge that the life of the Church springs from the womb of God's mercy and helps us to move forward, to live better, and to respond to God's will.

After offering a reflection on the difference between ascending and descending blessings, the document addresses the specific issue of blessing couples in irregular situations and couples of the same sex:

32. Indeed, the grace of God works in the lives of those who do not claim to be righteous but who acknowledge themselves humbly as sinners, like everyone else. This grace can orient everything according to the mysterious and unpredictable designs of God. Therefore, with its untiring wisdom and motherly care, the Church welcomes all who approach God with humble hearts, accompanying them with those spiritual aids that enable everyone to understand and realize God's will fully in their existence.

The document then ends with:

41. What has been said in this Declaration regarding blessings of same-sex couples is sufficient to guide the prudent and fatherly discernment of ordained ministers in this regard. Thus, beyond the guidance provided above, no further responses should be expected about possible ways to regulate details or practicalities regarding blessings of this type.

I have prayerfully read and re-read this declaration. Compared to the countless other official Vatican documents I have studied, I find this one to be uncharacteristically confusing and wonder what its purpose will serve. While I understand our Holy Father's desire to offer God's support to those who are struggling in their lives, I find that this document darkens the landscape. Let us pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and the Church which is supposed to clearly present the Light of Christ.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



Middle School Youth Group resumes on Tuesdays from 2:45pm in the parish center. January Dates: 16th, 23rd and 30th.



High School Youth Group resumes on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm in the parish center. January Dates: 17th, 24th and 31st.

Young Adult Mass Saturday, January 20th at 5:00pm

All adults in their 20s to early 30s are invited. Confession is available from 4-4:45pm. Social in the parish center from 6:00-7:00pm. Contact our Youth Minister, Steph Twohig at youthministry@sksparish.org with any questions of for more information.



For the tenth year the Youth Group will be helping a variety of shelters and organizations in need. If you would like to donate the items listed, please drop them off in the church library or vestibule at any time between January 13th and 27th.

Individual toiletry Items: soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, travel shampoo, deodorant. **Food items:** jars of tomato sauce, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, microwave soups and ramen, bagged rice canned ready to eat soup, spaghetti sauce, diced/crushed tomatoes, canned meats (spam, chicken, beef stew, chili, etc.), SpaghettiO's (any canned ready to eat pasta meals). canned fruit, cereal/cereal bars, coffee, juice and sugar.

On Monday, January 15th from 10:00-12:00pm in the parish center will be an in person service day. Anyone in 7th-12th grade is welcome to come and assemble casseroles for Mercy Hospice and Sarnelli House, make sandwiches for St Patrick's in Norristown and pack toiletry bags for Visitation Community Center in Kensington.

Also this year, we will provide individual "Bags of Service" you can pick up in the church library, vestibule or outside the Parish Center! If you have any questions please contact Steph Twohig at youthministry@sksparish.org.

Men's Evening of Reflection

Please join us for a Men's Evening of Reflection with Father Scott Reilly, LC this Tuesday evening, January 16th, starting at 6:30pm in church with Mass, followed by Father Scott's reflections in the parish center. For more information, please contact Father Scott at frscott@legionaries.org.

ACT FAST at the First Sign of STROKE



F.A.S.T. is an easy way to remember the sudden signs of **stroke**. When you can **spot** the signs, you'll know that you need to call 9-1-1 for help right away.

Close-knit Community

The St Katharine group of knitters and crocheters meets every Wednesday in the parish center from 1:00 to 2:30 pm. All are welcome to join us in making warm items for the needy. Rides can be arranged. For information, call Marie Rauscher at (610) 608-4447.

SCHOOL CORNER

Happy New Year from the faculty and students at St. Katharine of Siena School! We are happy to be back to work at school after a fun Christmas break. We enjoyed the month of December at school preparing for the birth of Jesus with various activities and learning opportunities. Among those activities was continuing the partnership with the Knights of Columbus for the "Keep Christ in Christmas" art contest. Under the guidance of our talented art teacher, Mrs. Amy Grant, students in grades K through 8 created posters illustrating the importance of keeping Christ at the center of our Christmas celebrations. Finalists were chosen and sent to the knights and three winners were picked. I am grateful to Mrs. Grant for her help in guiding the students with their artwork and to the knights for offering us this opportunity for another year. Recently, Dr. Lehner and Dr. Terzian, two of the Knights of Columbus, came to visit our school to present certificates and awards to the finalists and winners. Congratulations to all!



ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Come and See Weekends for Men Discerning a Call to the Priesthood January - March 2024

Come & See events offer men (high school and post-high school) considering a vocation the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary to see what seminary life is like and explore a possible call to the priesthood. Visit <https://heedthecall.org/comeandsee/> or contact Fr. David Friel, Vocations Director, fr.dfriel@archphila.org.

Retrouvaille – a Lifeline for Married Couples Hope for a Better Marriage Retreat February 16-18, 2024

Marriage is the most important relationship on earth and is worth investing your time, energy and efforts to make it the best it can be. This weekend retreat offers powerful tools to help heal your relationship, communicate better with your spouse and connect at a deeper level.

For more information, please visit www.helpourmarriage.com.

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.