

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

MaryAnn Crowe
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, JANUARY 21, 2024

9:30 AM Scott Belveal

11:30 AM Victor Predi

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

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, JANUARY 23, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Joann Packard

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

6:30 AM Annie and Shirley Waldron

8:00 AM Christopher Peluso

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

6:30 AM Jack Kovolski

8:00 AM Josephine Martino

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Daniel Lenehan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

8:00 AM Danny Petrarca

5:00 PM Veith/Williams Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

9:30 AM Therese Ashworth

11:30 AM Kevin Mitchell

Readings: Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

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
Nancy DeFelice	John McCabe	Jessica Smucker
Brady Duperreault	Mark Megaw	Debbie Snyder
Jamie Lynn Donnelly	MaryEllen O'Dwyer	Maryanne Sullivan
Patrick Graham		

Deceased Prayer List:

Frank Campbell, Richard Helms

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



simple. secure. convenient.

OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 10 January – 16 January 2024

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$6,492.00
Electronic Giving: \$8,354.00
Tuition: \$11,246.00
Christmas: \$2,650.00
Stewardship Appeal: \$2,750.00
Socials/Donations: \$16,427.12

Other Income: \$4,476.85
Weekly Income: \$52,395.97
YTD Income: \$2,973,856.60

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$78,374.23
Benefits: \$5,356.71
Maintenance: \$7,703.50
Insurance: \$5,517.75
Utilities: \$9,633.72
Religious Salary/Benefits: \$5,553.75

Other Expenses: \$1,486.41
Weekly Expenses: \$113,626.07
YTD Expenses: \$2,673,140.29
YTD Balance: \$300,716.31

Women's Evening of Reflection Thursday, February 1, 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, pattyclerkin@gmail.com.

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.

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.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

REFLECTIONS ON RECENT VATICAN DECLARATION

Part 2

Last week, I provided you with a summary of the recent Vatican declaration entitled *Fiducia Supplicans* in response to questions that had been raised over the past several years regarding same-sex couples. As you read this summary, you will recall that it ended with: “beyond the guidance provided above, no further responses should be expected about possible ways to regulate details or practicalities regarding blessings of this type.” It sounded as if the Vatican’s Office for the Doctrine of the Faith expected that it had provided sufficient instruction and guidance in this matter.

As you have probably read or heard yourself, however, that was not the case. After receiving countless questions, concerns and disagreements from Catholics around the world and declarations from several Episcopal Conferences (i.e., conferences of bishops from entire countries including Great Britain and several countries in Africa) that they would not implement the instructions given in this declaration, Cardinal Víctor Fernández, the prefect of this Vatican office, published a lengthy press release to clarify the intent and scope of *Fiducia Supplicans*. As I did with the original declaration, I have carefully and prayerfully read this press release. Although it is not an official Church document and has no authority, it is an interesting correspondence so I would now like to provide you with a brief summary of its message in the hope that you find it to be helpful - as I did. Unfortunately, the damage has already been done as the secular media has presented the original document as blessing gay marriages – which it did not do overtly – but, at least, we can see from the press release that the official Church’s position has not changed.

This 4 January 2024 press release begins with an acknowledgement of the statements the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith has received from some Episcopal Conferences and an interesting disclaimer that “what is expressed by these Episcopal Conferences cannot be interpreted as doctrinal opposition because the document is clear and definitive about marriage and sexuality. There are several indisputable phrases in the Declaration that leave this in no doubt.” In defense of the orthodoxy of *Fiducia Supplicans*, the press release next quotes from the Vatican document:

This Declaration remains firm on 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. One acts in these situations of couples in irregular situations without officially validating their status or changing in any way the Church’s perennial teaching on marriage.

Therefore, rites and prayers that could create confusion between what constitutes marriage – which is the “exclusive, stable, and indissoluble union between a man and a woman, naturally open to the generation of children” – and what contradicts it are inadmissible. This conviction is grounded in the perennial Catholic doctrine of marriage; it is only in this context that sexual relations find their natural, proper, and fully human meaning. The Church’s doctrine on this point remains firm.

Countering the charges made by several bishops and episcopal conferences, Cardinal Fernández draws the conclusion that “evidently, there is no room to distance ourselves doctrinally from this *Declaration* or to consider it heretical, contrary to the Tradition of the Church or blasphemous.”

The press release then acknowledges that if “there are laws that condemn the mere act of declaring oneself as a homosexual with prison and in some cases with torture and even death, it goes without saying that a blessing would be imprudent.” It goes on to explain that the “real novelty of this *Declaration*, the one that requires a generous effort of reception and from which no one should declare themselves excluded, is not the possibility of blessing couples in irregular situations. It is the invitation to distinguish between two different forms of blessings: “liturgical or ritualized” and “spontaneous or pastoral”. Recognizing the reluctance that some bishops have expressed, the press release exhorts:

Although some Bishops consider it prudent not to impart these blessings for the moment, we all need to grow equally in the conviction that: non-ritualized blessings are not a consecration of the person nor of the couple who receives them, they are not a justification of all their actions, and they are not an endorsement of the life that they lead. When the Pope asked us to grow in a broader understanding of pastoral blessings, he proposed that we think of a way of blessing that does not require the placing of so many conditions to carry out this simple gesture of pastoral closeness, which is a means of promoting openness to God in the midst of the most diverse circumstances.

In response to questions from bishops about the practical application of *Fiducia Supplicans*, the press release next provides some very concrete advice for such a blessing:

To be clearly distinguished from liturgical or ritualized blessings, “pastoral blessings” must above all be very short. These are blessings lasting a few seconds, without an approved ritual and without a book of blessings. If two people approach together to seek the blessing, one simply asks the Lord for peace, health and other good things for these two people who request it. At the same time, one asks that they may live the Gospel of Christ in full fidelity and so that the Holy Spirit can free these two people from everything that does not correspond to his divine will and from everything that requires purification.

This non-ritualized form of blessing, with the simplicity and brevity of its form, does not intend to justify anything that is not morally acceptable. Obviously it is not a marriage, but equally it is not an “approval” or ratification of anything either. It is solely the response of a pastor towards two persons who ask for God’s help. Therefore, in this case, the pastor does not impose conditions and does not enquire about the intimate lives of these people.

Since some have raised the question of what these blessings might look like, let us look at a concrete example: let us imagine that among a large number making a pilgrimage a couple of divorced people, now in a new union, say to the priest: “Please give us a blessing, we cannot find work, he is very ill, we do not have a home and life is becoming very difficult: may God help us!”.

In this case, the priest can recite a simple prayer like this: “Lord, look at these children of yours, grant them health, work, peace and mutual help. Free them from everything that contradicts your Gospel and allow them to live according to your will. Amen”. Then it concludes with the sign of the cross on each of the two persons.

We are talking about something that lasts about 10 or 15 seconds. Does it make sense to deny these kinds of blessings to these two people who ask for them? Is it not more appropriate to support their faith, whether it be small or great, to assist them in their weaknesses with a divine blessing, and to channel that openness to transcendence which could lead them to be more faithful to the Gospel?

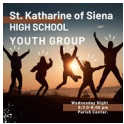
In order to avoid any doubt, the *Declaration* adds that, when the blessing is requested by a couple in an irregular situation, “even though it is expressed outside the rites prescribed by the liturgical books, this blessing should never be imparted in concurrence with the ceremonies of a civil union, and not even in connection with them. Nor can it be performed with any clothing, gestures, or words that are proper to a wedding. The same applies when the blessing is requested by a same-sex couple” (n. 39). It remains clear, therefore, that the blessing must not take place in a prominent place within a sacred building, or in front of an altar, as this also would create confusion.

I find the backpedaling and repeated resorting to the support from the Holy Father to be sad and telling aspects of this press release. As I mentioned earlier, the damage has already been done since the secular media have interpreted *Fiducia Supplicans* as a clear step toward blessing gay marriages. I’ll be sure to keep you abreast of any further clarification of this document. In the meantime, let us continue to pray for God’s blessing on all of us; we certainly need it at this time!

PARISH ACTIVITIES



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



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

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.

Family Promise Host Week February 4-11 Volunteers Needed!

Family Promise (fpmainline.org) is the nation's leading organization working to prevent and end family homelessness. Its holistic, community-based approach to helping families achieve stability makes the program unique. Participating families 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 February 4th - 11th. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Adrienne Carroll at loveaemail@gmail.com or 610-905-3583 or Barbara Todd at bcivi@hotmail.com or 610-585-5044.

Attention all SKS Alumni Bud Tosti is looking for your help!

St. Katharine of Siena School is forming an SKS Alumni Association and we would love to have you join us. The purpose is to reconnect former graduates of SKS with the school and each other, and to offer networking opportunities. Some SKS Alumni events in the area are forthcoming.

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

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

Bud Tosti
Coordinator of Development & Alumni Relations



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.