

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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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 Walkenhorst

PARISH FINANCIAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Angela Kusterbeck, Carolyn Evans, Adria Crowley, Richard Craft, Joseph Chott

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.

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

9:30 AM John Greenwood
11:30 AM Margaret Rocco

MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024

6:30 AM Mark Congdon
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 9, 2024

6:30 AM Bob Kane
8:00 AM G. Harold Hozey

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2024

6:30 AM Pam McMahan
8:00 AM Raymond Bratschi

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM Josephine Kowal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

8:00 AM Robert Butwin, Sr.
5:00 PM Agnes Giovinazzo

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

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

*Readings: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42*

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:

Richard Helms, Mary Ann Martillotti, James Childress

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PARISH ACTIVITIES



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OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 19 December – 31 December 2023

PARISH INCOME	PARISH EXPENSES
Sunday Collection: \$13,448.00	Salaries: \$90,577.13
Electronic Giving: \$10,129.00	Administration Expenses: \$20,479.30
Tuition: \$78,086.00	Maintenance: \$9,388.85
Christmas: \$52,789.00	Clergy/Religious Benefits: \$5,903.75
Stewardship Appeal: \$12,450.00	Utilities: \$4,918.02
Socials/Donations: \$182,052.00	
Other Income: \$7,992.00	Other Expenses: \$2,093.52
Weekly Income: \$356,946.00	Weekly Expenses: \$133,360.57
YTD Income: \$2,726,984.74	YTD Expenses: \$2,426,681.05
	YTD Balance: \$300,303.69

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.” (*Isaiah 60:2*). As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season with the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, we all need to hear these words of encouragement and assurance of God’s presence. With the ongoing wars in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine and the political turmoil in so many other countries around the world including our own, we all feel - in some way - to be covered in darkness with thick clouds covering us. But, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, comes to bathe us in God’s glory. We, in turn, are called to share God’s glory in our daily lives.

It is clear that so many of you recognize this call and I continue to be edified by the generous Christmas spirit so many of you have shown during this season; it was particularly helpful this year as so many needy people are struggling due to the rising cost of housing, food and clothing. Whether it was with one of the gifts you provided for the women and their children who had no place to go but *Mercy Hospice* or *Women of Hope* for Christmas, or with abundance of gifts and food you provided for the 80 needy families at *St. Martin de Porres* parish in Philadelphia and *St. Patrick* parish in Norristown as well as the winter clothes for *Mission Youth* in Kensington, or in so many other ways, so many of you made it clear that you are aware of the true spirit of Christmas and are eager to share God’s glory as we celebrate this clearest sign of his love – his coming in our midst to save us! God came to show his loving concern for all people, and your generosity has helped many people – both here in our own parish and throughout the Archdiocese – experience God’s love! I’m sure you can imagine how helpful your generous support has been, especially this year as so many people find themselves without adequate work or a place to call home! In the name of their fellow parishioners, I thank Jane Dwyer and Jane Dooner for coordinating the *Mercy Hospice* project and Brian and Shannon Reilly and Dick Banister for working with Kim O’Neill, our coordinator for parish life and ministry, and Stephanie Twohig, our parish youth minister, in coordinating the *Adopt-a-Family* project once again this year – well done! And, special thanks to all of our Youth Group members who helped unload the cars Saturday and load the truck on Sunday!

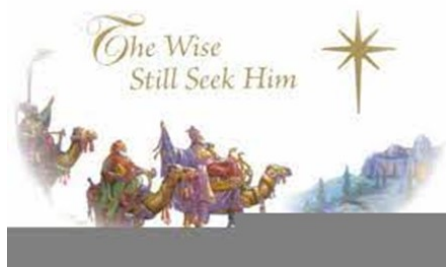
I have enjoyed taking part again in the many other Christmas traditions in the parish as well. Our annual Christmas Concert and Christmas Tableau returned to allowing full attendance and the church was, indeed, full for both events. They were both wonderful ways to prepare for Christmas. All of these wonderful events put everyone – participants and viewers – into the true Christmas spirit!

I want to thank everyone who made our parish facilities so beautiful during this special time. All of the outdoor Nativity scenes – in the grotto as well as in front of our church and school – certainly let everyone who passes by know that we are celebrating the birth of Christ, the light of the world! Christmas is a wondrous celebration here, even in these challenging times, and I want to thank everyone who enhanced the Christmas Eucharistic celebrations, using their ministries to help make God present at the altar: the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ministers of hospitality and altar servers, as well as the cantors and various music groups!

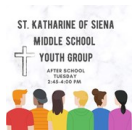
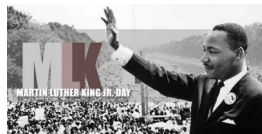
I also want to thank everyone who sent our parish staff and me Christmas greetings in the form of cards and so many goodies – these certainly put us into the Christmas spirit!

The church exterior is elegantly decorated with wreathes – ancient symbols of the eternal and undying love that God has bestowed on us through his son! Of course, it is equally important to decorate the inside of the church, where we, God’s faithful, come to worship Him and praise him every day, but especially during this glorious Christmas Season. I am very grateful to one of our parishioners, for providing the splendid poinsettias once again to enhance our church interior for Christmas. I’m very happy to see so many of you stopping in front of the Nativity set before the altar. As we draw near to admire the scene, we realize that God draws everyone into his Holy Family!

Yes, as we celebrate the epiphany of our Lord, let us all become more aware that we are all blessed to have our God present in our midst. He is still in our midst today and we are to be the signs of his presence for all to see! And, let us be thankful, allowing the word of God to dwell in us during this holy season of Christmas and throughout the New Year! We need to be signs of hope and new life, especially during these dark times. Just as the star guided the magi to the infant Jesus and protected them as they returned to their home country, we are confident that God will guide us ever closer to our Lord and protect us as we journey to our true home – heaven!



PARISH ACTIVITIES



Middle School Youth Group resumes on Tuesdays from 2:45pm in the parish center. January Dates: 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

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.



High School Youth Group resumes on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:00pm in the parish center. January Dates: 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st.

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.

Music Ministry

Merry Christmas from three of our Music Ministries at St. Katharine of Siena Parish: Children's Choir, Teen Choir and our NEW Young Adult Choir! Over 30 of our little angels from 1st-6th grade sang beautifully from the choir loft on Christmas Eve Night! The high school, college teens and our young adults led the music along with flute, violin, trumpet, timpani, piano and organ. It was a blessing to celebrate Jesus' birth in a church overflowing with St. Katharine's parishioners and guests! We are BLESSED to have so many talented teens, college and young adults who continue to share their gifts with the parish. They attend SKS, Conestoga High School, Episcopal Academy, Notre Dame, Agnes Irwin, Radnor High School, American University, Drexel University, Alabama University, DeSales University, University of Penn and Arcadia Physical Therapy School. We also have a music/band director, a financial planner, two nurses, a civil engineer and one extremely lucky Music/Choir Director! See you in the New Year!



Knights of Columbus Meeting Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00pm SKS Parish Center

Men of St. Katharine's, are you looking to strengthen your spiritual life and support your pastor, parish and community? You can do all of that with the Knights of Columbus. When you join the Knights, you gain access to faith formation resources, Knights of Columbus insurance programs, opportunities to perform charity work and membership in a Catholic fraternity with over two million men. You can also apply for scholarships for your children! To join click kofc.org; we're Council #15982.

Our next meeting is January 10th at 7:00pm in the parish center and includes a spiritual talk followed by a social gathering. All men in the parish are invited!

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
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Family Promise
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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

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Paul and Alicia Peterson
610-989-0277

Altar Servers

Dan Hayes
610-772-7760

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Ministers of Hospitality

Janna Forte
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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.