

# 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

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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, MARCH 3, 2024

9:30 AM Scott Belveal  
11:30 AM Kevin Mitchell

### MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

6:30 AM James Childress  
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, MARCH 5, 2024

6:30 AM Eileen McNeill  
8:00 AM Scott Belveal

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

6:30 AM Frances Reilly  
8:00 AM Richard Cancelmo

### THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

6:30 AM Charles (Obie) O'Brien  
8:00 AM Mary Pat Follman

### FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

6:30 AM Diana Cutler  
8:00 AM Leo Carlin, Sr.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

8:00 AM Deacon George Bolter  
5:00 PM Bill Gleason

### SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

9:30 AM Rosette Jabbour  
11:30 AM Sherry Skaff

Readings: Ex 20: 1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17;  
1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25



### 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	<b>Connie Mithalal</b>	<b>Jay Stevenson</b>
Patrick Graham	MaryEllen O'Dwyer	Maryanne Sullivan

### Deceased Prayer List:

Edward Robb, Paul Trainer, David Capuzzi

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## OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 21 February – 27 February 2024

### PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$9,597.00  
Electronic Giving: \$6,072.00  
Tuition: \$70,362.00  
Donations: \$27,059.74

### PARISH EXPENSES

Clergy Benefits: \$13,296.68  
Administration Expenses: \$13,669.08  
Utilities: \$10,258.89

Other Income: \$2,228.78  
Weekly Income: \$115,319.52  
YTD Income: \$3,344,174.30

Other Expenses: \$5,227.43  
Weekly Expenses \$42,452.08  
YTD Expenses: \$3,094,788.18  
**YTD Balance: \$249,386.12**

### Women's Evening of Reflection Thursday, March 7, 2024 6:30-8:30pm Church and Parish Center

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



### Parish Coffees

Please join us for a parish coffee after the 9:30am Mass today in the parish center. The parish coffee is being hosted by Mothers of Young Children. Faithful Families will have a craft for the kids. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

### 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.

### Pray the Rosary

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

## *From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers*

### CHILDREN, GIFTS FROM GOD

I imagine you have learned that the Alabama Supreme Court recently ruled that embryos are to be recognized as human beings. As a result, several fertility clinics in the state have informed their clients that they will no longer be able to continue their in vitro treatments for fear of possible lawsuits. This has caused an uproar in the media. Allow me to offer you a summary of the Catholic Church's very clear teaching in this regard; you will find it in our *Catechism of the Catholic Church*. It begins with: "The married couple forms 'the intimate partnership of life and love established by the Creator and governed by his laws'" (§ 2364). It goes on to teach that:

2366 Fecundity is a gift, an end of marriage, for conjugal love naturally tends to be fruitful. A child does not come from outside as something added on to the mutual love of the spouses, but springs from the very heart of that mutual giving, as its fruit and fulfillment. So the Church, which "is on the side of life" teaches that "each and every marriage act must remain open 'per se' to the transmission of life." "This particular doctrine, expounded on numerous occasions by the Magisterium, is based on the inseparable connection, established by God, which man on his own initiative may not break, between the unitive significance and the procreative significance which are both inherent to the marriage act."

2367 Called to give life, spouses share in the creative power and fatherhood of God. "Married couples should regard it as their proper mission to transmit human life and to educate their children; they should realize that they are thereby cooperating with the love of God the Creator and are, in a certain sense, its interpreters. They will fulfill this duty with a sense of human and Christian responsibility."

2369 "By safeguarding both these essential aspects, the unitive and the procreative, the conjugal act preserves in its fullness the sense of true mutual love and its orientation toward man's exalted vocation to parenthood."

2373 Sacred Scripture and the Church's traditional practice see in large families a sign of God's blessing and the parents' generosity.

2374 Couples who discover that they are sterile suffer greatly. "What will you give me," asks Abraham of God, "for I continue childless?" and Rachel cries to her husband Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!"

2375 Research aimed at reducing human sterility is to be encouraged, on condition that it is placed "at the service of the human person, of his inalienable rights, and his true and integral good according to the design and will of God."

2376 Techniques that entail the dissociation of husband and wife, by the intrusion of a person other than the couple (donation of sperm or ovum, surrogate uterus), are gravely immoral. These techniques (heterologous artificial insemination and fertilization) infringe the child's right to be born of a father and mother known to him and bound to each other by marriage. They betray the spouses' "right to become a father and a mother only through each other."

2377 Techniques involving only the married couple (homologous artificial insemination and fertilization) are perhaps less reprehensible, yet remain morally unacceptable. They dissociate the sexual act from the procreative act. The act which brings the child into existence is no longer an act by which two persons give themselves to one another, but one that "entrusts the life and identity of the embryo into the power of doctors and biologists and establishes the domination of technology over the origin and destiny of the human person. Such a relationship of domination is in itself contrary to the dignity and equality that must be common to parents and children." "Under the moral aspect procreation is deprived of its proper perfection when it is not willed as the fruit of the conjugal act, that is to say, of the specific act of the spouses' union. ...Only respect for the link between the meanings of the conjugal act and respect for the unity of the human being make possible procreation in conformity with the dignity of the person."

2378 A child is not something owed to one, but is a gift. The "supreme gift of marriage" is a human person. A child may not be considered a piece of property, an idea to which an alleged "right to a child" would lead. In this area, only the child possesses genuine rights: the right "to be the fruit of the specific act of the conjugal love of his parents," and "the right to be respected as a person from the moment of his conception."

This is an issue that is fraught with emotion since, as the *Catechism* acknowledges so well when it references the struggle that Abraham and Sarah had with their longstanding sterility. At the same time, we need to recognize that only God is the creator; we are called to cooperate with his creative plans and humbly submit to his will. And, once a child is conceived, whether it is inside or outside of the womb, it is a human being with, as we see so clearly stated above, “the right to be respected as a person from the moment of his conception.” So, the Catholic Church concurs wholeheartedly with Alabama’s recent Supreme Court ruling.

For many couples, infertility is a very heavy cross. Our *Catechism* recognizes this and ends its teaching in this regard with these consoling words:

Spouses who still suffer from infertility after exhausting legitimate medical procedures should unite themselves with the Lord's Cross, the source of all spiritual fecundity. They can give expression to their generosity by adopting abandoned children. (§ 2379)

We have become so accustomed to taking charge of our lives and sometime forget that we are called to recognize that God is in charge. Throughout our lives and particularly during this Lenten Season, we are called to return to the Lord and his commands. Let us pray for the humility, wisdom and courage to do so.



## PARISH ACTIVITIES



### High School Lenten Journey Wednesday, February 21st - March 20th 6:30pm

Calling high school students to journey through this season of Lent: daily readings, mini retreats, teen stations and reflections! For more information, contact Steph Twohig at [youthministry@sksparish.org](mailto:youthministry@sksparish.org).

Middle School Youth Group will meet on Tuesday, March 5th, from 2:45-4:15pm in the parish center.

High School Youth Group will meet on Wednesday, March 6th, from 6:30-8:00pm in the parish center.

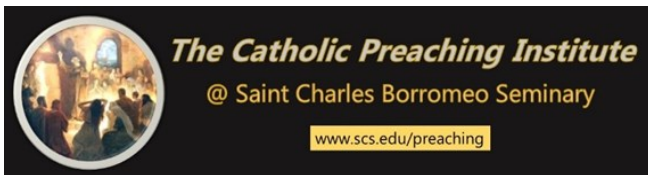


### Home Visits

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

## CATHOLIC PREACHING INSTITUTE LAUNCHES PARISHIONER SURVEY

In case you haven't done so yet, the newly-established Catholic Preaching Institute at St. Charles Borromeo Seminary is inviting parishioners throughout our archdiocese to take part in a unique survey about homilies preached at Mass. This gives you the opportunity to tell us what you think about the homilies you hear. Really! Honestly! It takes less than 10 minutes to complete! Simply go to <https://catholicleaders.online/phillypreaching> and complete the online survey or use the QR code below. Then invite each of your family members to do the same and share this with all your Catholic friends! With everyone's input, CPI will design programs to make preaching in the archdiocese more compelling so that your experience of the Word of God becomes even more inspiring. Don't wait – the survey closes March 22!



### **Walking with Purpose Connect Coffee March 19, 9:15-11AM**

Walking with Purpose is so much more than Bible Study. More than 50 women, of all ages and life experiences, gather at SKS each week to deepen their faith through personal study and small group discussions that link everyday challenges with solutions given to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Join us on March 19 for our Connect Coffee, an opportunity for newcomers to learn about WWP with coffee, breakfast treats and an inspirational video followed by a casual discussion.

Come as you are - you are welcome here.

## Music Ministry

We welcomed eight parishioners into our adult choir last week! You can add to this ministry by joining. The choir will be singing for Palm Sunday and the Triduum liturgies. All voice parts welcome but we have a critical need for tenors. No auditions, no requirement to read music. Contact Laura Kerr at [choirdirector@sksparish.org](mailto:choirdirector@sksparish.org).



## Collection for Mercy Hospice

Please consider donating the following items to Mercy Hospice:

- Frozen fish (raw or cooked filets)
- Frozen Chicken breasts (raw or breaded/cooked)
- Frozen Lasagna, Macaroni and Cheese, or Chicken Enchiladas (party size)
- Canned Beef or Chicken Gravy

**Remember, bulk size is most appreciated by the chef who cooks for 40 people at each meal!**

These non-food items have also been requested:

- Dish Cloths
- Dish Towels
- Women's Deodorant
- Women's Razors
- Women's Body Lotion – full size

We are not collecting travel-size toiletries at this time.

Drop off your donation to the freezer at the rear of the parish center or church library.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! The donations from our parish are greatly appreciated by the staff and residents at Mercy Hospice.

## 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

Caitlin Thompson  
816-309-6526  
cmthompson923@gmail.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.*