THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER **April 14, 2024**

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 Twohia 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

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, Adria Crowley, Richard Craft, Joseph Chott, Rita Tuma

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, APRIL 14, 2024 9:30 AM Scott Belveal 11:30 AM James Posillico

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 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, APRIL 16, 2024

6:30 AM Lewers/Shea Families

8:00 AM Neil Alexander

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 2024 6:30 AM William Cashman 8:00 AM James and Mary Kelly

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024 6:30 AM Mary Carol O'Shea 8:00 AM MaryEllen O'Dwyer

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White **8:00 AM** Anne Marie McCafferty

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

8:00 AM John and Dorothy Boyd **5:00 PM** Lewers/Shea Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 9:30 AM Richard Helm 11:30 AM Kevin Mitchell

Readings: Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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 Joan Beiter Robert Bruno Ryan Carlton Charles Carr Jackie Chedeville Nancy DeFelice Brady Duperreault Jamie Lynn Donnelly Patrick Graham Rosemary Grimm Ginny Jackson Wesley Jones Libby Judge Tony Lopez Timothy Mahoney John McCabe

Mark Megaw

Madeleine O'Keefe Paula Rudnick Dan Sivini Logan Schweiter Claire Sieracki Greg Schmidt Jessica Smucker Debbie Snyder Maryanne Sullivan

Deceased Prayer List:

Father Joseph Meehan

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org

PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 3 April – 9 April 2024

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$9,237.00

Electronic Giving: \$8,264.00 Tuition: \$28,882.00

Socials/Donations: \$14,446.52

Other Income: \$1,374.89 Weekly Income: \$62,204.41 YTD Income: \$3,722,522.06

PARISH EXPENSES

Maintenance: \$12,454.25 Administration Expenses: \$13,725.31

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Other Expenses: \$5,896.01 Weekly Expenses \$36,170.72 YTD Expenses: \$3,619,626.91

YTD Balance: \$102,895.15

Men's Evening of Reflection

Please join us for a Men's Evening of Reflection with Father Scott Reilly, LC this Tuesday evening, April 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.

Close-knit Community

The St Katharine's 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.

Home Visits

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

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

The Sacrament of Confirmation

"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, I confirmed three new adult parishioners with the imposition of hands and the anointing of the forehead. Last Saturday, Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez confirmed 77 of our young parishioners who attend our school or PREP. And, that same evening, I confirmed another new adult parishioner who was unable to join us at the Easter Vigil. This completed the initiation of all of these parishioners into the Church, which began at Baptism and was nurtured through the Eucharist. These three sacraments – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation – are so important in the spiritual life and health of Catholics that we as a parish celebrated with great joy on these special occasions! I thank Laura Kerr, our evangelization coordinator, for helping me prepare the adults through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) and Sister Mary Elizabeth Karalis, SSJ, our parish DRE, Kim Pepper, her Administrative Assistant, all the catechists and teachers involved and especially the parents of our children for helping them prepare for this important moment in their life-long spiritual journey!

I consider this is a good opportunity every year to offer some reflections on the Sacrament of Confirmation. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* provides valuable insights into the historical development and rich theology of this sacrament. Allow me to provide some highlights from the *Catechism* in the hope that you will read and reflect on the entire section (§1285 – 1321) yourself. The *Catechism* begins by stating that:

Baptism, the Eucharist and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. ...The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal graces, for "by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." (§1285)

The CCC goes on to provide the scriptural foundation for Confirmation:

In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. ... This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's but was to be communicated to the *whole messianic people*. On several occasions, Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God." ... Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn. From that time on, the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. ... The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation. ... Very early, the better to signify the gift of the Holy Spirit, an anointing with perfumed oil (*chrism*) was added to the laying on of hands. This anointing highlights the name "Christian," which means "anointed. (§1286-1289)

The CCC also provides a helpful explanation of the reason oil is one of the signs of Confirmation:

Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy; it cleanses (anointing before and after a bath) and limbers (the anointing of athletes and wrestlers); oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds; and it makes radiant with beauty, health and strength. (§1293)

And so, through the laying on of hands and the anointing with chrism, the bishop or, during the Easter season, the pastor of a parish confirms the presence of God's Spirit in those who were first given this Spirit at baptism and strengthens their baptismal grace! Again, congratulations to our parishioners who were fully initiated into our faith community!



PARISH ACTIVITIES



Middle School Youth Group Dates: April 16th, 23rd and 30th.

High School Youth Group Dates: April 17th.





Volunteer Opportunities You can make a difference at SKS

Welcome Committee: First impressions matter. We're seeking people to warmly welcome newcomers and guests to our parish. Contact Kim O'Neill at koneill@sksparish.org or 610-688-4584.

St. Martin de Porres Weekend: Greet members of St. Martin de Porres, our sister parish in North Philadelphia, when they visit SKS on April 27 and 28. Help plan dinner after the Saturday Vigil and the parish coffee on Sunday. Contact Maria Carrillo at mariamcarrillo@icloud.com or 610-357-2392.

Faithful Families: Join St. Katharine's newest ministry and share God's love through simple acts of service for our church and community. Contact Kate Mallach at kpaul9507@yahoo.com or 215-858-9507.

St. Martin de Porres Weekend, April 27-28 Put Your Faith into Action

For over 42 years, the SKS community has generously responded to the needs of our sister parish, St. Martin de Porres. On April 27-28, get to know members of SMdP while enjoying a weekend of family-friendly fun at SKS.

Saturday, April 27, 5:00 pm

Rejoice in the energy of the SMdP God's Men-Choir, at the 5:00 Mass. We'll have our annual *Fellowship Dinner* immediately following in the parish center, featuring lots of food and conversation with folks from SMdP. Bring your children over for dinner! All parishioners are welcome.

Sunday, April 28, 9:30 am

Enjoy this special Family Mass, celebrated by Father Mekonnen of SMdP. Afterward, head to the Parish Coffee to mingle with our guests and learn more about the SMdP School and Parish and, of course, to enjoy doughnuts and coffee!

Please join our ministry as we work together to respond to Christ's call to love our neighbors. Contact Maria Carrillo at (610) 357-2392 or mariamcarrillo@icloud.com.





Acknowledgement of 2023 Mission Cooperation Plan Collection for the Archdiocese of Onitsha

With profound thanks and gratitude, we wish to acknowledge a total collection of \$9,124.00, the 2023 mission cooperation plan contribution from your parish. The mission was preached by Father Celestine Madubuko for the Archdiocese of Onitsha, in Nigeria. Please extend our appreciation to your parishioners for their generosity.

Thank you; happy Easter and may the peace and joy of the risen Lord be with you.

Rev. Patrick Chudi Okafor Vicar for Onitsha Archdiocesan Priests in US and Canada

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 Sewardship

Church, and in service to our brothers and sisters.

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

sksrespectlife@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Msgr. Brouwers 610-688-4584

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

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

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

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

Parish Library

Christine Purkiss 610-202-5360

St. Martin de Porres Outreach

Maria Carrillo 610-357-2392

If you are interested in learning more about any of the groups call the contact name above or the rectory at 610-688-4584.