

# 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

Rev. Kien Do  
Priest in Residence

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610-688-7890

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610-688-9489

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Organist/Adult Choir Director  
Evangelization

Angela Kusterbeck  
Business Manager

Barbara Lombardi  
Parish Secretary

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Stephanie Twohig, Kim O'Neill, Jeanne Mulvanerty, 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, Jeanne Mulvanerty, 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, SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

9:30 AM Joan M. Donaldson  
11:30 AM John Munshower

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention  
8:00 AM Joseph Scullion

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

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2024

6:30 AM Susan Kovolski  
8:00 AM Harold Benoff

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024

6:30 AM MaryEllen O'Dwyer  
8:00 AM Russel and Dorothy DiGiallorenzo

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

6:30 AM Luci Lanni  
8:00 AM Thomas and Kathleen Bruder

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention  
8:00 AM Walter D'Slessio

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024

8:00 AM Thaddeus Raczkowski  
5:00 PM Ann McKernan

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2024

9:30 AM Avita Frick Ryan  
11:30 AM Jeanne Dwyer

*Readings: Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12*

#### 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	Patrick Graham	Paula Rudnick
Joan Beiter	Rosemary Grimm	Dan Sivini
Robert Bruno	Ginny Jackson	Logan Schweiter
<b>Michael Bushey</b>	Wesley Jones	Claire Sieracki
Ryan Carlton	Libby Judge	Greg Schmidt
Charles Carr	Tony Lopez	Jessica Smucker
Jackie Chedeville	Timothy Mahoney	Debbie Snyder
Nancy DeFelice	John McCabe	Maryanne Sullivan
Brady Duperreault	Mark Megaw	<b>Kathleen Ward</b>
Jamie Lynn Donnelly	Madeleine O'Keefe	

#### Deceased Prayer List:

Anna Rita DiFelice, Ida Marie Higgins

Visit our website: [www.sksparish.org](http://www.sksparish.org)



## PARISH ACTIVITIES



### OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 18 September – 24 September 2024

#### PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$7,716.00  
Electronic Giving: \$5,129.00

Tuition: \$75,430.00  
Socials/Donations: \$7,165.00

Other Income: \$3,352.48  
Weekly Income: \$98,792.48  
YTD Income: \$1,422,286.30

#### PARISH EXPENSES

Benefits: \$61,349.03  
Insurance: \$5,678.66  
Administration Expenses: \$14,967.47  
Student Activities: \$6,105.46

Other Expenses: \$3,292.71  
Weekly Expenses: \$91,393.33  
YTD Expenses: \$958,780.45

**YTD Balance: \$463,505.85**



### Pre-Jordan/Baptismal Instruction

If you are having your first child baptized, the Archdiocese requires the parents to attend a PreJordan class. The classes take place at 7:00pm the first Tuesday of the month. Here are the following class dates for the rest of the year: October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd. Contact Steph Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at [sksdre@sksparish.org](mailto:sksdre@sksparish.org).

We welcome John Gregitis, IV to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate his parents John and Caroline.





## *From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers*

### RESPECT LIFE MONTH

It may be hard to believe, but October begins this week! Every October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month and we are called to consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. With such issues as abortion, in vitro fertilization and immigration among the most important and controversial topics being debated in preparation for the upcoming elections, this is certainly a providential moment for us to reflect on our beliefs as Catholics. As followers of Jesus, we are called to cherish, defend and protect those who are most vulnerable from the beginning to the end of their lives and at every point in between. We are reminded that life is a gift from God and only God has the authority to determine when it begins and when it ends. And, as we continue to participate in the National Eucharistic Revival, our country's bishops invite us to reflect on human life in the light of the Eucharist. Our bishops have given us the following reflection:

#### ***"I CAME SO THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE"*** ***Respect Life Reflection***

During the Easter Vigil liturgy, the single flame of the Easter candle shines through the darkness. That small flame spreads as each person's candle is lit and the light of Christ is shared with others. Before we know it, the entire Church is ablaze with the warm glow of candlelight and the darkness has been vanquished. We are each called by God to be that light of Christ that breaks through the darkness. We are called to be his disciples, continually transformed by our encounter with him and sharing in his mission. Jesus came that we might have *life*.

Part of the impetus for the Eucharistic Revival was a concern that some Catholics do not believe, or at least do not understand, that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist. Even though our human senses perceive bread and wine, the Eucharist is Jesus — body, blood, soul, and divinity. Similarly, many people do not realize or acknowledge the sanctity of human life when it is hidden in the womb. Both instances call for us to help others recognize these sacred gifts that may not be perceivable through our human senses. We need to help others understand that just because something may not be apparent to our eyes does not mean that it is not there or that it is not important.

We live in a society that often rejects those who are weak, fragile, or vulnerable. Yet, it is precisely within these conditions that a person is most in need of our care and protection. Pope Francis reminds us that "every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world's rejection."<sup>i</sup>

The U.S. bishops have affirmed that, while it is important to address all the ways in which human life is threatened, "abortion remains our pre-eminent priority as it directly attacks our most vulnerable brothers and sisters, destroying more than a million lives each year in our country alone."<sup>ii</sup> As Pope St. John Paul II wrote, "we are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life'. ...we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life."<sup>iii</sup>

In the face of challenges such as abortion and physician-assisted suicide, we may feel that we are not equal to the task of overcoming the darkness. Yet, we are not alone. Jesus tells us, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20). The God who became man to save us still dwells among us. For Christ is "the light [that] shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5). He is the one who overcame death and continually raises us to new life. He remains close to us always, seeking us out in each moment of our lives.



Jesus gave his very flesh to give us the gift of eternal life and invites us to the most profound experience of this gift in our celebration of the Eucharist. When we meet Jesus in the Eucharist, this encounter has the power to change us. The Eucharist has the power to transform the depths of our hearts and the heart of our culture. United to the power of his Eucharistic Presence, may we work to ensure that each person has life — and has it in abundance.



# NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

<sup>i</sup>Pope Francis, “Address of Holy Father Francis to Participants in the Meeting Organized by the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations,” September 20, 2013 (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 2013).  
<sup>ii</sup>*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*, Introductory Letter, p. 8. (Washington, D.C.: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2024).  
<sup>iii</sup>Pope John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*, (Vatican City: Libreria Editrice Vaticana, 1995), no. 28.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES



Our Children's Choir sang at the Sunday Catechetical Mass blessing all of our St. Katharine's School and Prep teachers.

Monday night classes are underway. Mrs. Elliott's 3rd grade class are super excited to receive their First Holy Communion.



**Save the Date**  
**First Teen Mass**  
Saturday, October 5th  
5:00 pm

Special Blessing for all our new teen drivers.



## FORTY HOURS SCHEDULE

### Sunday, October 13

11:30am Opening Mass  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the remainder of the day.  
7:00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction  
Father Jeremy Hiers, O.S.A.

### Monday, October 14

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins.  
7:00pm Evening Prayer and Benediction  
Father Jeremy Hiers, O.S.A.

### Tuesday, October 15

8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins.  
7:00pm Mass  
Father Jeremy Hiers, O.S.A.

You are invited to sign up for quiet time with Our Lord in the Eucharist. A sign-up sheet is available on the table behind the piano.

## Protecting God's Children workshop at SKS October 2nd at 7pm

We will host a *Protecting God's Children* workshop on October 2nd at 7:00pm in the parish center. The Archdiocese requires all staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children (once a week or more) to complete this training. This includes adults working or volunteering in school, PREP, CYO and other parish activities. These workshops fill quickly! If you would have questions about the Safe Environment requirements, contact Kim O'Neill at [koneill@sksparish.org](mailto:koneill@sksparish.org).

There are also several online sessions offered; you can find info on our website, under the "Get Involved" tab. Sign up quickly because, just like the in-person classes, these spots fill fast.

## SKS BULLETIN INFORMATION

All Bulletin information must be to the rectory by 5pm on Monday. Bulletin inserts are due to the rectory at least 10 days before the date requested.

## Women's Evening of Reflection

Thursday, October 3rd

6:30-8:30pm

Join us for a relaxing evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship! This month's celebrant and speaker is Father John Kettelberger, C. M. He is the Spiritual Director for the Central Association of the Miraculous Medal in Germantown. All women are welcome, come for some or all of the evening. Invite a friend.

6:30pm Mass in Church  
7:00pm Chinese dinner and fellowship in the parish center.  
7:30pm Reflection  
8:00pm Testimonial on the power of the Rosary

## Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus has a national program to distribute coats to children in need. The SKS Council will be purchasing 24 brand new coats from our charity fund to give to the children at St Martin De Porres. If you would like to help, the Knights will be collecting donations (cash, check, or Venmo) after all the Masses this weekend. Thank you for your support.



## Mothers Home

A heartfelt thank you from Mothers' Home to our St Katharine of Siena school and parish community for their support of our June bottle drive which successfully raised \$1,660. Your contribution will make an enormous difference in the lives of our mothers and their babies. We are very grateful for your continued support.

Mothers Home is located in Darby, PA and is a residential shelter that provides a safe haven for vulnerable, pregnant women in crisis who choose life as a sacred gift. Without our bottle drives we would not be able to meet our overhead and provide parenting and life skill training for our mothers so that they can achieve independence and self-sufficiency. For more information please visit [mothershome.org](http://mothershome.org).



# 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

Tom Reusche  
skskofo@gmail.com

### 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

## 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

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

Stephanie Twohig  
610-688-7890

### Rosary Group

Mary Ann Mahoney  
610-324-3437

## CATECHESIS

### Bible Study

Msgr. Brouwers  
610-688-4584

### Home and School Association

Allison Morris  
homeandschool@sksschool.org

### Marriage Preparation

Dan and Julie Pijawka  
610-247-0582

### Parish School

Jeanne Mulvanerty  
610-688-5451

### P.R.E.P. and P.R.E.P. Board (CCD Advisory Board)

Stephanie Twohig  
610-688-7890

### Respect Life

skspectlife@gmail.com

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Msgr. Brouwers  
610-688-4584

## COMMUNITY BUILDING

### Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact Rectory  
610-688-4584

### Mothers of Young Children

Caitlin Thompson  
816-309-6526  
cthomp923@gmail.com

### Parish Center Reservations

Kim O'Neill  
610-688-4584

### Walking with Purpose

Maureen Reilly  
610-989-3747

### Faithful Families

Kate Mallach  
215-858-9507

### Retrouvaille: Marriage Help

215-766-3944  
www.helpourmarriage.org

### Gym Reservations

Ben Piazza  
215-760-9743

## 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.*