November 10, 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

Rev. Kien Do Priest in Residence

David Wang Transitional Deacon

Kim O'Neill Coordinator for Parish Life and Ministry: 610-688-4584

Jeanne Mulvanerty School Principal 610-688-5451 Stephanie Twohig Youth Ministry Director of Religious Education 610-688-7890

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Angela Kusterbeck Business Manager

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Hans Brouwers, Stephanie Twohig, Kim O'Neill, Jeanne Mulvanerty, Donna Blumeris, Sarah Bradley, Charles Cognata, Tina Rovito, 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, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

9:30 AMIda Marie Higgins11:30 AMIda Marie Higgins

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention 8:00 AM Kathleen Bruder

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

6:30 AMSpecial Intention8:00 AMMaria Pond

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

6:30 AM Johnny Gaudreau 8:00 AM Anna DiFelice

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention 8:00 AM Ida Marie Higgins

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention 8:00 AM Tucci Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024

8:00 AMDaniel Dudrick5:00 PMMaryEllen O'Dwyer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2024

9:30 AM John J. McCafferty, Jr. **11:30 AM** Carmen Perez

Readings: Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10"11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

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 Michael Bushey 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 Kathleen Ward Shannon Warner Jamie Weber

Deceased Prayer List:

John McConnell, Shannon Warner, Nancy O'Mara

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PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 30 October – 5 November 2024

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$8,756.00 Electronic Giving: \$8,343.00

Socials/Donations: \$24,714.18 School Registration: \$8,792.00

Other Income:\$6,727.10 Weekly Income: \$57,332.28 YTD Income: \$1,853,265.11

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$82,609.12 Maintenance: \$12,976.92 Administration Expenses: \$12,357.34

Other Expenses: \$2,273.26 Weekly Expenses \$110,216.64 YTD Expenses: \$1,491,100.33 YTD Balance: \$362,164,78



Pre-Jordan/Baptismal Instruction

If you are having your first child baptized, the Archdiocese requires the parents to attend a Pre-Jordan class. The classes take place at 7:00pm the first Tuesday of the month. The next class is scheduled for December 3rd. Contact Steph Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

We welcome Eleanor Shea and Patrick Sturm to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents Justin & Christine Shea and Michael & Brooke Sturm.





From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

Adopt-a-Family, Christmas Food Baskets, Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas preparations are well underway in our stores; I saw Christmas cards and decorations in stores at the end of September! We have the privilege of sharing the true spirit of Christmas that goes beyond the holiday parties, exchange of gifts and cards and seasonal decorations. We have several parish initiatives that will allow you to give to those in need as you celebrate God's great gift of his son, Jesus. For those of you not familiar with them or who would benefit from a little refresher, allow me to explain each of these excellent programs: **Adopt-a-Family**, **Christmas Food Basket** and the **Christmas Giving Tree**.

Adopt-a-Family

For the past 32 years, a variety of parishioners have coordinated this program that makes Christmas happier for dozens of needy families at our sister parish, St. Martin de Porres - as well as in our own neighborhood - with gifts from generous parishioners who recognize that the spirit of Christmas includes giving to others as our God has given us his Son. As we have done for the last four years with great success, sign up to adopt a family will occur through a link you will find in our weekly Flocknote email or on our website, Facebook page or on Instagram beginning 16 November. You will be able to select from a list of families and given their names, as well as the ages and sizes of the children so you can personalize your gifts. After purchasing the gifts, you are asked to wrap them or put them in gift bags with their names on each gift. Then, on Saturday, 7 December, we ask you to deliver them to school between 10:00am and 1:00pm; members of our parish Youth Group will be at hand to take your gifts from your cars to the cafeteria.

Christmas Food Basket

In addition to the Adopt-a-Family program, we offer everyone an opportunity to share the joy of Christmas with the needy, both at St. Martin de Porres and our own parish, through the Christmas Food Basket Program. Starting next week, you will find a shopping list of the items you may include in this food basket in our Parish Bulletin and on Flocknote which will provide all the staples for a Christmas meal for an entire family. Through the ongoing generosity of a friend of our parish, boxes will be provided inside the main entrance of the parish center toward the end of November that you can use to pack your groceries. These boxes will also be collected at our school on Saturday, 7 December, between 10:00am and 1:00pm.

Christmas Giving Tree

You may already know that we provide casseroles to the Philadelphia Mercy Hospice, which cares for women and their children without permanent housing. Every Christmas, tags suggesting gifts for these women and children are placed on the two Christmas Giving Trees that you will find at the St. Theresa Shrine and in the baptistery starting in two weeks. The trees will also have tags for gifts for local people in need. You are asked to attach the red tag and place gifts in the boxes provided in the St. Therese Shrine by 15 December. Please contact Jane Dwyer (610-306-9171) or Jane Dooner (610-505-1436), the Mercy Hospice Coordinators, if you have any questions.

The women and children at Mercy Hospice have benefitted from your generosity for 41 years, ever since we started the casserole project in our parish. I want to take this opportunity to thank Jane Dwyer and Jane Dooner for enthusiastically coordinating this important parish outreach not only at Christmas time but throughout the year; their dedication to this program is inspirational to us all!

I also want to thank Maria Carillo, our dedicated coordinator for all of our St. Martin de Porres projects, as well as Shannon and Brian Reilly, Charlene and John Talucci and Lauren Colfer who have helped with these Christmas projects for so many years! So many of you have made it clear throughout the years that you are aware of the true spirit of Christmas and are eager to share God's love as we celebrate this clear-est sign of his love – his coming in our midst to save us! God came to show his loving concern for all people and to bring them into his loving family, and your generosity has helped many people – both here in our own parish and throughout the archdiocese – to experience God's love!

PARISH ACTIVITIES



Along with last week's Gospel reflection "How can we love our neighbor", our Youth Group also celebrated Halloween.

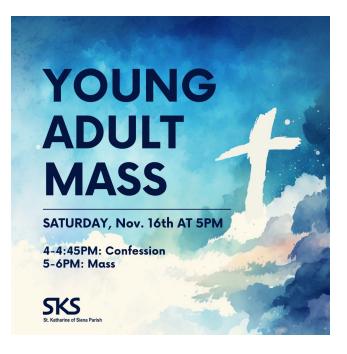




Youth Group Sunday Service Sunday, November 10th 7:00 - 8:00pm SKS School

We will have service projects for Catholic Social Service and St. Patrick's in Norristown!

The Middle School Youth Group meets on Tuesdays from 2:45-4:00pm in the Parish Center. November meetings: 12th and 19th!





Our 7th grade boys led the decade of the Rosary during group prayer last Wednesday.



Mrs. Freyhof's 1st graders coloring the Happy Saints Day picture.





SKS Adult Choir

The SKS Adult Choir welcomes new members throughout the year, particularly tenors and altos and especially with Advent quickly approaching! We would love to have you sing with us. We are a lively and dedicated group of 19 men and women who love to use their God-given voice to draw the congregation into joyful praise. We sing twice a month at the 9:30am Mass with a rehearsal beforehand at 8:15am in addition to two evening rehearsals each month, usually on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 pm. For more information please email or call Laura Kerr: **choirdirector@sksparish.org** or 610-937-1094 or stop by the organ/piano after Mass. We look forward to meeting you!

Thanksgiving Collection for Mercy Hospice and Women of Hope

Please consider donating the following items to Mercy Hospice:

- * Frozen turkeys
- * Frozen trays of macaroni and cheese
- * Canned yams, corn or green beans ("Costco" or family sized cans)
- * Boxed mashed potatoes
- Boxed stuffing mix
- Canned gravy
- * Canned cranberry sauce

Drop off your donation to the freezer at the rear of the parish center or church library no later than Sunday, November 24th. **Remember, bulk size is the most appreciated by the chef who cooks for 40 people at each meal!** Thank you in advance for your generosity! For questions, please call Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171 or Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436.

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.

Knights of Columbus

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be on Wednesday, November 13th at 7:00pm in the parish center.

Pray the Rosary

The Rosary group meets every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the church, parish center or grotto. Contact Mary Ann Mahoney at 610-324-3437 for more information.

Blood Drive

On Monday, December 2nd, St. Katharine's will hold a Red Cross blood drive from 2:00-7:00pm in the parish center. Please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit **RedCrossBlood.org** and enter "st Katharine in wayne" to schedule an appointment. Please call MaryAnn Crowe at 610-688-9479 if you have any questions.

CYO Basketball Registration

Please visit stkatharineofsiena.org/cyo/ to register:

SKS CYO Basketball is for kids who are currently enrolled in school at SKS or who are enrolled at PREP/CCD at SKS or OLA Parishes. Please note that registration has closed for 5th through 8th grades, however **high school will remain open until Thanksgiving**. Please register ASAP so we can have an accurate headcount to manage team rosters.

SCHOOL CORNER

SKS Opportunities

We are seeking several new members of our fabulous team!

- Part Time Nurse, Wednesday Friday, 9-2
- Substitute Teachers

All interested applicants should send a resume and cover letter to Jeanne Mulvanerty at jmulvanerty@sksschool.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. ewardship Ain TIOI

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 Mulvanertv 610-688-5451

P.R.E.P. and P.R.E.P. Board (CCD Advisory Board) Stephanie Twohig 610-688-7890

Respect Life sksrespectlife@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Msgr. Brouwers 610-688-4584

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

Mothers of Young Children Caitlin Thompson 816-309-6526 cthom923@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

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 skskofc@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

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