November 24, 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

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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 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 24, 2024

9:30 AMFrances Snell11:30 AMMarjorie White

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2024

6:30 AM Reusche Family

8:00 AM Juliette Akre

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

#### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2024**

6:30 AM Richard Resenberg 8:00 AM Frank Dougherty

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2024

- 6:30 AM Richard Rockich 8:00 AM A. J. Karalis
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 20249:00 AMLouis Bony

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2024

6:30 AM David Wilson 8:00 AM Gertrude Kelly

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2024 8:00 AM Hugh Boyle

**5:00 PM** Thomas B. Mattson

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

9:30 AM Ida Marie Higgins 11:30 AM Tony Prieto

Readings: Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

#### 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.

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:**

Phillip Reilly, Jim Arimond, Peggy Madden Reilly, John McConnell, Shannon Warner

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# **PARISH ACTIVITIES**



## OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 13 November – 19 November 2024

#### PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$7,135.00 Electronic Giving: \$6,293.00

Tuition: \$18,233.48 Stewardship Appeal: \$38,215.00 Subsidy From Other Parishes: \$2,650.00 Socials/Donations: \$7,806.09

Other Income:\$2,460.85 Weekly Income: \$82,793.42 YTD Income: \$2,014,526.70

#### PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$81,226.30 Insurance: \$8,116.33 Administration Expenses: \$6,901.04

Utilities: \$15,213.53

Maintenance: \$5,840.84

Other Expenses: \$4,498.47 Weekly Expenses \$121,796.51 YTD Expenses: \$1,719,732.39 YTD Balance: \$294,794.31



#### **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 Liam Crowe and Sophie Hogan to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents Conor and Dandara Crowe and Graeme and Alyssa Hogan.





From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

# SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

On this, the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year, the Church calls us to think of the end of our lives, our final judgment and our final destiny – the Kingdom of God. The apocalyptic vision that we hear in today's first reading from the Book of Daniel sets the tone by speaking about the coming of a "Son of man" who receives dominion, glory and kingship over all peoples, nations, and languages who will serve him. The passage from the Book of Revelation that we hear today is based on this vision from Daniel and declares that Jesus Christ is the "ruler of the kings of the earth." In today's Gospel account from John, we hear Pilate ask Jesus if he is "the King of the Jews." Jesus responds, "My kingdom does not belong to this world."

In all these readings, we are called to acknowledge our Lord's kingship over us. As his followers, we believe that our kingdom is not here but with our Lord and God in heaven. And so, we live in this world as subjects to our Lord and not subject to the gods of this world. As we come to the end of the liturgical year – next Sunday is already the first Sunday of Advent – let us reflect on this truth and rededicate ourselves to reflecting it in our lives. The celebration of this Feast of Jesus Christ as King of the Universe gives us a good opportunity to the embrace the deepest truths of our faith and to rededicate ourselves to the reign of Jesus Christ in every aspect of our lives.

As we hear predicted in today's readings, all the powers of this earth will fade away, while the kingdom of God will remain. We have seen in the course of history that all of the great empires of the world - just think of the Greeks, the Romans, the Mongolians and the Mayans, as well as the German Empire and the Soviet Union - have long since vanished, but the Church has persevered. This is due to the reality that, in its essence, the Church is not ruled by men but by the Spirit of God.

Faced with growing secularism in his day, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Jesus Christ King of the Universe in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first"). He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. Today's feast reminds us that while governments and secular movements come and go, Jesus Christ reigns as King forever. The Church has faced oppression from its very beginning - from pagan Rome - and continues to do so even today. We are citizens of this country and of the world. But, we are citizens first and foremost of the Kingdom of God. As Pope Pius XI wrote so clearly in his encyclical, Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (§ 7).

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, §13).

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. Unfortunately, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

On this, the last Sunday of the liturgical year, let us reflect seriously on the end of our lives and rededicate ourselves to preparing ourselves for that time when Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, will establish his kingdom in its fullness and draw to himself all those who listen to his voice and belong to the truth! And, let us have the courage to publicly profess our belief in Jesus as our only ruler.

# **PARISH ACTIVITIES**





Calling All Teens! St. Martin de Porres Service Project

On Saturday December 7th from 10:00-1:00pm: Help unload Christmas presents and food boxes from parishioners cars.

On Sunday, December 8th from 10:30-11:30am: Load the moving van with Christmas presents and food boxes.





Monday night PREP classes (1st and 2nd grades) working on the sacraments and the bible story about Moses.

#### **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.

# Helping Those in Need at Christmas St. Martin de Porres and the Giving Trees

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual Adopt-a-Family program. Because of our parishioners' generosity, 90 St. Martin de Porres families will have a wonderful Christmas! If you weren't able to select a family this weekend, you can still make someone's holiday special by putting together food baskets for the SMdP food pantry. The Christmas Giving Trees will also be in church beginning on November 30th. They will hold tags with gift suggestions for the residents of Mercy Hospice and local people in need. For more information, contact Kim O'Neill at koneill@sksparish.org or 610-688-4584.

### Parish Advent Retreat for Women and Men

#### 'Tis the Season The Intersection of Busy and Holy Thursday, December 5, 2024 6-9 pm in SKS Church and Parish Center

All women AND men in the parish are invited! The evening begins with Mass in Church, celebrated by Msgr. Brouwers, followed by a festive candlelight dinner catered by Paola's and special guest speaker De Yarrison.

The Season of Advent contains so many beautiful, holy moments in our faith story. Isn't it interesting that Advent coincides with the busiest time of year for many of us? How do we hold the right balance between activity and "doing" and quiet reflection and "being?" Join us as we explore the true meaning of Advent and prepare our hearts to receive Jesus anew at Christmas.

Advance Registration is required. The cost for the evening is \$30 per person. Info/questions? Reach out to Laura Kerr evangelization@sksparish.org or Patty Clerkin pattyclerkin@gmail.com.

#### 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.



# **SKS Adult Choir**

The Christmas season is quickly approaching! December 1st is the first Sunday of Advent. Do you like to sing and make a joyful noise to the Lord? Now is a perfect time to share your talents with the SKS Adult Choir. We invite all voice parts to join, and especially need altos and tenors. Sing with us at the 9:30am Mass for the first three Sundays of Advent culminating with Mass on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm. Rehearsals: Sunday mornings from 8:15-9:15 and there will also be four evening rehearsals. With 19 strong in the choir, your voice will blend in beautifully! Ability to read music is a plus, but not required. For more information contact Laura Kerr at 610-937-1094 or choirdirector@sksparish.org or stop by the organ after Mass!

# 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 this 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.

# Prepare The Way of the Lord

Advent begins Sunday, December 1st. On Monday, December 2nd, at 7:00pm, the Knights of Columbus will be leading a Taize style Holy Hour. It is a communal service of prayer, singing and periods of silence to help us prepare for the birth of our Savior. All parishioners and their families are invited to attend.

# Home Visits

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

# HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for the December 1st Parish Bulletin was due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Wednesday, November 20th.

Information for the December 8th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Wednesday, November 27th.

Information for the December 15th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Thursday, December 5th.

Information for the December 22nd Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Wednesday, December 11th.

Information for the December 29th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Friday, December 20th.

# **SCHOOL CORNER**

# **SKS Opportunities**

We are seeking substitute teachers our fabulous team!

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

#### WORSHIP

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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** Jason Botzler Shawn Sweeney 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.