

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

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610-688-5451

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Youth Ministry
Director of Religious Education
610-688-7890

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Parish Nurse: 610-688-9479

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Liturgical Music Director
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 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, DECEMBER 15, 2024

9:30 AM Teresa Madarang
11:30 AM Carolyn Guyer

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024

6:30 AM Patricia Reilly
8:00 AM Mary Ann Martillotti

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

6:30 AM For Those Who Suffer From Addiction
8:00 AM John Robertson

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2024

6:30 AM Tom McInerney
8:00 AM Nicholas Rotondo

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM Robert Butwin, Jr.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2024

6:30 AM Maria Kovolski
8:00 AM Irma Mackenzie

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2024

8:00 AM Maria Falcone
5:00 PM Veith/Williams Families

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2024

9:30 AM James Snell
11:30 AM Danny Lincicome

Readings: Mi 5:1-4a; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

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.

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| Joan Beiter | Rosemary Grimm | Dan Sivini |
| Robert Bruno | Ginny Jackson | Logan Schweiter |
| Michael Bushey | 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 | Kathleen Ward |
| Jamie Lynn Donnelly | Madeleine O'Keefe | Jamie Weber |
| Patrick Graham | Paula Rudnick | |

Deceased Prayer List:

Shannon Warner, Angela Haris, Jennifer Yeats

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PARISH ACTIVITIES



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

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$7,448.00
Electronic Giving: \$8,678.00
Tuition: \$29,196.23
Stewardship Appeal: \$8,000.00
Socials/Donations: \$5,000.00

Other Income: \$2,709.77
Weekly Income: \$61,032.00
YTD Income: \$2,251,836.85

PARISH EXPENSES

Benefits: \$69,633.74
Administration Expenses: \$11,481.49
Maintenance: \$6,284.64

Other Expenses: \$6,374.58
Weekly Expenses \$93,774.45
YTD Expenses: \$1,961,291.28

YTD Balance: \$290,545.57



A REMINDER TO OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THEIR ANNUAL REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION

Contributions to qualified charities can be made directly from an IRA for up to \$100,000 each year, with that money being tax-exempt and counting toward the annual RMD amount. This is known as a qualified charitable distribution and allows the contributor to avoid paying income taxes on this portion of the distribution. It's a great way to support your parish!

Home Visits

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

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.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

We read in the Book of Leviticus that the “fiftieth year is sacred. ...This fiftieth year is your year of jubilee” (Lv 25:10 + 11). A reading of the entire chapter 25 provides a fuller understanding of the Jubilee Year. These Jubilee Years were special years of remission of sins, debts and universal pardon. Named after the Hebrew word, “yōbēl,” meaning “goat,” since the ram’s horn (the shofar) was used to declare the beginning of the year, this was a year when slaves would regain their freedom and that land that had been sold to others would be returned to the original owner. It was a year when no crops could be planted or harvested. All of these practices were to remind the ancient Israelites that everything they thought they owned ultimately belonged to God.

Although it is unknown if the Jubilee Year regulations were ever fully put into practice, there is evidence that aspects of it were observed at various times. In fact, ever since the 6th century BC, the people of Israel and we, their descendants in the faith, have held Jubilee Years. In 1425, Pope Martin V used the solemn opening of the door of St. John Lateran Cathedral (the pope’s episcopal see) for the first time to inaugurate a Jubilee Year. Then, in 1475, Pope Sixtus IV celebrated the first 25-year Jubilee Year. Since then, Ordinary Jubilee Years have been celebrated every 25 years, with a few exceptions for various reasons; the most recent Ordinary Jubilee Year was in the year 2000.

Jubilee Years are usually inaugurated through a Bull of Indiction. The word “indiction” means an announcement regarding a recurring event. Pope Francis announced the upcoming Jubilee Year with his Bull of Indiction entitled: *Spes non Confundit* (hope does not disappoint). In this 17-page document, our Holy Father outlines the reasons for and benefits of this Jubilee Year. Allow me to highlight a few of the more significant aspects of the upcoming Jubilee.

“Hope does not disappoint,” a quote taken from St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans 5:5, is the central message of this Jubilee Year. In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Pope Francis writes in his Papal Bull: “For everyone, may the Jubilee be a moment of genuine, personal encounter with the Lord Jesus, the ‘door’ (cf. Jn 10:7.9) of our salvation, whom the Church is charged to proclaim always, everywhere and to all as ‘our hope’” (1 Tim 1:1).

Using the teaching St. Paul provides in his Letter to the Romans, our Holy Father goes on to instruct that:

Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross: “For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life” (Rom 5:19). That life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God’s grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit. By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love: “Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom 8:35, 37-39).

Of course, Pope Francis goes on, “Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: ‘We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope’” (Rom 5:3-4). And so, Pope Francis continues, “we learn to practice a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life.

Pilgrimage is a fundamental element of every Jubilee event. Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. In Rome itself, along with the usual visits to the catacombs and the Seven Churches, other itineraries of faith will be proposed. And, jubilee churches will be designated in (arch)dioceses around the world where pilgrims may obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. The following churches hold shrines where Jubilee Indulgences may be obtained: the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul, St. Anne, the Miraculous Medal Basilica and St. Rita in Philadelphia, St. Jude, Chalfont, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Doylestown, St. Bede, Holland, and Nativity BVM, Warminster.

Sustained by this great tradition, and certain that the Jubilee Year will be for the entire Church a lively experience of grace and hope, Pope Francis has decreed that the Holy Door of the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican will be opened on 24 December 2024, thus inaugurating the Ordinary Jubilee. He further decreed that on Sunday, 29 December 2024, in every cathedral and co-cathedral, diocesan bishops are to celebrate Holy Mass as the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year. The Ordinary Jubilee will conclude with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Vatican on 6 January 2026, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. I invite you to take advantage of this ancient Church tradition to seek our Lord in love and make his love ever more present in your life and in our world.



APPOINTMENT AS PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR, PRO TEM

As you may know, Fr. Gerald Carey, the pastor of Our Lady of the Assumption, our neighboring parish in Strafford, recently took a leave of absence from the parish. Msgr. Angelo Citino, who had retired last June from Ss. Peter and Paul Parish in West Chester, was appointed parochial administrator pro tem a few weeks ago. Unfortunately, Msgr. Citino subsequently learned about some health issues that needed immediate attention and asked to be relieved of this appointment. So, Abp. Pérez appointed me to succeed him while continuing as pastor here at St. Katharine Parish. As parochial administrator pro tem, I provide temporary administrative assistance in the name of the pastor. Fortunately, the parish has an excellent staff as well as a resident priest, Fr. Agustin Kassa, and a retired priest; they will be able to celebrate most of the Masses at the parish. I will be available to assist at OLA parish whenever necessary. In the meantime, I ask you to keep Fr. Carey in your prayers for a rapid recovery and quick return!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for the December 22nd Parish Bulletin was 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 Thursday, December 19th.

Information for the January 5th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Friday, December 20th.

Christmas Tableau

All are welcome to attend our annual Christmas Tableau, presented by grades 5-8 this Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30pm.

For those that would prefer not to venture out at night, please feel welcome to attend the matinee performance of the Tableau on Wednesday, December 18th at 1:00pm in church.

Hope to see you all there!

Giving Trees

Please remember to bring your **unwrapped** gift to the church and place it in the wrapped open boxes located at the St. Joseph Shrine by this weekend. For more information please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171, or Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436.



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 January 7th. Contact Steph Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

We welcome Mia Combs to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents Christopher and Natalie Combs.



Breakfast with Santa

Please join us for Breakfast with Santa in the parish center after the 9:30am Mass next Sunday, December 22nd. Faithful Families will have a craft for the kids. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.



Youth Group Luminary Sale December 14th-15th After all the Masses

The money raised helps support our Youth Ministry activities throughout the year. The lights will illuminate walkways around St. Katharine's Church on Christmas Eve.

Thank you to the St. Katharine's community who generously adopted and prepared food boxes for a family at St. Martin de Porres. A special shout out to the teens who unloaded over 300 boxes this past Saturday. The teen helpers attend the surrounding schools; Radnor High School and Middle, Conestoga High School and Middle, La Salle, Malvern Prep, Archbishop Carroll, The Haverford School and SKS!



SCHOOL CORNER

SKS Opportunities

St. Katharine's is seeking a 12-week long term sub for the 4th grade beginning at the end of February. 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.



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

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

sksrespectlife@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
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

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