

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

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Pastor

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610-688-9489

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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, DECEMBER 22, 2024

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2024

6:30 AM McInerney/Ricci Families
8:00 AM John McCafferty, Jr.

There will be NO Adoration today.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Joan Donaldson
4:00 PM MaryEllen O'Dwyer
6:00 PM John McConnell

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

9:30 AM McCafferty/Schleicher Families
11:30 AM Gleason/Higgins Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Elizabeth Readie

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2024

6:30 AM McInerney/Ricci Families
8:00 AM Marie Dooner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2024

8:00 AM Rick Melli III (Living)
5:00 PM Anne Wasserstrom

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2024

9:30 AM John Karalis
11:30 AM Ingrid Warrington

Readings: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24;
Lk 2:41-52

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	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

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



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!

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 22nd
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Tuesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00 PM Vigil Mass in Church
5:30 PM Choir Concert
6:00 PM Vigil Mass in Church

Wednesday, December 25th, Christmas Day
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Tuesday, December 31st
6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM



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.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

On this, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear Elizabeth declare to her cousin, Mary, "blessed is the fruit of your womb." As Mary generously travels to be with Elizabeth who is expecting a child in her old age, Elizabeth recognizes that an even more generous gift is about to be born: the Savior of the World! As you have been busily finding gifts for your loved ones, you have also followed Mary's example of generosity in so many ways, and I want to thank you in the name of those who have benefitted from your generosity. Let me thank those of you who participated in our annual Adopt-a-Family and Christmas Food Basket programs and filled the school cafeteria with gift boxes and food baskets for 90 needy families - both in our sister parish, St. Martin de Porres, and our own parish - two Saturdays ago. And, I thank you for your extra generosity with our monthly Feed the Needy second collection last weekend. As we do every year, I sent that entire collection to Fr. Addisalem Mekonnen, pastor at our sister parish, so he could purchase meat and other perishables to accompany the food baskets that you had provided. Thanks to everyone who took the tags from the two Giving Trees to purchase items for men, women and children at Mercy Hospice and Mission Youth Philly who would ordinarily have no gifts for Christmas. In their name, I thank you! A few weeks ago, I received a letter from the Society for the Propagation of the Faith acknowledging our parish's generous response to the annual Mission Sunday Collection; this year, our parish contributed \$8,263.00. I also received a letter from Mother's Home, Darby, expressing gratitude for the \$1,660.00 it received through the baby bottle collection this year. And, Sr. Veronica recently wrote to acknowledge your generosity in support of the Holy Family Nursing Home that the Little Sisters of the Poor operate in Philadelphia. Her visit resulted in a \$3,395.00 contribution to the nursing home. These are just a few wonderful examples of your great generosity throughout the year and especially at Christmas time toward those here in our own neighborhood, throughout our archdiocese and around the world. Your generosity is in imitation of our God's great gift to us – his Son, whose coming we eagerly await during this Advent Season.

While he was with us, Jesus offered himself to us under the forms of bread and wine in the Eucharist and to the Father on the cross in expiation for our sins. In dying for us, he overcame the final effect of sin – death – as he rose from the dead. His Resurrection allows us to be raised to eternal life with him. And, before he returned to his rightful place at the hand of God, he promised the Holy Spirit of God to continue to lead and guide us. Yes, Jesus, the Son of God who became the son of Mary, has showered us with gifts and we are blessed every day of our lives as we benefit from them. And, in response to God's generosity, we share from the abundance of his blessings with those in need.

This is why it is so important to join regularly in the Eucharistic Celebration, for through it, we are reminded of God's great generosity to us and are, in turn, strengthened and encouraged to share of ourselves with those around us.

In the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council remind us that our Lord, who came once in history to accomplish his great work of salvation, and will come again at the end of time to lead all the faithful to our heavenly Father, remains in our midst, especially through the sacraments:

To accomplish so great a work, Christ is always present in His Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass, not only in the person of His minister, "the same now offering, through the ministry of priests, who formerly offered himself on the cross", but especially under the Eucharistic species. By His power He is present in all the sacraments, so that when a man baptizes it is really Christ Himself who baptizes. He is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church. He is present, lastly, when the Church prays and sings, for He promised: "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (*Matt 18:20*).

Our generous outreach to those in need around us comes from our worship of God and leads us back to worship God as well, as the Council Fathers remind us so well:

Christ indeed always associates the Church with Himself in this great work wherein God is perfectly glorified and men are sanctified. The Church is His beloved Bride who calls to her Lord, and through Him offers worship to the Eternal Father.

Rightly, then, the liturgy is considered an exercise of the priestly office of Jesus Christ. In the liturgy, the sanctification of man is signified by signs perceptible to the senses, and is effected in a way which corresponds with each of these signs; in the liturgy the whole public worship is performed by the Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, that is, by the Head and His members.

From this it follows that every liturgical celebration, because it is an action of Christ the priest and of His Body which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others; no other action of the Church can equal its efficacy by the same title and to the same degree.

Yes, our coming together to worship God is the most sacred action we can perform as we gratefully acknowledge all that God has done for us, especially through his Son, Jesus. And, it guides and directs our daily lives in imitation of Christ's great work. As we come to the end of another Advent Season, let us give ourselves time to meditate on this great mystery and so prepare ourselves ever more deeply to receive our Lord as we celebrate his coming on Christmas in just three days. Remember, the very word "Christmas" means "Celebration of the Messiah" – that's what we do every time we celebrate the Eucharist. **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**



PARISH ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for the December 29th Parish Bulletin was due to the rectory by 12:00pm on Thursday, December 19th.

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

Information for the January 12th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 5:00pm on Monday, January 6th.

Breakfast with Santa

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

Low-Gluten Hosts Available at Mass

Low Gluten Hosts are available at Mass for those who request them. Please contact the rectory during regular office hours or text Msgr. Brouwers directly (610-420-8749) at least fifteen minutes before the Mass you plan to attend so the hosts can be ready for you.



Again a special "Thanks" to the many parishioners who helped bring Christmas Cheer to a family at St. Martins. Thank you to the teens, Cellucci, Talucci, and Colfer families for helping load all the presents and food on the moving van!



St. Katharine's PREP Community has been praying during this Advent season and had a special visit from St. Nicholas!



Parish Nurse Ministry

One in three adults ages 65 or older fall each year. Below are four ways you can prevent falls:

1. Review your medications.
2. Reduce home hazards.
3. Have your eyes checked.
4. Exercise and stay mobile.

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.

**HAVE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HOLY AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MSGR. BROUWERS
FATHER KIEN
FATHER REUBEN
DEACON DAVID
AND THE
ENTIRE
PARISH STAFF**

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
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Cub Scouts

Jason Botzler
Shawn Sweeney
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C.A.R.E.S. (Children Are Receiving Extended Care)

Michael Gavin
610-587-7440

Close Knit Community

Marie Rauscher
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Family Promise

Adrienne Carroll
610-905-3583
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H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)

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Knights of Columbus

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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

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Charismatic Prayer Group

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Church Environment

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Eucharistic Ministers

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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

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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
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.