

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

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610-688-9489

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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 29, 2024

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Patricia Reusche

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Special Intention
6:00 PM Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1, 2025

9:30 AM Peggy Madden Reilly
11:30 AM Martin Malloy

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Brian Evans

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM John McConnell, Jr.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

8:00 AM Aileen Kain
5:00 PM Joan Lewers

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

9:30 AM Patricia Dougherty
11:30 AM Lewers/Shea Families

Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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.

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

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 10 December – 16 December 2024

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collection: \$6,426.00
Electronic Giving: \$9,543.00
Tuition: \$6,088.11
Stewardship Appeal: \$27,035.00
Other Income: \$5,623.71
Weekly Income: \$54,715.82
YTD Income: \$2,306,552.67

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries/Christmas: \$95,098.90
Administration Expenses: \$22,820.22
Maintenance: \$11,997.24
Utilities: \$11,975.76
Insurance: \$8,116.33
Other Expenses: \$435.36
Weekly Expenses: \$150,443.81
YTD Expenses: \$2,111,735.09
YTD Balance: \$194,817.58



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!

NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 31st
6:00 PM Vigil

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

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.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

“As long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the Lord.” (1 Samuel 1:28).

As we continue our celebration of the Christmas Octave on this feast of *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*, this Sunday we hear readings at Mass that are about just that: family. They are accented by dedication to the Lord, and faith and trust in God with an openness to His will. In our first reading from *1 Samuel*, we hear Hannah, the mother of Samuel, dedicate her only son - whom she bore at an old age - to the Lord. Samuel would grow up to be a very important figure in Salvation History. At God's direction, he anointed first Saul and then David as King of Israel. And, as we all know, the Messiah was promised to come from the family line of David. The story of Hannah and Samuel brims over with various challenges so common to family life. Hannah, who prayed in desperation but with unwavering faith, hoping against hope, symbolizes the hope we are all called to have in our lives. What family doesn't have struggles that require strong faith? And, Hannah, along with her husband, Elkanah, are great models of parents who realize that their role is to nurture and freely give back to God the children given to their care. And, their son, Samuel, learned to listen for God's voice and respond with generosity.

In our second reading, we are reminded of one of the great gifts that comes to us at Christmas. In becoming a man, Jesus, the Son of God, draws us into God's family so that, as we hear from the *First Letter of Saint John*, we are “called children of God.” God isn't a distant creator, high in the heavens with no interest in us. No, like a loving parent, God is intimately involved in each of our lives. In fact, at our baptism, he calls us by name into his family! And, like any loving father, God wants us to “be like him.”

Our gospel account today provides us with the only scriptural insight into the Holy Family in their everyday lives as Jesus was growing up. It demonstrates the faithfulness of the family by relating that “each year, Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover.” And, it shows that Joseph and Mary had passed on their faith well to their son, Jesus; they found him in the temple, “sitting in the midst of the teachers...and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers.” And, like Elkanah and Hannah in the first reading, Joseph and Mary recognized that Jesus was given to their care but was truly God's child. Meanwhile, Jesus “advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man.” We recall that, shortly after his birth, Joseph and Mary had taken their infant Jesus to Jerusalem to present him to God in the Temple as was dictated by the law God gave to Moses. In the Temple, the family had met Simeon who was divinely promised that he would not die until he had seen the Christ of the Lord. With faith in God and God's promise, Simeon waited. To his delight, he not only met Jesus – he was able to embrace him! God's promise to Simeon was fulfilled. In the Temple, the family also encountered Anna, a devout prophetess. Both she and Simeon spoke about the child and his future mission. Joseph and Mary's faith in God would allow them to give their son the freedom to follow God's plan for him, just as Elkanah and Hannah had done with their son, Samuel.

As you see, all three readings center on family, faith and an openness to God's will. Elkanah and Hannah, Joseph and Mary, Simeon and Anna were all righteous people of deep faith. All received divine promises that God fulfilled because they believed. Furthermore, Jesus, who is a descendant of David, Jacob, Isaac and Abraham, will be a blessing for all the families of the earth, thus bringing the promise that God first made to Abraham to deeper fulfillment (*Gn.* 12:3; 15:4 and *Mt.* 1:1). As we celebrate the *Feast of the Holy Family*, these readings invite us to think

about our family, our dedication to the Lord, and our faith and trust in God with an openness to His will. As we honor the family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph because they were righteous people, attentive and faithful to God's promises to them, we acknowledge that we, too, are called to live in faithful obedience to God's plan for us in our families and in the larger family of families - our parish and the universal Church.

As we prepare to begin a New Year in God's grace, let us re-dedicate ourselves to following the example that Elkanah and Hannah, Joseph and Mary, Simeon and Anna give us so that God's promises may be fulfilled in us and we, too, may be faith-filled followers of Christ and holy families, strong in our faith in God and eager to open our hearts to God's will for us.



PARISH ACTIVITIES



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 newly baptized Charles Cashman to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents Christopher and Anne Cashman.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

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.

Home Visits

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



A special "Thanks" to the generous parishioners who donated to our Luminary fundraiser. We collected over \$500.00 which will help with our Martin Luther King Day of Service projects and other Youth Group activities.



The St. Katharine's PREP program has been very busy not only keeping up with their grade curriculum, but also learning about this beautiful season of Advent. The students have also collected warm hats, gloves and socks for the children who attend Visitation School in Kensington. They also had a special visit from St. Nicholas!



SKS Knights of Columbus

The Knights would like to thank all the parishioners who supported the Knights with the "Coats for Kids" program. We were able to deliver 240 brand new coats to the school children at St Martin De Porres School. In fact, we will be able to repeat this next year with the funds left over. Men, if you are looking for ways to support your parish and meet other Catholic men, consider coming to our next meeting on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00pm or go to KOFC.org/join.

Women's Evening of Reflection

Join us for our first Women's Evening of Reflection in 2025 on Thursday, January 9th, from 6:30-8:30pm. Mass in Church followed by dinner, speaker and testimonial in the parish center. **Please note that this month the meeting is held on the second Thursday of the month.** Cost: \$20 and includes dinner. Venmo to @laura-kerr-5 or bring cash.

January: Father Denis Wilde, OSA
(Augustinian/Villanova/Priests for Life)
Testimonial by MOYC Coordinator Caitlin Thompson "Raising a Catholic Family"

For further information or to RSVP: Laura Kerr evangelization@sksparish.org or Patty Clerkin, pattyclerkin@gmail.com.

**HAVE 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

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Athletic Association

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Cub Scouts

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Michael Gavin
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Close Knit Community

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Family Promise

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610-357-2392

WORSHIP

Adoration

Maureen Reilly
610-989-3747
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610-687-6498

Adult Altar Servers

Paul and Alicia Peterson
610-989-0277

Altar Servers

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Ministers of Hospitality

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Pre Jordan

Stephanie Twohig
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CATECHESIS

Bible Study

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610-688-4584

Home and School Association

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Parish School

Jeanne Mulvanerty
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Stephanie Twohig
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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

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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.