

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers
Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Kien Do
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610-688-5451

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610-688-7890

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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 8, 2024

9:30 AM John J. McCafferty, Jr.
11:30 AM Lewers/Shea Families

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2024

6:30 AM Dorothy Cashman
8:00 AM Deacon George Bolter

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024

6:30 AM James Childress
8:00 AM Maria Mencarelli

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024

6:30 AM Nicole Cicchitti
8:00 AM Lewers/Shea Families

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM Domenico Martino

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2024

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Helen Krafczek

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

8:00 AM Wally Kennedy
5:00 PM Maryann Martillotti

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2024

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

Readings: Zep 3:14-18a; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

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	Ginny Jackson	Claire Sieracki
Robert Bruno	Wesley Jones	Greg Schmidt
Michael Bushey	Libby Judge	Jessica Smucker
Ryan Carlton	Tony Lopez	Debbie Snyder
Charles Carr	Timothy Mahoney	Maryanne Sullivan
Jackie Chedeville	John McCabe	Kathleen Ward
Nancy DeFelice	Mark Megaw	Jamie Weber
Brady Duperreault	Madeleine O'Keefe	
Jamie Lynn Donnelly	Paula Rudnick	
Patrick Graham	Dan Sivini	
Rosemary Grimm	Logan Schweiter	

Deceased Prayer List:

Shannon Warner, Angela Haris, Jennifer Yeats, Philip Reilly, Jim Arimond

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PARISH ACTIVITIES



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

PARISH INCOME	PARISH EXPENSES
Sunday Collection: \$16,305.00	Salaries: \$83,837.46
Electronic Giving: \$12,806.00	Diocesan Assessment: \$30,900.00
Tuition: \$75,250.00	Clergy Benefits: \$5,300.00
Stewardship Appeal: \$27,915.00	Maintenance: \$10,125.96
Bequest: \$26,764.14	Administration Expenses: \$6,808.10
Socials/Donations: \$10,388.27	Insurance: \$5,678.66
Other Income: \$6,849.74	Other Expenses: \$5,134.26
Weekly Income: \$176,278.15	Weekly Expenses: \$147,784.44
YTD Income: \$2,190,804.85	YTD Expenses: \$1,867,516.83
	YTD Balance: \$323,288.02



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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This week, we join with the universal Church in celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Since it has been moved from Sunday to Monday – the Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the feast day – it is not a holy day of obligation and we will celebrate Mass at the usual weekday times: 6:30 and 8:00am.

Mary enjoys many wondrous titles but this one is of particular significance. It is so important that it is under this title that Mary is Principal Patroness of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as well as the Patroness of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. What does this title given to Mary mean and what is the significance of this solemnity? In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we read:

To become the mother of the Savior, Mary “was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role.” The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as “full of grace.” In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God’s grace. (§ 490)

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, “full of grace” through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin. (§ 491)

Unlike the rest of humanity, Mary was free from original sin from the moment of her conception. As we see above, it was a gift from God. The *Catechism* goes on to explain:

The “splendor of an entirely unique holiness” by which Mary is “enriched from the first instant of her conception” comes wholly from Christ: she was “redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son.” The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person “in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” and chose her “in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love.” (§ 492)

Jesus Christ came to redeem humankind, Mary shared in his redemptive power from the moment of her conception. The *Catechism* asserts that God the Father “blessed Mary more than any other created person.” With this special gift, Mary could be “holy and blameless before him in love.” In fact, the *Catechism* explains that “by the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long” (§ 493). The *Catechism* continues to speak of Mary in this way: “espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God’s grace.” (§ 494)

And so, as with so many aspects of our faith, while the immediate focus of today’s feast might be on Mary, the real focus is always on her son, Jesus the Christ. Like all Marian feasts, today’s solemnity cannot be celebrated without reference to Jesus. That’s why we hear Pope Pius IX emphasize that the dogma comes about through the “merits of Jesus Christ.” It is Jesus who redeems, but in the mystery of the Incarnation, God has chosen to preserve Mary from original sin so she can be a fitting mother for his Son. Consequently, she plays a unique role in redemption and is properly given the title of Redemptrix. In other words, Mary was sinless so that she could give birth in the flesh to the Savior.

As we honor Mary, the Mother of God on Monday, the feast of her immaculate conception, let us gratefully acknowledge the mercy of God and, like Mary, humbly submit our will to his so that we, like Mary, may be able to continue to cooperate with God as he draws all humanity back to him through his son, Jesus; that's where we all belong!



PARISH ACTIVITIES



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.

YOUNG ADULT/Teen MASS

SATURDAY, Dec 14th AT 5PM
Last Mass of 2024!

4-4:45PM: Confession
5-6PM: Mass

SKS
St. Katharine of Siena Parish

The Young Adults and Teens will be leading the music at this Mass.

HOLIDAY BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for the December 15th Parish Bulletin was 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.



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 Alina Crovo and Reese Rushton to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents Peter & Natasha Crovo and Scott & Emily Rushton.



Giving Trees

Christmas tags with gift suggestions for the residents of Mercy Hospice, Women of Hope and local people in need have been placed on the two trees located at the St. Joseph Shrine and at the Lancaster Avenue vestibule. Please make this a special Christmas for those in need by taking a tag and buying the gift specified on the label.

Bring your **unwrapped** gift to the church and place it in the wrapped open boxes located at the St. Joseph Shrine by next, Sunday, December 15th. For more information please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171, or Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436.

Christmas Tableau

All are welcome to attend our annual Christmas Tableau, presented by grades 5-8 on 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!

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.

Parish Nurse Ministry

Reminders for dealing with the cold:

1. Drink plenty of fluids, eat a healthy diet, avoid caffeine and alcohol before going outside.
2. Check to make sure you have plenty of batteries.
3. No generator should be inside the home. Place the generator at least 20 feet from the house.
4. Never shovel or go walking alone in frigid weather.
5. Wear no-skid boots when shoveling.
6. Shovel on an hourly basis instead of all at once.
7. Push snow to the side and lift with legs, not back, with no twist of the torso.
8. If you have a life alert, keep it on you at all times.

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
skskofo@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

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.