

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

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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, JANUARY 5, 2025

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Thomas Rubino

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Mary Weeks

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Mark Congdon

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Thomas Voelker

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

8:00 AM Special Intention
5:00 PM Pam McMahon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

9:30 AM Albert Wankmiller, III
11:30 AM James and Marjorie White

*Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ti 2:11-14, 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22*

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	

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



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

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.

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.

Home Visits

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

BULLETIN INFORMATION

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

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

“See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory.” (*Isaiah* 60:2). As we continue our celebration of the Christmas season with the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord, we all need to hear these words of encouragement and assurance of God’s presence. With the ongoing unrest worldwide and even in our own country, we all feel - in some way - to be covered in darkness with thick clouds covering us. But, Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, comes to bathe us in God’s glory. We, in turn, are called to share God’s glory in our daily lives.

It is clear that so many of you recognize this call and I continue to be edified by the generous Christmas spirit so many of you have shown during this season! Whether it was with one of the 250 gifts you provided for the men, women and children who would otherwise have nothing for Christmas or with abundance of gifts and food you provided for the 90 needy families at *St. Martin de Porres* parish as well as in our own neighborhood, or in so many other ways, you made it clear that you are aware of the true spirit of Christmas and are eager to share God’s glory as we celebrate this clearest sign of his love – his coming in our midst to save us! God came to show his loving concern for all people, and your generosity has helped many people – both here in our own parish and throughout the archdiocese – experience God’s love! I’m sure you can imagine how helpful your generous support has been, especially at this time as so many people find themselves without adequate work or a place to call home! In the name of these men, women and children, I thank Jane Dwyer and Jane Dooner for coordinating the *Giving Tree* project and Shannon and Brian Reilly, Charlene and John Talucci and the Colfer and Cellucci families for working with Kim O’Neill, our coordinator for parish life and ministry, Stephanie Twohig, our parish youth minister, and Maria Carillo, our coordinator for all of our *St. Martin de Porres* projects, for coordinating the *Adopt-a-Family* project once again this year – well done! And, special thanks to all of our Youth Group members who helped unload the cars Saturday and load the truck on Sunday!

I have enjoyed taking part again in the many other Christmas traditions in the parish as well. I was happy to bless our grotto that our school’s Home & School Board once again cloaked in lights. It was a delight to see so many proud parents, grandparents and other family members attend the school’s Christmas Concert and Tableau. I was edified to learn that our Knights of Columbus had raised money to provide 240 new coats for the students at *St. Martin de Porres* School and happy to participate, once again, in the *Keep Christ in Christmas Poster Contest*. All of these wonderful events put everyone – participants and viewers – into the true Christmas spirit!

I want to thank everyone who made our parish facilities so beautiful during this special time. The outdoor Nativity scenes in front of our church and school certainly let everyone who passes by know that we are celebrating the birth of Christ, the light of the world! Christmas is a wondrous celebration here, even in these troubling times, and I want to thank everyone who enhanced the Christmas Eucharistic celebrations, using their ministries to help make God present at the altar: the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ministers of hospitality and altar servers, as well as the cantors and various music groups!

I also want to thank everyone who sent our parish staff and me Christmas greetings in the form of cards and other goodies – these certainly put us into the Christmas spirit!

The church exterior is elegantly decorated with wreathes – ancient symbols of the eternal and undying love that God has bestowed on us through his son! Of course, it is equally important to decorate the inside of the church, where we, God's faithful, come to worship Him and praise him every day, but especially during this glorious Christmas Season. I'm very happy to see so many of you stopping in front of the Nativity set before the altar. As we draw near to admire the scene, we realize that God draws everyone into his Holy Family!

Yes, as we celebrate the epiphany of our Lord, let us all become more aware that we are all blessed to have our God present in our midst. He is still in our midst today and we are to be the signs of his presence for all to see! And, let us be thankful, allowing the word of God to dwell in us during this holy season of Christmas and throughout the New Year! We need to be signs of hope and new life, especially during these dark times. Just as the star guided the magi to the infant Jesus and protected them as they returned to their home country, we are confident that God will guide us ever closer to our Lord and protect us as we journey to our true home – heaven!



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MLK Day of Service 2025

For the twelfth year the Youth Group will be helping a variety of shelters and organizations in need. If you would like to donate any of the items listed please drop them off in the church library or vestibule the weekends of January 11th-12th and 18th-19th. **Individual toiletry items: soap, tooth brushes, tooth paste, travel shampoo, deodorant. Food items: jars of tomato sauce, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, microwave soups and ramen.** Monday, January 20th from 10-12:00 pm in the Parish Center will be an in-person service day. Anyone in 7th-12th grade is welcome to come and assemble casseroles for Mercy Hospice and Sarnelli House, make sandwiches for St. Patrick's in Norristown and pack toiletry bags for Visitation Community Center in Kensington.

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.

Walking with Purpose: Connect Coffee
Tuesday, January 7th
9:15-11:00am
SKS Parish Center

Join us on January 7th for a Connect Coffee, an opportunity for newcomers to learn about WWP with coffee, breakfast treats and an inspirational video followed by a casual discussion. Come as you are — you are welcome here.

Give the Gift of Warmth

Our 30-year church boiler has completely failed – right at the start of winter! You'll probably notice the temporary setup outside the church by the parish center. That's a good fix for now but we need to install a new heater quickly. It's an unexpected \$75,000 expenset that comes at a time when parish finances are already stretched thin. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to keep our church warm for years to come. You will find envelopes in the church pews or visit sksparish.org/churchboiler. Thank you!



Family Promise Host Week
January 12-19
Volunteers Needed!

Family Promise (fpmainline.org) is committed to helping families experiencing homelessness in our community. Families in the program stay at Wayne Presbyterian Church (WPC) several times during the year; WPC relies on St. Katharine's to help provide hospitality and meals. SKS volunteers buy groceries, drop off dinners or stay at WPC for dinner or as an over-night host.

The next host week at WPC is January 12-19. To volunteer or receive more information, please contact Adrienne Carroll at love-aemail@gmail.com or 610-905-3583 or Barbara Todd at bcivi@hotmail.com or 610-585-5044.

Knights of Columbus

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be this Wednesday, January 8th at 7:00pm in the parish center.

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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Join Archbishop Pérez on Pilgrimage to Italy
For the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis
April 23-29, 2025
\$3,171 pp + air

You are invited to join Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez on a pilgrimage to Italy for the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis this spring! This pilgrimage has been facilitated by the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Malvern Retreat House in partnership with Virginia-based ProRome Tours.

The dates of the trip are April 23-29, 2025, with an optional extension to Assisi from April 29 -May 1, 2025. With luxury accommodations at the five star Westin Excelsior in Rome, the trip features a flexible touring program in order to accommodate all ages. As this is a large group (up to 200 max), the daily program will be organized in order to run as smoothly as possible. Mass and dinner will be group events, whereas part of the day will be optional (yet always included in the price). Highlights include the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas and Holy Doors, the Catacombs, the Pantheon and so much more.

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/adop (password "carlo") or contact ProRome Tours directly at 484-953-1112 or email at office@prorome.com.

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.