

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
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School Principal
610-688-5451

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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

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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
6:30 & 8:00am,
12:10 & 7:00pm

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, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

9:30 AM Ida Marie Higgins
11:30 AM Philip Reilly

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025

6:30 AM Basil Mucha
8:00 AM Margaret Kozel

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2025

6:30 AM Cornelis Kaper
8:00 AM James and Marjorie White

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2025

8:00 AM Lewer/Shea Families
5:00 PM Williams/Veith Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2025

9:30 AM Bob Lewers
11:30 AM Marquerile Ann Vermuth

*Readings: 1 Sm 26: 2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49
Lk 6:27-38*

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

Deceased Prayer List:

Tara Peterson, Sally Singh, Bill Keane, William Blumeris

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 5 February – 11 February 2025

| PARISH INCOME | PARISH EXPENSES |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Sunday Collections: \$6,653.00 | Benefits: \$64,009.19 |
| Electronic Giving: \$9,368.00 | Maintenance: \$30,176.24 |
| | Administration Expenses: \$28,568.35 |
| Tuition: \$39,618.00 | |
| Socials/Donations: \$4,720.86 | |
| | Other Expenses: \$7,241.53 |
| Other Income: \$589.83 | Weekly Expenses \$129,995.31 |
| Weekly Income: \$60,949.69 | YTD Expenses: \$2,868,809.22 |
| YTD Income: \$3,337,181.58 | YTD Balance: \$468,372.36 |



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 Tuesday, March 4th. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

We welcome newly baptized Charles McGrath Robinson to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate his parents Michael and Meghan Robinson.



From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

A NEW WAY FORWARD TOGETHER

In March 2023, Archbishop Pérez sent to all the priests of the archdiocese a book entitled *From Christendom to Apostolic Mission* and asked us to read and reflect on it in preparation for a series of meetings to discuss the future of our archdiocese. Since then, the archbishop has met with us priests as well as the permanent deacons and the leadership of a variety of Catholic institutions in the archdiocese. On 5 January, he sent a letter to all of the faithful of the archdiocese. His letter begins very honestly and humbly with “I am writing to you because I need your help. Please join me for a conversation about our future. Your voices and presence are essential as we navigate our way forward together as the Church of Philadelphia.” His letter ended with an invitation to join with him in discussions about the future of the Church of Philadelphia.

Last Monday, our parish hosted one of the first of the listening sessions in the archdiocese. Over 120 people from throughout the archdiocese attended; 60 of them were from our parish! In the name of Abp. Pérez and our entire parish, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for joining in this important meeting. Tom Lenz, who had been an excellent facilitator for our Parish Pastoral Council as we developed our Pastoral Plan three years ago, was equally excellent in facilitating this meeting. He was accompanied by Kurt Zampier, another staff member of the Catholic Leadership Institute, who has been assisting Archbishop Pérez and a small staff in developing a plan for our archdiocese for the next twenty years.

Tom started the meeting with a quotation from St. Matthew's Gospel:

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the ages.” (*Mt 28:19-20*)

Tom explained that this passage contains a promise and a command; the promise that our Lord, Jesus, will always accompany us and the command to make disciples of all nations. As our archdiocese addresses the critical issues of decreased parishioner engagement (currently 83% of registered Catholics do not attend Sunday Mass), and shrinking numbers of priests and religious, the archbishop wants to move our archdiocese from crisis to hope. To do this, Tom related the five points Abp. Pérez made in his letter. First, we need to recognize that we “are living in times more like the earliest Christians – times when many are living without Christ.” “Our hope is in the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ,” Abp. Pérez notes, and “Our current task is to carry that hope to those who feel distant from the Church.”

Second, all of us need to have a pastoral change of heart. As Abp. Pérez writes, we need “to ask a new question, ‘Where does the Church need to be and how?’ We need to inspire a pastoral change of heart that focuses on those who are absent and that aligns our collective efforts across parishes, schools and charitable ministries to listen, rebuild trust and invite people home.”

As we develop a change of heart, we need to take concrete steps forward. As the third point of the archbishop's letter, one way to reach out to the disaffected is to establish missionary hubs throughout the archdiocese that will focus on reaching out to Catholics who don't participate in the life of the Church as well as non-Catholics. Initially, a hub will be located in each of the five counties of the archdiocese, most likely in places where the Church is currently least present. Over the next ten years, Abp. Pérez envisions that ten hubs will be established in each of the five counties. This would ignite a spirit of missionary discipleship, creating a supportive network of missionary life across the whole archdiocese.

The fourth point of Abp. Pérez's letter is to note that conversation about this new venture, which began two years ago with the priests of the archdiocese, continues today with the laity throughout the archdiocese. He hopes that the meetings such as the one we had last Monday will encourage parishioners throughout the archdiocese to ask questions and offer their ideas. Those who attend these meetings will be contacted via email and their queries and suggestions will be solicited.

Abp. Pérez's letter ends with his invitation to join in these meetings, learn about his vision and offer him your hopes, dreams, concerns and desires for renewal. Again, I thank those who attended Monday's meeting and encourage those who were unable to attend to plan to go to one of the many others that are being held throughout the archdiocese over the coming months. To sign up, simply go to trustandhope.org where you will find a listing of upcoming meetings. That website also provides helpful answers to many frequently asked questions regarding this archdiocesan-wide initiative.

In his letter, Abp. Pérez quotes Pope Francis who wrote in his encyclical, *Joy of the Gospel*:

I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting Him encounter them...No one should think that this invitation is not meant for him or her, since 'no one is excluded from the joy brought by the Lord'...Whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that He is already there, waiting for us with open arms. (§ 3)

I invite you to reflect on this important passage. As you encounter Jesus more intensely in your life, hear and heed his call to "make disciples of all nations," confident that he is with us now and "until the end of the ages."

PARISH ACTIVITIES



The next Middle School Youth Group meets this Tuesday, February 18th from 2:45-4:00pm in the Parish Center.



Monday and Wednesday Prep celebrated the EAGLES in the Super Bowl with Philly soft pretzel, Super Bowl Trivia and EAGLES fight song.



Parish Coffee

Please join us for a parish coffee in the parish center after the 9:30am Mass today hosted by the Music Ministry. Faithful Families will have a service project for the kids. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

SKS CYO Spring 2025 Registration Is Open

To register, please visit stkatharineofsiena.org/cyo/

Volunteer Coaches are crucial to keep CYO sports running for your children. If you are able to coach any sport this season, please contact Christina Muntz at christina.diorio@gmail.com.

2025 Spring Sports:

- Track and Field (1st-8th grade) - Head Coach (PeeWee) and assistant coaches needed
- Girls Lacrosse
- Boys Lacrosse with St Aloysius - Coaches needed
- Tennis (Co-Ed)
- Baseball

Mercy Hospice Women's Shelter

Please consider donating the following items to Mercy Hospice:

- ◆ Frozen fish (raw or cooked filets)
- ◆ Frozen Chicken breasts, thighs (raw or breaded/cooked)
- ◆ Frozen Lasagna, Macaroni and Cheese, or Chicken Enchiladas (party size)
- ◆ Homemade Casseroles – recipes can be found on our parish website, or make any casserole that has a protein – empty casserole pans are in the freezer area at the back of Parish Center
- ◆ Frozen Vegetables
- ◆ Sweet Cereals – several boxes of the same kind or bulk sizes are best

Remember, bulk size is most appreciated by the chef who cooks for 40 people at each meal! Drop off your donation in the freezer at the rear of the parish center or in the church library. If donating a homemade casserole, please write the date and type of casserole in Sharpie marker on the side of the pan. Thank you in advance for your generosity! Donations are running low and are VERY appreciated by the staff and residents at Mercy Hospice.

Pray the Rosary

The Rosary group meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm 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.

A Letter From St. Martin de Porres

To the St. Katharine of Siena Community,

On behalf of St. Martin de Porres School, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support in adopting families for our Christmas program. Your kindness and selflessness have made a tremendous difference in the lives of our students and their families during this special season.

Thanks to your thoughtful contributions, many families who were facing difficult times have experienced the joy of Christmas with hope, warmth, and love. The impact of your generosity is immeasurable.

We are deeply thankful for your commitment to making a positive difference and for being a beacon of compassion and care. Your actions have not only helped to fulfill material needs, but have also uplifted the spirits of those in our school community.

May your kindness be returned to you tenfold. Thank you once again for being a blessing to our school and family.

Best regards,

Ms. Jessica Lopez
Principal
St. Martin de Porres School

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
484-686-7744

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

Report Abuse to :

Office of Child and Youth Protection Archdiocese of Philadelphia
888-800-8780
www.archphila.org/protection

Pennsylvania Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-932-0313

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.