

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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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
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, MARCH 23, 2025

9:30 AM Lewers/Shea Families

11:30 AM Donald McGuigan

MONDAY, MARCH 24, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Susan D'Orio

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 25, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Daniel Brennan

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Daniel Brennan

THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Theresa Flanagan

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Jean Karalis

SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2025

8:00 AM Maribel Jarchow

5:00 PM William Blumeris

SUNDAY, MARCH 30, 2025

9:30 AM Kevin Tobin

11:30 AM Daniel Ehart

Readings: Jos 5:9a, 11-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21;
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

Deceased Prayer List:

Thomas Prior, Daniel Brennan

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 12 March – 18 March 2025

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$8,300.00

Electronic Giving: \$7,373.00

Tuition: \$3,559.55

Socials/Donations: \$7,580.87

Other Income: \$1,103.74

Weekly Income: \$27,917.16

YTD Income: \$3,739,959.24

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$98,422.07

Administration Expenses:

\$6,007.79

Utilities: \$1,763.11

Other Expenses: \$3,161.23

Weekly Expenses \$109,354.20

YTD Expenses: \$3,417,163.71

YTD Balance: \$322,795.53



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, April 1st. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

We welcome newly baptized Christian Elisio-Buzzetta to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate his parents Ronald and Christina.



From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

ALMOST HALFWAY THROUGH LENT

Each year, the Gospel for Ash Wednesday sets out three practices – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – which we are called to perform with greater intensity and intentionality during Lent. Like a three-legged stool, all three of these practices are necessary for a stable Christian life and so, we are called to focus on them, once again, during this Lenten Season as we renew our commitment to following our Lord through his death to his Resurrection. As we approach the halfway mark for Lent, allow me to offer some reflections and encouragement on these practices

We all know the importance of prayer since that draws us ever closer into an intimate relationship with God. Our ultimate goal is eternal communion with God. Through prayer, we anticipate the beatific vision as we commune with God while still on earth. Yet, our very busy lives often seem to get in the way of our prayer lives. I like to compare it to our awareness of the importance of saving for our retirement. We all know how important that is but often fail to act on it and find ourselves unprepared when retirement approaches. Death leads to our eternal retirement and we need to make sure we act to prepare for it. During the Lenten Season, we are called back to prayer through daily Mass attendance, reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, recitation of the rosary or spending more time in prayerful conversation with God. Maybe you made a resolution at the beginning of Lent to improve your prayer life. I commend you if you have been faithful to your resolution and encourage you to resume your resolution if you haven't; you still have more than half of this Lenten Season to draw closer to God in preparation for Easter!

As we become aware of the many gifts God has given us, we realize that our gifts are intended to be shared; we do that through almsgiving. There are many ways to give alms: the annual Catholic Charities Appeal, Catholic Relief Services, the Pontifical Mission Societies and our monthly Feed the Needy collection are just a few ways that you can give alms with an assurance that your gift will be well used. Again, I commend you if you have been generous in your almsgiving this Lent and encourage you to make your contribution to your favorite charity if you haven't yet done so.

The one practice that many struggle to understand and embrace is fasting. Allow me to offer some reflections on this very important aspect of Lent. Fasting is so easily misunderstood or dismissed altogether. And yet, this is the only one of the three practices that the prophet Joel mentions explicitly in the first reading on Ash Wednesday. In the Gospel, Jesus likewise speaks to his disciples about fasting: "When you fast, he says, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites." "When you fast," Jesus says. Notice he does not say, "if you fast," nor does he say, "if you feel like fasting ..." Fasting is not reserved for monks of centuries long ago. It is not for an imaginary Christian elite. The call to fast is addressed to each of us.

The "why" of our fasting begins with the readings we heard on Ash Wednesday and on the First Sunday of Lent. As Ash Wednesday's Gospel indicated, Jesus, who is God incarnate, wanted his disciples to fast. And on the First Sunday of Lent, we read the account of Jesus fasting for 40 days. Therefore, not only does God ask us, his disciples, to fast; he fasted himself. God's counsel and his example offer us reason enough to fast. But what good does God see in fasting? According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, fasting "is practiced for a threefold purpose." First: to curb our desires for physical pleasures. Second: in order that our minds "may arise more freely to the contemplation of heavenly things." Third: "in order to satisfy for sins."

Curbing our desire for physical pleasures is self-explanatory. As we say "no" to our physical appetites for good, God-given things such as food and drink we can turn our physical hunger into a spiritual yearning that only God can satisfy.

The second purpose, which stems from the first, is to free the mind for the contemplation of heavenly things. When we stop giving in to all our physical desires, they gradually stop clamoring within us. Our minds take on a new clarity and our hearts learn to long for that which is truly good and lasting: God. Fasting thus enables us to lift our minds and hearts more easily to God in prayer.

Finally, we fast in order to “satisfy for sins.” In union with Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, we can offer the little inconveniences of fasting to God in reparation for the times we have offended him.

The Church does not require much of us during Lent: two days of fasting (on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday) on which we may eat one meal and two smaller snacks which, together, do not equal one full meal; and abstinence from meat today and every Friday. But, we are encouraged to fast throughout the Lenten Season and we will benefit from it for all three of these reasons. If we long for God and want to speak with ease and familiarity to God and listen to his voice in prayer, if we wish to show him a sign of our sorrow for our sins, then we ought to try fasting. If we enter into it prudently and prayerfully, we will be assured a fruitful Lent.

All of our Lenten sacrifices – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – redirect us to focus on God and his call, through his son, Jesus, to offer ourselves as a sacrifice – that is, a sacred action – before God. As we do this, we prepare for the Easter Triduum when we, once again, celebrate our share in Christ’s victory over sin and death and his glorious Resurrection. I pray that the remainder of this Lenten Season will find you drawing ever closer to God and even more prepared to join in the glory of the Cross and the joy of the Easter!



PARISH ACTIVITIES



The next Middle School Youth Group meets this Tuesday, March 25th from 2:45-4:00pm in the parish center.

The Youth Group assembled 100 snack bags for Catholic Social Services and 100 sandwiches for St. Patrick's Patrician Society in Norristown. The teens attend Radnor HS, Conestoga HS, Villa Maria, Notre Dame, Devon Prep, SKS, TE and Valley Forge!





Last Tuesday 96 second graders received Reconciliation for the 1st time. God Bless our 2nd graders!



Knights of Columbus

The Knights will be selling "Chance of a Life" raffle chances on this weekend. There are 16 winning tickets ranging from \$1,000 to \$15,000. The proceeds support the State Council and SKS Council's charities. The Knights of Columbus is a brotherhood of Catholic men sharing and practicing the virtues of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. Come check us out at KofC.org or join us at our next meeting April 9th at 7:00pm in the parish center.



Disciple Maker Index Survey

The DMI Survey is Live!

Along with all the parishes throughout the archdiocese, St. Katharine's is on a journey to know, love and serve Jesus better! **Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey** today. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen SKS and better prepare us for the future. Find the survey using the QR code, below. There are also paper copies in the rectory or on the tables at church entrances. We want to hear from you!



Lenten Calendar

Lenten Evening of Reflection
Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:45pm

Stations of the Cross
Fridays During Lent at 7:00pm

Living Stations of the Cross
Friday, April 11th at 7:00pm



Join us in-person in witnessing a reverent depiction of the Passion of Christ

April 11th @ 7:00 PM

St. Katharine of Siena Church

There is also a daytime dress rehearsal on April 11th @ 1:00 PM

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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Cub Scouts

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WORSHIP

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Jeanne Mulvanerty
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Respect Life

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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COMMUNITY BUILDING

Alcoholics Anonymous

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610-688-4584

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Parish Center Reservations

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Walking with Purpose

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610-989-3747

Faithful Families

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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.