FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 30, 2025

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 Ministry: 610-688-4584

Jeanne Mulvanerty School Principal 610-688-5451 Stephanie Twohig Youth Ministry

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Parish Nurse: 610-688-9479

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Liturgical Music Director

610-688-9489

Laura Kerr

Organist/Adult Choir Director

Evangelization

Angela Kusterbeck 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, MARCH 30, 2025 9:30 AM Kevin Tobin 11:30 AM Daniel Ehart

MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2025 6:30 AM Special Intention 8:00 AM Joyce Guyer

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025 6:30 AM Robert Fastuca 8:00 AM Rajive Sondi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 6:30 AM Special Intention 8:00 AM Julie Sergovic

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 6:30 AM Richard Kiley **8:00 AM** Jane Downey

FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 6:30 AM Special Intention 8:00 AM Daniel Brennan

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2025 8:00 AM Catherine McClatchy 5:00 PM Karen Fiori

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025 9:30 AM Anne Goetz 11:30 AM Billy Virbitsky

Readings: Is 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

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 Robert Bruno Mike Busch Michael Bushey Nol Calabrese Ryan Carlton Charles Carr Jackie Chedeville Nancy DeFelice Brady Duperreault Jamie Lynn Donnelly Johanna Ehart
Patrick Graham
Rosemary Grimm
Ginny Jackson
Wesley Jones
Libby Judge
Tony Lopez
Timothy Mahoney
Vince Malloy
John McCabe
Mark Megaw

Mary Ann Moffitt Madeleine O'Keefe Paula Rudnick Logan Schweiter Claire Sieracki Greg Schmidt Jessica Smucker Debbie Snyder Maryanne Sullivan Kathleen Ward

Deceased Prayer List:

Thomas Prior, Daniel Brennan

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org







PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 19 March – 25 March 2025

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$9,711.00 Electronic Giving: \$5,958.00 Tuition: \$64,333.27

PARISH EXPENSES

Insurance: \$16,059.44 Utilities: \$11,531.04 Student Activities: \$8,916.00 Administration Expenses: \$4,241.29 Maintenance: \$2,222.10

Other Income: \$6,215.52 Weekly Income: \$86,217.79 YTD Income: \$3,826,177.03 Other Expenses: \$6,302.05 Weekly Expenses \$49,271.92 YTD Expenses: \$3,466,435.63

YTD Balance: \$359,741.40



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 Isabelle O'Neil and Margaret Morris to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents, Ryan & Megan O'Neil and Timothy & Kelly Morris, along with their siblings, Quinn & Avery O'Neil and Brooke, Connor & Michaela Morris.





From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

LAETARE SUNDAY

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

Be joyful, all who were in mourning;

Exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast. (Is 66:10:11)

Today, the Fourth Sunday of Lent, is also known as Laetare Sunday. It gets this name from the first word of the Entrance Antiphon used at Mass without music; you will see it quoted above. In Latin, the antiphon begins with the word "Laetare," which, as you see above, translates into "Rejoice." As we quickly approach the end of Lent – next week is the Fifth Sunday of Lent and the following week is already Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – we, who have been mourning our sins and striving to repent, are called to rejoice as today sets a joyful tone in anticipation of Easter. Flowers adorn the altar, the music is more joyful and the celebrant is allowed to wear rose-colored vestments, just as he does on Gaudete Sunday in Advent. The Collect, or Opening Prayer, at Mass today continues this joyful anticipation with these words:

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray that, with prompt devotion and eager faith, the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.

And, the readings for this Sunday give us a sense of joyful anticipation as well. In the first reading from the *Book of Joshua*, we hear our Lord assure Joshua: "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." This assurance is given to us, as well and so, just like the people of Joshua's time, we can rejoice in this good news!

In the second reading from St. Paul's *Second Letter to the Corinthians*, we hear that God "has reconciled us to himself through Christ"; another cause for rejoicing! And finally, in the Gospel, we learn about God's mercy and forgiveness in the powerful parable of the Prodigal Son.

Indeed, all three readings fill us with joy as they prepare us for the great celebration of Easter. The theme of this year's Jubilee Year also provides us with reason to be joyful. You will recall that the Jubilee theme calls us to be pilgrims of hope. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains so well, "Hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ's promises" (§ 1817). Easter is the source for that hope. It is anticipated by Jesus' reassuring words to the thief crucified to his right: "This day you will be with me in paradise." Even in our sinfulness, we can rejoice in the hope revealed to us during this most sacred season. Let us rededicate ourselves to our Lenten practices so as to prepare to join in the joy of the Paschal mystery fully revealed during Holy Week and Easter!



PARISH ACTIVITIES



The next Middle School Youth Group meets this Tuesday, April 1st 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, Notre Dame, Devon Prep, SKS, TE and Valley Forge!





Monday SKS PREP had the first graders' Irish Eyes smiling last week at PREP. Many of our Wednesday classes took advantage of the nice weather and prayed at our outdoor Stations of the Cross.





A Letter From Father Reilly

My Dear Friends of SKS:

Thank you for your love and support. It has made it possible to push through this ordeal. Despite the difficulties, God has shown up and his blessings have been in abundance. I miss you! God Bless!

Father Scott Reilly, LC

Knights of Columbus

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.

SKS BULLETIN INFORMATION

All Bulletin Announcements need to be to the rectory by Monday—5pm for the upcoming weekend. Bulletin Announcements for the April 6th, 13th, and 20th Bulletin need to be to the Rectory by April 1st..



Disciple Maker Index Survey The DMI Survey is Live!

Don't delay in taking the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey! This important survey is essential in helping St. Katharine's assess our greatest strengths and challenges so that our parish can thrive.

If you're a parishioner, take the DMI survey today! We need your response to help us better prepare for the future as we strive to grow as disciples of Christ.



Lenten Calendar

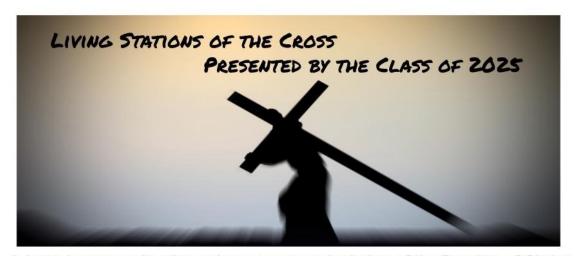
Stations of the Cross Fridays During Lent at 7:00pm

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

Thank You from Marie's Closet!

Jane and Bob Till, Marie's Closet charity-drive coordinators, delivered a car load of clothing, toiletries and other donations to the Kensington free-of-charge thrift store last week. The volunteers and guests are grateful for St. Katharine's generous response!

Marie's Closet is run by the St. Francis Inn, a Franciscan community that ministers to the poor and people experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia.



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. ewardship

WORSHIP

Adoration

Maureen Reilly 610-989-3747 Marie Northington 484-686-7744

Adult Altar Servers

Paul and Alicia Peterson 610-989-0277

Altar Servers

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Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

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Pre Jordan

Stephanie Twohig 610-688-7890

Rosary Group

Mary Ann Mahoney 610-324-3437

CATECHESIS

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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

sksrespectlife@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

Contact Rectory 610-688-4584

Mothers of Young Children

816-309-6526 cthom923@gmail.com

Walking with Purpose

Maureen Reilly 610-989-3747

Faithful Families

Kate Mallach

Retrouvaille: Marriage Help

215-766-3944

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

Alcoholics Anonymous

Caitlin Thompson

Parish Center Reservations

Kim O'Neill 610-688-4584

215-858-9507

www.helpourmarriage.org

610-306-9171 Jane Dooner 610-505-1436

Program

Jane Dwyer

Parish Library

Christine Purkiss 610-202-5360

SERVICE

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Maria Carrillo 610-357-2392

If you are interested in learning more about any of the groups call the contact name above or the rectory at 610-688-4584.