

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

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Coordinator for Parish Life and
Ministry: 610-688-4584

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School Principal
610-688-5451

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Youth Ministry
Director of Religious Education
610-688-7890

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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

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.

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

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

9:30 AM Joyce Guyer
11:30 AM Edward and Loretta Pellerin

MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025

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

TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Special Intention
6:00 PM John and BJ Dillon

THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

Ascension Thursday

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Special Intention
12:10 PM Jeff Wymard
7:00 PM Special Intention

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 2025

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

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

8:00 AM Daniel Brennan
5:00 PM William Blumeris

SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

9:30 AM Gregory Sergovic
11:30 AM Eileen Anderson

Readings: Acts 7:55-60; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20;
Jn 17:20-26

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

Deceased Prayer List:

Joan Packer, Pat Gibbons, Mary McHugh, Sheila Gray, Edward O'Mara

PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 7 May - 13 May 2025

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$9,394.00
Electronic Giving: \$7,921.00
Tuition: \$37,878.18

Socials/Donations: \$15,609.49

Other Income: \$3,647.94
Weekly Income: \$74,450.61
YTD Income: \$4,272,916.20

PARISH EXPENSES

Benefits: \$56,994.16
Maintenance: \$10,548.49
Utilities: \$10,583.78
Administration Expenses: \$15,610.69
Instructional Material: \$6,902.70

Other Expenses: \$2,852.84
Weekly Expenses \$103,492.66
YTD Expenses: \$4,207,403.52

YTD Balance: \$65,512.68



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, June 3rd. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for the June 1st Bulletin was due to the rectory by 5:00pm on Monday, May 19th. Information for the June 8th Bulletin is due to the rectory by 5:00pm on Monday, June 2nd.

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From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:10-11)

This Thursday, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of our Lord, another significant feast during the Easter Season. This is a very important feast for us as we reflect on the end goal of our lives – eternal life with God in heaven! Christmas and Easter are meaningless without the Ascension. Allow me to offer you some reflections on the importance of this celebration.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers an excellent teaching on the Ascension. In §659 of the *Catechism*, we read:

"So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God." Christ's body was glorified at the moment of his Resurrection, as proved by the new and supernatural properties it subsequently and permanently enjoys. But during the forty days when he eats and drinks familiarly with his disciples and teaches them about the kingdom, his glory remains veiled under the appearance of ordinary humanity. Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand.

Drawing from several of the scriptural accounts of our Lord's post-resurrection appearances, the Church teaches that Christ's body was glorified at his Resurrection, but his full glory did not become apparent until his Ascension. The *Catechism* goes on to explain in successive paragraphs:

§660 The veiled character of the glory of the Risen One during this time is intimated in his mysterious words to Mary Magdalene: "I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brethren and say to them, I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God" (Jn 20:17). This indicates a difference in manifestation between the glory of the risen Christ and that of the Christ exalted to the Father's right hand, a transition marked by the historical and transcendent event of the Ascension.

§663 Henceforth Christ is seated at the right hand of the Father: "By 'the Father's right hand' we understand the glory and honor of divinity, where he who exists as Son of God before all ages, indeed as God, of one being with the Father, is seated bodily after he became incarnate and his flesh was glorified."

§664 Being seated at the Father's right hand signifies the inauguration of the Messiah's kingdom, the fulfillment of the prophet Daniel's vision concerning the Son of man: "To him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed." After this event the apostles became witnesses of the "kingdom [that] will have no end".

Whereas the Resurrection assured our Lord's followers that he was alive, the Ascension gave them - and us - definitive assurance that God's kingdom has no end. As we approach the end of the Easter Season and continue to reflect on the meaning and significance of the mysteries of this great Season, let us be encouraged to follow the example of the first disciples and witness to everyone the new life our Lord offers in his Resurrection and the promise of entry into his eternal kingdom when he returns in glory!



MANNA BAGS

Throughout the year, you are invited and encouraged to participate in a variety of food drives, both here in our parish and - I'm sure - from a number of charitable agencies in our area and around the world. In the name of all of those you feed with the support you provide, I thank you for responding to our Lord's call to feed the hungry. The summer is a particularly challenging time for these agencies and I would like to invite you to participate in a food drive that we sponsor every year to help some of the parishioners in our sister parish, St. Martin de Porres. As you can well imagine with the continued increases in food prices, our support is particularly important this year.

We're all familiar with the gospel accounts of Jesus feeding large crowds; it's one of the few stories of Jesus' public ministry that we find in all four gospels (cf. *Mt* 14:13-21, 15:32-38; *Mk* 6:32-44; *Lk* 9:10-17; *Jn* 6:1-13). The accounts all begin with Jesus curing the sick or teaching the crowds at length and when it gets late the disciples ask him to send the crowd away so that people can buy themselves some food. Jesus directs the disciples to give the crowd food themselves. The disciples complain that they do not have nearly enough food for so many. Jesus tells them to go and see what they do have. They bring it to him and with it he feeds thousands! It is in this spirit that we share in feeding the hungry today, aware that our efforts are multiplied abundantly with our Lord's help.

Every year, the Nutritional Development Services Office of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia invites all of the parishes throughout the Archdiocese to participate in the MANNA food drive. Each parish is, in turn, allowed to choose which Archdiocesan food center will receive their donations. Due to our close relationship with St. Martin de Porres parish, our sister parish, we select its food cupboard to receive the food we gather through this drive. You will find brown shopping bags on the tables at the church entrances this weekend; you may also use your own bags, if you prefer. Please fill them up with non-perishable food and return it to the parish library. We will deliver the food to St. Martin de Porres food cupboard to help them feed their hungry throughout the summer so feel free to drop off your donation at any time over these summer month.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



Congratulations to First Communion Class

Gracyn Ameen, Teddy Bartow, Maximilian Benedetto, Gorla Buzee, Caleb Cederroth, Catherine Chott, Maria D'Arcangelo, John Demchyk, Charlotte Ercole, Tara Fisher, Ainsley Gilbert, Brayden Grabuski, Madelyn Halpin, Michael Halpin, Grace Heinzer, Samantha Hosmer, Andrea Horn, Graysen Little, Connor Moore, Lillian Morris, Alexandra McCracken, Charlotte Muntz, Patrick O'Connor, Reese Passerini, Andrew Rymar, Benjamin Saunders, Claire Smollon, Caroline St. Kedger, Sophia Taglianetti, James Tourish, Owen Vanderwaag, William Vanderwaag, Nora Viviani, Annalise Waters, Merritt Zimolong, and Eleanor Zuck.

**Collection for Mercy Hospice
Women's Shelter**

Please consider donating the following food items to Mercy Hospice:

- Individually wrapped snacks for "to go" lunches (chips, granola bars, cookies etc.)
- 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!

Mercy Hospice also requests the following non-food items: Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Deodorant and TWIN size sheets

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.

**Youth Group Car Wash
Saturday, June 7
10:00am-1:00pm
\$10 per car**

Calling all dirty cars! Get over to the school car loop on June 7th for a scrub by the SKS Youth Group. All proceeds will benefit the Patrician Society at St. Patrick's Church, which provides help for people in need in Norristown.

**Mothers' Home Baby Bottle Drive
May 10-June 22**

Mothers' Home is a residential shelter in Darby that provides a safe haven for vulnerable, pregnant women who view life as a sacred gift. Baby bottles will be available at the church doors; please take one (or more!) home, fill with loose change and return to the baskets at the doors. The money collected will help with overhead costs of running the shelter. For more information, contact Mary Packer at njwpacker@gmail.com.

**St Katharine's Summer Book Club
Thursdays June 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th
7-8 pm in the Parish Center
We are Co-Ed!**

This year we will meet to discuss *The Story of a Soul*; the Autobiography of St. Therese of Lisieux. Originally published in 1898 it quickly became a spiritual classic, beloved by popes as well as laypeople. Heralded as one of the most important Catholic books of the last 200 years, you will find something to be gained, whether reading for the first time or third. Please join us for 1, 2, or all of our discussions!

For more information, or to RSVP, email Erin Resusche at etapc@comcast.net. And put "book club" in your subject line.

**Children's Open Play
Sunday, June 1 after the 9:30AM Mass
Parish Center and Gym
Hosted by Faithful Families**

Join us for donuts followed by Open Play in the gym after Mass! A chance for littles to run off their pent-up energy while parents connect with other parishioners with children. All families are welcome!

**Monthly Virtual Rosary
June 10, 8:30-9:00PM
Led by the Faithful Families Team**

Please join fellow SKS parents and friends to pray together as a community! There is so much to be grateful for these days but we also have many special petitions. We invite you to bring any prayer intentions that are close to your heart. You can email your intentions ahead of time to faithfulfamilies@sksparish.org or simply type them into the chatbox during the Google meet up.

St. Thomas of Villanova is hosting an Electronics Recycling Drive on Saturday, June 7th from 9:00am-1:00pm in the Lower Parking Lot - Rosemont Chapel.

Accepted Items: Computers: towers, laptops, printers, cables, keyboards, battery backups, cable boxes, games and consoles. Servers, phones, cell phones, fax machines, scanners, VCR, DVD, stereos, receivers and speakers. Toasters, blenders, small appliances. Metals: scrap metal, wires, cables, old motors, non-PCB and electronic ballast, transformers and other electrical equipment, car batteries, non-ferrous metals and file cabinets.

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
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C.A.R.E.S. (Children Are Receiving Extended Care)

Michael Gavin
610-587-7440

Close Knit Community

Marie Rauscher
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Family Promise

Adrienne Carroll
610-905-3583
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H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)

Shauna Munshower
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Knights of Columbus

Tom Reusche
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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
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

Michele Staves
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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
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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.