

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

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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, JUNE 15, 2025

9:30 AM Julia Zazzali
11:30 AM Carmen Perez

MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025

6:30 AM Clara Hilberts
8:00 AM Sarah Geary

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025

6:30 AM Ernest Lundell
8:00 AM Lewers/Shea Families

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 2025

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM Jeanette Kovolski

FRIDAY, JUNE 20, 2025

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

SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025

8:00 AM Maribel Jarchow
5:00 PM Williams/Veith Families

SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025

9:30 AM Lewers/Shea Families
11:30 AM Mary Pierantozzi

Readings: Gn 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

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

Deceased Prayer List:

Young Kim, Michael Emery

PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 4 June - 10 June 2025

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$6,514.00
Electronic Giving: \$9,431.00
Tuition: \$6,000.00
Donations: \$19,594.57

Other Income: \$3,906.20
Weekly Income: \$45,445.77
YTD Income: \$4,931,485.61

PARISH EXPENSES

Benefits: \$62,142.79
Administration Expenses: \$18,570.05
Maintenance: \$23,618.14
Utilities: \$2,231.83

Other Expenses: \$2,784.16
Weekly Expenses \$109,346.97
YTD Expenses: \$4,565,361.04
YTD Balance: \$366,124.57



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, July 1st. 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 22nd Bulletin is due to the rectory by 5:00pm on Monday, June 16th.

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

TRINITY SUNDAY

"In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." This is how we Christians begin all our prayers because we believe in and worship a triune God. But, what do we actually mean when we say that God is a Trinity? As we celebrate Trinity Sunday, allow me to offer some reflections on this very important mystery of our faith.

First of all, it is important to realize we are dealing with a mystery, a reality that is well beyond our total understanding, just as the Incarnation and Resurrection are mysteries beyond our comprehension. Our words, our concepts and even our minds cannot adequately grasp or describe this aspect of God – just as we are incapable of completely understanding or expressing so many aspects of God. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states so well, "[t]he mystery of the Trinity in itself is inaccessible to the human mind and is the object of faith only because it was revealed by Jesus Christ, the divine Son of the eternal Father" (CCC, p. 902).

At the same time, it is very important for us to reflect on the Trinity because it is at the center of our faith. To quote the *Catechism* again, "[t]he mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in himself. It is, therefore, the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith'" (CCC, 234). So, it is essential that we have some understanding and appreciation of this "most fundamental" mystery of our faith.



Our New Testament epistle lesson for today is an example of early Christian writing that includes a reference to all three persons of the Trinity. St. Paul is not attempting here to set out a doctrinal teaching about the Trinity or explain how God could be three persons but also one. He is simply expressing our experience of God in ways that flow naturally and organically: "we have peace with **God** through our faith in our Lord **Jesus Christ** . . . because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the **Holy Spirit** that he has given to us." (*Romans* 5:1,5)

Here is what St. Paul knew, and what his readers (then and now) know: through our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ we experience inner peace, and we sense profound connection and access to God we could not know apart from knowing Christ, and this closeness to God fills our hearts and souls with the love and presence of God, which is the witness and warm embrace of the Holy Spirit of God with our spirits.

Paul is expressing here the experience of God that all of us enjoy as we come to know and follow God through obedient trust in the witness and teaching of Christ. We walk now in the assurance and confidence that God is with us and within us through His Spirit. St. Paul also gives us a glimpse in this lesson about what it means for Christians to know God: we are filled and sustained by hope at all times, even in the midst of our afflictions. His powerful refrain in this passage is well worth our reflection. He says that we have hope because we have obtained access to God through faith in Jesus Christ. How important that access, that connection, that intimacy with God is for all of us! Where would we be if God were only a deity far removed, remote and uncaring? But, through Jesus, we know that God has come near, that God is inclined toward us, that God wants to have relationship with us, that God would do anything - including giving up His own beloved Son - in order for us to know about and be redeemed by His love. And that is the foundation of our hope. It is a solid and gracious foundation, indeed!

But, Paul goes a step further. One might think that if God loves us that much, and if we have that wonderful access to God through Christ, then surely God would not allow anything bad to happen to us. We might be tempted to think, "Surely a God who loves that much, and who has that almighty power, would protect those He cherishes from any suffering or danger or persecution."

And, we would be wrong. God does love us - infinitely, powerfully, eternally. But we are not promised a path without obstacles, or a life without suffering and pain and challenge. In fact, just the opposite is true, as we hear from St. Paul who assumes here that followers of God through Christ will also suffer in life. Sometimes that suffering is precisely because we are followers of Christ. But when that suffering comes - as it most surely will to us all - we are not cut off from the hope we have in God. It is not a sign that we have strayed off the proper path, or that God has turned his back on us. Times of suffering are all part of the human experience of life, and even in those difficult and challenging moments, Paul gives us a glimpse of the larger plan of God, a plan that is often lost on us when we are in the intense times of struggle and pain and sorrow. Paul says that our suffering produces endurance, like exercise and resistance weight training producing stronger muscles. And endurance produces character. Our character is forged in the furnace of our most difficult moments. Those are the times that test and shape our integrity and values. And then, character becomes the seedbed out of which hope springs, a hope that does not disappoint. So whether we suffer or not, succeed or not, live or die, all roads lead to Christian hope, which never fails.

As in every parish, we have many ways to experience the life and work of the Trinity in our midst right here in St. Katharine of Siena parish and to be strengthened in our faith, even through our times of suffering! Whether it is in the daily or Sunday Eucharistic celebration – the most important work of our faith community – or through any of the many other parish organizations and activities, we are sharing in the life of the Blessed Trinity as we share the love of God in a variety of ways! As God's faithful stewards, we build community here in the parish, reflecting the mystery of the Trinity and making it known right here in our midst and encouraging each other as St. Paul encouraged his readers thousands of years ago! "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!"

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Protecting God's Children workshop at SKS October 1st at 7pm

St. Katharine's will host a *Protecting God's Children* workshop on Wednesday, October 1st at 7:00pm in the parish center. The Archdiocese requires all staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children (once a week or more) to complete this training. This includes adults working or volunteering in school, PREP, CYO and other parish activities. Registration for the in-person session will begin at the end of the summer. These workshops fill quickly! If you would like to be notified when registration opens or have questions about the Safe Environment requirements, contact Kim O'Neill at koneill@sksparish.org.

There are also several online sessions offered over the summer; you can find info on our website, under the "Get Involved" tab. Sign up quickly because, just like the in-person classes, these spots fill fast.

St Katharine's Summer Book Club Thursday, June 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 it 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 Reusche at etapc@comcast.net. And put "book club" in your subject line.

Blood Drive

Many thanks to all who donated to the American Red Cross Blood Drive held here at St Katharine's on June 3rd. The total units collected were 32 with a goal of 29 units. The units will help as many as 95 patients in need of blood.

**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 are 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.



To the St. Katharine of Siena Parish Community:

I am writing with both happy and sad news. My daughter Elizabeth, who many of you will remember from her wonderful cantoring and playing at SKS over the past three years since she graduated from Oxford and moved home from the UK, recently got engaged and is moving to Princeton to pursue her PhD there in the fall. She has resigned her position at Daylesford Abbey in Paoli to take a new one as Director of Music at a parish closer to the University, and I have been asked to assume her responsibilities. Although serving as Director of Music for three Catholic communities (since I am also at St. Thomas of Villanova) is indeed a worthy challenge, without the support of someone of her caliber it would be very difficult and I want to spend more time with my family. With a heavy heart, I have therefore offered Msgr. Brouwers my resignation as Director of Liturgical Music at SKS. On a brighter note, he has informed me that Laura Kerr, our current Organist and Choir Director, is willing to take over the position and will begin on July 1, so the parish will experience another seamless musical transition.

It has been a joy and an honor to serve you at St. Katharine's for the past eleven years. From arriving with Steph Twohig in 2014 and setting up our offices together, to shepherding the Music Ministry through the overwhelming challenges presented by the COVID pandemic years, I have loved being an integral part of my home parish community, especially by facilitating the growth of our Children's Choir, which is now one of the largest in the area and is building back to pre-COVID levels; creating the Cecilia Scholars artist-in-residence program (the only such program in the Archdiocese) in 2014, funded by parishioner donations, which celebrated its 10th anniversary this past season with an all-female lineup of top-tier professional musicians; helping to select and acquire—again, due to your generosity—two of the finest custom-built instruments anywhere in the Greater Philadelphia area (our Bösendorfer 225 grand piano and our Ruffatti dual-console pipe organ); helping to recruit, train, and retain one of the most dedicated groups of teen, young adult, and adult choristers and cantors you will find anywhere (including multiple winners of the Peter LaManna Excellence in Music Scholarship, another first in the Archdiocese); and shifting our repertoire to a balanced mix of traditional and contemporary selections, reflecting who we are as a vibrant, dynamic, family-oriented parish.

All of this would not have been possible without the steady support of Msgr. Brouwers, the parish staff, and all of you. Even if I no longer need to wear my track shoes to Mass to sprint from the choir loft to the piano in time to play the Lamb of God, I remain just as enthusiastic about our wonderful parish and its future, and will continue to contribute to its musical life whenever I can. Thank you for your love and support over the past decade, and may God continue to bless St. Katharine of Siena Parish!

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Ted Latham
Director of Liturgical Music

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

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Close Knit Community

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WORSHIP

Adoration

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

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Paul and Alicia Peterson
610-989-0277

Altar Servers

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Ministers of Hospitality

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Parish School

Jeanne Mulvanerty
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P.R.E.P. and P.R.E.P. Board (CCD Advisory Board)

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Respect Life

skspectlife@gmail.com

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

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COMMUNITY BUILDING

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact Rectory
610-688-4584

Mothers of Young Children

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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.