

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

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Priest in Residence

David Wang
Transitional Deacon

Kim O'Neill
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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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610-688-9489
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Business Manager

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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, JULY 27, 2025

9:30 AM Edward and Loretta Pellerin
 11:30 AM Suzanne Schneeman

MONDAY, JULY 28, 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, JULY 29, 2025

6:30 AM Raul and Sayde Barcelata (Living)
 8:00 AM Joseph Havrilla

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
 8:00 AM Schleicher/McCafferty Families

THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2025

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 1, 2025

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2025

8:00 AM Clara Hilberts
 5:00 PM William Blumeris

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3, 2025

9:30 AM Nancy Sergovic
 11:30 AM Donald McGuigan

Readings: Gn 18:20-23; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-3

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

Deceased Prayer List:

Diane Robb, Tyler Cross, Rev. Msgr. Michael Carroll, Christopher Wilson, Tom Dalton, Ernestine Kreamer

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 16 July - 22 June 2025

PARISH INCOME	PARISH EXPENSES
Sunday Collections: \$5,278.00	Benefits: \$64,648.86
Electronic Giving: \$5,401.00	Maintenance: \$20,653.85
	Administration Expenses: \$16,107.84
Tuition: \$669,673.74	
Donations: \$25,000.00	
Other Income: \$5,108.00	Other Expenses: \$3,816.83
Weekly Income: \$710,460.74	Weekly Expenses \$105,227.38
YTD Income: \$891,661.71	YTD Expenses: \$277,261.07
	YTD Balance: \$614,400.64



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, August 5th. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

We welcome newly baptized Penelope Schon and Chase Ferry to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents, Alexander & Caroline Schon and Christopher & Katie Ferry.

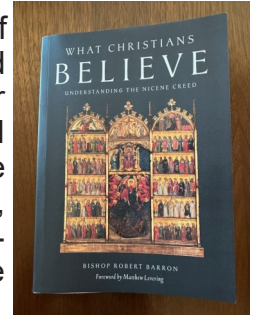


From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE UNDERSTANDING THE NICENE CREED

While I was away on vacation last week, I took the opportunity to read Bishop Robert Barron's outstanding new book entitled *What Christians Believe: Understanding the Nicene Creed*. It's short – only 139 pages – but filled with deeply insightful reflections on the basic tenets of our faith that we recite every Sunday at Mass. I strongly recommend it for everyone and offer some reflections on it to whet your appetite.

Bishop Barron begins with an excellent reflection on the very first two words of the Nicene Creed: “I believe.” Many of you will remember that the Nicene Creed began with “We believe” until a new translation of the Creed and several other formulas in the Mass were introduced in 2011 to be more faithful to the official Latin text. As Bishop Barron points out, the original Greek “pisteuomen,” (we believe) dates back to the Church Fathers during the Council of Nicea in 325AD, but as the Creed was passed on, translated, and used in liturgical settings, it became the Latin word “credo” (I believe). Bishop Barron speaks of this change as an example of “eloquent ambiguity” since there is value in both forms.



“On the one hand,” Bishop Barron explains, “‘we believe’ effectively emphasizes the communal and corporate dimension of the Church’s faith: we are in this Christian project together and never individualistically.” On the other hand, he counters, “the ‘we believe’ also allows us to escape, at least to some degree, personal responsibility.” He goes on to explain that “what is at stake in agreeing to this ancient statement is not a triviality. ...Rather, the issues raised by the Creed have to do with where a person stands most fundamentally.” The rest of the book explains, with wonderful clarity, how each word and phrase in this milestone creedal declaration of the Christian faith calls us believers to attest to the radical aspects of our faith: belief in one God who, in His very essence, is love, who is one in nature but three persons, who created the universe by the power of His Spirit and saved humanity from the power of the devil by the humiliating crucifixion and glorious Resurrection of His Son.

Bishop Barron continues with a very important discussion of the second word of the Nicene Creed: “believe.” He asserts that “authentic faith or belief has nothing to do with naïve credulity or accepting claims on the basis of no evidence. Faith, in a word, is never below reason, never infra-rational. ...Rather, real faith is supra-rational, above what reason can grasp.” He then offers this very powerful image: “If we must speak of a certain darkness in regard to the matters of faith, it is the darkness that comes from too much light, rather than from defect of light.”

Turning to the history of the Church, Bishop Barron reminds us that the “Catholic Church has long maintained that the existence of God can be known through the light of natural reason.” He observes that the “principal challenge to religious belief is coming, today, from a materialist and secularist ideology that often claims the warrant of physical sciences.” Bishop Barron goes on to explain that many today rely on the manmade laws of nature to explain the existence of reality. Turning to Paul Davies, the renowned English physicist, who asked, “where do the laws of nature come from?” Bishop Barron responds with the well-known argument that the then Father Joseph Ratzinger posited in his very convincing book entitled *Introduction to Christianity*, “that the only finally satisfying explanation for objective intelligibility is something like a great intelligence that embedded these sophisticated patterns into the structure of the universe.”

These first two words of the Nicene Creed are critical to the Christian faith. The Creed goes on to posit our belief in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and with the same clarity with which he spoke of the first two words of the Creed, Bishop Barron offers insight after insight for our reflection and edification. Again, I encourage you to read and reflect on this new book. It will serve you well in deepening your understanding of the fundamentals of our faith.

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.

Home Visits

Would you like Holy Communion brought to you in your home? Please call the rectory at 610-688-4584.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for the August 3rd Bulletin is due to the rectory by 5:00pm on Monday, July 28th.

2025 SKS CYO Fall Sports Registration

There are eight fall sports offered for this upcoming season and we will need coaches and assistants for the following sports:

- * Tackle Football
- * Flag Football
- * Golf
- * Cross Country
- * Field Hockey
- * Soccer
- * Volleyball
- * Cheerleading

If you are interested in coaching one of our fall sports, please contact Jason Griesser (Fall Sports Coordinator) at jasong748@gmail.com.

OPEN TO SKS FAMILIES, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF SKS!

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL SKS FALL CLASSIC

OCTOBER 6, 2025

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT
PHILADELPHIA COUNTRY CLUB

TENNIS/PICKLE AT OVERBROOK GOLF CLUB

DINNER AND COCKTAILS AT
PHILADELPHIA COUNTRY CLUB



REGISTRATION/ TICKET SALES NOW OPEN!
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:
WWW.SKSSCHOOL.ORG/FALLCLASSIC

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY Seeking Additional Volunteers

What is a Minister of Hospitality?

Parishioners may serve by greeting and/or assisting parishioners and visitors. You determine how often and in which capacity to participate. Individuals, couples, and families are welcome. It's best to have at least 4 volunteers at each Mass.

What are volunteers asked to do?

Meet and greet people at church doors. Distribute bulletins after Masses. Seat people when necessary. Our ministry is primarily responsible for the collection baskets at every Mass and for asking volunteers to bring up the gifts in the Offertory procession. The only requirement is the ability to project a friendly, helpful disposition. On-the-job training is easy and fun!

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Janna Forte at 484-432-2640 or janna@forteviso.com.

Meals Needed! Caring for Friends

We're only halfway through summer and *Caring for Friends* is already running low on meals. *Caring for Friends* is one of the largest food banks and meal-delivery programs for people of all ages in the Philadelphia area (including our parish).

Here are several ways to help:

- Involve your kids and make meals! You'll find the freezer, supplies and instructions in the SKS parish center closet, across from the back entrance of the church
- Organize a cook-in with a group of friends at your home or in the *Caring for Friends* kitchen in Northeast Philly
- Support *Caring for Friends* with a monetary donation

Donate the most-needed nonperishable foods, below. Drop them off in the SKS church library, labeled *Caring for Friends*.

Most-Needed Items: beans, canned chicken and fish, canned vegetables and fruit, soup, stew, chili, rice, pasta, breakfast items, crackers, peanut butter and jelly.

For more information, please contact Kim O'Neill at koneill@sksparish.org or 610-688-4584 or visit www.caringforfriends.org.

Volunteers Needed!

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies) is looking for people to drive parishioners to their doctor appointments! Many of the regular volunteers are out of town for the summer. It doesn't take much time and you can help out as your schedule permits. For more information, contact Shauna Munshower at 610-688-4348 or smunch918@comcast.net.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Married Couples

Retrouvaille, a marriage help ministry, focuses on providing the communication tools necessary for rebuilding marriages in trouble. Catholic in origin, the program has been recognized and approved by Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis and welcomes couples of all faiths (or none). Retrouvaille has been helping couples heal hurts, both big and small, since 1977. There are three phases to the program:

The Retrouvaille Weekend Experience is held in the beautiful Malvern Retreat House. The weekend helps couples to re-establish communication and gain new insights into themselves as individuals and a couple. The Post Weekend Sessions are held on Sundays here at SKS! These sessions are designed to continue the marriage renewal begun on the weekend. This phase explores additional areas of the relationship and is critical to the marriage healing. Monthly small-group support meetings reinforce the communication tools learned on the weekend.

Retrouvaille is not marriage counseling. It's a peer ministry and is led by volunteers who have experienced pain and conflict in their own marriages. At no time are participants asked to talk aloud about themselves or their relationship. The next weekend programs are August 1-3 and October 3-5. For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

Msgr. Brouwers introduced Retrouvaille to the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1989 when he was the director of the archdiocesan Family Life Office. The Retrouvaille program is forever grateful for all he has done to help heal and restore so many marriages.

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

Laura Kerr
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.