

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

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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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Parish Nurse: 610-688-9479

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Liturgical Music Director
610-688-9489
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, AUGUST 24, 2025

9:30 AM Donald McGuigan
11:30 AM Deacon George Bolter

MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 2025

6:30 AM Ryan Kanaley
8:00 AM Jack Morrissey

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2025

6:30 AM Steve Pellacotta
8:00 AM Ruth Saucedo

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28, 2025

6:30 AM Steve Pellacotta
8:00 AM Katherine Mulvey

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29, 2025

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2025

9:30 AM Barbara Rachko
11:30 AM Barbara Walsh

Readings: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24;
Lk 14:1, 7-14

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	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:

Joseph Judge, Doris DeFalco

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 13 August - 19 August 2025

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$6,755.00
Electronic Giving: \$6,466.00
Tuition: \$26,878.00
Socials/Donations: \$21,379.00

Other Income: \$946.30
Weekly Income: \$62,424.30
YTD Income: \$1,126,924.34

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries/Benefits: \$81,152.51

Other Expenses: \$5,660.74
Weekly Expenses: \$86,813.25
YTD Expenses: \$647,382.57

YTD Balance: \$479,541.77



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, September 2nd. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

We welcome newly baptized Charles Kolbe and Cassidy Carr to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents, William and Leslie Kolbe and James and Megan Carr.



From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

TWO NEW SAINTS:

CARLO ACUTIS AND PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI

On 7 September, Pope Leo XIV will preside over the canonization of two young saints, Pier Giorgio Frassati from the early twentieth century and Carlo Acutis, the first twenty-first century saint. As you may recall, Carlo Acutis' canonization was originally scheduled for 27 April, to coincide with the Jubilee of Teenagers, and Pier Frassati's canonization was set for 3 August, the culmination of the Jubilee for Youth. Both canonizations were postponed due to Pope Francis' death on 21 April.

The declaration that both of these young men are saints is an inspiration for all of us. Unlike many of the saints who lived long ago, we can identify with these men and learn from their lives of holiness. Allow me to provide a brief biographical sketch on both of them.

We are probably most familiar with Carlo Acutis since he died most recently (in 2006) and his short life (he died of leukemia at the age of 15) was so clearly dedicated to our Lord. One of his most famous quotes is: "To always be close to Jesus, that's my plan." And, he accomplished that by developing an exhibition of Eucharistic miracles that has circled the globe. Our own Malvern Retreat House holds the first permanent exhibit of Carlo Acutis' International Eucharistic Miracles of the World.



Carlo was not a quiet monk hidden away from society. On the contrary, he embraced some of the latest aspects of today's society to grow closer to God and lead others to him. He was born in London of Italian parents in 1991 but the Acutis family returned to Italy shortly after his birth, settling in Milan. In school, besides being a very friendly, outgoing person, Carlo became skilled in information technology, computers and the internet. He was inspired by two statements from Steve Jobs, former CEO of Apple: "Your time is limited, so don't waste it living the life of someone else," and "It is only by saying 'no' that you can concentrate on the things that are truly important." Carlo had a premonition that his life would be short and so he dedicated himself to discovering what was most important in life. For Carlo, the highest good of all was God and God's will for his life. "Happiness is looking towards God, he said. "Sadness is looking towards yourself." And so, he concluded: "God and not me," a saying that is even more poignant in Italian: "Dio, non io."



Like Carlo Acutis, Pier Giorgio Frassati was an Italian, born in Turin, Italy, in 1901. At an early age, he joined the Marian Sodality and the Apostleship of Prayer. He also obtained permission to receive Holy Communion daily; that was rare in those days. Pier developed a deep spiritual life which he was eager to share with his friends. At the age of 17, he joined the St. Vincent de Paul Society and dedicated much of his spare time serving the sick, caring for orphans and assisting the demobilized servicemen returning from World War I. A few years later, while studying to become a mining engineer, he joined the Catholic Student Foundation and the Catholic Action. He also became a very active member of the People's Party which promoted the Catholic Church's social teaching based on the principles of Pope Leo XIII's encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*. Inspired by the writings of St. Catherine of Siena, he joined the Lay Dominicans in 1922.

Just before receiving his university degree, Pier contracted poliomyelitis, which doctors speculated he caught from the sick whom he attended. Neglecting his own health because his grandmother was dying, he died after six days of severe pain and suffering at the age of 24. His last preoccupation was for the poor. On the eve of his death, he scribbled a note with his paralyzed hand to a friend directing him to take the medication intended for him to be given to a poor sick man he had been visiting.

Yes, both of these young men can inspire us to grow ever closer to God and his son, Jesus. As we look forward to their canonization, let us pray to them for their intercession, both for ourselves and the young men and women we know, that we may all strive to place God first in our lives and lead others to him.

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.



This past weekend we held our annual College Blessing for all our young adults who are heading off to school. The clergy blessed the students after communion and all received a St. Benedict bracelet and college prayer card. Many of our students attend colleges near and far: Penn State, RIT, St. Joe's University, Harvard, Boston College, Villanova, Eastern, Fairfield, Lehigh and Lafayette! Even Fr. Kien (Masters student at Villanova) received a special blessing from Monsignor and a gift!



The Youth Group will be holding a service project for Catholic Social Services at the end of August. If you would like to help with our service project, we are collecting supplies through the month of August in the church library and the vestibule. We could use the following: packaged peanut butter crackers, breakfast bars, applesauce squeeze pouches and individual school snacks.

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.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for the August 31st Bulletin was due to the rectory by 5:00pm on Tuesday, August 19th. Information for the September 7th Bulletin is due by Tuesday, September 2nd.

**School Supplies Drive
for St. Martin de Porres
August 9-Sept. 14**

Each fall we collect school supplies for our sister parish school, St. Martin de Porres. Your past generosity has helped the 400+ children in grades PK-8th start their year off right! Below is a list of items that teachers have requested. You can also find their Amazon wish list at <https://a.co/2FnjZ3D>. Please drop off items in the bins in the church library. Contact Maria Carrillo with questions at mariacarrillo@icloud.com or 610-357-2392.

- * Composition Notebooks
- * Hard Plastic Folders
- * Soft Pencil Cases/Pouches
- * Index Cards -- large and small
- * Crayola Crayons - 24 pack
- * Crayola Washable Markers
- * Expo Markers
- * Kid-Sized Scissors
- * Packs of Pink Erasers
- * Elmer's Glue Sticks (no liquid glue, please)
- * Sharpies – black, all sizes
- * Post-It Notes
- * Wooden Rulers
- * Highlighters
- * Headphones (for utilizing Chromebooks and learning apps, also on Amazon wish list)
- * Organizer Bins, used for book bins, supply bins or caddies, etc. – variety of sizes available from Dollar Tree or similar stores
- * Pocket Charts – variety of sizes
- * Large Post-It Chart Paper (also on Amazon wish list)



**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@fortevivo.com.

Volunteers Needed!

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies) is looking for people to drive parishioners to their errands and 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 610-764-1527 or smunch918@comcast.net.

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

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

sksrespectlife@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

Kate Mallach
215-858-9507

Maureen Reilly
610-745-6320

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.