

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
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School Principal
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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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, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

9:30 AM Michael Quirk
11:30 AM Johanna Ehart

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

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

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

6:30 AM Jennifer Latham
8:00 AM Msgr. Michael Carroll

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

6:30 AM Msgr. Michael Carroll
8:00 AM Maureen Dieckhaus

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

6:30 AM Karen Cancelmo
8:00 AM Robert Gray

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM John Williams

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

8:00 AM Joseph Judge
5:00 PM Veith/Williams Families

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

9:30 AM Joseph Oaks
11:30 AM Ann-Michele Higgins

Readings: Am 8:4-7; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

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

Deceased Prayer List:

John Meaney, Mickey McCormick, Mary Harkin

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 3 September - 9 September 2025

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$6,018.00
Electronic Giving: \$8,846.00
Tuition: \$27,530.00
PA State Grant/School Security System: \$40,690.00

PARISH EXPENSES

Benefits: \$66,262.63
Maintenance: \$41,882.77
Administration Expenses: \$23,815.44
Instructional Material: \$8,305.81

Other Income: \$1,177.54
Weekly Income: \$84,261.54
YTD Income: \$1,366,052.01

Other Expenses: \$4,816.38
Weekly Expenses \$145,083.03
YTD Expenses: \$953,109.07
YTD Balance: \$412,942.94



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, October 7th. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

Pray the Rosary

The Rosary group meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00pm in the church, parish center or grotto. Contact Mary Ann Mahoney at 610-324-3437 for more information.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Information for the September 21st Bulletin is due by Monday, September 15th.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is celebrated every year on 14 September. It is such an important feast that it supersedes the celebration of the Sunday in Ordinary Time when it occurs on a Sunday. Of course, this doesn't happen very often. In fact, the last time it occurred on a Sunday was in 2014. Allow me to provide some historical and theological background for this feast which we celebrate today.

There are three historical events that are commemorated in this celebration: the discovery of the True Cross by Saint Helena in 326AD, the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (first constructed by the Emperor Constantine - St. Helena's son - in 334AD on the site of our Lord's crucifixion in Jerusalem) and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem in 629AD by the Byzantine Emperor Heraclius (after it had fallen into the hands of the Persian Emperor Chosroes II in 614AD).



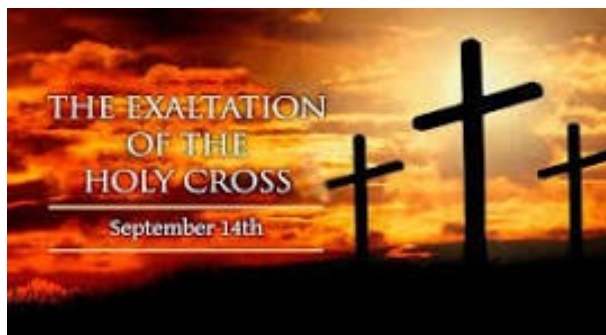
It is easy to understand the importance of the cross in the Christian faith. After all, it was through his death on the cross and his Resurrection from the dead that our Lord overcame death and the power of Satan. It is so important that every Christian church displays it prominently outside and inside its buildings. That was not true in the first years of the Church. For the first three centuries after his death, his followers were alternately tolerated, ignored or persecuted by the Jews and the Roman Empire, which controlled all of the Middle East at that time. The early Christians gathered secretly in their homes or in the catacombs surrounding Rome. They pointed to their clandestine gathering places with the outline of a fish carved into the stone

walls of nearby buildings. The fish recalled Jesus' feeding his followers through the multiplication of fish and loaves of bread and the Greek word "ἰχθὺς" was an acronym for "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior."

That all changed, however, when the Roman Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity in 312AD and legalized Christianity in the Roman Empire in 315AD. Under his direction, Bishop Macarius of Jerusalem initiated excavations to ascertain the location of Calvary and the Holy Sepulcher. Three crosses were discovered and Bishop Macarius declared that they were authentic. He determined on which of the three crosses Jesus had died by having a dead man placed on each of the three crosses. When he revived on the third cross, Bishop Macarius decreed that this must have been the True Cross.

In response to this discovery, Emperor Constantine ordered the construction of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre on the site of our Lord's Resurrection. Although it has been destroyed and rebuilt several times (the current building was constructed in 1149AD and the aedicule that we see now was constructed after a disastrous fire in 1808AD), some of the columns in the current Basilica date back to its original construction. The current Basilica houses the Mount of Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, the aedicule (a small church that stands over the tomb where Jesus was laid and rose from the dead), and a chapel that marks the cave where St. Helena discovered the three crosses. It is a very important pilgrimage site. I have been privileged to celebrate Mass there several times (once with Pope Benedict XVI) and I encourage everyone to visit it at least once in their life; it is truly inspirational!

Unfortunately, we have become so accustomed to seeing crosses – often worn as jewelry or hung on the wall as decoration without any religious significance – that we don't usually reflect on the horrific death our Lord suffered for our sake. The celebration of this feast day on 14 September provides us with an opportunity to spend some time in reflection on Jesus' great love for us – so great that he would suffer death on the cross – and the victory he won for us through his death and Resurrection. Let us take some time in prayerful reflection and, grateful for his great love for us, let us be ever more willing to die to ourselves so we can live in Christ, bringing his love ever more present in our world.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

2025-2026 SKS PREP BEGINS

MONDAY, SEPT 15TH
4:30 OR 6:30 PM
SESSION!

Clearances for School and Parish Volunteers

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires all adults who have contact with children to complete several clearances before they volunteer for activities, including reading circle, PREP, coaching, lunch duty, etc. For details on the requirements and how to obtain them, visit www.skatharineofsiena.org/volunteer/.

We are offering the *Protecting God's Children* workshop (one of the requirements) on October 1st at 7pm in the parish center. You can register through the above link.

For more information, contact Kim O'Neill at koneill@sksparish.org or 610-6898-4584.

YOUTH GROUP

Kick Off

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

7th-12th grades

6:00 - 7:30 pm Parish Center

Pizza, service and BINGO!!

Mark your calendars!!!!

Questions contact Steph Twohig, Youth Minister



Catechetical Sunday and Parish Coffee

Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for our parish to reflect on the vital role that all teachers, PREP catechists and aides have in instilling Catholic faith in our children. Please join us at our 9:30am Mass next Sunday to thank the SKS catechists for sharing their gifts as Monsignor Brouwers offers them a special blessing at the altar.

The 9:30am Mass will also include the children's choir and Children's Liturgy of the Word in the parish center, followed by a parish coffee hosted by Home and School.

Faithful Families 2025-2026

Kick-Off Coffee

September 26, 8:00-10:00AM Parish Center

Interested in helping the Faithful Families team this school year? We have several events (some new this year) and service activities that we would love to offer – but we need your help! Join us in the parish center to find out how you can get involved.

Join us for Open Play!
Sunday, October 5th after the 9:30am Mass
SKS Gym

Have a donut, followed by Open Play in the gym after Mass! It's a chance for littles to run out their pent-up energy while parents connect with each other. All families are welcome.

Close-Knit Community

The Close-knit Community of St. Katharine's kicked off its 12th season of service, continuing our mission of creating warm items for the needy. Please consider joining us. We meet in the parish center every Wednesday from 1:00-2:30pm. All are welcome. For further information, please call Marie Rauscher at 610-608-4447.

Music Ministry

New school year! New beginnings! Hello fellow parishioners, how about giving yourself a night of joyful music and camaraderie twice a month this year and have the opportunity to sing at Mass? The SKS Adult Choir warmly invites you to check us out at our Open House Rehearsals on **Wednesdays**, September 17th and 24th, 7-8:30pm in the Parish Center Music Room. No pressure. No auditions. You don't have to be able to read music. Just bring whatever voice God gave you and we will take it from there. We welcome you! For more information please contact Laura Kerr at musicdirector@sksparish.org, 610-688-4584 or stop by the organ after Mass!

Family Promise Host Week October 12-19 Volunteers Needed!

Family Promise (fpmontco.org) is committed to helping families experiencing homelessness in our community. Families in the program stay at Wayne Presbyterian Church (WPC) several times during the year; WPC relies on St. Katharine's to help provide hospitality and meals. SKS volunteers buy groceries, drop off dinners, do laundry or stay at WPC for dinner or as an overnight host. Service hours are available!

The next host week at WPC is October 12th-19th. To volunteer or receive more information, please contact Adrienne Carroll at loveaemail@gmail.com or 610-905-3583 or Barbara Todd at bcivi@hotmail.com or 610-585-5044.

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 required to talk aloud about themselves or their relationship. **The next weekend program will be the weekend of October 3rd-5th.** For more information, visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

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



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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
skskofo@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
610-745-6320
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

Rectory
610-688-4584

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

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Msgr. Brouwers
610-688-4584

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact Rectory
610-688-4584

Mothers of Young Children

Kristen Nicholls
moysc@sksparish.org

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.