

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers
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Pastor Emeritus

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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, NOVEMBER 30, 2025

9:30 AM Barbara Walsh

11:30 AM Kathryn Leitzel

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Miriam Epps

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Patricia Graham

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Mary Martin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Kathleen Hunsicker

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Charles Heil

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025

8:00 AM Patricia Graham

5:00 PM Cindy Quinn

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

9:30 AM Martin Gollin

11:30 AM Sadie Luber

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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.

Sally Bellwoar	Patrick Graham	Mary AnnMoffitt
Joan Beiter	Rosemary Grimm	Madeleine O'Keefe
Robert Bruno	Felix Houvig	Paula Rudnick
Mike Busch	Ginny Jackson	Logan Schweiter
Michael Bushey	Wesley Jones	Greg Schmidt
Ryan Carlton	Libby Judge	Jessica Smucker
Charles Carr	Tony Lopez	Debbie Snyder
Jackie Chedeville	Timothy Mahoney	Maryanne Sullivan
Nancy DeFelice	Vince Malloy	Sr. William Therese, IHM
Brady Duperreault	John McCabe	Thomas Wallace
Jamie Lynn Donnelly	Mark Megaw	Kathleen Ward

Deceased Prayer List:

Rose Hyatt, Janet Maher, Danielle Khordi, Paul Major

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES



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

We welcome newly baptized Sophie Sturm to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate her parents, Charles & Pamela Sturm.



BULLETIN INFORMATION

Ordinarily, all bulletin announcements need to be to the rectory by Monday at 5pm for the upcoming weekend. The Christmas holidays are different however.

Below is a detailed weekly submission schedule for the 2025 Holiday Season. Please have all bulletin announcements to the rectory by **Noon** on the date listed:

- ◆ December 7th was due by **November 28th**
- ◆ December 14th is due by **December 5th**
- ◆ December 21st is due by **December 11th**
- ◆ December 28th is due by **December 15th**
- ◆ January 4th is due by **December 19th**

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

“Be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come” (Mt 24:44).

With these words, our Lord helps to prepare us for his coming. As we begin a new liturgical year today, the First Sunday of Advent, allow me to reflect on the season of Advent and the *Gospel of Matthew* (from which we will hear extensively during this liturgical year).

We human beings cannot live without hope. As far as we know, we are the only ones among the animals of the world with the ability to recognize the future and to realize that our actions have some effect in shaping it; this gives us hope. This is such an essential element of humanity that we cannot live without it. We must have something to live for, something to which we look forward. Once there is nothing to live for, we give up and die. But, we can find all sorts of things to live for and we can hope for so many different things that will give us reason to live. Whether it be as close to us as living for our children and grandchildren or as global as trying to make the world a little better or as simple as eagerly anticipating our next vacation, these all give us a reason to live, something for which we can hope.

One of the reasons we Christians read the Old Testament during the Advent season is to learn where we should place our hope as followers of Christ. The people of the Old Testament times had great hopes. As we hear in today's first reading from the *Book of the Prophet Isaiah*, they believed that “in the days to come” the Lord would fulfill the promise he had made to the house of Israel, when “the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest mountain and raised above the hills. All nations shall stream toward it” (Is 2:1-2). They were looking for that day when God would establish Israel as the greatest of all nations and lead all people toward his kingdom here on earth.

Our hope is a little different than the hope of the people of the Old Testament since we live in the age of fulfillment. The coming of Jesus in history has brought about the beginning of the Kingdom of God. So, our hope is for its complete fulfillment as Jesus prepares to come again. As we celebrate the Season of Advent, let us turn our hope to the fulfillment of God's plan, which will bring lasting peace and joy to our lives!

Beginning this Sunday, we will begin to hear from the *Gospel of Matthew* throughout the Sundays of this liturgical year. Each of the years in the Church's three-year Sunday cycle features one of the three Synoptic Gospels. Year A, which begins today, features the *Gospel of Matthew*, year B features the *Gospel of Mark*, and year C - which ended last Sunday - features the *Gospel of Luke*. This cycle allows us to hear each gospel, which presents our Lord's teachings in slightly different ways since each gospel was written to different audiences at different times under different circumstances and for different reasons. The *Gospel of John* is also featured on certain Sundays throughout the year as well as on the first Sundays of Lent and during the Easter season.

The *Gospel of Matthew* is generally thought to be written at least after 70AD and probably after 80AD (40 to 50 years after our Lord's death and Resurrection) in Antioch, Syria. Like the gospels of *Mark* and *Luke*, it was written as the eye-witnesses of our Lord were dying and the first followers of Christ wanted to preserve the important message of salvation they had received from him while he was in their midst. Like the other gospels, the text of the *Gospel of Matthew* does not identify the author. Although it was traditionally thought to be Matthew, also known as Levi, the tax collector-turned-apostle, modern scripture scholars identify him as either a Jewish Christian or a Gentile Christian, not an eye-witness to Jesus' ministry. Intended for Jewish converts to Christianity who were being persecuted by both Jews and Romans, it seeks to encourage them to be confident that Jesus is, indeed, the Messiah, the fulfillment of the Hebrew Scriptures prophecies.

As we begin this new liturgical year, let us listen carefully to all the readings - and especially the *Gospel of Matthew* - which are proclaimed to prepare us for the Kingdom of God! May they encourage us in our doubt and strengthen us in our faith in the Lord.



RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS COLLECTION

We are blessed to have approximately 2,100 religious sisters, brothers and priests, in 63 religious congregations serving in our Archdiocese. They have dedicated their lives to serve in a wide variety of ministries, teaching in our numerous elementary schools, high schools, colleges and universities, caring for the sick and marginalized, and serving our parishes in countless ways. These consecrated men and women have brought the person of Christ to us through their loving care. Both in active ministry and in contemplative life, we recognize the fruits of their labor. Currently, 894 of these religious sisters, brothers and priests are retired. Even in their retirement, however, they grace us with their daily prayers.

Many religious communities struggle to provide for their aging members. During the early and mid-twentieth century, the Catholic Church in the U.S.A. experienced a surge in vocations to religious life; numbers peaked in the mid-1960s. Care for the elderly members was provided largely by younger ones. In recent years, however, the number of religious vocations decreased; meanwhile, lifespans increased. The result is far fewer younger members available to support the retirement and eldercare needs of senior members. It is easy to understand their need for our financial support.

With gratitude to our many religious congregations and recognizing the pressing difficulties they confront with declining numbers and the costly obligations for the care of their aging members, we join with our Archdiocese in taking up the national Retirement Fund for Religious Collection next weekend. This appeal enables us to demonstrate our genuine appreciation for their service. I am confident that you will be generous in your response to this collection and I ask your continued prayers for all of the consecrated men and women throughout our Archdiocese; be assured of their prayers for you.

PARISH ACTIVITIES



Our next Teen Mass will be on Saturday, December 6th at 5:00pm. Following Mass, there will be lighting in the grotto for the holiday!

Another Youth Group Sunday Service was held last weekend. The teens decorated and assembled 50 lunch bags for Mission Youth Philly's Kensington's Mission.



**An Advent Evening of Reflection for men
and women with Sr. Cathy Nerney, SSJ
Thursday, December 4th**

Join us for an inspiring evening of prayer, fellowship, and reflection as we prepare our hearts for Advent.

- 6:00 pm – Holy Hour** (Taizé-style prayer with the Knights of Columbus)
6:45 pm – Candlelight Dinner (Paola's Cucina & Weinrich's Bakery)
7:30 pm – Reflection with Sister. Cathy Nerney, SSJ

Sister Cathy, founder and director of the Institute for Forgiveness and Reconciliation, will share how Christ calls each of us to be instruments of peace and healing in our world.

Advanced registration required. Scan the QR code to RSVP by December 1st or go to sksparish.org/RSVP.

Cost: \$30 per person. Contact evangelization@sksparish.org or call the rectory at 610-688-4584 with any questions



2025 Day of Sanctification for Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble each year for a day of prayer and reflection on the sacred priesthood. This year, our priests will gather with the Archbishop at Mother of Divine Providence Parish, King of Prussia on Monday, December 1st, for the *2025 Day of Sanctification for Priests*. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the *Roman Missal*:

*Lord our God, who in governing your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant to these men
a persevering obedience to your will,
so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

**Grotto Lighting and Blessing
December 6, after the 5PM Teen Mass
Hosted by Youth Ministry,
Faithful Families & Home & School**

Be part of a joyful SKS Christmas tradition. Following the Teen Mass (featuring the teen choir and lectors), parishioners will process by candlelight across the street for hot chocolate, carols, a special blessing and lighting of the grotto to remind us that Christ is the light of the world.

**Advent Rosary and Tea
Friday, December 5
8:30-9:30AM in the SKS Parish Center**

Quiet your hearts for Advent with a group Rosary and Tea! Enjoy tea, coffee and light refreshments followed by praying the Rosary as a group. All are welcome! Please bring your own tea cup, rosary and any special intentions you would like to pray for!

* Please note, there will be no virtual rosary in December.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

**Emergency Food Appeal:
Help Catholic Charities of Philadelphia
Feed Twice as Many Families**

With the suspension of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits during the government shutdown, Catholic Charities of Philadelphia experienced a surge in the number of families and seniors at our local food pantries. Please consider making a special donation to allow Catholic Charities to purchase food for our pantries to ensure no one is sent away hungry. You can make a donation today at ccphila.org/donate.



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
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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
610-608-4447

Family Promise

Adrienne Carroll
610-905-3583
loveaemail@gmail.com

H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)

Shauna Munshower
610-764-1527

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
610-745-6320
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

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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
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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.marriagehelpdelval.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.