

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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Pastor Emeritus

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610-688-5451

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610-688-7890

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610-688-9489
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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, DECEMBER 21, 2025

9:30 AM John H. Shelsy
11:30 AM Maryann Martillotti

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025

6:30 AM Maria Kovolski
8:00 AM Richard McDonnell

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Msgr. Michael Carroll

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2025

Christmas Eve

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Pat Graham
4:00 PM Special Intention
6:00 PM Danny Lincicome

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2025

Christmas Day

9:30 AM Schleicher/McCafferty Families
11:30 AM Gleason/Higgins Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2025

6:30 AM William Blumeris
8:00 AM Elizabeth Readie

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025

8:00 AM Marie Dooner
5:00 PM Mark Congdon

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2025

9:30 AM Patricia Reusche
11:30 AM Diane Robb

*Readings: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17
Mt 2:13-15, 19-23*

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
Joan Beiter
Robert Bruno
Michael Bushey
Ryan Carlton
Charles Carr
Jackie Chedeville
Nancy DeFelice
Brady Duperreault
Jamie Donnelly
Patrick Graham

Rosemary Grimm
Felix Houvig
Ginny Jackson
Wesley Jones
Libby Judge
Tony Lopez
Timothy Mahoney
John McCabe
Mark Megaw
Mary Ann Moffitt
Madeleine O'Keefe

Jeanie Rogers
Paula Rudnick
Logan Schweiter
Greg Schmidt
Jessica Smucker
Debbie Snyder
Maryanne Sullivan
Sr. William Therese
Thomas Wallace
Kathleen Ward

PARISH ACTIVITIES



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OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 10 December - 16 December 2025

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$5,761.00
Electronic Giving: \$8,691.00.00
Stewardship Appeal: \$17,308.00
Schools/Donations: \$15,819.50

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$94,186.75
Diocesan Assessment: \$14,675.00
Insurance: \$6,037.42
Maintenance: \$11,146.27
Administration Expenses: \$10,693.70
Fundraising Expenses: \$8,348.43
Utilities: \$4,110.01

Other Income: \$5,564.50
Weekly Income: \$53,144.00
YTD Income: \$2,534,650.29

Other Expenses: \$8,599.72
Weekly Expenses \$157,797.30
YTD Expenses: \$2,244,063.16
YTD Balance: \$290,587.13

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

2025

CONFESSIONS

Saturday, December 20th
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Wednesday, December 24th, Christmas Eve
4:00 PM Vigil Mass
5:30 PM Choir Concert
6:00 PM Vigil Mass

Thursday, December 25th, Christmas Day
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Wednesday, December 31, 2025
6:00 PM Vigil Mass

Thursday, January 1st, Mary, Mother of God
9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

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From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

ADVENT COMES TO AN END

All of this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: *Behold, the virgin will conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel*, which means “God is with us.” (Mt. 1:22-23)

On this, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we all realize that Christmas is just a few days away! As we hear proclaimed in both our first reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah and our gospel from Matthew, Jesus, the son of Mary, is also truly God: Emmanuel - that is God-with-us. As we contemplate this most important moment in human history, allow me to offer some reflections on its significance to us, 2,000 years later.

I think we can all agree that we live in very challenging times. We are struggling with much social and political strife not only in our country but around the world. The ongoing war in Ukraine, the fragile peace in Israel and escalating tension in so many other countries has only added to the stress, division, distrust and disharmony among us. It seems that we cannot come together on so many issues but are being torn apart in so many ways. We need intervention and reconciliation.

As he did 2,000 years ago, Jesus is the one who can provide us with intervention and reconciliation. As you know, Jesus was born into a troubled world that, like ours, was divided into kingdoms that were often hostile to each other. His nation – Israel – had been conquered by successive empires: Babylonian, Greek and Roman. His people were eagerly awaiting a Messiah – an anointed one like King David – who would lead them to overcome their oppressors and make them a great, united nation once again. But, as we heard in last week’s gospel account, Jesus did not come as a warrior king. He came so that the blind could regain their sight, the lame walk, the deaf hear, lepers become cleansed and the dead be raised. He came not to reestablish an earthly kingdom but to establish God’s kingdom. All of his miracles demonstrated God’s mercy on the afflicted and foreshadowed the heavenly kingdom where there would be no more sadness and death but only eternal joy in the loving embrace of God.

As the greatest sign of God’s love, Jesus offered himself generously to us under the forms of bread and wine in the Eucharist and to the Father on the cross in expiation for our sins. In dying for us, he overcame the final effect of sin – death – as he rose from the dead. His Resurrection allows us to be raised to eternal life with him. And, before he returned to his rightful place at the hand of God, he promised the Holy Spirit of God to continue to lead and guide us. Yes, Jesus, the Son of God who became the son of Mary, has showered us with gifts and we are blessed every day of our lives as we benefit from them. In a world of strife and discord, he brings God’s peace and harmony into our lives.

This is why it is so important to join regularly in the Eucharist Celebration, where we learn about God’s great deeds and are reminded of God’s great generosity to us. In turn, we are strengthened and encouraged to share God’s love with those around us. In the *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*, the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council remind us that our Lord, who came once in history to accomplish his great work of salvation, and will come again at the end of time to lead all the faithful to our heavenly Father, remains in our midst, especially through the Eucharist:

To accomplish so great a work, Christ is always present in His Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. He is present in the sacrifice of the Mass... particularly under the Eucharistic species.

It has been a real delight for me to see an increase in Mass attendance this year. Just as we need food to nourish our bodies and keep them healthy, we need the Eucharist to nourish our spirits and keep them healthy. Christmas only tells the beginning of the story. Jesus came to offer us his life-giving Body and Blood and we are so blessed to be able to receive it regularly, especially during these stressful times!

Yes, our coming together to worship God is the most sacred action we can perform as we gratefully acknowledge all that God has done for us, especially through his Son, Jesus, who is God with us. And, it guides and directs our daily lives in imitation of Christ's great work. As we come to the end of another Advent Season, let us give ourselves time to meditate on this great mystery and so prepare ourselves ever more deeply to receive our Lord as we celebrate his coming on Christmas in just a few days. Remember, the very word "Christmas" means "Celebration of the Messiah" – that's what we do every time we celebrate the Eucharist.



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thanks to All Who Helped with Adopt-a-Family!

A huge "Thank You" to everyone who generously helped with the 2025 Adopt-a-Family program. Gift baskets for 90 families and many, many food boxes were delivered to St. Martin de Porres and immediately distributed to the families or the church food pantry. The SMdP community is grateful and sends wishes that all the gifts of this wonderful season be yours!



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 28th was due by **December 15th**
- ◆ January 4th is was by **December 19th**
- ◆ January 11th is due by **January 5th**

Marie's Closet January 10th—18th

St. Katharine's will be holding a drive for Marie's Closet, a ministry that serves the homeless and low-income residents in Kensington. More information to follow.



Coping with Grief during the Holidays

You may feel pressure to be happy, angry at your loved one for leaving you, and/ or guilty because you are sad at Christmas time. It's OK! Try some coping mechanisms this holiday season such as:

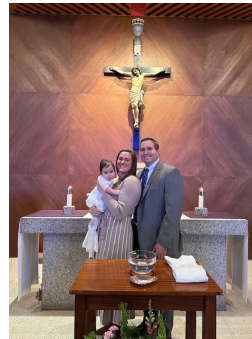
- * Share ideas with family and set boundaries with friends on how you want to celebrate Christmas.
- * Start new traditions remembering your loved one but keep some things the same.
- * Be gentle with yourself, breathe and let Our Lord hold your hand.



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, January 6th. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or by email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

We welcome newly baptized Madelyn Hanna and Ruby Keefer to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents, Andrew & Megan Hanna and Joseph & Abigail Keefer.



**HAVE A
MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
A HOLY AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MSGR. BROUWERS
FATHER KIEN
DEACON DAVID
AND THE ENTIRE
PARISH STAFF**

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
610-764-1527

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.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.