

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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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 28, 2025

9:30 AM Patricia Reusche

11:30 AM Diane Robb

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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025

6:30 AM Tom McInerney

8:00 AM Pat Graham

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Pat Graham

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2025

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Kevin Tobin

6:00 PM Special Intention

THURSDAY, JANUARY 1, 2026

9:30 AM Jeremiah O'Grady

11:30 AM Brian Evans

FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026

6:30 AM Charles and Cecelia Heil

8:00 AM Carol Massmiano

SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026

8:00 AM Joseph Judge

5:00 PM Diane Robb

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 2026

9:30 AM John J. Readie

11:30 AM Joan Lewers

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

Deceased Prayer List:

Carole Mullin, Robert Panaccio

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

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

2026

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

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

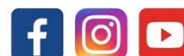
BULLETIN INFORMATION

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:**

- ♦ January 4th was by **December 19th**
- ♦ January 11th is due by **January 5th**

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From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

As we continue in this Octave of Christmas, allow me to wish you a very blessed Christmas! I hope all of your Christmas preparations were successful and your celebrations have been joyful! I also hope that you were able to take a moment to sit back and reflect on the meaning of this great Feast – the birth of God’s only son for our salvation! All around you – even in the secular Christmas decorations and events around you – you will find symbols of this pivotal moment in Salvation History. Take, for example the Christmas tree. It is taken from the medieval German tradition that was in response to their belief that the gods and good spirits abandoned the earth in the winter, as seen by the lengthening darkness of every passing day and scarcity of food. They would hang food on an evergreen tree in the dead of winter to entice the gods and good spirits back to earth. Candles on the tree lit up the food so it could be seen. We Christians took this pagan practice and provided our own interpretation. The evergreen tree – the only tree left alive in the midst of leafless trees that appear to be dead – symbolizes the life of Christ that comes to us who are dead to sin. The ornaments speak of the many gifts that come to us as a result of our Lord’s birth. And, the lights remind us of Jesus, who is the “light of the world” (*Jn 8:12*). The wreath, which is traditionally made of evergreens as well, speaks of the eternal life God comes to give us through his son. The cards we send recall the good news that the angels brought to the shepherds in the field at our Lord’s birth: “For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is the Messiah and Lord!” (*Luke 2:11*) And, the gifts we exchange reflect the great gift God sent us – his son in the flesh!

We rejoice as Jesus is born into the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary. And so, we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family today. Of course, these two feasts flow from one to the other so allow me to reflect on the significance that these special celebrations have for all of us.

The birth of Jesus Christ, Son of God and son of Mary is, indeed, one of the greatest celebrations of our entire liturgical year, second only to Holy Week and Easter. After revealing himself in mysterious ways throughout Salvation History (e.g., a burning bush, a pillar of fire and column of smoke in the desert, a hand writing on the wall), and communicating himself through a variety of prophets, in the fullness of time, God came into our midst in person. What love and care he shows us all – that the all-powerful, infinite God would become man, as we hear stated so poetically in the Christmas Day gospel passage:

In the beginning was the Word,
and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God. ...
And the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us,
and we saw his glory,
the glory of the Father’s only Son,
full of grace and truth. (*Jn. 1:1, 14*)

We hear in the Christmas Vigil gospel account that Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph, was found with child through the power of the Spirit of God. An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and commanded him to name her child Jesus, which means “God saves.” As we hear in that gospel account, this was to fulfill the prophecy found in Isaiah: “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

All of this happened within the context of family life. In the Gospel of Luke, we read about Mary traveling to help her cousin, Elizabeth who was pregnant with her first child. She was an older woman and Mary wanted to offer her assistance even though she, too, was pregnant. Clearly, Mary had already learned the importance of her family and even her extended family. And, in the gospel passage we hear today on the Feast of the Holy Family, Joseph takes his family first to Egypt and then to live in Nazareth to protect them from the Roman rulers who were looking to kill Jesus because they had heard that he was the newborn king of the Jews. Joseph understands and accepts his role of protector and provider of his family.

It is within our family that most of us learn about God and are taught about his love for us and how we are to grow in our love for him and one another. It is within our families that we, like Jesus, usually advance “in wisdom and age and favor before God and man” (Lk. 2:52). And so, I invite you to reflect on both the wondrous mystery of God becoming man so that we could, once again, become one with God and the call for us all to make our homes and our families miniature churches, as the early Church Fathers instructed so well. In this way, everyone in our home will grow in love of God - who came to show us his love in person - and one another - for we are all made in the image of God. That’s why the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us!



PARISH ACTIVITIES

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.

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.

SKS PREP

Our PREP classes were very busy during the Advent/Christmas Season. The second grade was learning about the four different candles we light during the season. The Kindergarten celebrated a Birthday party for Baby Jesus. Our other 2nd grade made Nativity Di-oramas and our 4th grade drew their own Nativities that were then framed for their families! The 6:30pm session all received the sacrament of Reconciliation.



SKS Teen Choir

Our SKS Teen Choir joined with some of our Children's Choir singers at the Saturday, December 6th Teen Mass. After Mass they lead the caroling at the Grotto Blessing and lighting.



Teen Mass

Our first Teen Mass of 2026 will be on Saturday, January 3rd at the 5:00pm. Mass We welcome all the Teen, College and Young Adults to sing and participate in the Mass.



**HAVE 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

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Close Knit Community

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Altar Servers

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Pre Jordan

Stephanie Twohig
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Stephanie Twohig
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Respect Life

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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Msgr. Brouwers
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COMMUNITY BUILDING

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact Rectory
610-688-4584

Mothers of Young Children

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Parish Center Reservations

Kim O'Neill
610-688-4584

Walking with Purpose

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Maureen Reilly
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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.