

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
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Kim O'Neill
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610-688-5451

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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, DECEMBER 7, 2025

9:30 AM Martin Gollin
11:30 AM Sandie Luber
6:00 PM Paul Major

No Eucharistic Adoration Today.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

6:30 AM John McCafferty
8:00 AM Christopher Sclafani
12:10 PM Giovanni Robertson
7:00 PM William Northington

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2025

6:30 AM Louise Ricca
8:00 AM Maria Mencarelli

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025

6:30 AM Dorothy Cashman
8:00 AM John Brunetski

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2025

6:30 AM Louise Ricca
8:00 AM Lewers/Shea Families

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2025

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White
8:00 AM Domenico Martino

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025

8:00 AM Pat Graham
5:00 PM Patrick Gibbons

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2025

9:30 AM Ida Marie Higgins
11:30 AM John Caldwell

Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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	Madeleine O'Keefe
Joan Beiter	Rosemary Grimm	Jeanie Rogers
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	John McCabe	Sr. William Therese, IHM
Brady Duperreault	Mark Megaw	Thomas Wallace
Jamie Donnelly	Mary Ann Moffitt	Kathleen Ward

Deceased Prayer List:

Rose Hyatt, Janet Maher, Danielle Khordi

PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 19 November - 2 December 2025

PARISH INCOME

Sunday Collections: \$39,802.00
Electronic Giving: \$13,332.00
Tuition: \$98,200.00
Socials/Donations: \$28,244.00

Other Income: \$7,506.75
Weekly Income: \$187,084.75
YTD Income: \$2,355,832.81

PARISH EXPENSES

Salaries: \$90,517.09
Administration Expenses: \$15,127.88
Insurance: \$11,638.52
Maintenance: \$2,954.64
Utilities: \$5,274.83

Other Expenses: \$5,245.38
Weekly Expenses \$130,758.34
YTD Expenses: \$1,971,109.86
YTD Balance: \$384,722.95

Close-Knit Community

The Close-knit Community is continuing its mission of creating warm items for the needy. Please consider joining them. They 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.

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 14th was 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**

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From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This Monday we will join with the universal Church in celebrating the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation and we will celebrate Mass at 6:00pm on Sunday evening as well as at 6:30, 8:00am, 12:10 and 7:00pm on Monday; I hope you will be able to join us for this important celebration of our faith.

Mary enjoys many wondrous titles but this one is of particular importance. In fact, it is so significant that it is under this title that Mary is the Principal Patroness of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as well as the Patroness of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. What does this title given to Mary mean and what is the significance of this solemnity? In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we read:

To become the mother of the Savior, Mary “was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role.” The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as “full of grace.” In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God’s grace. (§ 490)

Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, “full of grace” through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Savior of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin. (§ 491)

Unlike the rest of humanity, Mary was free from original sin from the moment of her conception. As we see above, it was a gift from God so that she could give her free assent to God’s call for her to bear his son. The *Catechism* goes on to explain:

The “splendor of an entirely unique holiness” by which Mary is “enriched from the first instant of her conception” comes wholly from Christ: she was “redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son.” The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person “in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” and chose her “in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love.” (§ 492)

Jesus Christ came to redeem humankind, Mary shared in his redemptive power from the moment of her conception. The *Catechism* asserts that God the Father “blessed Mary more than any other created person.” With this special gift, Mary could be “holy and blameless before him in love.” In fact, the *Catechism* explains that “by the grace of God Mary remained free of every personal sin her whole life long” (§ 493). The *Catechism* continues to speak of Mary in this way: “espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God’s grace.” (§ 494)

And so, as with so many aspects of our faith, while the immediate focus of today's feast might be on Mary, the real focus is always on her son, Jesus the Christ. Like all Marian feasts, today's solemnity cannot be celebrated without reference to Jesus. That's why we hear Pope Pius IX emphasize that the dogma comes about through the "merits of Jesus Christ." It is Jesus who redeems, but in the mystery of the Incarnation, God has chosen to preserve Mary from original sin so she can be a fitting mother for his Son. Consequently, she plays a unique role in redemption. In other words, Mary was sinless so that she could give birth in the flesh to the Savior.

As we honor Mary on Monday, let us gratefully acknowledge the mercy of God and, like Mary, humbly submit our will to his so that we, like Mary, may be able to continue to cooperate with God as he draws all humanity back to himself through his son, Jesus; that's where we all belong!



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Last Saturday, the Young Adults led the music at the 5:00 pm Mass. We are always grateful when the Young Adults are back in town. (Right to Left - Luigi G. (High School Band/Music Teacher, Sophia (Senior at DeSalles) Grace Twohig. (ICU nurse) Grace Maguire (Physical Therapist) Bauti G (Finance) Jack (Finance).



Christmas Concert/Tableau

All are welcome to attend two special school traditions that are coming up. These events will be sure to get us into the true spirit of Christmas!

- ♦ **K-4 Christmas Concert** on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30pm in church.
- ♦ **Grades 5-8 Tableau** on Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00pm in church.

For those that would prefer not to venture out at night, please feel welcome to attend the matinee performance of the Tableau on Wednesday, December 10th at 1:00pm in church.

Hope to see you all there!

Christmas Giving Trees November 29th-December 14th

You will find Christmas tags with gift suggestions for the residents of Mercy Hospice and local people in need on the two trees located at the St. Joseph Shrine and at the Lancaster Avenue vestibule, beginning on November 29th. Please make Christmas special by taking a tag and buying the gift specified on the label. Bring your unwrapped gift to the church and place it in the wrapped open boxes located at the St. Therese or St. Joseph Shrines by next Sunday, December 14th.

For more information, please contact Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171 or Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436.

Mercy Hospice Christmas Food Collection

Thank you for your generosity with the Thanksgiving food collection. The chef there is so grateful to all of you! Our parish is truly helping to make a difference in the lives of the residents at Mercy Hospice as well as the homeless people who come in daily for a hot meal.

Please consider donating one of the following items for a Christmas meal at Mercy Hospice:

- * Frozen vegetables such as broccoli, green beans and spinach ("Costco" or family size packages, or multiple packages of the same vegetable are appreciated)
- * Whole Roast Beef – uncooked, chef will prepare, please freeze and then bring to parish center freezer
- * Frozen vegetables and beef can be put in the freezer located at the back of the parish center (where casseroles are stored.)
- * Instant mashed potatoes
- * Beef gravy
- * Christmas cookies, Christmas candy – store bought please

NO TURKEYS NEEDED AT THIS TIME.

Items will be delivered on Monday, December 15, 2025. Drop off your donation to the freezer or church library by Sunday, December 14th. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



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 John McMenamin, IV to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate his parents, John and Stephanie McMenamin.



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.