

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

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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.

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026

9:30 AM John Heron, Jr.
11:30 AM James and Marjorie White

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2026

6:30 AM Antonio Florio
8:00 AM Under and Unemployed

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026

6:30 AM Anastasia Papadopoulos
8:00 AM Todd Cassidy

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Esther D'Iorio

THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Kim Szwech

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM George Liebezeit

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

8:00 AM Joseph Judge
5:00 PM Jeffrey Wymard

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

9:30 AM Sarah Geary
11:30 AM Wasyl and Anastasia Maruszczak

Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

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
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
Chris Kolmer
Tony Lopez
Timothy Mahoney
John McCabe
Mark Megaw
Mary Ann Moffitt
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Logan Schweiter
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PARISH ACTIVITIES



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OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 8 April - 14 April 2026

Sunday Collections: \$6,913.00	Maintenance: \$13,433.59
Electronic Giving: \$8,811.00	Administration Expenses: \$22,040.66
Additional Easter Sunday: \$4,190.00	Utilities: \$6,509.46
Other Income: \$3,301.07	Other Expenses: \$5,916.91
Weekly Income: \$23,215.07	Weekly Expenses \$47,900.62
YTD Income: \$4,199,040.18	YTD Expenses: \$3,745,060.78
	YTD Balance: \$453,979.43



Pre-Jordan/Baptismal Instruction

If you are having your first child baptized, the Archdiocese requires the parents to attend a Pre-Jordan class. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or email at sksdre@sksparish.org.

We welcome newly baptized Brooks Desjardins, Jr. to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate his parents, Brooks and Elyse Desjardins and big sisters Remy and Louise Desjardins.



From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

Reflection of Pope Leo XIV at the Vigil for Peace

Last Saturday, 11 April, Pope Leo XIV led a Vigil for Peace. I offer you his reflection during that Vigil for your prayerful consideration:

Dear brothers and sisters,

Your prayer is an expression of that faith which, according to the words of Jesus, moves mountains (cf. *Mt* 17:20). Thank you for accepting this invitation to gather here at the tomb of Saint Peter and in so many other places around the world to pray for peace. War divides; hope unites. Arrogance tramples upon others; love lifts up. Idolatry blinds us; the living God enlightens. My dearest friends, all it takes is a little faith, a mere “crumb” of faith, in order to face this dramatic hour in history together — as humanity and alongside humanity. Prayer is not a refuge in which to hide from our responsibilities, nor an anesthetic to numb the pain provoked by so much injustice. Rather, it is the most selfless, universal and transformative response to death: we are a people who are already risen! Within each of us, within every human being, the interior Teacher teaches peace, urges us toward encounter and inspires us to make supplication. Let us rise from the rubble! Nothing can confine us to a predetermined fate, not even in this world where there never seem to be enough graves, for people continue to crucify one another and eliminate life, with no regard to justice and mercy.

In the context of the 2003 Iraq war crisis, Saint John Paul II, a tireless advocate for peace, said with deep emotion: “I belong to that generation that lived through World War II and, thanks be to God, survived it. I have the duty to say to all young people, to those who are younger than I, who have not had this experience: “No more war” as Paul VI said during his first visit to the United Nations. We must do everything possible. We know well that peace is not possible at any price. But we all know how great is this responsibility” (*Angelus*, 16 March 2003). I make his appeal my own this evening, relevant as it is today.

Prayer teaches us how to act. In prayer, our limited human possibilities are joined to the infinite possibilities of God. Thoughts, words and deeds then break the demonic cycle of evil and are placed at the service of the Kingdom of God. A Kingdom in which there is no sword, no drone, no vengeance, no trivialization of evil, no unjust profit, but only dignity, understanding and forgiveness. It is here that we find a bulwark against that delusion of omnipotence that surrounds us and is becoming increasingly unpredictable and aggressive. The balance within the human family has been severely destabilized. Even the holy Name of God, the God of life, is being dragged into discourses of death. A world of brothers and sisters with one heavenly Father vanishes, as in a nightmare, giving way to a reality populated by enemies. We are met by threats, rather than the invitation to listen and to come together. Brothers and sisters, those who pray are aware of their own limitations; they do not kill or threaten with death. Instead, death enslaves those who have turned their backs on the living God, turning themselves and their own power into a mute, blind and deaf idol (cf. *Ps* 115:4–8), to which they sacrifice every value, demanding that the whole world bend its knee.

Enough of the idolatry of self and money! Enough of the display of power! Enough of war! True strength is shown in serving life. With evangelical simplicity, Saint John XXIII once wrote: “The benefits of peace will be felt everywhere, by individuals, by families, by nations, by the whole human race.” And echoing the incisive words of Pius XII, he added: “Nothing is lost by peace; everything may be lost by war” (Encyclical Letter *Pacem in Terris*, 116).

Let us, therefore, unite the moral and spiritual strength of the millions and billions of men and women, young and old, who today choose to believe in peace, caring for the wounds and repairing the damage left behind by the madness of war. I receive countless letters from children in areas of conflict. In reading them, one perceives, through the lens of innocence, all the horror and inhumanity of actions that some adults boast of with pride. Let us listen to the voices of children!

Dear brothers and sisters, there are certainly binding responsibilities that fall to the leaders of nations. To them we cry out: Stop! It is time for peace! Sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, not at the table where rearmament is planned and deadly actions are decided! Yet there is a no less significant responsibility that falls to all of us — men and women from all over the world. We are an immense multitude that rejects war not only in word, but also in deed. Prayer calls us to leave behind whatever violence remains in our hearts and minds. Let us turn to a Kingdom of peace that is built up day by day — in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and civil and religious communities. A Kingdom that counters polemics and resignation through friendship and a culture of encounter. Let us believe once again in love, moderation and good politics. We must form ourselves and get personally involved, each following our own calling. Everyone has a place in the mosaic of peace!



The Rosary, like other ancient forms of prayer, has united us this evening in its steady rhythm built on repetition. Peace gains ground in the same way: word by word, deed by deed, just as a rock is hollowed out drop by drop, or fabric woven stitch by stitch. These are the slow rhythms of life, a sign of God's patience. We must not allow ourselves to be overwhelmed by the pace of a world that does not know what it is chasing. Rather, we must return to serving the rhythm of life, the harmony of creation and healing its wounds. As Pope Francis taught us, "There is also a need for peacemakers, men and women prepared to work boldly and creatively to initiate processes of healing and renewed encounter" (Encyclical Letter *Fratelli Tutti*, 225). There is, indeed, "an 'architecture' of peace, to which different institutions of society contribute, each according to its own area of expertise, but there is also an 'art' of peace that involves us" (*ibid.*, 231).

Dear brothers and sisters, let us return home having made a commitment to pray without ceasing and without growing weary, a commitment to a profound conversion of heart. The Church is a great people at the service of reconciliation and peace. She advances without hesitation, even when rejecting the logic of war may lead to misunderstanding and scorn. She proclaims the Gospel of peace and instills obedience to God rather than any human authority, especially when the inherent dignity of other human beings is threatened by continuous violations of international law. "Throughout the world, it is to be hoped that every community become a 'house of peace,' where one learns how to defuse hostility through dialogue, where justice is practiced and forgiveness is cherished. Now more than ever, we must show that peace is not a utopia" (*Message for the LIX World Day of Peace*, 1 January 2026).

Brothers and sisters of every language, people and nation: we are one family that weeps, hopes and rises again. "No more war, a journey with no return; no more war, a vicious cycle of grief and violence;" (Saint John Paul II, *Prayer for Peace*, 2 February 1991).

Dear friends, peace be with you all! It is the peace of the Risen Christ, the fruit of his sacrifice of love on the cross. For this reason, we raise our prayer to him:

Lord Jesus, you conquered death without weapons or violence. You shattered its power with the strength of peace. Grant us your peace as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning, as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear. Send forth your Spirit, the breath that gives life and reconciles, that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters. Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother, who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart, firm in the faith that you would rise again. May the madness of war cease and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still know how to bring forth, protect and love life. Hear us, Lord of life!

The Sacrament of Confirmation

"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit." At the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, I confirmed eight adult parishioners with the sacramental imposition of hands and anointing of the forehead. This Saturday, Bishop John McIntyre confirmed 92 of our young parishioners who attend our school or PREP with the same imposition of hands and anointing of the forehead. This completed the initiation of all of these parishioners into the Church, which began at Baptism and was nurtured through the Eucharist. These three sacraments – Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation – are so important in the spiritual life and health of Catholics that we as a parish celebrate with great joy on these special occasions! I thank Laura Kerr, our evangelization coordinator, for helping me prepare the adults through the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and Stephanie Twohig, our parish DRE, Kim Pepper, her Administrative Assistant, all the catechists and teachers involved and especially the parents of our children for helping them prepare for this important moment in their life-long spiritual journey!



I consider this a good opportunity every year to offer some reflections on the Sacrament of Confirmation. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* provides valuable insights into the historical development and rich theology of this sacrament. Allow me to provide some highlights from the *Catechism*; you may want to read and reflect on the entire section (§1285 – 1321) yourself. The *Catechism* begins by stating that:

Baptism, the Eucharist and the sacrament of Confirmation together constitute the "sacraments of Christian initiation," whose unity must be safeguarded. ...The reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal graces, for "by the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." (§1285)

The *Catechism* goes on to provide the scriptural foundation for Confirmation:

In the Old Testament the prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the hoped-for Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his baptism by John was the sign that this was he who was to come, the Messiah, the Son of God. ...This fullness of the Spirit was not to remain uniquely the Messiah's but was to be communicated to the *whole messianic people*. On several occasions, Christ promised this outpouring of the Spirit, a promise which he fulfilled first on Easter Sunday and then more strikingly at Pentecost. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles began to proclaim "the mighty works of God." ...Those who believed in the apostolic preaching and were baptized received the gift of the Holy Spirit in their turn. From that time on, the apostles, in fulfillment of Christ's will, imparted to the newly baptized by the laying on of hands the gift of the Spirit that completes the grace of Baptism. ... The imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation. ...Very early, the better to signify the gift of the Holy Spirit, an anointing with perfumed oil (*chrism*) was added to the laying on of hands. This anointing highlights the name "Christian," which means "anointed." (§1286-1289)

The CCC also provides a helpful explanation of the reason oil is one of the signs of Confirmation:

Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy; it cleanses (anointing before and after a bath) and limbers (the anointing of athletes and wrestlers); oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds; and it makes radiant with beauty, health and strength. (§1293)

And so, through the laying on of hands and the anointing with chrism, the bishop or, during the Easter season, the pastor of a parish confirms the presence of God's Spirit in those who were first given this Spirit at baptism and strengthens their baptismal grace! Again, congratulations to our parishioners who were fully initiated into our faith community!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Celebrate 44 Years of Friendship with St. Martin de Porres!

Saturday, April 25

5:00PM: Mass celebrated by Father Emeh, with music by the St. Martin de Porres and the SKS adult choirs.

6:00PM: Family Dinner in the parish center.

Sunday, April 26

9:30AM: Children's Mass with Father Emeh and music by the SKS children's choir.

10:30AM: Parish coffee hosted by the Knights of Columbus. Service project sponsored by Faithful Families and the SKS Brownies!

Knights of Columbus

One of the benefits to the members of the Knights of Columbus is grants for their children attending Catholic School from the first to twelfth grade. This year winners are:

\$1,000 Pa State Council: Ruth Slattery, Anne Slattery, Brenden Slattery and Connor Hnat

\$500 SKS Council: Ava Ries

Music Ministry

We're excited to announce a special concert coming to Saint Katharine of Siena! On Sunday, May 17th at 4:00pm, the Mada & Hugh Piano Duo presents a celebration of American music featuring piano 4-hands arrangements of beloved works by Gershwin, Copland, Bernstein, and more. From the jazzy energy of Gershwin's Three Preludes to the iconic "America" from West Side Story, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy live music in our beautiful sanctuary. The concert is free and all are welcome. Please invite your friends and family.



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.



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Office of Child and Youth Protection Archdiocese of Philadelphia
888-800-8780
www.archphila.org/protection

Pennsylvania Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-932-0313

COMMUNITY BUILDING

Alcoholics Anonymous

Contact Rectory
610-688-4584

Mothers of Young Children

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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.