

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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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, Robert Till, Rita Tuma

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2026

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention
 8:00 AM Christopher Peluso

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention
 8:00 AM Peter Jones

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

6:30 AM Brook White
 8:00 AM John Follman

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention
 8:00 AM Church in Nigeria

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2026

6:30 AM James and Kathleen Waldron
 8:00 AM Raul Barcelata

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

8:00 AM Hank Nichols
 5:00 PM William Blumeris

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

9:30 AM Irene Rame
 11:30 AM John Kokolus

Readings: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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
 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
 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:

Patricia Root

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

We welcome newly baptized Patrick, Logan, Miles and James McKeon, Joseph Carlini & Anne Wroblewski to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate their parents, Michael & Victoria McKeon, Joseph & Roselynd Carlini and Michael & Catherine Wroblewski.



Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH VISIT



We're happy to have Fr. Wilfred Emeh, the parochial administrator of our sister parish, St. Martin de Porres, celebrate our 5:00pm and 9:30am Masses this weekend as we continue our 45-year tradition of sharing our faith with our sister parish. And, as they have done for many years, members of St. Martin de Porres parish will join us at the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. This year, their parish choir, along with members of our adult choir, will lead us in lively song! We will then host our sister parishioners for dinner following the Mass; everyone is invited to join us.

For the past 45 years, our parish has enjoyed a special relationship with parishioners who live around 24th Street and Lehigh Avenue in Philadelphia. Originally, they belonged to St. Columba Parish, a parish that had been founded in 1895, two years after our parish was founded. When St. Columba parish was combined with two other parishes (St. Mary of the Eternal, which closed in 1976, and Corpus Christi, which closed in 1987) to become St. Martin de Porres Parish in 1993, we continued our relationship with a special focus on its newly-established St. Martin de Porres School. In 2011, St. Martin became an independent Catholic School under the management and financial responsibility of Friends of St. Martin de Porres. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which had worked closely with the school at its foundation, continues to provide curriculum support. The school has an enrollment of 445 students from kindergarten to eighth grade. Although only about 10% of the students are Catholic, about 80% of its graduates attend Catholic high schools. The school has done so well, in fact, that it continues to be a model for the 13 other Independence Mission Schools that have been established throughout the Archdiocese. And, much of its success is due to the courageous and farsighted leadership that a handful of our parishioners have provided - along with their outstanding financial support - and the generous financial assistance our parish continues to provide.

Those of you who are familiar with the neighborhood of 24th and Lehigh know that most of the people living there have rather limited financial resources and face many challenges as they try to raise their families. And, although they live just 20 miles from us, they live in a culture that is different from ours in a variety of ways. Additionally, although they are fellow Catholics, they also express their faith in ways that are unfamiliar to some of us, especially in their music, which is often rather lively. So, our ongoing relationship with them enriches both us and them in many ways as we share our lives and faith experiences.

Due to the financial challenges that many of the families with children in St. Martin de Porres face, we started supporting them and the school with food staples, Christmas food baskets and school supplies. Last Christmas, you provided large boxes of food and gifts for 80 families! Twenty-six years ago, we expanded our support. As we became aware of the financial needs of the school, we initiated an annual collection to provide assistance for its operating costs. We have also contributed significantly to the restoration and maintenance of the school - especially its library - and provide additional financial assistance throughout the year. Twelve times a year, I am privileged to send a \$1,000.00 check to St. Martin de Porres parish from the Feed the Needy second collection we take up monthly. We do all of this in response to Christ's call to love our neighbors as ourselves and our awareness that we all benefit as we share our blessings with them and they share theirs with us.

As we welcome Fr. Emeh and some of his parishioners, we will hear him speak at all the Masses to explain the present situation at the parish and school. A second collection will be taken up to support St. Martin de Porres parish and school. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to share our Easter joy with our long-time friends!

CONGRATULATIONS FIRST COMMUNION CLASS!

Next, at the 5:00pm, 9:30 and 11:30am Masses, 92 of our parishioners will receive our Lord in Holy Communion for the first time! This is a very important event in their faith lives as they now join with the rest of the believing community in participating fully in the Celebration of the Eucharist. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains so clearly, Holy Communion is "our fellowship with Jesus and other baptized Christians in the Church, which has its source and summit in the celebration of the Eucharist. In this sense, Church as communion is the deepest vocation of the Church" (p. 871).

According to the *Catechism*, the “Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord’s body and blood” (§ 1382). As we just celebrated a few weeks ago during the Easter Triduum, our Lord offered his sacred Body and Blood to us when he instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper and then He offered His life for us to our Heavenly Father on the cross. The Eucharistic celebration involves us in both of these mysteries through which we are able to offer to God the only gift worthy of Himself - that is, Himself - as the Son of God offers Himself to God the Father.

At the same time, we are invited into the heavenly banquet at which Christ offers us Himself for our spiritual nourishment. The *Catechism* explains, “the altar, around which the Church is gathered in the celebration of the Eucharist, represents the two aspects of the same mystery: the altar of sacrifice and the table of the Lord. This is all the more so since the Christian altar is the symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful, both as the victim offered for our reconciliation and as food from heaven who is giving himself to us” (§ 1383).

It is so important for us to receive our Lord in Holy Communion. The *Catechism* continues, “The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: ‘Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you’” (§ 1384).

It is also important for us to receive the Eucharist worthily: “To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: ‘whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord’” (§ 1385).

Worthy reception of our Lord in the Eucharist brings us into union with Christ and his Body, the Church: “Those who receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through it, Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body – the Church. Communion renews, strengthens, and deepens this incorporation into the Church, already achieved by Baptism. ...‘The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread’” (§ 1396).

There are so many aspects involved in this sacred act of receiving Holy Communion that we do well to reflect on them often and receive our Lord frequently with gratitude and joy. Again, congratulation to our First Holy Communicants!



DEACON DAVID WANG TO BE ORDAINED A PRIEST

We are delighted to officially announce that Deacon David Wang will be ordained a priest with eight other transitional deacons of the archdiocese on Saturday, 16 May, with a special Ordination Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of Ss. Peter and Paul beginning at 10:00am. All are invited to the Mass. He will also celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at our 5:00pm Vigil Mass that evening; again all are invited! Our parish is hosting a dinner for the newly-ordained Father David Wang at the Radnor Hotel immediately following the Vigil Mass. This dinner is by reservation only and space is limited. Please visit our parish website (sksparish.org) or call Kim O’Neill, our coordinator of parish life and ministry (610-688-4584) to make a reservation. Congratulations, Fr. Wang!



PARISH ACTIVITIES



These young parishioners played and sang beautifully at our last teen-led Mass: Mary Agnes Kerr (clarinet) and cantors Maddie Hayes, Grace Lauber, Laursen Cunningham and Sophia Addimando (altar server).



The SKS PREP classes are getting ready and preparing to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE
Week of: 15 April - 21 April 2026

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| Sunday Collections: \$5,260.00 | Salaries: \$91,013.75 |
| Electronic Giving: \$5,881.00 | Diocesan Assessment: \$14,675.00 |
| Tuition: \$12,500.00 | Administration Expenses: \$16,448.70 |
| | Utilities: \$8,179.22 |
| | Insurance: \$6,037.42 |
| Other Income: \$2,759.70 | Other Expenses: \$7,464.60 |
| Weekly Income: \$26,400.70 | Weekly Expenses \$143,818.69 |
| YTD Income: \$4,225,440.58 | YTD Expenses: \$3,888,879.47 |
| | YTD Balance: \$336,561.11 |

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 will present 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 church. The concert is free and all are welcome. Please invite your friends and family.

Walking with Purpose
Tuesday, April 28th
9:15-11am in the Parish Center

Please join Walking With Purpose Women's Bible study for our last connect coffee of the season!

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
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Athletic Association
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Close Knit Community
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Family Promise
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WORSHIP

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Paul and Alicia Peterson
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Altar Servers

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Janna Forte
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Ministers of the Word (Lectors)

Dan Hayes
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Pre Jordan

Stephanie Twohig
610-688-7890

Rosary Group

Mary Ann Mahoney
610-324-3437

CATECHESIS

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Home and School Association

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Parish School

Jeanne Mulvanerty
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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



Report Abuse to :

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

Kristen Nicholls
moyc@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.