

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

Kim O'Neill
Coordinator for Parish Life and
Ministry: 610-688-4584

Jeanne Mulvanerty
School Principal
610-688-5451

Stephanie Twohig
Youth Ministry
Director of Religious Education
610-688-7890

MaryAnn Crowe
Parish Nurse: 610-688-9479

Laura Kerr
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, Robert Till, Rita Tuma

MASS AND PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2026

9:30 AM Rodney Quisenberry

11:30 AM Patricia McGinnis

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Vassallo Family

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Domenic Mercuri

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Special Intention

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Robert and Eleanor Myers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

8:00 AM Joseph Parella

5:00 PM Joseph Abbondandolo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

9:30 AM John Kokolus

11:30 AM Robert Dwyer

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

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

Larry Imbesi
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

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PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE

Week of: 22 July - 28 July 2026

Sunday Collections: \$6,236.00

Electronic Giving: \$8,651.00

Tuition: \$42,105.32

Donations: \$3,770.00

Other Income: \$6,448.50

Weekly Income: \$67,210.82

YTD Income: \$956,973.37

Benefits: \$53,977.74

Administration Expenses:

\$35,427.31

Maintenance: \$42,920.83

Other Expenses: \$8,128.88

Weekly Expenses \$140,454.76

YTD Expenses: \$386,080.73

YTD Balance: \$570,892.64



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.

Clearances for School and Parish Volunteers

Thank you to our wonderful SKS volunteers! Just a reminder that the Archdiocese of Philadelphia requires that all adults who have contact with children complete several clearances before they help, including volunteers for reading circle, lunch duty, PREP, CYO, Scouts, etc. We are offering one of the requirements, the *Protecting God's Children* workshop, on October 7th at 7pm in the parish center. You can register for the session and find information about all of the clearances at www.sksparish.org/volunteer or contact Kim O'Neill at koneill@sksparish.org or 610-688-4584.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA COLLECTION

Last May, Pope Leo XIV promulgated his first encyclical letter. Entitled *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*, it addresses familiar concerns about AI. The title, Latin for “magnificent humanity,” points to the document’s teaching that no machine can replace the God-given magnificence of the human person. Pope Leo writes: “We must lovingly safeguard the grandeur of humanity bestowed upon us and revealed in its fullness in Christ, the splendor of which no machine can ever replace” (§15).

This very timely encyclical covers a number of topics. Among them is the importance of schools, where “new generations can learn to seek and love the truth, to reflect on the meaning of life and to recognize the dignity of every person” (§143). Our Holy Father acknowledges that “for this reason, many parents, who want their children to grow in the capacity to form relationships, develop critical thinking skills and embrace solid values, place great expectations on schools as valuable partners in their children’s education (§143).

We are blessed here in America with many Catholic schools, including colleges and universities that help our children learn about God and embrace solid Christian values as they prepare for their adult lives. Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., is the only institution of higher education founded by the U.S. Bishops and chartered by the Vatican. It enjoys the distinction of being the national university of the Catholic Church and is charged with educating the future leaders of the Church, nation and the world. It is a national research university with more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students. It offers more than 250 academic programs on a residential campus that provides a transformative experience – academic, spiritual and social – to prepare students for a life of meaning and purpose in accordance with our Catholic faith. I had the privilege of studying Sacred Scriptures at CUA (1984 – 86) in its outstanding doctoral program under such world renowned theologians as Fr. Joseph A. Fitzmyer, S. J., who was the general editor for the authoritative *Jerome Biblical Commentary*, and Fr. John Meyers, recognized worldwide for his scholarship on the writings of St. John.

The founders of CUA set down the following first principle: “The teaching of the University should be faithfully Catholic, conformed in all things to the creed of the Church and the decisions of the Holy See.” It is still faithfully Catholic today. So, it is particularly important to support CUA today at a time when so many people – including many Catholics – are being misled away from the truth of the Gospel. Our annual collection for the Catholic University of America will be taken up next weekend. Please be generous so this institution can continue to educate the next generation of Catholic leaders.



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Every year, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord on 6 August, 40 days before the Feast of the Exultation of the Holy Cross which is celebrated on 14 September. The account of the Transfiguration is also proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Lent every year - and for good reason. Just as our Lord was transfigured before the three disciples up on Mount Tabor to encourage them as they prepared to accompany Jesus to Jerusalem where he would be crucified and then rise from the dead, so it encourages us at the beginning of every Lent as we prepare to accompany our Lord through his suffering, death and resurrection.



This Thursday, we will have the opportunity to reflect on the Transfiguration of our Lord with a slightly different focus. During Ordinary Time – the liturgical season we’re in right now – we recognize that God has ordered our lives toward him. His Son, Jesus, followed his heavenly Father’s will and, as we read so poetically presented in the *Letter to the Philippians*, “though he was in the form of God,... he humbled himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness” (*Php* 2:6a, 7). He lived among us, fully human, a man who showed us God’s love in person. As the transfiguration demonstrated, however, he remained truly God and even communed with the prophets of old. We hear in Thursday’s gospel account that Moses and Elijah accompanied him at Mount Tabor. In this glorious encounter, the disciples Peter, James and John were privileged to catch a glimpse of heaven where all the faithful will be able to join the prophets of old – along with all of the other saints – as they commune with God. When we think of the Transfiguration, we might be tempted to focus on the miraculous transformation of Jesus with a face that “shone like the sun” and clothes that “became white as light” (*Mt* 17:2). I invite you to consider, however, the even greater miracle of Jesus hiding his divinity for all of those 33 years that he was among us. Finally, on Mt. Tabor, he could let his divine nature poke out!

Another interesting aspect of this account of the Transfiguration is that Peter, recognizing this divine encounter, suggested building three tents – one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah. These tents would be like the Tent of Meeting that Moses had erected during the Exodus where he would encounter God. To further demonstrate the similarity between the encounter with God during the Exodus and on Mount Tabor, the gospel account recalls that a “bright cloud cast a shadow over them” just as a column of smoke would fill the Meeting Tent whenever Moses came before God. From that bright cloud came a voice that announced: “This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased.” This recalls our Lord’s baptism at the Jordan where similar words are spoken after he is baptized.

As we continue Ordinary Time, let us listen to God’s Son. Jesus is the Word of God made flesh who ceaselessly shows us God’s love and teaches us how to follow him until the day when he returns in all his glory to lead the faithful to commune with God forever in heaven!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Thinking About Becoming Catholic?

Interested in Baptism, Confirmation or learning more about the Catholic faith? Join us this fall. Questions are welcome.

For more information and to sign up, please contact Msgr. Brouwers at 610-688-4584 or halb@sksparish.org.

2026 SKS CYO Fall Sports

There are 8 Fall Sports offered for this upcoming season and we will need coaches and assistants for the following sports:

- Tackle football
- Flag Football
- Golf
- Cross Country
- Field Hockey
- Soccer
- Volleyball
- Cheerleading

Register: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/527064>

If interested in Assisting Coaches for one of our Fall Sports – Please contact Jason Griesser (Fall Sports Coordinator) at jasong748@gmail.com.

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.

Help Wanted: Health Aide to Assist Child in Pre-K

Parish family seeks person(s) to assist their 4-year-old child in the 26/27 school year as a “health aide”. Child is well behaved but has physical impairments which necessitate assistance with toileting and diapering. Child is attending OLA Academy in Strafford, Mon-Fri. 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Part time or full time hours available. Those interested could commit to as much as five (5) days or as little as one (1) day per week. No prior experience necessary. Please contact Jack Saint Clair at 267-476-0568 for further details.

St. Martin de Porres School Supplies

Our sister school, St. Martin de Porres, is already planning for the fall and has created an Amazon wishlist of supplies. You will find it at www.sksparish.org/smdpwishlist or scan the QR code. Items will be delivered directly to the school. Be sure to include your name so they know whom to thank!



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

Jason Griesser
ad@sksparish.org

Cub Scouts

Jason Botzler
Shawn Sweeney
skspack219@gmail.com

C.A.R.E.S. (Children Are Receiving Extended Care)

Katie Jones
kjones@skssschool.org

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

Lucian Herciu
267-307-3964
herciul@yahoo.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

Rectory
610-688-4584

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

Adrienne Faralli
homeandschool@skssschool.org

Marriage Preparation

Dan and Julie Pijawka
610-247-0582

Parish School

Jeanne Mulvanerty
610-688-5451

P.R.E.P.

Stephanie Twohig
610-688-7890

Respect Life

sksrespectlife@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
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.