

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

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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

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, JULY 12, 2026

9:30 AM John Gartland
11:30 AM James and Marjorie White

MONDAY, JULY 13, 2026

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

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

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Deidre Slifer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Wasyl and Anastasia Maruszczak

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2026

6:30 AM Tyler Brown-Cross
8:00 AM John Follman

FRIDAY, JULY 17, 2026

6:30 AM Pasquale DiGiacomo
8:00 AM Lewers/Shea Families

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026

8:00 AM McCafferty/Schleicher Families
5:00 PM Veith/Williams Families

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

9:30 AM Carmen Perez
11:30 AM James and Marjorie White

*Readings: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27;
Mt 12:24-43 or 13:24-30*

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	Larry Imbesi
Michael Bushey	Ginny Jackson
Ryan Carlton	Wesley Jones
Charles Carr	Libby Judge
Jackie Chedeville	Chris Kolmer
Nancy DeFelice	Tony Lopez
Brady Duperreault	Timothy Mahoney
Jamie Donnelly	John McCabe
Patrick Graham	Mark Megaw
Rosemary Grimm	Mary Ann Moffitt
Felix Houvig	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:

Connie Winoski, Taig Callaghan-Carter

PARISH ACTIVITIES



OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE Week of: 1 July - 7 July 2026

Sunday Collections: \$6,368.00	Maintenance: \$9,289.96
Electronic Giving: \$8,896.00	Administration Expenses: \$13,488.50
Tuition: \$4,528.00	
Other Income: \$5,797.06	Other Expenses: \$5,590.13
Weekly Income: \$25,589.06	Weekly Expenses \$28,368.59
YTD Income: \$25,589.06	YTD Expenses: \$28,368.59
	YTD Balance: \$(2,779.53)



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.

Protecting God's Children workshop at SKS October 7th at 7pm

St. Katharine's will host a *Protecting God's Children* workshop on October 7th at 7pm in the parish center. The Archdiocese requires all staff and volunteers who have regular contact with children (once a week or more) to complete this training. This includes adults working or volunteering in school, PREP, CYO and other parish activities. The workshop is the most time-consuming requirement to complete – make it easier by attending here at SKS. Registration for this in-person session will begin at the end of the summer. These workshops fill quickly! If you would like to be notified when registration opens, contact Kim O'Neill at koneill@sksparish.org. You can find the full list of required clearances at stkatharineofsiena.org/volunteer/.

From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

REFLECTIONS ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

As we continue to celebrate our nation's semiquincentennial, I would like to offer some more reflections on the tremendous freedom we enjoy in our country. One of these freedoms is freedom to worship God according to our consciences. Our nation's Constitution declares in its very first amendment that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The Constitution regulates Congress which, according to its first amendment, should not make any laws that would prohibit the free exercise of our religion.

In 2012, the Bishops of the United States issued a statement on religious liberty, entitled *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty*. It is such an important document that I would like to review it again for your reflection.

The statement begins with this bold declaration:

We are Catholics. We are Americans. We are proud to be both, grateful for the gift of faith which is ours as Christian disciples and grateful for the gift of liberty which is ours as American citizens. To be Catholic and American should mean not having to choose one over the other. Our allegiances are distinct, but they need not be contradictory, and should instead be complementary. That is the teaching of our Catholic faith, which obliges us to work together with fellow citizens for the common good of all who live in this land. That is the vision of our founding and our Constitution, which guarantees citizens of all religious faiths the right to contribute to our common life together.

We live in a time when religious liberty continues to be under attack not just here in America but in many parts of the world. Here, in our country, we have recently experienced secular forces bringing lawsuits against bakeries that refuse to make cakes for gay marriages, communities of religious sisters to force them to provide health coverage for their employees that pay for abortions and contraceptives, and Catholic Social Service agencies for not placing foster children with gay couples. Fortunately, all of these lawsuits have ended with the rights of those exercising their religious freedom upheld but anti-religious groups and misguided individuals keep trying new tactics to undermine our religious freedom. Then, in April, Vice President J. D. Vance admonished Pope Leo XIV, declaring that the pope should be careful when he talks about matters of theology. Fortunately, our Holy Father, guided by the Holy Spirit, continues to speak clearly and forcefully, shining the light of God's truth on such important matters as war, immigration, climate change and artificial intelligence. We Catholics need to be sure to read and reflect on his statements; they speak a truth that so many in the secular world do not want to hear.

We celebrated our nation's freedom from oppression last week but this freedom continues to be threatened. This is not new, however. As I'm sure you realize, many of our first European ancestors fled here to escape such oppressive practices. A good example of this is related in the bishop's statement, *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty*:

In 1634, a mix of Catholic and Protestant settlers arrived at St. Clement's Island in Southern Maryland from England aboard the *Ark* and the *Dove*. They had come at the invitation of the Catholic Lord Baltimore, who had been granted Maryland by the Protestant King Charles I of England. While Catholics and Protestants were killing each other in Europe, Lord Baltimore imagined Maryland as a society where people of different faiths could live together peacefully. This vision was soon codified in Maryland's 1649 Act Concerning Religion (also called the "Toleration Act"), which was the first law in our nation's history to protect an individual's right to freedom of conscience.

Unfortunately, as the Bishop's document retells, this vision of religious tolerance was short lived. *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty* goes on to relate:

Maryland's early history teaches us that, like any freedom, religious liberty requires constant vigilance and protection, or it will disappear. Maryland's experiment in religious toleration ended within a few decades. The colony was placed under royal control, and the Church of England became the established religion. Discriminatory laws, including the loss of political rights, were enacted against those who refused to conform. Catholic chapels were closed, and Catholics were restricted to practicing their faith in their homes. The Catholic community lived under these conditions until the American Revolution.

But, the importance of religious freedom was not lost on our Founding Fathers. *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty* goes on to explain:

By the end of the 18th century, our nation's founders embraced freedom of religion as an essential condition of a free and democratic society. James Madison, often called the Father of the Constitution, described conscience as "the most sacred of all property." He wrote that "the Religion then of every man must be left to the conviction and conscience of every man; and it is the right of every man to exercise it as these may dictate." George Washington wrote that "the establishment of Civil and Religious Liberty was the motive that induced me to the field of battle." Thomas Jefferson assured the Ursuline Sisters - who had been serving a mostly non-Catholic population by running a hospital, an orphanage, and schools in Louisiana since 1727 - that the principles of the Constitution were a "sure guarantee" that their ministry would be free "to govern itself according to its own voluntary rules, without interference from the civil authority."

It is therefore fitting that when the Bill of Rights was ratified, religious freedom had the distinction of being the First Amendment. Religious liberty is indeed the first liberty. The First Amendment guarantees that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." That is our American heritage, our most cherished freedom. It is the first freedom because if we are not free in our conscience and our practice of religion, all other freedoms are fragile. If citizens are not free in their own consciences, how can they be free in relation to others, or to the state? If our obligations and duties to God are impeded, or even worse, contradicted by the government, then we can no longer claim to be a land of the free, and a beacon of hope for the world.

We see the need for religious freedom in the civil rights movement that is still fresh in our minds; many of us lived through those turbulent times. *Our First, Most Cherished Liberty* recalls the important role that religion played in resolving this dark chapter of our nation:

During the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, Americans shone the light of the Gospel on a dark history of slavery, segregation, and racial bigotry. The civil rights movement was an essentially religious movement, a call to awaken consciences, not only an appeal to the Constitution for America to honor its heritage of liberty. In his famous *Letter from Birmingham Jail* in 1963, Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. boldly said, "The goal of America is freedom." As a Christian pastor, he argued that to call America to the full measure of that freedom was the specific contribution Christians are obliged to make. He rooted his legal and constitutional arguments about justice in the long Christian tradition:

I would agree with Saint Augustine that "An unjust law is no law at all." Now what is the difference between the two? How does one determine when a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man-made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. To put it in the terms of Saint Thomas Aquinas, an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law.

Our First, Most Cherished Liberty goes on to reflect on Martin Luther King's letter:

It is a sobering thing to contemplate our government enacting an unjust law. An unjust law cannot be obeyed. In the face of an unjust law, an accommodation is not to be sought, especially by resorting to equivocal words and deceptive practices. If we face today the prospect of unjust laws, then Catholics in America, in solidarity with our fellow citizens, must have the courage not to obey them. No American desires this. No Catholic welcomes it. But if it should fall upon us, we must discharge it as a duty of citizenship and an obligation of faith.

As Catholics, we are obliged to defend the right to religious liberty for ourselves and for others. ...A theologically rich and politically prudent declaration from *Evangelicals and Catholics Together* made a powerful case for greater vigilance in defense of religious freedom, precisely as a united witness animated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Their declaration makes it clear that as Christians of various traditions we object to a "naked public square," stripped of religious arguments and religious believers. We do not seek a "sacred public square" either, which gives special privileges and benefits to religious citizens. Rather, we seek a civil public square, where all citizens can make their contribution to the common good. At our best, we might call this an American public square.

The Lord Jesus came to liberate us from the dominion of sin. Political liberties are one part of that liberation, and religious liberty is the first of those liberties. Together with our fellow Christians, joined by our Jewish brethren, and in partnership with Americans of other religious traditions, we affirm that our faith requires us to defend the religious liberty granted us by God, and protected in our Constitution.

We need, therefore, to speak frankly with each other when our freedoms are threatened. Now is such a time. As Catholic bishops and American citizens, we address an urgent summons to our fellow Catholics and fellow Americans to be on guard, for religious liberty is under attack, both at home and abroad.

As we continue to face challenges to religious freedom, I encourage you to reflect on the importance of maintaining religious freedom as one of our most essential freedoms. One of our efforts, and perhaps the most effective, at defending this freedom is prayer. The United States Bishops propose this prayer and I encourage you join me in praying it daily:

Prayer for Religious Liberty

Almighty God, Father of all nations, for freedom you have set us free in Christ Jesus (*Gal 5:1*). We praise and bless you for the gift of religious liberty, the foundation of human rights, justice and the common good. Grant to our leaders the wisdom to protect and promote our liberties. By your grace may we have the courage to defend them, for ourselves and for all those who live in this blessed land.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, our patroness, and in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Your Family Can Reduce Summertime Hunger for Others

Looking for a fun activity that will teach your children the joy of helping others? Consider cooking or purchasing foods for *Caring for Friends* or *Mercy Hospice*, two programs that our parish has supported for years. Each sees a decline in donations during the summer.

If you'd like to cook, you'll find the freezers, supplies and instruction in the parish center closet, across from the back entrance to the church.

Can't cook? *Caring for Friends* needs peanut butter and jelly, canned items like beans, vegetables, fruit and boxes of rice, pasta, cereal or crackers. *Mercy Hospice* requests large packages of frozen fish, chicken breasts and lasagna, large cans of veggies and individually wrapped snacks like chips or granola bars. All foods can be dropped off in the freezer room.

Home Visits

Would you like Holy Communion brought to you in your home? Please call the rectory at 610-688-4584.

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!



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.

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
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Cub Scouts

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

Katie Jones
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Family Promise

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H.O.P.E. (Helping Other People in Emergencies)

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Knights of Columbus

Lucian Herciu
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Mercy Hospice Casserole Program

Jane Dwyer
610-306-9171
Jane Dooner
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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
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Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Church Environment

Rectory
610-688-4584

Eucharistic Ministers

Patrice Polgar
484-620-2282

Liturgical Music Ministries

Laura Kerr
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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
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Marriage Preparation

Dan and Julie Pijawka
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Parish School

Jeanne Mulvanerty
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P.R.E.P. and P.R.E.P. Board

Stephanie Twohig
610-688-7890

Respect Life

sksrespectlife@gmail.com

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Msgr. Brouwers
610-688-4584

OUT OF PARISH RESOURCES

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.