

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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Rev. Kien Do
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Kim O'Neill
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610-688-9489
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Business Manager

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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, JULY 19, 2026

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

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM End of the War in Ukraine

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

TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2026

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

THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2026

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

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 2026

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

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2026

8:00 AM Joseph Butwin
5:00 PM Miriam Epps

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

9:30 AM Carole Rose
11:30 AM Bob and Joan Lewers

*Readings: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30;
Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46*

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: 8 July - 14 July 2026

Sunday Collections: \$6,639.00	Benefits: \$57,833.02
Electronic Giving: \$8,491.00	Parish Center Roof Repair: \$56,432.00
Tuition: \$114,162.89	
Other Income: \$481.00	Other Expenses: \$492.20
Weekly Income: \$129,773.89	Weekly Expenses \$114,757.22
YTD Income: \$155,362.95	YTD Expenses: \$143,125.81
YTD Balance: \$12,237.14	



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

“AND JESUS SPOKE TO THEM IN PARABLES.”

This week and next, we will hear several parables in the Sunday gospels. Jesus often spoke in parables to teach his followers. In fact, there are over 100 parables in the Bible and Jesus uses at least 35 parables in his teachings. About 20 of them are found in Matthew's Gospel - the one that is featured this liturgical year - so it's especially helpful this year to understand them. But what exactly is a parable and why did Jesus choose to use them as a teaching tool?

The English word “parable” derives from the Greek word “parabole” which is an ancient translation of the Hebrew word “māshāl.” In the Old Testament, this word described a wide variety of literary forms such as axioms, proverbs, similitudes and allegories. When Jesus used this style, it was primarily to use events of daily life – seed that is sown, a mustard seed or a hidden treasure, as we hear in the gospels this Sunday and next – to illustrate an important truth. And, they are understood only by those who are open to their teaching. For everyone else, we hear Jesus quote the prophet Isaiah and declare:

You shall indeed hear but not understand,
you shall indeed look but never see.
Gross is the heart of this people,
they will hardly hear with their ears,
they have closed their eyes,
lest they see with their eyes
and hear with their ears
and understand with their hearts and be converted,
and I will heal them. (Mt. 13:14b-15)

We want to be among those who open our hearts to his teachings and continue to undergo conversion as our Lord heals us of our sins so that we can enter into God's kingdom. Many of the parables in Matthew's Gospel teach us about the Kingdom of God, referred to as the Kingdom of Heaven in this gospel. In the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, we read:

§546 Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven". For those who stay "outside", everything remains enigmatic.

Aware of the purpose of parables in the gospels, let's examine the ones we will hear over these two Sundays to grasp their meaning and message for us. This Sunday's first parable begins with an interesting sentence: “The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.” Notice, first of all, that Jesus is teaching about the mysterious “kingdom of heaven.” Matthew's Gospel records that the first words of Jesus as he began his public ministry were: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt 4:17). It is clear that

Jesus has come to introduce the kingdom of heaven. Today's gospel passage gives us an important insight into this kingdom. The “man who sows good seed in his field” refers to God offering his saving word to everyone. But, there is another player in the field – God's enemy, the devil – who wants to hide God's goodness and choke off access to God's kingdom. We cannot root out the devil in this world but are assured that if we allow God to care for us like a good farmer, we will bear good fruit and be like the wheat that the farmer gathers into his barn, an analogy for God gathering his faithful into his kingdom.



This Sunday's second parable compares the kingdom of heaven to a mustard seed. Jesus describes the tremendous growth that occurs – from a seed that he calls “the smallest of all the seeds” to “a large bush, and ‘the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.’” With this parable, Jesus explains that God's kingdom starts small but grows beyond our imagination. And, just as the large bush provides a safe, secure and inviting home for the birds, so the kingdom of God provides us with a safe, secure and inviting place for us to dwell.

The third parable that Jesus offers this Sunday compares heaven to yeast. Using only a small amount of yeast, the woman in the parable leavens a large batch of wheat flour, demonstrating that, with just a few followers, Jesus transforms the world into God's kingdom.

Next week, we will hear Jesus, once again, teach us about the kingdom of heaven with two more parables. In the first parable, Jesus says that the “kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field which a person finds and hides again.” At a time before banks and secure storage facilities, this was a common practice but it had its risks. Jesus goes on to relate that the person who has discovered the hidden treasure doesn't go and tell the owner who may not be aware of this great find but, instead, “goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.” Jesus doesn't comment on the morality of this person's action but shows that attaining the kingdom of heaven is worth everything we have.

In next Sunday's second parable, Jesus compares the kingdom of heaven to a merchant in search of fine pearls. Pearls have been treasured down through the ages for their luster and good quality pearls have always been sought out. And, like the buried treasure in next Sunday's first parable, a fine pearl is worth total surrender of everything; so is the kingdom of heaven.

Just like this Sunday, next Sunday's gospel passage includes Jesus using three parables to describe the kingdom of heaven. In the third parable, Jesus speaks of the final judgment, when the righteous will be separated from the wicked in the same way as the good fish are separated from the bad fish after a net, “thrown into the sea,” collects fish of every kind.

Other parables that we will hear about this year from Matthew's gospel teach us about the radical forgiveness that is expected of those who want to be part of God's kingdom (we learn about that in mid-September in the parable about the servant who has been forgiven a great debt but refuses to forgive a fellow servant of his smaller one), God's generosity to all who respond to his call, regardless of when they respond (that lesson is taught later in September through the parable of the workers in the vineyard) and the requirement to respond to God's call through our actions (Jesus makes this clear in his parable of the two sons at the end of September).

Jesus longs for us to be part of the kingdom of God but we need to listen carefully to his teachings and follow him, rather than the devil, to that “place” where we find safety and security. Like yeast, we are to help make God's kingdom arise in our midst, seeking it as that treasure of great price above all other things, responding with the same mercy that God has shown us, being patient with those who are slower to respond to God's call than we have been and making sure that we not only say that we will work to bring about God's kingdom but actually do the work that is required. Yes, our Lord's parables provide us with very important insights into God's kingdom and our faith journey if only we “have eyes that see and ears that hear” his saving word!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

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.

Home Visits

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

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.

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.

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!



Annie, Brendan, Ruthie, and Felicity are getting to be pros! Kathleen McNally has done a wonderful job showing them the ropes—not only learning the music, but also helping them understand the order and "rhythm" of the Mass. It has been such a joy to watch them grow week by week!



Packie O'Leary with Sophie Walkenhorst. Packie is training to become a sacristan as Sophie heads off to college this fall!



ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA SCHOOL
SKS FALL CLASSIC
SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

GOLF OUTING AT
WAYNESBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB
TENNIS/PICKLE AT OVERBROOK GOLF CLUB
RECEPTION AND DINNER AT
WAYNESBOROUGH COUNTRY CLUB

OPEN TO SKS FAMILIES, ALUMNI AND FRIENDS OF SKS!
WWW.SKSSCHOOL.ORG/FALLCLASSIC



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

Jason Griesser
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Cub Scouts

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St. Martin de Porres Outreach

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610-357-2392

WORSHIP

Adoration

Maureen Reilly
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Adult Altar Servers

Rectory
610-688-4584

Altar Servers

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Church Environment

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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

Bible Study

Msgr. Brouwers
610-688-4584

Home and School Association

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Marriage Preparation

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Parish School

Jeanne Mulvanerty
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P.R.E.P.

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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
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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.