

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

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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 9, 2026

9:30 AM John Kokolus

11:30 AM Robert Dwyer

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Sr. Sheila Galligan, IHM (Living)

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Government Leaders (Living)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

6:30 AM James and Marjorie White

8:00 AM Ted Ahern

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Special Intention

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Special Intention

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2026

8:00 AM Deceased Members of the Snell Family

5:00 PM Veith/Williams Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

9:30 AM Connie Winowski

11:30 AM Carmen Perez

Readings: Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

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

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



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.

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.

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.

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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This coming Saturday, 15 August, we will join with the universal Church in celebrating the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Jesus, into heaven. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year since it is celebrated on a Saturday. It will be celebrated at our regular 8:00am Mass on Saturday but, since it is the principal feast day of the Blessed Mother, I would like to offer you some reflections on it.

We in the Western Church celebrate the Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary because of the tradition that, shortly after her death, Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven. In the Eastern Church which, in the early Christian world was centered in Constantinople (modern-day Istanbul), it is called the Dormition, or the "falling asleep", because the Eastern Church does not speak of her death but of her falling asleep before being raised up into heaven. This tradition was already recorded in the sixth century; by the beginning of the 20th century, it was widespread. So, after consulting with the bishops around the world, Pope Pius XII formally declared the Assumption to be part of the authentic doctrine of the universal Church in 1950.

As you know, we derive our beliefs from both the Bible and Tradition. Although there is no Biblical reference to Mary's assumption into heaven, there is a rich and varied tradition. Allow me to provide a summary of it; it is quite interesting!

Nothing certain is known about the day, year and manner of Mary's death. Dates assigned for her death vary from three to 15 years after her son's Ascension. Two cities claim to be the place of Mary's Assumption: Jerusalem and Ephesus. The Church of the Dormition, just outside the walls of Jerusalem, has a tomb where tradition dating back to the 6th century asserts Mary was interred. The House of Mary outside of Ephesus enjoys an even earlier tradition that claims that she lived there with St. John and was buried in a nearby cave. Popes have visited both sites (I had the privilege of celebrating Mass with Pope Benedict XVI when he visited the Ephesus House of Mary in November 2006) and have declared them both to be worthy pilgrimage sites. Historical references favor the Jerusalem site but the tradition that John took Mary to Ephesus is also strong. On the one hand, St. John of Damascus, an 8th century Doctor of the Church, wrote this about the Assumption:

St. Juvenal, Bishop of Jerusalem, at the Council of Chalcedon (451), made known to the Emperor Marcian and Pulcheria, who wished to possess the body of the Mother of God, that Mary died in the presence of all the Apostles, but that her tomb, when opened, upon the request of St. Thomas, was found empty; wherefrom the Apostles concluded that the body was taken up to heaven.

On the other hand, in a letter sent in 431 by the members of the Council of Ephesus to the clergy of Constantinople we read that Nestorius "reached the city of Ephesus where John the Theologian and the Mother of God, the Holy Virgin, have their tombs". The origin of the feast that we will celebrate on Saturday is also uncertain. It is more probably the anniversary of the dedication of some church than the actual anniversary of Our Lady's death. According to one ancient tradition, the feast originated at the time of the Council of Ephesus (431). Another ancient tradition claims that St. Damasus introduced it when he was the bishop of Rome (366 – 384). Unfortunately, there is no surviving evidence to support either of these traditions.

According to a contemporary account of the life of St. Theodosius (d. 529) it was celebrated in Palestine before the year 500, probably in August. In Egypt and Arabia, however, it was observed in January.

In 847, Pope Leo IV extended the observance of the Assumption for an octave, ending on 23 August; the octave is still observed in the dioceses of the provinces of Sienna and Fermo in Italy as well as Michoacan in Mexico. The Greek Church also extends this feast to 23 August.

By promulgating the Bull *Munificentissimus Deus*, on 1 November 1950, Pope Pius XII declared infallibly that the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was a dogma of the Catholic Faith. Likewise, the Second Vatican Council taught in the Dogmatic Constitution *Lumen Gentium* that "the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, when her earthly life was over, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things (§ 59)." So, you can see that this feast has had a very long and interesting history in the Church. As I mentioned above, it is Mary's principal feast day, so I invite you to join us at the 8:00am Mass on Saturday to celebrate. Where she has gone, we hope to follow!



PARISH ACTIVITIES

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

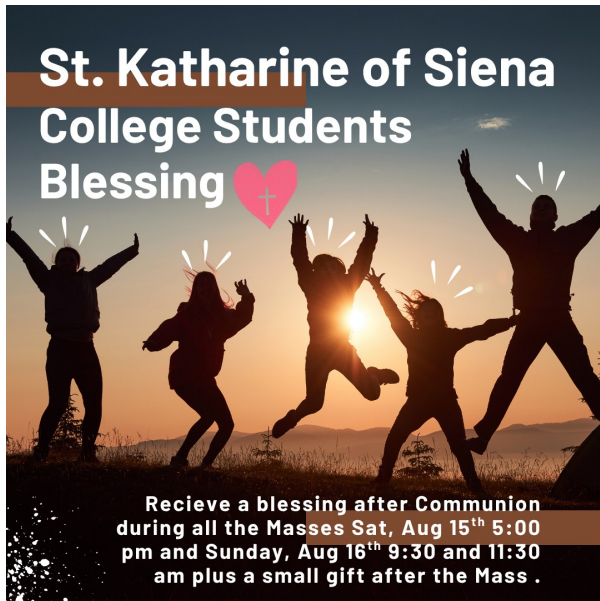
Parish family seeks person(s) to assist their 4-year-old child in the 26/27 school year as a "health aide". Child is well behaved but has physical impairments which necessitate assistance with toileting and diapering. Child is attending OLA Academy in Strafford, Mon-Fri. 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Part time or 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. 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





PREP News

Our Religious Education program (PREP) is in need of aides and teachers:

- * Several aides at 4:30pm
- * Lead teacher for 4th grade at 6:30pm

Classes meet for one hour at 4:30 or 6:30 pm on Mondays, beginning on September 14th. Materials, plans and ideas are provided. If you are interested in helping, please contact Steph Twohig, Director of Religious Education, at sksdre@sksparish.org or 610-688-7890.

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.sksparrish.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!



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.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

RETROUVAILLE: REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Retro-vy). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. The next program will be held on the weekend of October 2nd – 4th. For more information, or to register, call 215-766-3944 or visit www.MarriageHelpDeVal.org. All inquiries are strictly confidential.

Archdiocese of Philadelphia, PA – Care Manager

Do you have a healthcare background? Do you love your Catholic faith and have a desire to help priests set and meet healthy living goals? Our archdiocese is seeking applications for a unique, mission-driven position dedicated to providing essential healthcare navigation and support for our clergy members. This role does not require hands-on clinical care. Please submit your resume to: REC@metacareusa.com.

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@sksschool.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
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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@sksschool.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.