

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

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610-688-5451

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Youth Ministry
Director of Religious Education
610-688-7890

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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, SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

9:30 AM John McGee

11:30 AM Peter Jones

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2026

9:00 AM Catherine O'Connor

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration today.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Dominic Mercuri

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

6:30 AM Michelina Abbondandolo

8:00 AM McCafferty/Schleicher Families

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Robert Dwyer

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Bob Lewers

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2026

8:00 AM Joseph Judge

5:00 PM James and Marjorie White

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

9:30 AM Kenneth Mathias

11:30 AM Joseph Judge

Readings: Sir 27:3-28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

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

Deceased Prayer List:

Carol Van Trieste

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.

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-

Home Visits

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

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.

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

As celebration of the semiquincentennial of our nation winds down, Philadelphia has been in the spotlight as the birthplace of our nation with the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The city and its environs were privileged to host the world's largest sports tournament and the country's formal 250th birthday party. Many areas in the city received a thorough cleaning and an additional 250 cherry blossom trees were planted throughout the city. It was good for the city and the entire region.

But several serious problems still plague Philadelphia. Fortunately, some of these problems are being addressed with encouraging changes. Over the past few years, Philadelphia, had the unfortunate distinction of having the highest poverty rate among the ten most populous cities in our country. In 2022, more than 23% of Philadelphians lived in poverty. That percentage has dropped significantly and the U.S. Census Bureau reported last September that the poverty rate was 19.7%, placing it behind Houston, with a poverty rate of 21.20%. The quality of education offered in predominantly Black and Brown neighborhoods in Philadelphia has also improved. Until two years ago, Philadelphia had the unfortunate distinction of coming in 42nd of the 50 big cities in the U.S.A. with the worst public education systems. Last year, however, it didn't even make that list. Unfortunately, however, this inequality in educational opportunity has a long history not only in Philadelphia but throughout our country. Next week, we have the opportunity to contribute to addressing this ongoing problem as we participate in the annual Collection for the Black and Indian Missions which focuses on addressing the issues of poverty and education in these communities. Established in 1884, the Black and Indian Mission Collection responds to the concern of the Catholic Church throughout our nation for evangelizing the Black, Native American and Indigenous peoples of the United States of America. Your contribution to this fund assists clergy, religious and lay catechists, parishes, schools and catechetical centers in their ongoing efforts to evangelize these people – so often forgotten by the rest of our society.

This important ministry within our Church has an interesting local connection; allow me to share it with you. I imagine you're familiar with the story of St. Katharine Drexel, our first Philadelphia-born person to be declared a saint. She was the daughter of Francis A. Drexel, a wealthy international banker. Born in 1858, she lived a very comfortable life as a child and young woman. She was well educated and travelled extensively around the country with her family in their private railroad car. A book that she read, Helen Hunt Jackson's *A Century of Dishonor*, brought to her attention the plight of the American Indians. So, while she was on a European tour, she met Pope Leo XIII and asked him to send more missionaries to Wyoming for her friend, Bishop James O'Connor. The pope replied, "Why don't you become a missionary?" Her initial response to his answer was to become so distraught that she became ill.

Once home, however, she visited the Dakotas, met Red Cloud, the Sioux chief, and began a systematic aid program to Indian missions. In 1889, she renounced her fortune and dedicated her life to care for the American Indians and African Americans. By 1942, she had a system of 50 missions for Indians in 16 states and Catholic schools for African Americans in 13 states. Her crowning achievement was the founding of Xavier University in New Orleans, the first university in the United States for blacks.

I present her inspirational life for your reflection as we prepare, once again, for this annual collection, which we will take up next weekend. Your support impacts the daily pastoral work of our bishops, consecrated religious men and women, and lay leaders who minister on Indian reservations, urban centers, Black Catholic and Alaskan Native parishes, and mission schools throughout the country. And locally, a number of parishes in our Archdiocese – including, St. Martin de Porres, our sister parish – are able to fund pastoral outreach and evangelization programs. Every year, about \$9 million is collected from Catholics across the U.S.A. It is only through your continued generosity to this collection that such efforts can be realized.

After his resurrection, Jesus commanded his followers to “go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature” (Mk 16:15). As another year of evangelization begins in the Black Catholic, Native American and Alaskan Native communities, everyone is called to make a difference by offering their prayers and financial support. As you have done in the past, I encourage you to be generous to this annual collection.

The Black and Indian Mission Office is comprised of three distinct but inter-related organizations, each with its own purpose and history, but all seeking to fulfill the one mission to three mission outreaches in our country. The Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions was established in 1874 to evangelize the American Indians and to advocate for better treatment of these earlier settlers of our land. The Commission for Catholic Missions, founded in 1884, focused on serving the Native Americans in Alaska. And, the Catholic Negro-American Mission Board was established in 1907 to evangelize and serve the African American community in our country. By 1980, these three separate organizations, all founded by the Catholic bishops of the United States, were combined into the Black and Indian Mission Office which cooperates with local diocesan communities to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ and respond to real and pressing needs of these three communities.

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PREP News

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

- * Several aides at 4:30pm and 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.

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.

St. Martin de Porres School Supplies

Our sister school, St. Martin de Porres, is continuing to plan 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!



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.

Parish Nurse Ministry Back to School Tip for Ear Buds What is the 60-60 Rule?

Hearing loss can come naturally with age, but there's a lot you can do to protect your ears throughout life. This is especially important as children are experiencing hearing loss from using ear buds. The 60-60 rule is for safer listening that can help protect your child's hearing. The idea behind the 60-60 rule is to only turn your music to 60 percent of its total volume level and listen to it for no more than 60 minutes per day. Noise canceling headphones can be safer than earbuds because they reduce exterior sounds that may cause you to turn up the volume past safe levels.



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.MarriageHelpDelVal.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
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@sksschool.org

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
Laura Kerr
610-688-4584
evangelization@sksparish.org

Young Adults

Julia Tyson
347-752-3430

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.