

ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY

Rev. Msgr. Hans A. L. Brouwers
Pastor

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Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Kien Do
Priest in Residence

Kim O'Neill
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610-688-5451

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610-688-7890

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610-688-9489
Evangelization

Angela Kusterbeck
Business Manager

Barbara Lombardi
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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, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

9:30 AM Nicola Masciantonio

11:30 AM Elise Furey Dunne

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Ann Benedict

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Susie Pape

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026

6:30 AM Sayde Barcelato

8:00 AM Michael Carson

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

6:30 AM Melva Exner

8:00 AM William Murphy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026

6:30 AM Special Intention

8:00 AM Martin J. O'Connor, Jr.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

8:00 AM Joseph Judge

5:00 PM Patricia Root

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

9:30 AM William and Doris Northington

11:30 AM Michael Ryan

Readings: Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

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:

Mary Victoria Lyons-Keane, John G. Levis

PARISH ACTIVITIES



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OUR STEWARDSHIP IN TREASURE

Weeks of: 9 September - 15 September 2026

Sunday Collections: \$7,551.00
Electronic Giving: \$7,996.00

Salaries: \$82,333.96
Maintenance: \$7,950.00
Administration Expenses: \$14,916.62
Utilities: \$2,110.57

Tuition: \$106,900.00
Socials/Donations: \$89,208.01

Other Income: \$2,827.97
Weekly Income: \$214,482.98
YTD Income: \$1,639,593.08

Other Expenses: \$7,464.36
Weekly Expenses: \$114,775.51
YTD Expenses: \$1,041,947.92

YTD Balance: \$597,645.16



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.

We welcome newly baptized Patrick Kane, Jr. to the church family of St. Katharine of Siena and congratulate his parents, Patrick and Julia Kane.



From the desk of Monsignor Brouwers

Continued Importance of MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS

Artificial Intelligence has certainly been a big topic on the news this past week! Last Saturday, Dario Amodei, the chief executive of Anthropic, called for a global slowdown of artificial intelligence development. The leaders of two other top AI companies – Sam Altman, the chief executive of OpenAI and SpaceXAI founder, Elon Musk – quickly voiced their agreement with Mr. Amodei's ideas. During the week, King Charles III of Britain met with leaders from major artificial intelligence companies, including Nvidia, Google, DeepMind, OpenAI and Anthropic, "to discuss how AI can be developed and deployed in ways that benefit society." There is a general call arising for the implementation of universally shared guidelines and a deliberately slower pace of progress in the vast field of AI development to ensure its safe deployment. This has occurred as a result of recent hacks that included theft of sensitive data, gaining control of data servers and attempts by AI to cover its tracks.

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has been very attentive to this issue. You will recall that he promulgated his first encyclical letter on this very topic last May. The encyclical is entitled *Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence* and it provides very helpful reflections on and recommendations for AI. In this scholarly but practical encyclical, our Holy Father acknowledged the familiar concerns about AI, including job insecurity, manipulation of information, privacy violations, ideological bias, autonomous weapons, and a futuristic vision of an "enhanced human being." In his encyclical, Pope Leo identified a deeper danger: that human beings may begin to see themselves and others as projects "to be optimized" (§112). The title, Latin for "magnificent humanity," pointed to the document's teaching that no machine can replace the God-given magnificence of the human person. Pope Leo wrote: "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).

The encyclical is not a call to reject AI. It is a call to guide our development and use of AI toward the magnificence of humanity (§ 4). Just as his papal namesake, Pope Leo XIII, warned the world in 1891 about the dangers of industrialization in his landmark social justice encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, Pope Leo XIV is warning us today about the dangers of AI.

Magnifica Humanitas builds on the principles introduced in *Rerum Novarum* and the teaching of both Pope Leo XIV's immediate predecessor, Pope Francis, and Saint Pope Paul VI. In his Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis denounced the growing dominance of a technocratic paradigm in our globalized world: the tendency to let the logic of efficiency, control and profit alone shape personal, social and economic decisions. As Pope Leo XIV wrote, this "makes it clear that technology is not simply a tool. When it becomes the standard by which everything is judged, it begins to dictate what matters and what can be discarded, reducing creation to an object of exploitation and human beings to mere cogs in a system driven toward ever greater efficiency" (§92). Pope Leo XIV continued in his encyclical to reflect on the development and dangers of modern technological development:

This paradigm has spread rapidly in recent years, fueled in part by the expansion of artificial intelligence, cognitive science, nanotechnology, robotics and biotechnology. In themselves, these innovations can greatly serve integral human development and the care of our common home. Yet precisely because of their power, they can also hasten the expansion of the technocratic paradigm and therefore require a new spiritual, ethical and political framework. More power does not necessarily imply something better. In this respect, the words of Romano Guardini remain relevant: "Contemporary man has not been trained to use power well" (§93).

The danger of humanity becoming a victim of its own achievements was already clearly recognized by Saint Paul VI, who warned that "the most extraordinary scientific progress, the most astounding technical feats and the most amazing economic growth, unless accompanied by authentic moral and social progress, will in the long run go against man." For this reason, technological progress — valuable in itself — requires careful discernment of the anthropological vision that guides it and the ends it pursues. If technological development advances without a corresponding ethical and social progress, the result may be an increase in means without a growth in humanity: "having more" without "being more." In such a scenario, there is a risk that individuals will be evaluated principally according to the outcomes they produce (§94).

Here, we must recognize another crucial aspect, which I have noted earlier. In many cases within the digital context, control over platforms, infrastructure, data and computing power does not rest with States, but with major economic and technological actors. These entities effectively set the conditions for access, determine the rules of visibility and shape the very possibilities for participation. When such power is concentrated in the hands of a few, it tends to become opaque and evade public oversight, increasing the risk of distorted forms of development that give rise to new dependencies, exclusions, manipulations and inequalities (§95).

Faced with this concentration of power in the digital world, the criteria for judgment and discernment in this new situation are the noble principles of Social Doctrine: the inalienable dignity of the human person, the common good, the universal destination of goods, subsidiarity, solidarity and social justice. They demand that we assess whether the power of digital infrastructures and algorithms truly fosters participation and responsibility, protects the vulnerable, ensures fair access to opportunities and remains directed toward the good of all (§96).

Pope Leo's encyclical warns against equating artificial "intelligence" with human intelligence. The Holy Spirit has inscribed dignity in each of us, and "no computational system, however sophisticated, can create a heart that gives itself, or a conscience that discerns good from evil" (§ 233). Human intelligence is embodied. It matures through experience, relationships, joy, suffering, moral conscience, and responsibility. AI can imitate language, behavior, analysis, and even empathy, but its outputs remain tied to data processing, statistical adaptation, and feedback. It does not possess a body, conscience, moral responsibility, or the capacity for genuine human understanding (§ 99).

AI is already very much a part of our everyday lives and can be very helpful but must be used as a tool to benefit all of humanity. I strongly encourage you to read and prayerfully reflect on this important teaching that Pope Leo offers for us all as we continue to learn how best to use AI. It's here to stay and we need to ensure that it benefits rather than enslaves or destroys us!



PARISH ACTIVITIES

Our Children's Church Choir is off to a wonderful start. All children in 1st-7th grade who loves music and to sing, please contact Steph Twohig at stwowig@sksschool.org for more information. We are scheduled to sing again on Sunday, October 4th and 18th!



Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



Communion and Liberation

Where does Jesus Christ emerge in your daily experience? How can faith inform every aspect of your life? Come join our weekly 'school of community' to pray together, work on various texts and give testimonies of faith, guided by the charism Communion and Liberation. The invitation here is to help each other become more familiar with the presence of the Mystery in all of our circumstances. We meet every Friday evening at 7:30pm at 205 Strafford Ave in Wayne. Please contact SKS parishioners Anujeet at anujeet@icloud.com or Tara at tarasareen@icloud.com for more information. God bless!

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.



St. Martin de Porres Back-to-School Drive Sept. 5 – 21

It's time for the annual school-supplies drive for the school at St. Martin de Porres, our sister parish. You can find a list of items the teachers would like for their classrooms at www.sksparish.org/smpdsupplies or visit their Amazon wishlist at www.sksparish.org/smdpwishlist. Items will be delivered directly to the school if you choose Amazon. Please be sure to include your name so they know whom to thank! You can also drop off donations in the bins in the church library or school entryway.

Marie's Closet - Fall Needs September 12 – 21

Marie's Closet serves low-income Philly residents and is in need of items to start the fall:

- Backpacks (their greatest need)
- Small toiletries (i.e., from hotels)
- Belts
- T-shirts
- Jeans
- Sneakers
- Women's Sport's Bras
- Bath Towels and Wash cloths

Drop off your gently-used backpacks and other donations in the church library. For more info, contact Bob or Jane Till at retill7@aol.com or 610-999-0191.

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.

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.

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.