ST. KATHARINE OF SIENA

Wayne, Pennsylvania | Parish Community



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

SERVED BY:

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Rev. Msgr. John J. Jagodzinski
Pastor Emeritus

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Priest in Residence

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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
Day: 6:30am, 8:00am,12:10pm & 7:00pm

Adoration
Monday 8:30am - 4:30pm with Benediction 4:30-4:45pm

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 & PRAYER INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2026
9:30 AM Marion Thorne
11:30 AM Fred and Anne Simpson

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026
6:30 AM Kitty Ahern
8:00 AM Gertrude Kelley

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2026
6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Kay O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2026
6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Jacinto Oliver

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2026
6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Jerome Focose

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2026
6:30 AM Special Intention
8:00 AM Rita McDonald

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2026
8:00 AM Alejandra Portales
5:00 PM Tom and Pat Woods

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2026
9:30 AM Special Intention
11:30 AM Jack Graham

Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

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, Maryann Sullivan, Sr. William Therese, Thomas Wallace.

Deceased Prayer List:
Jack Beiter, Jack Graham, Jack Johnson

Visit our website: www.sksparish.org



If you are having your first child baptized, the Archdiocese requires the parents to attend a PreJordan class. Contact Stephanie Twohig for further information at 610-688-7890, ext. 126 or email at **sksdre@sksparish.org**.

2026 Day of Sanctification for Priests

The priests of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia assemble at the beginning of each liturgical year for a day of prayer and reflection on the sacred priesthood. This year, our priests will gather with the Archbishop at Mother of Divine Providence Parish, King of Prussia on Monday, November 30th for the 2026 Day of Sanctification for Priests. Please pray for all priests of the Archdiocese, especially this weekend and Monday, with the following prayer from the Roman Missal:

Lord our God, who in governing your people
make use of the ministry of Priests,
grant to these men
a persevering obedience to your will,
so that by their ministry and life
they may gain glory for you in Christ.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Holiday Bulletin Information

Information for the December 6th Parish Bulletin was due to the rectory by 4:00pm on Friday, November 27th.

Information for the December 13th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 4:00pm on Friday, December 4th.

Information for the December 20th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 4:00pm on Thursday, December 10th.

Information for the December 27th Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, December 15th.

Information for the January 3rd Parish Bulletin is due to the rectory by 12:00 pm on Monday, December 21st.

FROM THE DESK OF

Monsignor Brouwers

THE SEASON OF ADVENT



Jesus said to his disciples: “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. …Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at the cockcrow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘Watch!’” (Mk 13:33, 36-37).

With these words, our Lord calls us to prepare us for his coming; he comes to bring us to God’s kingdom. As we begin a new liturgical year today, the First Sunday of Advent, allow me to reflect on the season of Advent and the Gospel of Mark (from which we will hear extensively during this liturgical year).

We all know that Christmas is coming. For us – we who believe in Jesus Christ – there is a much deeper awareness of something very special happening that offers us great joy. And so, we first enter into the season of Advent as we anticipate the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ and look forward to his return in glory.

Christmas is the time, every year, when we have the graced opportunity to reflect on God’s love for us. He has shown us his love in person through the coming of his Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. We should reflect often on this great mystery of our faith: that God, the infinite creator of the universe, would humble himself to become a man to save us.

And, we need to ask ourselves why God would come among us. As we hear proclaimed so clearly in today’s first reading from the prophet Isaiah, God is our loving Father and we, who have hardened our hearts to him, need him to return. Our readings remind us that we are entering into a sacred season of conversion. Isaiah’s prayer calls on God to be the potter forming us into the work of his hands. Jesus calls us to be alert to God’s unexpected appearances in our lives.

Advent is a time of waiting and watching. This week’s readings emphasize watching — watching for the signs of God’s presence, watching for the ways in which God desires to act as the potter to reform our lives according to his will. Jesus told the disciples that the master could show up at any hour so we should always be on the watch for his return.

Beginning this Sunday, we will begin to hear from the Gospel of Mark throughout the Sundays of this liturgical year. Each of the years in the Church's three-year Sunday cycle features one of the three Synoptic Gospels. Year A - which just ended - features the Gospel of Matthew, year B, which begins today, features the Gospel of Mark, and year C features the Gospel of Luke. The Gospel of John is also featured on certain Sundays throughout the year as well as on the first Sundays of Lent and during the Easter season. This cycle allows us to hear each gospel, which presents our Lord's teachings in slightly different ways since each gospel was written to different audiences at different times under different circumstances and for different reasons.

The Gospel of Mark is generally thought to be written between 65AD (when Nero began his persecution in Rome) and 70AD (when Jerusalem was destroyed) and probably in Syria. Originally intended for Gentile (that is, non-Jewish) converts to Christianity, it sought to encourage them as they faced persecution from both the Romans and the Jews. It is very encouraging to us today, as well. As we begin this new liturgical year, let us listen carefully to all the readings, and especially the Gospel of Mark; they are proclaimed to prepare us for the Kingdom of God!



PARISH ACTIVITES

The Beautiful Sound of the Oboe Returns for Advent

We are delighted to welcome back Dr. Meghan Woodard to our Cecelia Scholars Program, now celebrating 11 years of bringing extraordinary professional musicians to Saint Katharine's! Meghan will join us at the 11:30am Masses on November 29th, December 6th and 13th.

An accomplished oboist and educator, Meghan performs with the Philadelphia Orchestra and Opera Philadelphia and is principal oboist of the Black Pearl Chamber Orchestra. She also teaches at Haverford College, Bryn Mawr College, Immaculata University and the Shipley School.

The oboe's expressive, contemplative sound beautifully captures the spirit of Advent—a season of longing and joyful anticipation as we await the coming of Christ.

The Cecelia Scholars Program is funded entirely by parishioner donations. Please consider supporting this special ministry! Please contact Laura Kerr at musicdirector@sksparish.org.

SERVICE

Family Promise Host Week
December 6-13

FamilyPromise
Montco PA and Main Line
An Interfaith Response to Homelessness & Hunger

Volunteers needed!

Family Promise is committed to helping families experiencing homelessness in our community. Families in the program stay at Wayne Presbyterian Church (WPC) several times each year. WPC relies on St. Katharine's to help provide hospitality and meals. SKS volunteers buy groceries, drop off dinners or stay at WPC for dinner or as an overnight host.

Sign up at: **www.sksparish.org/familypromise**

For more information, please contact Adrienne Carroll at loveaemail@gmail.com or 610-905-3583 or Barbara Todd at bcivi@hotmail.com or 610-585-5044.

SAVE THE DATE



Christmas Giving Trees
Nov. 28 - Dec. 13

Christmas tags with gift suggestions for residents of Mercy Hospice and local people in need will be hanging from the trees in church, beginnning on Nov. 28. Please take a tag and return the unwrapped gift to boxes in the St. Joseph Shrine by Dec. 13. For more info, contact: Jane Dwyer at 610-306-9171 or Jane Dooner at 610-505-1436.

Young Adult Reception
Sat., Nov. 28
Parish Center, after the 5:00PM Mass

Wine, cheese and fellowship! All young adults are invited to stop into the parish center after the 5:00 Young Adult Mass for refreshments and a chance to mingle with old friends and make new ones.



Parish Advent Evening of Reflection: Journeying with the Holy Family
Thursday, Dec. 3 | 6:00–8:30 PM

Enjoy peaceful Taizé-style prayer led by the Knights of Columbus, a candlelight dinner and an inspiring reflection with Catholic speaker John Kinuthia on the example of Mary and Joseph in our family lives. All men and women are welcome! Dinner is $30 per person. Use QR Code to RSVP or email mhnorth@comcast.net.



Advent Rosary and Tea
Friday, December 4 at 8:30-9:30am
SKS Parish Center

Quiet your hearts for Advent. Enjoy tea, coffee and light refreshments followed by praying the Rosary as a group. All are welcome! Please bring your own tea cup, rosary and any special intentions.

SKS SCHOOL CORNER

Christmas Performances



Our students are hard at work preparing to share the joy of the Christmas season with you! Please note the dates for our upcoming evening performances:

K–4 Christmas Concert
Wed., Dec. 9 at 6:30 PM

Grades 5–8 Christmas Tableau
Wed., Dec. 16 at 7 PM

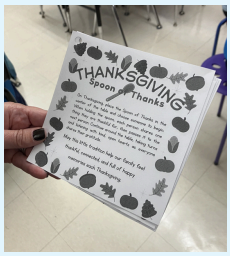
Can't make it at night, or want to bring grandparents and neighbors? The community is warmly invited to attend our afternoon dress rehearsal performances on both Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, beginning at 1:10pm. We're excited to celebrate these SKS traditions with you!

To read Principal Mulvanerty's weekly newsletter visit www.sksschool.org/blog

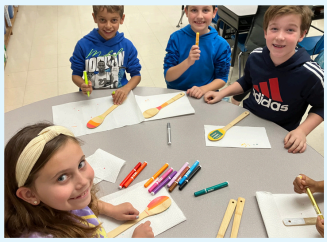
SKS PREP NEWS

During this Thanksgiving season, our PREP classes have been collecting food for St. Patrick's food pantry in Norristown, which serves 2000 families. The children also worked on different prayers and activities relevant to this time of giving.









WEEKEND RECAP







Another successful Sunday is in the books! Following the 9:30am Mass featuring the joyful sounds of the children's choir, parishioners met up in the parish center, chatting and enjoying breakfast snacks and coffee provided by Walking with Purpose. The children helped prepare holiday eldercare bags for residents at St. Joseph's Place, a Catholic living community for low-income seniors. The service project was sponsored by Faithful Families.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Stewardship in ACTION

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.

WORSHIP

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www.marriagehelpdelval.org

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215-858-9507
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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

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

SERVICE

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If you are interested in learning more about any of the groups call the contact name above or the rectory at 610-688-4584.