

October 31, 2010

31st Sunday Ordinary Time



C. J. S. Pflugh Co., Inc.

St. Catherine of Siena R.C. Parish

199 McGovern Boulevard • Crescent, PA 15046



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday ~ 8:30 AM (No Wednesday 8:30 AM Mass)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 P.M.

Sunday Morning: 9:00 A.M., 11:30 A.M.

Holy Days as Scheduled

See inside for Daily, Holiday and Special Events

PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Lou Vallone Fr. Robert Zajdel

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 Jennifer Pursuitte, Parish Secretary.... 724-457-7026

(Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday at noon. Please put submissions in writing.)

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www.scatparish.com

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:15 P.M. to 3:45P.M. & 5:00 PM; also by appointment

BAPTISM: By Appointment.

WEDDINGS: Call the Parish Office 6 months in advance of the prospective date. Marriage Classes Required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: After every Mass (please ask the priest) and by request.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, through Thursday 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 PM
 Friday: 9:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

Beginning August 3 5:30 – 6:30 Tuesday evenings
 September 12th 10:00 – 11:15 Sundays

Mission Statement

We of St. Catherine of Siena Parish, have a commitment to meeting the spiritual needs of our members and community by building a strong bond through worship.

It is in mutual understanding and commitment to our baptismal call that we will grow in faith bringing Christ's love and peace to those we encounter.

In this we also commit ourselves to the Catholic Church's Mission of Evangelization.

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**THIRTY-FIRST
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

- Saturday October 30th**
4:00PM Anna Avolio (M/M William Frazier)
- Sunday, October 31st**
9:00 AM Nancy Meinert (M/M McNeilly)
11:30 AM Frances Cunningham Ward
(W. Scott & Linda Milligan)
12:30 PM **Town Hall Meeting**
- Monday, All Saints Day**
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Parish
6:30 PM Deceased Members of the Parish
- Tuesday, All Souls Day**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Parish
- Thursday, November 4th**
8:30 AM Martha Sroka (M/M McNeilly)
- Friday, November 5th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Saturday November 6th**
4:00PM Anna Avolio (Family)
- Sunday, November 7th**
9:00 AM Nellie Dennis (Lynette Bellarc)
11:30 AM Parish Family

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

Nathan and David Barcaskey & their Family, Mary Reiff, Scott, John, Maria, John Jr., Faith, Doris, Rock, Eloise, Reno, Betty A., Lenore Hoovler, Ken, Dee F., Judy Hays, John Kish, Rita Shively, Catherine & Harry Bittner, Bill Murphy,

Please Note: *Prayer intentions will now only be published for a 2 week period. If you wish to fill out another intention slip after that time, you are more than welcome to do so, but the list will be updated every week and, again, each intention slip will only be printed for 2 weeks. Thank you.*

PLEASE NOTE: There will be a Town Hall Meeting at 12:30 PM **THIS Sunday, October 31st**. Although November 1st **IS NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation this year, we will offer a Mass at 6:30 PM on Monday in addition to the Mass at 8:30 AM. We will **happily** accept your envelopes either before or after if you cannot make it on Monday. As always, thank you for your generosity. 😊

November 2nd is Election Day. Get out and vote and let your conscience be your guide.

Then let your stomach guide you to the **Homemade Spaghetti/Gnocchi Dinner at St. Titus Parish, Aliquippa**. Dinners will be served from Noon - 6:30 PM. Donation of \$7.00 includes choice of spaghetti/gnocchi, meatballs, salad and roll. For takeouts, call 724-378-2734.

**NEIGHBORING CHURCHES
WEDNESDAY MORNING MASSES**

- Our Lady of Fatima in Hopewell Twp. 9:00 AM
- St. James in Sewickley 6:45 AM & 9:00 AM
- St. Titus in Aliquippa 7:00 AM
- St. Margaret Mary 8:30 AM
- Good Samaritan M, T, H, F, 8:00 AM -
Wednesday, 6:30 PM



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour **NEXT SATURDAY!**

**STEEPLE CHASE DRIVE PRESENTS
FOOD FOR BODY & SOUL FUNDRAISER**

Join us on a luxury coach to see the **Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art,** at the Heinz Regional History Center and later enjoy a **home cooked Turkey Dinner at St. Wendelin's R.C. Church, Carbon Center, Butler.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2010
(8 PM Steeler Game)

Vatican Splendors ~ Food for the Soul ~ self guided tour - optional audio guide headsets available - \$4 in advance or \$5 at the door.

The bus departs at 11 AM from St. Mary's Church, returning approximately 6:30 PM. Parking is available in the Church lot. Cost of trip is \$62.00. Payment due by November 1, 2010.

THEN

St. Wendelin's, Butler County ~ Food for the Body ~ enjoy home cooked Thanksgiving Dinner like grandma used to make; and yes, Virginia, real turkey and all the fixings, including dessert. Take-outs available. Ample time to visit the Church. We will pray the Rosary on the bus ride home

Space is limited. Don't delay. Reserve your seat now. For additional information, contact Terry at 412-331-3443 or Charlotte at 412-331-2453.

**STEEPLE CHASE DRIVE
VATICAN SPLENDORS & DINNER**

Please print - Drop in collection basket or parish office mail slot or mail to: St. John of God Parish, 1011 Church Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Print **VATICAN SPLENDORS** on envelope. Checks payable to **ST. JOHN OF GOD PARISH — NOT REFUNDABLE IF YOU CANCEL. All reservations must be received no later than Monday, Nov. 1.**

Number _____ @ \$62
Number Optional Audio Guides @ \$4
Enclosed is \$ _____

Name(s) _____

(List all names)

Phone _____

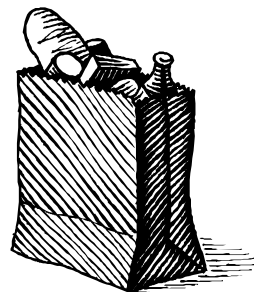
If you want the **AUDIO guide**, please add **\$4 per person**
Questions?? Call Terry, 412-331-3443
or Charlotte, 412-331-2453.

CHRISTIAN LADIES SOCIETY NEWS

Once again, save those Yoplait Yogurt lids to benefit the Susan G. Komen Cancer Fund. Let's see if we can top last year's donation of \$80.00.



A beautiful framed chalk picture was done at the Ladies Society meeting by Dee Ruckert and will be raffled on **Nov. 21st**. Chances are \$1.00 and can be purchased **Oct. 30th through Nov. 21st before or after weekend Masses**. Proceeds benefit the West Hills Food Pantry and will be just in time for Thanksgiving. Thank you for your support and good luck!



The **Annual Food Drive** will be the entire month of November. Please bring your non-perishable food items to Siena Hall. Donations will be taken to West Hills Food Pantry. Thank you and may God Bless You for your generosity.

ACCOUNTABLE

It is not only what we do, but also what we **do not do**, for which we are held accountable.
—Molière

Retreat for Single Men

"How to be the Man That a Catholic Woman Would Want to Marry". Friday, **November 12th through Saturday, November 13th** for single men between the ages of 18 and 35. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday at 6:30 PM and concludes on Saturday at 4:00 PM. Price includes lodging and 3 meals: \$75.00 for double occupancy room; \$85.00 for private room. **Registration in advance is required no later than the Tuesday prior to the retreat. (November, 9th)** Make checks payable to "Maronda Foundation." Scholarships are available for those who cannot afford this retreat. Contact the Gilmary Catholic Retreat Center for complete details by calling 412-264-8400, emailing info@gilmarycenter.org, or visiting our website at www.gilmarycenter.org.

OCTOBER 24, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection.....\$3114.00
 (This is ordinary income from contributions for the general running of the parish. It is subject to a 17.6% tax to the diocese of Pittsburgh.)

Parish Share Program

Total of PSP Assessment 2010 \$35,484.00
 Contribution to Date \$39,023.00
EXCESS ON GOAL +3,539.00

We have successfully raised and paid off the diocese on our PSP assessment for this year! Thank you for your generosity. From now until the end of the year, we get to keep all PSP contributions, **TAX-FREE!** Please continue to use your monthly envelopes at the same rate as it is a year-round campaign for us. God bless you for your cooperation.

Capital Improvements

..... \$143.00

There is currently no goal for this collection. It is just good stewardship to have a fund for future needs. It is not Parish Share Exempt, and your generosity to it is merely a sign of your investment in the continuing needs of our parish plant. If, at some point, we have a specific project, we will give you the information then.

Religious Education

Assessment 2010..... \$4,400.00
 Contributions to date 5,805.00
EXCESS ON GOAL +\$1405.00

(This is an assessment by the diocese based on between 2% to 10% of gross parish income. Currently, by dispensation, we are at 2%. It is exempt from the PSP tax up to our assessment, and then the surplus is taxed.)

Special Collection

Propagation of Faith \$819.00

(These collections are mandated by the diocese for specific purposes. These moneys are remitted in total to the diocese and are not taxed.)

Weekend Attendance

OCTOBER 24, 2010

4:00 pm Mass..... 304
 9:00 am Mass..... 163
 11:30 am Mass..... 165
 Total..... 632

CCD NEWS

All Confirmation Sponsor forms are **due by October 31st. NO EXCEPTIONS!** Any questions please contact Sue Tranter.

Retreat is **Monday, November 15th.** Students must be at Gilmary by 8:50 AM.

Chaperone(s) needed: We need a parent/parents to organize and transport any children interested in the Middle School Faith Rally. Young people in grades 6-8 from all over the Diocese of Pittsburgh will gather on Saturday, **November 13th**, at 7:00 PM at Seton-LaSalle Catholic High School for the annual Middle School Faith Rally. Oddwalk Ministries will headline the evening. This event is sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Secretariat for Catholic Education and Department for Youth and Young Adult Ministry and will include music, story-telling, and fun. Please contact Sue Tranter if you are able to help out with this.

Reminder:

Confirmation preparation continues every Saturday after the 4:00 PM Mass. There is also the option to attend the coinciding class at St. John of God on Sunday evenings.

Fall Day of Reflection

A day of Reflection for Members and Friends of the Auxiliary to the Sisters of St. Joseph will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2010. The presenter will be our own **Fr. Lou Vallone**. The time line is as follows:

- 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 9:30 Presentation
- 11:30 Mass in the Motherhouse Chapel
- 12:15 Lunch

A reservation is required. Space is limited. For reservations, please call Sister Karen at 724-869-6592 or email her at kstoila@stjoseph-baden.org as soon as possible and **no later than October 25th.** Please consider a \$5.00 donation for lunch and the \$5.00 annual dues for the Auxiliary

World Wide Marriage Encounter News

Last chance for the November 12-14 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend at the Bishop Con-nare Center Greensburg! **Apply by Friday November 5th**! Call (412) 635-7775 or visit us on the web at www.wwme-pittsburgh.org. Facebook: WWME SW PA!
Enjoy a romantic dinner with your spouse hosted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter at St. Athanasious Parish Saturday, November 6th at 6:30 pm. Cost is \$20 per couple. Contact Rich and Peg at rich.peg@verizon.net!



STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS
October 24,2010
Steelers vs Dolphins



Half Time Score:
Steelers 17 Dolphins 16

Lina owned by Lina DiLisio \$100
Rocky owned by Grace Savatt \$100

Final Score: Steelers 23 Dolphins 22

RLJ owned by Ruth Janik \$150
Bill Burgunder owned by Tom Burgunder \$150

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Spaghetti Dinner

The St. Anthony Congregation in West Aliquippa will sponsor an "All You Can Eat" Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, **Nov. 7th** from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM. They are located at 327 Beaver, Ave. West Aliquippa. Price is \$7.00 for Adults and \$4.00 for children over 5 yrs.

Day of Recollection

Women 16 to 29, come and explore through prayer, meditation and sharing with the BENEDICTINE SISTERS OF PITTSBURGH what plans God may be weaving in and through your life. "Weaving God Into My Life." Saturday, **November 6, 2010**, 9 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the St. Benedict Monastery, 4530 Perrysville Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA. The day will consist of morning/evening prayer, scripture, free time, lunch and an opportunity to weave your own mat. Send e-mail to: listening@osbpgh.org or call 412-931-2844 by **November 1 to make your reservation.**

Annulment Information Session

Are you interested in learning more about an Annulment and the Annulment process? The Separated and Divorced Ministry of Good Shepherd Parish is opening this special session to anyone interested in learning more about the process. Fr. Thomas Burke, Pastor of Good Shepherd Parish will speak on the topic of annulments on Wednesday, **November 3, 2010** at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart Campus Social Hall, 1600 Brinton Road, Braddock Hills. All are welcome. Pre-registration is requested but not required. For more information or registration, you may call Patti at 412-600-3932 or email mspabp@hotmail.com.

PARISH REGISTRATION

We welcome all those who would like to become members of St. Catherine of Siena Parish community. To register as a parishioner, please complete the following information and return it to the Parish Office or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. If you need to update your parish info, use this form also.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Best Time to Reach you: _____ **New** _____ **Address Change** _____

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St. Catherine of Siena Ministry Schedule

November, 2010

| Nov. 6 - 7 | Sat 4:00 PM | Sun 9:00 AM | Sun 11:30 AM |
|--------------|--|---|--|
| Lector | Marion Pukach | Pat Varley | Todd Gillie |
| Altar Server | Christopher Hoffman Phillip Hoffman | Santino Ciccone Benjamin May | Rachael Kriger Zachery Kriger |
| Euch. Min. | Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky John Toth | Colleen Barcaskey Antoinette Garuccio Sue Tranter | Kathleen Gillie Dino Nanni Rona Nanni |
| Nov. 13 - 14 | Sat 4:00 PM | Sun 9:00 AM | Sun 11:30 AM |
| Lector | Diane Hetzer | Denise Martin | Alyssa Lee |
| Altar Server | Ethan Conner Amanda Stotlemeyer | Matthew Tessmer Megan Tessmer | Nathan & Ryan Lee Marisa Duncan |
| Euch. Min. | Jerry Conner Christine Conner Tina Hoffman | Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart Antoinette Garuccio | Bob Bittner Mary Baun Arlene (Sis) Kruppa |
| Nov. 20 - 21 | Sat 4:00 PM | Sun 9:00 AM | Sun 11:30 AM |
| Lector | Paul Urbani | Kris Becker | Todd Gillie |
| Altar Server | Austin Kelly Amanda Stotlemeyer | Ryan Becker Rachel Becker | Nathan Barcaskey Patrick Barcaskey |
| Euch. Min. | Joanne Pushinsky Dino Nanni Rona Nanni | Sue Tranter Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart | Colleen Barcaskey Kathleen Gillie Christine Divens |
| Nov. 27 - 28 | Sat 4:00 PM | Sun 9:00 AM | Sun 11:30 AM |
| Lector | Diane Hetzer | Rick Tessmer | Bob Bittner |
| Altar Server | Christopher Hoffman Phillip Hoffman | Matthew Tessmer Megan Tessmer | Rachael Kriger Zachery Kriger |
| Euch. Min. | Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky John Toth | Antoinette Garuccio Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart | Arlene (Sis) Kruppa Dino Nanni Rona Nanni |

Please Note: Just a reminder that it is everyone's responsibility to fill their own position if they are unable to make their appointed time. An updated list of names for every ministry is available with Jennifer at the organ. Thank you to everyone who already volunteers and remind others...**We need more help!** Many hands make light work. Thank you.

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The Pastor's Cornered 13th Edition

"IT AIN'T CHRISTMAS TIL IT'S CHRISTMAS!"
There I said it – well ahead of our Pastor! And yes, I know capital letters are interpreted as yelling, but really – IT AIN'T CHRISTMAS TIL IT'S CHRISTMAS!

I love celebrations of all sorts. Some just ordinary days that turn out to be so wonderful in and of themselves and other celebrations that are carefully planned with every detail thought out and carried through. My big excitement this month – preparing for Halloween with my family and everything surrounding this fun Harvest Holiday. This year was going to be extra special because my two little ones are now becoming old enough to fully participate and better understand all of the festivities. We've gone on hayrides, visited farms, picked out and decorated pumpkins, been to Harvest and Halloween festivals, enjoyed the beautiful colors of and jumping in the piles of leaves, prepared the treats and planned some tricks and then went shopping for Halloween Costumes. During all of these picture perfect little celebrations we are trying to teach the little one's about THIS Holiday. If you can imagine their little eyes filled with wonder and excitement as houses along our street begin to light up at night with jack-o-lanterns, as they run with the animals in the petting farms, taking their first horse (we skipped the ponies!) rides and in the stores their eyes grow wider at the aisles filled with all of the candy, trinkets and treats for - CHRISTMAS!!!! Yes, you read that right. As we are excitedly telling stories of cornstalks and scarecrows, tricks and treats, costumes and pumpkin carvings we are stopped dead (sorry for the pun) in our tracks as we encounter CHRISTMAS candy and Lighted Santas! So, tell me please how a parent is supposed to tell their child to ignore the jolly old elf all lit up because it's not his turn to shine yet! After all it's just the beginning of October, we have lots of Harvest to harvest yet – it's not time for Christmas. I want my little ones to fully enjoy the here and now. I want October to be filled with joy and delight with each Harvest celebration. I don't want visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads – not yet, not now! (and we haven't even thought about Thanksgiving yet!)

So, as I am standing in the aisle overcome with

agitation at the greedy merchants shoving their commercialized Christmas at my little ones and trying to decide if we should run in the opposite direction, it dawned on me that maybe this was my teachable moment. My A-ha if you will. I begin to realize that we can savor the here and now and enjoy each and every moment, but at the same time prepare for the future so that when those moments arrive we can begin to enjoy them as well. In the Bible Matthew 25:13 tells us we know not the day or the hour. As Catholic Christians, we live our daily lives as best we can and be the best person we can be today; but we still must strive to be prepared for that glorious day when Christ returns to reign among us. Just this one small Bible passage sums up my experience perfectly. It's definitely ok to celebrate the here and now and enjoy it all to the fullest, but at the same time we must prepare for all of the tomorrows so that we can be ready.

So with all of that being said, I am probably more of a long term planner than I care to admit right now – but I still contend – It ain't Christmas til it's Christmas – HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

(For those of you wondering where the Pastor is this week, hmmm... do you really know who is behind that mask? and it is Halloween weekend, what better time to publish the 13th edition of this column?)



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