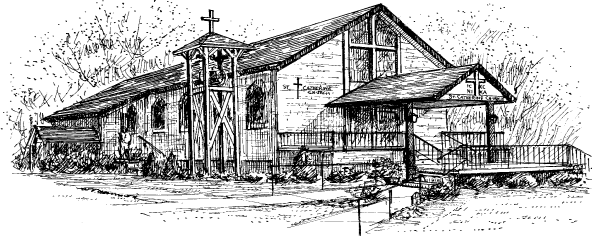


St. Catherine of Siena R.C. Parish
199 McGovern Boulevard • Crescent, PA 15046



PARISH CLERGY

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

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

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM

Sunday Morning: 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

Holy Days as Scheduled

See inside for Daily, Holiday and Special Events

SACRAMENTS

Confessions: Saturday's: 3:15 PM to 3:45 PM & 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

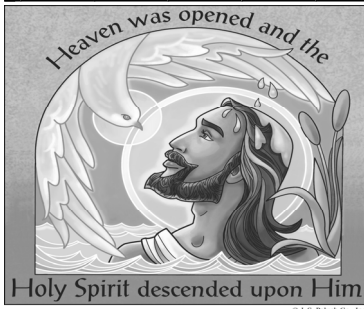
Monday to Thursday 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
Friday 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

CCD OFFICE HOURS: SUNDAYS 8:30 AM—11:30 AM
CCD HOURS: ON SUNDAYS—10:00 TO 11:15 AM

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.



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

Zachary Henry, Catherine & Harry Bittner, Carol Harper, Cheyne, Chance D., Kandi, Sheri, Sharon Gawaldo, Joanne, Lindam/Morts, Jean, Teri T., Brother Mike, Helen Mullen, Patricia Hugeson, Kathleen, Vanessa M. Elias-Rodriguez and Mariano Rodriguez, Mary Jo, Gustavo Dajher, Dolly Huwar, evangelization of our SCAT youth, Nick Cindrich, Bob & Mary McFadden, Shelly Hinkle, Hank McG, Mike Pentland, baby Lydia Rose, Rosalie, Scott Miligan, Maria, Faith, Ray M., Diana Bracci, Anna Avolio., Helene, Aurora Lingg, Tony, Crystal

PLEASE NOTE: We have discontinued the practice of publishing reasons of prayer requests due to the HIPPA Act. If you wish to add a name on this list please complete a slip (PLEASE PRINT) at the entrances to the church.

Daily Mass Snow Policy at St. Catherine's:

If Hopewell or Moon School Districts have a 2 hour delay for Snow/Ice only (not wind chill or anything else) there will not be a weekday Mass here.

OUR APOLOGIES – Two manila envelopes had been misplaced and have resurfaced. We are happy to say that the candy money was among the contents of these envelopes and that money can now be deposited into the parish fundraising account and your checks should clear shortly. Our apologies to those who are waiting to reconcile your accounts, but on the bright side maybe your account earned a little more interest while this money was outstanding. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Men's Retreat-St. Paul of the Cross Monastery

There is still time for to sign up for the Men's Retreat on Jan. 29-31. Please consider taking time from your schedule to experience some personal time and bonding with God. By attending the retreat, each attendee experiences a different yet crucial way of becoming closer with God. Car pooling is available if it is needed. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Barcaskey (724-457-7764) or Bob Bittner (724-378-0903)

Saturday	January 9th
4:00 PM	Betty Jane Vallone (M/M Dennis Lombardo)
Sunday,	January 10th
9:00 AM	Joe & Barbara Venger (Grandchildren)
11:30 AM	Joseph Mandity (Somerville Family)
Monday,	January 11th
8:30 AM	Parish Family
Tuesday,	January 12th
8:00 AM	Rosary
8:30 AM	Parish Family
Thursday,	January 14th
8:30 AM	David McWilliams (Mother, Suzanne)
Friday,	January 15th
8:30 AM	Parish Family
Saturday	January 16th
4:00 PM	Pauline Aikens (Len & Joanne Pushinsky)
Sunday,	January 17th
9:00 AM	Parish Family
11:30 AM	Jim Way (Marion Novak)

YEAR OF THE PRIEST PARISH PRAYER

God, give us worthy priests
in sufficient numbers

NEIGHBORING CHURCHES WEDNESDAY MORNING MASSES

Our Lady of Fatima in Hopewell Twp.	9:00 AM
St. James in Sewickley	6:45 AM & Noon
St. Titus in Aliquippa	7:00 AM
St. Margaret Mary	8:30 AM
Good Samaritan	8:00 AM

ONE-DAY MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES

St. Joseph Parish in Coraopolis is now offering one-day Marriage Preparation Courses (prepared in conformity with diocesan guidelines) on the following dates: January 23, 2010, April 24, 2010 and August 21, 2010. The class will run from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. The fee of \$75 includes a light breakfast and buffet luncheon. To register for any of these classes, you may either call St. Joseph Parish at 412-264-6162 or download a registration form from their website at www.saintjosephparish.net. Class size is limited to 40 couples per session.

The Silver Ring Thing is a high-tech, high-energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage and the dangers of promiscuous behavior. On January 15th the *Silver Ring Thing* will be held at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30-9:00 PM, and all teenagers, parents, and youth workers are invited to attend. For further information please contact your DR, Principal, or Youth Minister

January Lottery Ticket Update

All the Lottery Tickets were sold so thank you to everyone for their hard work in selling and generosity in buying. Good Luck to everyone.

Congratulations to our winners

January 1	#667
January 2	#441
January 3	#675

St. John of God Steeple Chase Steeler Football Pool Update

The Super Bowl is almost here and we have already filled **one** \$30 football pool; the next one is already being started. And, we still have squares available on the \$100 pool. Don't be left out of the hottest game in the parish and miss out on a lot of fun. If you have already bought a square, don't hesitate to buy more. Get your entry in quickly. The more squares you buy, the more pools we fill, and the more money goes into the Steeple Chase Drive! (...and you know that keeps Father Lou smiling).

Super Bowl Sunday is scheduled for February 7, 2010. We are offering **two** versions of a Super Bowl pool. Each pool has 100 blocks. One pool will cost \$30, will have **two** payouts for a **total \$1,500**: \$500 half-time, \$1,000 final.



The other pool will cost \$100, with four payouts for a **total \$5,000**: \$500 1st quarter, \$1,000 half-time, \$500 3rd quarter, \$3,000 final.



Names and numbers for each pool will be randomly drawn in advance. You will receive your completed pool prior to the Super Bowl. Fill out the form below. Questions call Terry @ 412-331-3443 or Charlotte @ 412-331-2453

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• **PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT COMPLETELY, DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET OR PARISH OFFICE MAIL SLOT, OR MAIL TO: SJOG Parish, "Super Bowl Pool," 1011 Church Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136**

• **Questions call: 412-331-2453 or 412-331-3443**

• I would like to purchase the following in the SJOG Steeple Chase Super Bowl Pool:

• _____ Square(s) @ **\$30/Square (\$1,500 payout)** / Amount enclosed \$ _____

• _____ Square(s) @ **\$100/Square (\$5,000 payout)** / Amount enclosed \$ _____

• I would like to name my square(s) _____

• Name _____

• Full Address w/ZIP _____

• _____

• Phone _____

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**St. John of God Steeple Chase/
Saint Catherine's of Sienna
Steelers Football Pool
winners for January 3, 2010
Steelers vs. Dolphins**

Half Time Score Steelers 17-Dolphins 10
Tiv owned by Fran & Eleanor Vith \$100
Zuppe's owned by Dean & Rosemarie Zuppe \$100

Final Score Steelers 30-Dolphins 24
HJB owned by John H. Brannan, Jr. \$150
MAC owned by MaryAnn Compomizzi \$150
Congratulations to all our winners!

CHRISTMAS 2009

Regular Offertory Collection..... \$6066.0

DECEMBER 27, 2009

Regular Offertory Collection.....\$3173.00

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection.....\$1081.00

JANUARY 3, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection.....\$3092.00

(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 \$?????????
 Contribution to Date \$2241.00
 Excess PSP on goal \$?????????

We have not yet received our assessment for 2010, but all contributions to Parish Share as of Dec. 1 will be allocated to our assessment for 2010. Please continue to use your monthly envelopes at the same rate - it is a year round campaign for us. God bless you for your cooperation.

Debt Reduction

Total debt..... \$137,000.00
 Contributions to date..... \$ 61,939.00
 Matched by diocese..... \$ 61,939.00
 Remaining on goal..... \$ 13,122.00

(During 2009, the diocese will match us dollar for dollar to retire our debt. This contribution is exempt from the PSP tax until the goal is reached.)

Religious Education

Assessment 2008 \$6,630.00
 Contributions to date..... \$10,291.00
 Excess Religions Education on goal.... \$+3,661.00

(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

Christmas Charities.....\$731.000

(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

January 3, 2010

4:00 ~ Vigil Mass.....310
 9:00 am Mass.....156
 11:30 am Mass.....165
 Total..... 631

**MAKE A GIFT THROUGH
 IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER**

If you are over the age of 70 ½, you must take a required minimum distribution from your IRA. As usual, the amount of any distribution is taxed as ordinary income. However, federal legislation enacted on Oct. 3, 2008 extends the opportunity for you for the remainder of 2009, to make a direct distribution for your IRA to a qualified charity, such as St. Catherine of Siena Parish. Such distributions, up to \$100,000, are not subject to income tax. For information call Paul Stabile from the Diocese at 412-456-3055.

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

We will be mailing to you a list of your contributions for 2009 by January 31, 2010. If you do not receive envelopes, you will not receive a report. If you receive envelopes, but didn't use them, you will receive a report marked \$0.00 contributions, and the computer may deactivate you. You may be removed from the envelope list. And your status is reduced to inactive parishioner, which means that you will not qualify for things like sponsorship certificates and a number of other things. Of course, you always have the right to come to Church, receive the sacraments if you are spiritually disposed and call upon the clergy for pastoral service. But you will lose some of the privileges of active participation.

Since we will not compute the report till the end of January, you have time to make contributions for the 2009 year, but you must make it clear to us that it is to be credited to the 2009 account. We will be starting the 2010 contribution records the first Sunday in January

UPDATE DEBT REDUCTION GOOD NEWS!

Since publishing our article thanking an anonymous donor for the generous gift of \$15,000.00 toward the Debt Reduction, we are very pleased to report 3 additional donors have contributed four figure gifts to the Debt Reduction. The intent of the original donor was to inspire others to help get the debt paid off by the end of the year. We are definitely making progress! Remember the monies raised for this campaign are matched dollar for dollar by the diocese and are exempt from the 17.6% Parish Share Tax. It would be great to enter our centennial year of 2010 debt free and financially independent and stable. God bless all of our donors for their continued devotion to our parish.

Stress in Your Marriage? – Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, frustrated, or angry in their marriages. Some experience coldness and simply shut down. Others experience conflict and arguments in their relationship. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouse about it. This program has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Valentine's Day Craft Show

The Holy Trinity Valentine's Day Craft Show is Sat. Feb.6 from 10am-3pm at Holy Trinity, 5718 Steubenville Pike. Chinese Auction, Bake Sale, 50/50 Raffle, and food available. Some tables are still available. Call Jason at 412-809-9259 for more info.

PRO-LIFE VIGIL

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church would be honored to have you and members of your faith community join us in a Pro-Life Vigil. This Vigil, to pray for the unborn child, will be held on Wednesday, January 13, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. at the Gazebo on 11th and Merchant Streets. After the vigil we will have a procession to our Parish for light refreshments. We greatly appreciate your consideration, along with members of your faith community, in joining us in prayer that evening since this matter concerns the faithful of all religions and, as we see it, it is an important cause.

SILENT RETREAT

Are you serious about deepening your relationship with Christ? A silent retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius may be what you are looking for. Gilmary Center, five minutes from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport, is offering a silent retreat for men from January 22-24, 2010. Call 412-264-8400 for complete info or email: info@gilmarycenter.org. The deadline to register is Friday, January 15th.



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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.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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

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“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!”

In Case You Didn't Get The Epiphany Prayer**20 C+M+B 10**

Lord God of heaven and earth, You revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

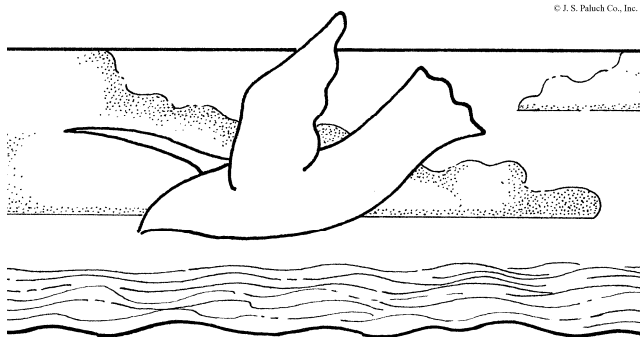
(Chalk is still available in the sacristy)

MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

The Christmas season closes this Sunday with the Baptism of the Lord. This feast is a sister to last week's feast of the Epiphany. Each of them celebrates an "epiphany," or a manifestation of the Spirit of God in Jesus—first in his birth, and now at his baptism.

The divine Spirit is manifested in all of the scriptures for this feast. Psalm 104 highlights the Spirit of God creating and renewing the earth, while the reading from Isaiah describes God restoring Israel. In Luke's account of the baptism of the Lord the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus. And the letter from Titus reminds us that the Holy Spirit was "richly poured out" on us also, through the "bath of rebirth" (Titus 3:5, 6).

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**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**

Parents can be so busy criticizing, they overlook good behaviors. Like God the Father in today's gospel, tell your children you are "well pleased" with them. Children are never too old for praise. Affirmation goes a long way, but criticism is a short trip

Christian Ladies Society News

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00pm in Siena Hall. The Sunday Morning Live skit will be shown. You need not be a member to attend.

We collected enough Yoplait yogurt lids to send \$84.40 to the Susan B. Komen Cancer Research Foundation.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

A gold exchange will be held Saturday, January 23 from 2-4pm. Bring your gold to Siena Hall and get cash for it.

St. Catherine's is offering ALL women of the parish a one-time FREE exercise class to help you lose those holiday pounds. On Thursday, January 14th, we will clean the kitchen in Siena Hall following the 8:30 Mass. Lunch will be provided.

APOSTLES OF THE GOOD NEWS

The baptism of Jesus by his cousin, John, may seem odd to us. Here are all the people lining up who have responded to John's call to repent and be baptized and who are then urged by him to go and live good lives. Here also is Jesus, quietly waiting his turn, and we wonder: Why does the Savior of the world need baptism? This, as we might expect, is not to be a simple baptism of water. As John the Baptist had foretold, the heavens open and power pours down upon Jesus from the Holy Spirit. He is revealed as the Beloved Son, the one Saint Paul later described as the one "who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good" (Titus 2:14). After he was raised from the dead and before his ascension into heaven, Jesus appeared to his **disciples**, or followers. He reminded them that John had baptized with water, but that they "in a few days...will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:5). At Pentecost the power of the Holy Spirit fills his followers. They become his **apostles**, the ones sent forth, and begin to take the Good News of the Savior out into the world—healing, forgiving, binding up wounds, teaching, and preaching—all in his name. We too are disciples, always learning more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but we are also his apostles in the world today. In the words of the great Saint Teresa of Avila:

Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,
yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion
on this world,
yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
yours are the hands with which he blesses
all the world

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!"

**DR. KING MASS & PROGRAM
SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2010**

All are invited to the Annual Dr. King Mass, January 10, at 12:00 pm (noon), at St. Paul Cathedral. A one-hour program and light refreshments will follow. The annual event that honors the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is sponsored by the parish's Race & Reconciliation Dialogue Group in collaboration with the Office for Black Catholic Ministries.

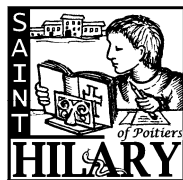
Annual Blood Drive for Life

Save a life by supporting the *7th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive for Life* on Monday, January 18, 1:00-6:00 pm at St. Benedict the Moor Church (above Mellon Arena). Join others in remembering Dr. King by donating blood. Sponsored by the Office for Black Catholic Ministries in partnership with the Central Blood Bank and several community organizations. Contact BCM to schedule your appointment (412-456-3170), or the Central Blood Bank (1-800-310-9551 or log onto www.centralbloodbank.org, then enter sponsor code G0040259).

**SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)
January 13**

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

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PASTOR'S CORNER ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

The Christmas cycle finally ends today with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. The twelve days of Christmas ended with the calendar day of the Epiphany on Wednesday. We can finally stop singing Christmas carols, which we have been doing since Light Up Night in November! But as one last shot before we enter ordinary time, I thought I would share with you the real story behind one of the carols that seem most secular (and sometimes most silly) but is really most sacred.

"Did You Know?"

The popular holiday song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas," was written by English Catholics during the persecutions of the 16th to 18th centuries to help catechize the young.

Each phrase refers to a theological concept. The "true love" mentioned in the first phrase refers to God, and "me" refers to the baptized person who receives twelve gifts from God, including:

- A partridge in a pear tree (Jesus Christ himself).
- * 2 turtledoves (the Old and New Testaments).
- * 3 French hens (the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity).
- * 4 calling birds (the four Gospels/the four evangelists).
- * 5 golden rings (the first five books of the Old Testament, the Pentateuch).
- * 6 geese a-laying (the six days of creation).
- * 7 swans a-swimming (the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments).
- * 8 maids a-milking (the eight beatitudes).
- * 9 ladies dancing (the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit).
- * 10 lords a leaping (the Ten Commandments).
- * 11 pipers piping (the eleven faithful Apostles).
- * 12 drummers drumming (the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed).

Source: *The World's First Christmas*, edited by Mike Aquilina and Regis J. Flaherty, with an introduction by Bishop Donald Wuerl.

I trust everyone had a holy and blessed Christmas and New Year Season. By the way, Lent and Ash Wednesday are less than two months away!

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!"