

November 14, 2010

33rd Sunday Ordinary Time



C. J. S. Parish 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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(Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday at noon.
Please put submissions in writing.)

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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-THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

Nathan and David Barcaskey & their Family, Scott, Zachary Henry & Family, Lenore Hoovler, Betty A., 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.

- Saturday November 13th**
4:00PM Anna Avolio (Family)
- Sunday, November 14th**
9:00 AM Members & Families who are deceased from the Christian Ladies Society (Christian Ladies Society)
- 11:30 AM Parish Family
- Monday, November 15th**
8:30 AM Mario Santilli (Wife & Children)
- Tuesday, November 16th**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Thursday, November 18th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Friday, November 19th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Saturday November 20th**
4:00PM Anna Avolio (Bill & Kathy Hetzer)
- Sunday, November 21st**
9:00 AM Parish Family
11:30 AM Frances Cunningham Ward (W. Scott & Linda Milligan)

THANKSGIVING BREAD

THIS Weekend, November 13/14, bread kits consisting of one package of five frozen loaves of bread, zip lock bags, a Thanksgiving Prayer, and instructions are available at the parish office. We are looking for three (3) people to volunteer to bake these loaves at home and bring them to the Mass on Thanksgiving Day to be blessed and given to each family. Thank you in advance for your help.



ATTENTION: There will be ONE Thanksgiving Mass at 10:00AM on Thanksgiving Day. A collection will be taken up of foodstuffs and money for the food bank and the blessed bread will be given to each family.

Thank you

We received a thank you on behalf of Bishop Zubik and all current and future students in the Diocese of Pittsburgh who will benefit from our contribution of \$443.00 to the Bishop's Education Fund. It will be added to the Pittsburgh Foundation which was founded in 1995. Since then, more than \$20 million of grants have been distributed to students in our elementary and secondary schools. May God bless you all for your generosity in helping to keep Catholic education affordable and available to the families of this Diocese.

**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

CANDY SALE!!!

CCD is selling Anderson's Candy again this year for Christmas. Master Order Sheets and money must be turned in by **Sunday, November 14th! This is your last chance!** Candy will be delivered for pickup the weekend of December 11th and 12th. We thank you for your support. If you have any questions please contact:
Carol Lee at 724-457-3127.

Holiday Craft Show

The Felician Sisters are hosting a Holiday Craft Show of homemade items created by the sisters and their friends on Saturday, **November 20, 2010** from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Come enjoy and buy your Christmas gifts at the convent located at 1500 Woodcrest Avenue, Coraopolis, PA 15108. For further information, contact:
Sr. Roseann, 412-264-2890

Evening of Reflection for those who are Separated or Divorced

"This Blessed Mess - Living the Christian Journey" is the title for the evening on **Thursday, December 9, 2010** at St. Paul Seminary from 7:30 - 9:00PM.

The presenter is Pat Livingston, an author, and nationally known speaker who has been giving workshops, retreats, and lectures around the United States for twenty-five years. She was chosen for the 1990 U.S. Catholic Award given to a person who has significantly furthered the cause of women in the Church. For seven years she was the Associate Director of the Center for Continuing Formation in Ministry at the University of Notre Dame. Her books include *Lessons of the Heart*, *This Blessed Mess*, and *Let in the Light, Facing the Hard Stuff with Hope*.

While specifically geared to those who are separated or divorced, this inspirational evening is open to all. A free will offering will be accepted.

CASTING LIGHT

There are two ways of spreading light: to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.

—Edith Wharton

CHRISTIAN LADIES SOCIETY NEWS

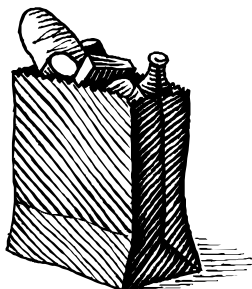
The next Christian Ladies Society meeting will be held on **November 16th at 7:00 PM** in Siena Hall. New members are always welcome.

The Christmas Dinner will be on **Wednesday, December 15th at 6:30 PM** at J.W. Hall's. Those planning to attend must bring cash or a check, payable to the Christian Ladies Society, to the **November 16th Meeting**. Guests are welcome.

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

Light Up Night News

Epiphany Catholic Church will open their church on the two evenings of Light Up Night, **Nov. 19th and 20th** from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Musical Programs will be featured on both evenings. Epiphany Church is next to the new Console Energy Center in uptown Pittsburgh. For information, 412-471-0257.

NOVEMBER 7, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection.....\$3674.00
 (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 \$40,135.00
EXCESS ON GOAL + 4651.00

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

Goal \$13,000.00
 Contributions to Date \$1144.00
 Remaining on Goal \$11,856.00

The contributions from your monthly envelope will go to this fund. The goal is the amount of a comprehensive update of the electrical wiring, boxes, lighting, etc. throughout the plant to bring it up to safety standards. The project is already begun. These funds are not PSP exempt. Thank you for your generosity.

Religious Education

Assessment 2010..... \$4,400.00
 Contributions to date 5,820.00
EXCESS ON GOAL +\$1420.00

(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

(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

NOVEMBER 7, 2010

4:00 pm Mass..... 315
 9:00 am Mass..... 202
 11:30 am Mass..... 219
 Total..... 736

ATTENTION: Workbooks for all present lectors are now available in the Sacristy. Please pick up your copy after any Mass. Thank you.

CCD NEWS

The Confirmation Retreat is **Monday, November 15th**. Students are to arrive at 8:50 AM and be picked up promptly at 2:30. Mr. Bob Summers will be facilitating the retreat. He is very uplifting and is an awesome presenter.

Confirmation will be held on **November 21st** 11:30 Mass at the Church of St. Mary of St. John of God parish, corner of St. John St. and Church Ave., McKees Rocks. Bishop Bernard Hebda a Pittsburgh native and bishop of Gaylord Michigan will administer the sacrament to St. Catherine and St. John of God confirmands and all are invited. **Candidates and sponsors should arrive no later than 11:15. If you have any questions, contact Sue Tranter.**

CCD is holding a **Food Drive Contest**. The class presenting the most canned or dry goods will win a prize. They will be collecting the weeks of **Nov. 7th, 13th and 21st**.

Christmas Candy forms were sent home last weekend. **Money and orders are due back TODAY, Nov. 14th**. Candy will be delivered December 11th and 12th.

We are preparing for the annual Christmas Pageant to be held **December 11th at 5:30**. We are asking **all** parishioners to participate in some way. Sing in the choir or help with refreshments. **This is NOT just for CCD students although this does count as class time.** Anyone is invited to have their child dress up. Forms are available in the back of the church if interested. Let's make this the biggest production yet!

Sister's Christmas Catechism: The Mystery of the Magi's Gold.....

By Maripat Donovan
Audience favorite Kimberly Richards returns as "Sister" in this merry yuletide hit - complete with a "Living Nativity" featuring audience members and performances from Pittsburgh area student choirs. Whether you're a loyal "Sister" fan or it's your very first lesson, now is the time to pick up Pittsburgh's favorite holiday habit.

**Performance times and prices:
November 26 - December 19, 2010**

Friday @ 8:00PM & Saturday at 5:30PM
\$45.00 for single tickets
\$35.00 for groups of 10 or more

Saturday at 2:00PM and Sunday at 2:00PM
\$40.00 for single tickets
\$30.00 for groups of 10 or more

For more information contact John Darcy, Sales Manager at City Theatre (4120431-4400 Ext 283 or email to jdarcy@citytheatrecompany.org.

Craft Show

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish, 363 W. 11th Ave. Ext, Homestead is having a craft show on **Saturday, November 20th** from 9:00AM until 3:00PM. Many crafters, food, plus Cash for Gold (bring your unwanted jewelry, coins and collectibles). Call Mary at 412-461-1054 with any questions or directions to the church.

**STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL
WINNERS
November 8, 2010
Steelers vs Bengals**



Half Time Score: Steelers 20 Bengals 7

"Al & Rita" owned by Madonna A. Smith \$100
Jumpin Joan owned by Joan Bannon \$100

Final Score: Steelers 27 Bengals 21

Chamby owned by M/M Charles Chamberlin \$150
K.B. owned by Kevin B. Walsh \$150

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!



Annual Toy Bingo

Most Holy Name Parish will hold their Annual Toy Bingo on **Sunday, November 14th** in their School Hall. Doors open at 12 noon; Bingo begins at 1:00pm. 15 games of regular bingo will be played; 4 specials and a jackpot of \$250 cash. Admission is \$5 per person (includes 6 cards). Tickets are available in advance at the parish office during business hours, or at the door. The kitchen will be open, serving favorites of kids of all ages! This is an all-age, non-smoking bingo. The School Hall is located at 1515 Tinsbury Street in Troy Hill. For more information, please call 412-231-2994, ext. 0.

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** _____

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

“Welcoming the Stranger in Advent: An Evening of Prayer and Reflection on Immigration.”

All are welcome to join us at **7:00 pm** for prayer, reflection, and the stories of local immigrants as we journey in conversion, communion, and solidarity on the situation of immigration. Choose one of these dates/locations: **Nov. 30th** at St. Benedict the Abbot (McMurray); **Dec. 1st** at St. Mary of the Mount (Mt. Washington); **Dec. 2nd** at St. John Neumann (North Hills). Sponsored by the Diocesan Task Group on Immigration under the leadership of the Dept. for Human Dignity, Secretariat for Evangelization and Social Concerns; and the Dept. for Black Catholics, Ethnic & Cultural Communities, Secretariat for Pastoral Life & Lay Leadership. Call (412) 456-3170 for additional information.

Cardinal Wuerl to Celebrate Local Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Saint Paul Cathedral on **Sunday, December 12, 2010 at 2:00PM** followed by a public reception. All are welcome to attend to join in thanksgiving to God for this great honor to Cardinal Wuerl and the Church of Pittsburgh

Personal Relationships with God-Weekend Retreat

How do you consider your personal relationship with God? As with any relationship in life, one must also work at their relationship with God. An effective method to personally become closer to our loving God is through a weekend retreat. For me, a weekend retreat carries me back to an age of innocence. It is an experience that I gladly welcome and now look forward to renewing. In this age of “not enough time to accomplish anything,” this weekend is a tool to slow down and evaluate what is of importance in my life. Of course for every individual, their personal experiences will differ on what they gain from a retreat. Please consider attending the retreat and reconnecting with God. Brochures are located at the rear of church.

St. Catherine's annual men's retreat will be **Jan. 28-30, 2011** at St. Paul of the Cross Monastery in Pittsburgh. We also invite our brothers from our sister parish of St. John of God to join with us. For more information, please contact Jim Barcaskey at (724-457-7764) or myself, Bob Bittner at (724-378-0903).

Catholic Charities Mass

Catholic Charities invites all to attend a special Mass in celebration of the agency's 100 years of service to the community on **Sunday, November 21, 2010** at 12 noon at St. Paul's Cathedral in Oakland. Join Catholic Charities in thanksgiving for the blessings of its ministry to serve those in need. For more information: www.ccpgh.org

New Year's Eve Party

St. Ferdinand Church, Cranberry Township, is hosting a New Year's Eve Party, **7:30 PM, December 31, 2010** at the MARRIOTT, Route 228, Cranberry Township, PA.



The cost for the evening is \$75 per person (\$25 tax deductible) & includes 1-hour complimentary hors d'oeuvres & 2 drink tickets, 3-course sit-down dinner, DJ/ dancing entertainment, discounted drinks-cash bar during & after dinner, & a New Year's champagne toast.

- Dress is casual to semi-formal, your choice-
- Ages 18 & over are welcome-
- Reserved seating is available-
- Entree' choices: Prime Rib of Beef -or- Baked Chicken-
- Special needs diet menus are available upon request-
- Discounted prices on sodas & drinks at the CASH bar-
- 50/50 Raffle at the party-

Tickets will be sold after Mass at St. Ferdinand Church & during business hours at the Education Building, or by calling 724/776-9177, ext 313 (Bonnie) or (724) 779-3986 (Nancy). Tickets must be purchased in advance

Discounted hotel room reservations, with a courtesy late checkout, are offered by the Marriott for our partygoers for \$89 + tax. For room reservations contact Marriott at 724/772-3700.

***(Stolen from Fr. Ed Miller in Baltimore)
(But he won't tell me where he stole it from)***

I put my carry-on in the luggage compartment and sat down in my assigned seat. It was going to be a long flight. 'I'm glad I have a good book to read. Perhaps I will get a short nap, I thought. Just before take-off, a line of soldiers came down the aisle and filled all the vacant seats, totally surrounding me. I decided to start a conversation. 'Where are you headed?' I asked the soldier seated nearest to me. 'Petawawa, we'll be there for two weeks for special training, and then we're being deployed to Afghanistan.' After flying for about an hour, an announcement was made that sack lunches were available for five dollars. It would be several hours before we reached the east, and I quickly decided a lunch would help pass the time...As I reached for my wallet, I overheard a soldier ask his buddy if he planned to buy lunch. 'No, that seems like a lot of money for just a sack lunch. Probably wouldn't be worth five bucks. I'll wait till we get to base.' His friend agreed. I looked around at the other soldiers...None were buying so I walked to the back of the plane and handed the flight attendant a fifty dollar bill. 'Take a lunch to all those soldiers.' She grabbed my arms and squeezed tightly. Her eyes wet with tears; she thanked me. 'My son was a soldier in Iraq, it's almost like you are doing it for him.' 'Picking up ten sacks, she headed up the aisle to where the soldiers were seated. She stopped at my seat and asked, 'Which do you like best - beef or chicken?' 'Chicken,' I replied, wondering why she asked. She turned and went to the front of the plane, returning a minute later with a dinner plate from first class. 'This is yours, thanks.' After we finished eating, I went again to the back of the plane, heading for the rest room. A man stopped me. 'I saw what you did. I want to be part of it. Here, take this.' He handed me twenty-five dollars. Soon after I returned to my seat. I saw the Flight Captain coming down the aisle, looking at the aisle numbers as he walked. I hoped he was not looking for me, but noticed he was looking at the numbers only on my side of the plane. When he got to my row he stopped, smiled, held out his hand and said, 'I want to shake your hand.' Quickly unfastening my seatbelt I stood and took the Captain's hand. With a booming voice he said, 'I

was a soldier and I was a military pilot. Once, someone bought me a lunch. It was an act of kindness I never forgot.' I was embarrassed when applause was heard from all of the passengers. Later I walked to the front of the plane so I could stretch my legs. A man who was seated about six rows in front of me reached out his hand, wanting to shake mine. He left another twenty-five dollars in my palm. When we landed I gathered my belongings and started to deplane. Waiting just inside the airplane door was a man who stopped me, put something in my shirt pocket, turned, and walked away without saying a word. Another twenty-five dollars! Upon entering the terminal, I saw the soldiers gathering for their trip to the base. I walked over to them and handed them seventy-five dollars. 'It will take you some time to reach the base...It will be about time for a sandwich. God Bless You.' Ten young men left that flight feeling the love and respect of their fellow travelers. As I walked briskly to my car, I whispered a prayer for their safe return. These soldiers were giving their all for our country. I could only give them a couple of meals. It seemed so little...

A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.' That is Honor.

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen.'

Religious Retirement Fund Collection

This year's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up **Next weekend, Nov.**

20-21, 2010. Now in its 23rd year, the funds generated by this collection provide critical assistance to communities that are most in need of help in caring for their elderly and infirmed members. Religious communities in our diocese have benefitted from this

collection. Thank you for your generosity and support in this important matter.



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