

January 1, 2012

Mary, Holy Mother of God



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*

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESSES

**Parish Office** ..... 724-457-7026  
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(Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday at noon. Please put submissions in writing.)

## PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS:

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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 1:00 P.M

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

SUNDAYS      8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

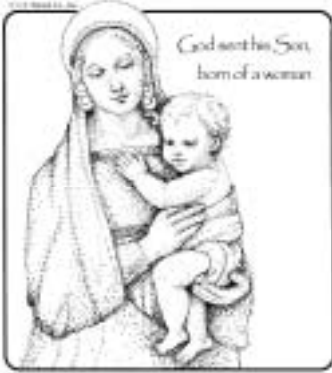
## Mission Statement

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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**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*In your kindness will you please pray for the following :*

Nina Petrosino, Dolores Lenhart, Claudine Santilli, Judy, Kevin, Nick, Gary, Catie, Irene & Jerry Schneider, Antonio DeMatteis, Bill Murphy, Zachary Henry & Family, Leonard Popp, Betty A., Lenore Hoovler, Helen Dixon, Nick Ranieri, Mary, Ryan, Rosemarie, Rita Shively, Catherine & Harry Bittner

*Please Note: Prayer intentions will 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 December 31st**  
4:00 PM Parish Family
- Sunday, January 1st**  
9:00 AM Parish Family  
11:30 AM Parish Family
- Monday, January 2nd**  
8:30 AM Parish Family/Office Closed
- Tuesday, January 3rd**  
8:00 AM Rosary  
8:30 AM Deceased Members of the Wagler Family  
(Jim & Kathy Wagler)
- Thursday, January 5th**  
8:30 AM Arthur Santilli (Toni Huwar)
- Friday, January 6th**  
8:30 AM Norma Tannous (Family)
- Saturday January 7th**  
4:00 PM Heather (Welsh) Garner  
(Joanne Pushinsky)
- Sunday, January 8th**  
9:00 AM Lisa Hoffmaster Kriger (Fran Hribar)  
11:30 AM June Biggerstaff (Bittner Family)

**CONDOLENCES**

Please remember in your prayers, Maryann DiVito and her family. Her father, **Albert V. Toter** was called home on December 27th.

Remember, too, Tina Hoffman and her family. Her father, **Victor V. Presto**, was also called home on December 27th.

Also, keep in your prayers Father Al Semler and his family. His brother, **Michael F. Semler** was called home on December 13th. Cards and condolences can be sent to Fr. Al Semler, Saint Claire of Assisi, 460 Reed Street, Clairton, PA 15025-1727 or you may call 412-233-7870.

May God grant them and all the souls of the faithful departed eternal rest, Amen.

**CCD NEWS**

There will **NOT be class** on Sunday **January 1st**. Classes resume on Sunday, January 8th.

**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, TH, 8:00 AM  
Wednesday, 6:30 PM

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS**



The parish office will be **closed** on Monday, **January 2nd** and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter. We hope everyone has a Healthy and Happy New Year

**SOMETHING NEW AT ST. CATHERINE'S!**

**PARENTS:** Children's bulletins are now available every week at St. Catherine's. Each week there will be different games, pictures to color, and explanations of different church-related topics written on an age-appropriate level. We have 50 each week and they are free, just like the people's Mass response cards! Please take these home and teach your child the importance of including God in their lives for more than 1 hour or less at Mass each week. We hope you'll find it enriches your lives as well. Enjoy!

**2ND COLLECTION JANUARY 14-15, 2012**

The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech (formerly known as the DePaul Institute). A special collection to benefit these two organizations will be taken the weekend of **January 14-15, 2012** at all Masses at each parish.

St. Anthony School Programs provides Catholic special education to children with development delays and autism in five elementary/intermediate classrooms, two secondary classrooms and two college-age programs located on the campuses of Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh. This year St. Anthony's has also partnered with Carlow University to add an academic component to the curriculum for qualified post secondary students.

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech provides Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) education to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Without the use of sign language, DePaul students learn to listen and speak and successfully transition to their neighborhood schools with their typically hearing peers.

Your donation will help St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech to further their goals of providing quality educational programs and services for their students. Your support is critical. Your generosity will help these organizations forever improve the lives of their students and families. **The amount collected gets deducted from our parish share assessment for the year, so the parish benefits as well!**

**OUR LADY OF PEACE SPONSORING A TRIP TO EUROPE**

Our Lady of Peace, Conway, is sponsoring a trip to explore Europe's most picturesque countries...**Austria, Germany (Bavaria), and Switzerland September 6-18, 2012.**

**SPECIAL MEETING** — A meeting will be held on **Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Stephens Hall** (Our Lady of Peace Church) for all those going or interested in going on the Alpine trip (Austria, Germany [Bavaria], and Switzerland) Sept. 6-18, 2012. A slide presentation as well as a question and answer period will be given. Come and meet fellow travelers as well as hearing all the details about this beautiful trip! For information or reservations please call Jackie @ 724-869-9908 or Alice at Travel Junction @ 724-266-5715. A \$200 per person discount will be given to anyone booking this trip before March 7, 2012.

**MEN'S RETREAT**

You are invited to spend the weekend of **January 27th-29th** at the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. We would like you to join us for fellowship, discussions, and spiritual time with the Lord.

Imagine a place of peaceful solitude where you can leave your burdens at the door (leave the cell phone home if you like). All are welcomed with open arms. A place where friendships are made and fellowship is the rule.

Imagine a place where you can share a laugh or a tear with a brother. Enjoy the garden and incredible views where you reflect and feel at home with your soul.

Imagine the unexpected!!

Brochures are available at the church exits or stop and talk with Bob Bittner 724-378-0903 or Jim Barcaskey 724-457-7764.

**TIME**

Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.

—Benjamin Franklin



**DECEMBER 18, 2011**

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$3,664.00

**DECEMBER 25, 2011**

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$3,962.00  
**Christmas Offering.....\$7,062.00**

(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**

PSP Assessment for 2012.....??????  
 PSP Collected.....\$6,836.00  
 Remaining on goal.....??????

(We have not yet received our assessment for 2012, but all contributions to Parish Share as of Dec. 1 will be allocated to our assessment for 2012. 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.)

**Capital Improvements**

Goal.....\$6,500.00  
 Contributions to Date.....0  
 Remaining on Goal.....\$6,500.00

(The contributions from your monthly envelope will go to this fund. We have again "recycled" the amount to include:

1. \$4000 remaining on past goal,
2. \$2500 for new furnace for rectory

These funds are not PSP exempt. Thank you for your generosity.)

**Religious Education**

Assessment 2011.....\$19,650.00  
 Contributions to date.....\$5,487.00  
 Remaining on Goal.....\$14,163.00

(This is an assessment by, and remitted to, the diocese based on 10% of the gross parish income. Contributions to this fund are parish share exempt.)

**Special Collection**

**Christmas Charities.....\$1,133.00**

(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**

**DECEMBER 18, 2011**

4:00 PM Mass ..... 327  
 9:00 AM Mass ..... 190  
 11:30 AM Mass ..... 196  
 Total..... 713

**DECEMBER 25, 2011**

4:00 PM Mass ..... 505  
 9:00 PM Mass ..... 270  
 9:00 AM Mass..... 110  
 11:30 AM Mass ..... 128  
 Total..... 1013

**THE FIRST AND BEST DISCIPLE**

The title Mother of God was given by the Church to Jesus' mother, Mary, centuries ago. It translates the original Greek *Theotokos*, meaning "God-bearer." We celebrate Mary's motherhood today, since without her willing cooperation our Savior could not have entered this world as he did. She nurtured him, believed in him, and followed him all the way to the foot of the cross. The details about Mary in the scriptures are tantalizingly few, but certainly enough to show us what she was like. **She was a risk taker.** She trusted in God so much that she was willing to do whatever God asked of her. ("I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" [Luke 1:38].) **She was protective.** When her young son's life was threatened by King Herod, she and Joseph made the dangerous journey to Egypt to save him from certain death (Matthew 2:13-15). **She was prayerful.** ("Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" [Luke 2:19].) **She was persistent.** When the boy Jesus was lost on the trip to Jerusalem, she and Joseph searched for three days until he was found (Luke 2:43-46). **She was joyful.** Her song of praise to God, which we know as the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55), shows a heart and mind rich with spiritual understanding. **She was courageous.** How many of us could stand by and watch our son die a slow and agonizing death (John 19:25)? **She pointed always in Jesus' direction.** At the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-11), when the wine had run out, Jesus said to fill the jars with water. Mary said simply and directly to the waiters, "Do whatever he tells you" (2:5). This is at the heart of what it is to be a disciple. Shouldn't we follow her example? Copyright © 2011, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

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**ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM AT SAINT FRANCES CABRINI**

St. Frances Cabrini, Center twp, PA is hosting an Adult Formation Program entitled "Catholicism, Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith.

It begins on **Wednesday, January 18, 2012 from 12:00 NOON-1:30PM OR Thursday, January 19, 2012 from 6:30PM-8:00PM.** It runs for 10 consecutive weeks. The cost is \$15.00 (price includes hard-cover book on Catholicism by Fr. Robert Barron) Registration is Thursday, January 12, 2012 from 6:30PM-8:00PM Room 102.

Father Barron is an acclaimed author, theologian and podcasting priest from Chicago, and one of the world's great and most innovative teachers of the Catholic faith. He is also the founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries.

For more information, please contact Bob Summers yministry@comcast.net or Keith McAllister keith@mcallisterassociates.org

**STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS**

**December 19, 2011 Steelers vs 49ers**

**Half Time Score: Steelers 0 49ers 6**  
Winter Slush Fund owned by Ken Sofranko \$100  
Crytzer Corner owned by Chris Crytzer \$100

**Final Score: Steelers 3 49ers 20**  
Jumpin Joan owned by Joan Bannon \$150  
Customer Gift Baskets owned by Lori Altmeyer \$150

**December 24, 2011 Steelers vs Rams**

**Half Time Score: Steelers 10 Rams 0**  
LYDIA owned by Marlene Hawk \$100  
Tippy owned by Mike Buczynski \$100

**Final Score: Steelers 27 Rams 0**  
TAM owned by Joanne Lorenz \$150  
The Boss owned by Thomas P. Kunsak \$150



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**A Family Perspective.....by Bud Ozar**

This Christmas Season remember your task as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

**Marriage Moments.....by Susan Vogt**

Welcome to a new year! Discover something new about your spouse today. Do you know his/her favorite website, in-law, romantic memory, scripture passage, etc.

**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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### **BEAVER COUNTY THEOLOGY ON TAP YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

Join us on **Thursday, January 5, 2012** at Bert's Wooden Indian 7:00PM - 9:00PM to listen to our speaker, Fr. Bill Dorner, Pastor of St. Gregory in Zellenople & St. Matthias in Evans City discuss: Why should we have hope in the world in which we live? What do you hope for in the future? How can we get others to remain hopeful in all going on in our world right now? Remember, we are back at Bert's Wooden Indian.

Check out our Facebook group "Theology on Tap - Beaver County", email [theologyontapbc@gmail.com](mailto:theologyontapbc@gmail.com) or call Mary Ann Schweitzer for more information!

### **WEEKEND RETREAT FOR HEALING**

**Rachel's Vineyard**, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held **January 27-29, 2012** at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Financial aid available. Sponsored by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and Catholic Charities. For more information, visit [www.ccpgh.org](http://www.ccpgh.org) or call 412-352-5348. The deadline to register is January 20.

### **DR. KING MASS & PROGRAM**

All are invited to the annual Dr. King Mass - **Sunday, January 15, 2012** at 12:00PM, St. Paul Cathedral with Auxiliary Bishop William Walterscheid. A light reception, program and recognition of Dr. King student essay winners will follow the Mass. Sponsored by the St. Paul Cathedral Race & Recognition Dialogue Group.

### **ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE FOR LIFE**

9th Annual Blood Drive for Life: **Monday, January 16, 2012** from 1:00-6:00PM at St. Benedict the Moor Church. Support this effort to save lives. Mark the date on your calendar and invite others to donate. Call to pre-register and for more info: Diocesan Office for Black Catholic ministries 412-456-3170.

### **MOONCREST AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**

Sister Rene is in dire need of 2 adults to work with the Mooncrest After School Program Monday through Friday on a consistent basis from 3:00 - 5:00. However, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday would also be acceptable. Sister is willing to pay minimum wage and prefers a take-charge adult. If interested, please call Sister Rene's cell phone at 412-600-5849. Thank you.

### **QUIGLEY CATHOLIC EARLY ENROLLMENT GRANT**

Quigley Catholic High School has announced that students who enroll by **January 31st, 2012** as incoming members of the freshmen class will be given a tuition reduction grant. Details of the grant can be obtained by contacting Adrienne Kaminsky in the Office of Admissions at 724.869.2188 ext. 32 or [kaminsky@qchs.org](mailto:kaminsky@qchs.org)

### **FATHER ANTHONY RUFF TO SPEAK ON THE NEW ROMAN MISSAL**

"The Story Behind the New Roman Missal": Benedictine Father Anthony Ruff will speak about the recent changes to the Roman Missal and the process by which those changes were adopted on Thursday, **January 12, 2012** from 7 to 9 pm at the Father Ryan Arts Center, 420 Chartiers Ave, McKees Rocks 15136. Father Ruff is a prominent liturgical scholar and professor of liturgy at St John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota and was an early participant in the official discussions leading to the changes. For more information please contact Sr. Barbara Finch at 412.716.9750 or [b.a.finch@att.net](mailto:b.a.finch@att.net).

### **HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES**

**Did a troubled marriage steal your Christmas joy?** Decide now to get it back. Retrouvaille can help you just as it has helped many others. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **January 13, 2012**, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org). More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

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**STEEPLE CHASE SUPER BOWL POOL**

We are starting our second \$35 pool, the \$100 Pool is 3/4's full; thank you. These make great holiday, birthday or anniversary or "just because" gifts and we will even gift wrap!!!! If you already bought one, here is a chance to now be in the second \$35 pool. **Final payment is due January 25, 2012** which is fast approaching .....so don't be left out join in on the fun and help keep Father smiling!!!!. There are 100 blocks in each pool. One pool will cost \$35 and have four payouts for a total **\$1,700: \$100** first quarter **\$500** half time, **\$100** third quarter and **\$1,000** final.

**The other pool will cost \$100, and will have four payouts for a total \$5,000: \$500 1st quarter, \$1,000 half-time, \$500 3rd quarter, \$3,000 final. (Payment plan available for \$100 pool only, final payment due January 25, 2012) For this pool only you will get 4 sets of numbers. One set for each quarter. The first set will be for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter score, the second set for halftime score, the third set for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter score and the last set for the final score.**

The names and numbers for each pool will be randomly drawn in advance. You will receive a copy of your completed pool prior to the Super Bowl. **Don't be left out we already have squares sold.** Purchase a square for yourself or partner with a friend. Consider buying some as Christmas or birthday gifts (**we will even gift wrap for you**). Name your block and fill out the form below. Go Steelers! Questions call Terry 412-331-3443 or Charlotte 412-331-2453.

SUPERBOWL POOL PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT COMPLETELY, DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET OR PARISH OFFICE MAIL, OR MAIL TO: **SJOG PARISH, "SUPER BOWL POOL," 1011 CHURCH AVE. MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136.**

(Payment plan available for \$100 pool only...final payment due Jan 25, 2012)

\_\_\_Square(s) @ 35/square (\$1,700 payout) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_Square(s) @ \$100/square (\$5,000 payout) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

I would like to name my square(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address w/zip \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**The Pastor's Corner ~ Fr. Lou Vallone**

" I was going to do something about my bad habit of procrastinating, but I never quite got around to it." That about sums up how I feel about this week's Pastor's Corner. Since it is the first one of a new year, I had a bunch of ideas floating around in my head of what I would like to write about.

I toyed with the idea of the traditional "10 best /10 worst" lists that everyone in journalism indulges in at this time of year. You know, the 10 best things that happened in our parish in 2011, etc. But when I mentally began compiling the events - there were far more than 10 things that I thought should be included under "best". And far less than 10 bad things that I could think of. Somehow a "87 best / 3 worst" list didn't seem elegant enough.

I then contemplated doing a "year in review" type column, highlighting the many things that have gone on in our parish in 2011. But since I have trouble remembering what I had for lunch two days ago, I was afraid that I would miss some important things, include some trivial things, and if I just stuck with statistical things, the column would be boring: if not for you to read, then for me to write.

The next thought was to do a preview of the year to come: some plans and hopes that I as Pastor have as a vision for the coming year. But the holiday season is so hectic that I have trouble enough figuring out what I need to do next. I don't seem to have the energy at the moment to look ahead. I don't mean to give you the impression that those hopes and plans are absent or unconsidered - I assure you they are there. It is just that I don't relish organizing and making a coherent exposition of them right now. Besides, we all like surprises, don't we?

I finally decided that I would do my Pastor's Corner on New Year's resolutions, but I put off writing the Corner so long that I ran into a stepped up deadline because of the holidays and this has to be modemed in the next 15 seconds or it won't be printed, so I guess that will have to wait until next year. I firmly resolve to do it!

P.S. On a personal note, my gratitude to all who were so kind and generous with cards, gifts, food, greetings, etc. to me over the holiday. I still haven't opened all the Christmas stuff yet, but as I do I say a prayer for each one by name. You and God are much better to me than I deserve. Thank you and God bless you!

A blessed, peaceful and prosperous New Year to one and all and, it is STILL Merry Christmas!

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