

November 28, 2010

1st Sunday of Advent



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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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 12<sup>th</sup>      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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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 27th</b>
4:00PM	Anna Avolio (Bill & Kathy Hetzer)
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>November 28th</b>
9:00 AM	Rich & Nancy Bosetti (Family)
11:30 AM	John Londino (Wife, Virginia)
<b>Monday,</b>	<b>November 29th</b>
8:30 AM	Loretta Mudron (Carol & Rick Vaccarelli)
<b>Tuesday,</b>	<b>November 30th</b>
8:00 AM	Rosary
8:30 AM	Parish Family
<b>Thursday,</b>	<b>December 2nd</b>
10:00 AM	Parish Family
<b>Friday,</b>	<b>December 3rd</b>
8:30 AM	John Londino (Paul & Bonnie Criswell)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 4th</b>
2:00 PM	Nuptials of Natalie Snedden & Dustin Noll
4:00PM	Joseph Huwar (Family)
<b>Sunday,</b>	<b>December 5th</b>
9:00 AM	Sam Santilli (Son)
11:30 AM	Rocco DeSantis (Family)

### 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

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Dee F., Barbara B., Sara B., Mary Reiff, Nathan and David Barcaskey & their Family, Scott, 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.*

### Veteran's Tree Update

We **will** have our annual tree this Advent that benefits the Veterans in Butler. However, at the early printing of the bulletin, we do not have all the details yet. Look for the tree and get your gift tags. This is our chance to give back to those who gave so much for our country.

### Folk Group News

The Folk Group will be singing for the annual Christmas Pageant on December 11th and will also sing at the 4:00 Mass that same day. Practice will be **Thursday, December 9th at 6:30**. Please make every effort to attend if you plan to sing at the Pageant or on Christmas Eve at 4:30. As always, we want to sound our very best for the Holiday.

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

The time is now to sign up for the Men's Retreat on **Jan. 28-30, 2011**. As we approach the season of Advent and begin the new church year, let's consider a new beginning in our relationship with our Lord and God. The theme this year is "Because Christ lives in me". This is based upon a Letter from St. Paul to the Galatians 2:20. 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)

**VATICAN SPLENDORS FEATURES GIFT TO BISHOP ZUBIK FROM POPE AND EXTENDED HOURS**

A gold cross and gold embossed ring given to Bishop David A. Zubik, D.D., by Pope John Paul II, are among the new additions to the Western Pennsylvania section of Vatican Splendors: A Journey through Faith and Art at the Senator John Heinz History Center. Since Vatican Splendors opened, nearly 50,000 visitors have visited the exhibition.



To accommodate record-setting crowds, the History Center has extended hours to see Vatican Splendors. The History Center will now be open one hour earlier, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. daily. From Nov. 26-28, the museum will remain open until 8:00 p.m. to accommodate anticipated crowds over Thanksgiving weekend. Extended hours will also be in place throughout the upcoming holidays.

Large crowds are anticipated during the upcoming holiday season and those interested in seeing Vatican Splendors should purchase tickets early. For more information, please visit [www.heinzhistorycenter.org](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org) or call 412-454-6000.

**“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.

**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. To date, we have only \$27.90 collected. But, we have one more month to collect so eat healthy before the holidays start and **save those lids!**



There are no more tickets available for the framed chalk picture by Dee Ruckert. Good luck if you purchased some. The winner will be announced as well as the amount of money raised for the food bank.



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.

**LOVE BEHIND THE DEEDS**

God doesn’t want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.  
—St. Teresa of Ávila

**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.

**NOVEMBER 21, 2010**

(EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINE PREVENTED US FROM PUTTING IN FIGURES. TWO COLLECTIONS WILL BE POSTED NEXT WEEK. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.)

**Regular Offertory Collection**..... 0.00

(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 ..... \$42,987.00

**EXCESS ON GOAL** ..... + 7,503.00

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 ..... \$1194.00

Remaining on Goal ..... \$11,806.00

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 21, 2010**

4:00 pm Mass.....0

9:00 am Mass.....0

11:30 am Mass.....0

Total.....0

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

**CCD NEWS**

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 along with 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!

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Beaver County Festival of Trees**

Brady's Run Park Lodge  
526 Bradys Run Park Rd., Rt. 51  
Beaver Falls, PA 15010  
412-303-5650

**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Beaver County Festival of Trees**

will be held indoors at Brady's Run Park Lodge:  
**Nov 25th & Dec 3rd 5-9pm; and Nov.26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, & Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>& 5<sup>th</sup> Noon-9pm**

**ADMISSION:**

Ages 5 and under Free; Ages 6 - 12 \$ .50; Ages 13 - 60 \$3.00; Seniors (63 and over) \$2.00  
For more information please call Ron Wisbith 412-303-5650 or go to the website <http://www.beavercountyfestivaloftrees.org>.

**The Festival of Trees** proceeds benefit the children involved with Beaver County Children and Youth Services through The Valentine Dream Fund. Also, proceeds this year will be going to US SARR an organization devoted to helping families find missing loved ones.

**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](mailto:jdarcy@citytheatrecompany.org)).

**STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS**



Due to the early deadline for bulletin publication the Steelers have not yet played their game on the 21st. The next bulletin will have results and winners from Nov. 21st AND Nov 28th. Thank you for your patience.

Good Luck to Everyone!

**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

**Good Samaritan Parish Christmas Bake Sale**

Good Samaritan Parish, 8th and Melrose, Ambridge will sponsor a Christmas Bake Sale on **December 18-19, 2010** from 9:00AM until 2:00 PM. Featured will be our delicious homemade NUT, POPPYSEED and APRICOT rolls @ \$11.00 each (half rolls at \$6.00) and potato/cheese pierogi (sold frozen - \$7.00 per dozen) for your Christmas Vigil Meal. Should you wish to have an advanced order, please note that the **deadline for phone orders is December 13th at 12:00 Noon**. To place an order, please call 724-266-6887 or 724-266-2079 (between 9:00AM and Noon only). Walk-ins welcome. "One Parish - Many Traditions".



**Breakfast with Santa**

Oakland Catholic High School  
3rd Annual Breakfast with Santa  
Saturday, December 4, 2010  
9:00 a.m.-12 Noon  
Oakland Catholic High School Dining Hall  
Limited Seating-RESERVATIONS

REQUIRED by **NOVEMBER 29, 2010**. Adults-\$18 Children 5-10-\$8 Children 4 and under/Free  
Questions?  
Please call 412.682.6633 ext. 240 or e-mail [development@oaklandcatholic.org](mailto:development@oaklandcatholic.org)

**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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## St. Catherine of Siena Ministry Schedule

December, 2010

<b>Dec. 4 - 5</b>	<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
Lector	Marion Pukach	Janice Moore	Alyssa Lee
Altar Server	Christopher Hoffman Phillip Hoffman	Elyse Kostelnik Giavanna Rizzuto	Nathan & Ryan Lee Austin Kelly
Euch. Min.	Tina Hoffman Dino Nanni Rona Nanni	Sue Tranter Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart	Mary Baun Kathleen Gillie Arlene (Sis) Kruppa
<b>Dec. 11 - 12</b>	<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
Lector	Paul Urbani	Pat Varley	Todd Gillie
Altar Server	Ethan Conner Amanda Stotlemeyer	Santino Ciccone Benjamin May	Marisa Duncan Austin Kelly
Euch. Min.	Christine Conner Jerry Conner Joanne Pushinsky	Christine Divens Antoinette Garuccio Sue Tranter	Kathleen Gillie Bob Bittner Mary Baun
<b>Dec. 18 - 19</b>	<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
Lector	Scott Becker	Denise Martin	Todd Gillie
Altar Server	Ryan Becker Rachel Becker	Nathan Barcaskey Patrick Barcaskey	Rachael Kriger Zachery Kriger
Euch. Min.	John Toth Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky	Colleen Barcaskey Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart	Dino Nanni Rona Nanni Arlene (Sis) Kruppa
<b>Dec. 26</b>	<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
Lector	No Mass	Rick Tessmer	Alyssa Lee
Altar Server	No Mass	Matthew Tessmer Megan Tessmer	Nathan & Ryan Lee Marisa Duncan
Euch. Min.	No Mass	Antoinette Garuccio Dino Nanni Rona Nanni	Mary Baun Bob Bittner Kathleen Gillie

**Please Note:** It is every minister's responsibility to fill their appointed time if they cannot fulfill their obligation for any reason. Please take the time to call someone on your list and get a replacement if you cannot be at Mass at your scheduled time. Thank you for your time and service to our parish family.

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

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

(This is a repeat due to the early deadline and Confirmation of the weekend of the 21st of Nov.)

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, both bulletin companies want early Pastor's Corners. Because of confirmation this year comes both before Thanksgiving and Advent, I am scattered as to what to write. But I do NOT want the Advent season to begin without some serious catechesis about what this time of year means. Therefore, I stole this Pastor's Corner from my brother, Fr. Walt Rydzon, Pastor of St. Justin on Mt. Washington and Chaplain for the Catholic Deaf Community. He had been stealing Pastor's Corners off of me for 30 years and claiming them as his own. At least I am giving him credit!

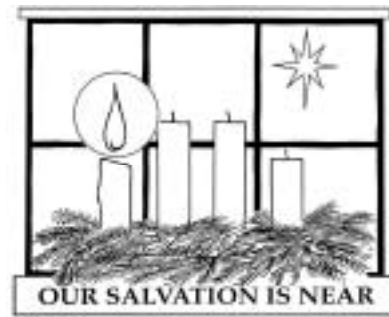
**GUIDELINES FOR CELEBRATING ADVENT WHILE WE GO CRAZY GETTING READY FOR CHRISTMAS**

1. Only you can spoil your Christmas: no one else can.
2. If you do your shopping in a mall, you deserve what you get. There is life beyond Robinson Center, but to get to it you have to park on a regular street, walk and breathe air that comes from the sky and not air-conditioning units.
3. Put an Advent wreath at your kitchen table and use it.
4. Don't send Christmas cards to people you see every day. Send them to people you never see. With all the extra time you have, you can then write them a nice note or letter. Remember the cardinal rule: Everyone likes to get mail.
5. Never, repeat, never say the most famous Christmas excuse for losing your temper: "You made me do it." Nobody can make you do anything. If you lost it, it's your fault and no one else's. Don't use your lack of patience, understanding, etc. as your excuse to lash out at someone.
6. Don't buy any gift that uses electricity, batteries or fuel. Now you're stuck and have to think for a

while. You'll be surprised at what you can come up with by Christmas.

7. Send one person a letter telling them how much they really mean to you. Maybe it's your wife or husband, parent, favorite uncle or aunt, best friend, neighbor or bartender. Doesn't matter, just send it.
8. Don't you dare take down that tree on Dec. 26th, the season only begins then. You think it's a coincidence that 12 (as in 12 days of Christmas) PLUS Dec 25 = Epiphany.
9. Remember the poor. You think about them, offer some assistance, you suddenly are reminded what Christmas is all about.
10. Silence. The best gift you can give yourself for Christmas and Advent. Find your quiet place and time. Both will be hard to come by, both will be elusive. Seek after it. Struggle to hold on to it. It should be yours. You deserve it. It just might put this Advent thing in perspective.

And remember two things: Jesus is the reason for the season, and it ain't Christmas till it's Christmas!



**Coping with the Holidays**

Our Lady of Fatima Parish is hosting an evening of support for the bereaved on Thursday, **December 9th**. For those who have lost a loved one, the anticipation of the holidays coming and how to make it through the holidays may seem overwhelming. Often when we are grieving, we find it difficult to pray. Even more difficult is entering into the festive spirit of the Christmas season. "Coping With the Holidays" will provide some helpful suggestions and reflections on how to make it through this difficult time. We will meet in Fatima House Chapel at 7:00 PM. To register or for further information please call Sister Margie at 724-375-7626.

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