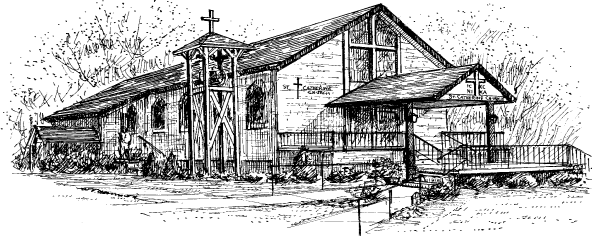


January 17, 2010

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Catherine of Siena R.C. Parish

199 McGovern Boulevard • Crescent, PA 15046



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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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

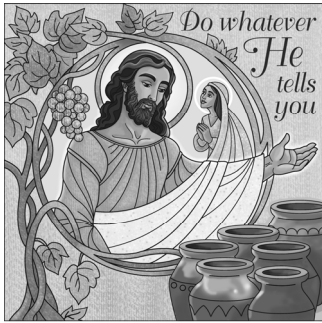
CCD OFFICE HOURS: SUNDAYS 8:30 AM—11:30 AM
CCD HOURS: ON SUNDAYS—10:00 TO 11:15 AM

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.



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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., Aurora Lingg, Tony, Crystal, Doris, Matt's Dad, Tiffany

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.

**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)

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.

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.

- 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)
- Monday, January 18th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Tuesday, January 19th**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Thursday, January 21st**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Friday, January 22nd**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Saturday January 23rd**
4:00 PM Parish Family)
- Sunday, January 24th**
9:00 AM Betty Jane Vallone
(Sam Santilli Family)
11:30 AM Parish Family

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.

January Lottery Ticket Winners

January 4	#274
January 5	#842
January 6	#888
January 7	#374
January 8	#842
January 9	#613
January 10	#653

FEAST-OF-FEAST RAFFLE

The Steeple Chase Drive is sponsoring a **Feast-of-Feast Raffle** on March 8, 2010, the Feast Day of Saint John of God. It will be based on the official three-digit Pennsylvania Lottery Number drawn at 7 PM that date. All numbers are played straight as drawn. One winner will receive a **dinner for two** at the **Monterey Bay Fish Grotto** and **\$50** gift certificates/cards from the following **thirteen** restaurants:

The Carlton, The Cheesecake Factory, Eat'nPark, Hofbräuhaus, Isabela on Grandview, LeMont, Peters Place Restaurant, The Pine Restaurant and Bar, Recipes Remembered, Rockefeller's Grille, Scoglio at the Point, Sewickley SpeakEasy and Wright's Seafood Inn.

Tickets cost \$10.00. Tickets donated by Penn Interiors, Inc. will be on sale soon, however, if you want **any special three-digit number** in advance or are interested in selling these tickets to your family, friends or co-workers, please call Charlotte, 412-331-2453 or Terry, 412-331-3443.

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

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 _____

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).

JANUARY 10, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection..... \$3296.00

(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 \$4229.00
 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..... \$63529.00
 Matched by diocese..... \$63529.00
 Remaining on goal..... \$9942.00

(The Diocese has agreed to extend our dollar for dollar matching program until June of 2010. 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

(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 10, 2010

4:00 ~ Vigil Mass.....255
 9:00 am Mass.....164
 11:30 am Mass.....174
 Total.....593

**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

A Family Perspective.....by Bud Ozar

In today's gospel at Cana, we get an insight into Mary's parenting style. She did not plead, whine, argue, demand or manipulate. She pointed out the situation and trusted her son would make the right decision.

SAINT AGNES (died 304)

January 21

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer. —Peter Scagnelli, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

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.

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.

Winter Afternoon of Support for the Bereaved

.An "After the Holidays" afternoon of support for the bereaved will be held Thursday, January 21st at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. We will meet in our Fatima House Chapel at 1:00PM. If you would like to attend or would like further information please call Sister Margie at 724-375-7626

Day of Reflection for Single Women

Deepening My Relationship With God: Day of Reflection for Single Women 18-35. Registration by Friday, January 29th. Overnight beginning Friday Feb 5, 7:30pm, ending Saturday Feb 6 at 7:30pm Includes: Presentations, Eucharistic adoration, Mass, meals, discussion, and personal reflection time. For more information:

call Sisters of St. Francis at Mt. Alvernia (412)821-2200,ext430
email mkline@millvalefranciscans.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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“Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: Rejoice!”

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).



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THE SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Mark your calendars for the souper Bowl of Caring the weekend of February 7th. This unique event began in 1989 when a youth minister and his youth group realized the poverty occurring in their own area. The Souper Bowl went nationwide in 1990 and last year young people across our diocese raised over \$100,000 for the poor and needy! This generous amount represented an increase for the 13th consecutive year.

Your Best

Give to the world the best you have and the best will come back to you. Anonymous

World Marriage Day is celebrated the weekend of February 13-14, 2010. There will be a diocesan celebration of World Marriage Day on Saturday, February 13, 2010 at Sts. Simon and Jude Parish, Scott Twp. It will begin with Mass at 4:00pm in the church with Bishop Winter as the presider and homilist. Following Mass there will be a wine and cheese reception in the parish hall. A presentation by Linda & Mark Fetzer, "The Sacrament of Marriage Alive!" will follow. Donation is \$10.00/ couple. To register please call the Office for Adult and Family Faith Formation, 412-456-3160.

St Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech

This weekend there is a special collection for these programs. Both reach out to children and young adults with special sensory needs. At St. Anthony's, a broad range of educational supportive services is provided to students with autism and cognitive disabilities from kindergarten through age 21, primarily in an inclusive setting in a number of our Catholic elementary and secondary schools and several area universities. At DePaul, the program begins with infants and toddlers and extends through the elementary school, the students learning to hear and to speak with the benefit of the Cochlear implants and a quality, faith-centered education. Both programs have received national acclaim for their extraordinary success, but their ability to operate depends greatly on the generosity and help received through this annual collection.

As in the past, the proceeds of this collection will be credited to the payment of our Parish Share Program goal so it not only benefits these programs but our faith community as well.



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SURPRISES

Life is full of surprises, some pleasant, some not. The scriptures are filled with stories of God's surprises cropping up when they are least expected: younger children obtaining the inheritance; the lowliest being seated highest up; an itinerant preacher, killed like a criminal, exalted to eternal, heavenly glory.

Anybody who has planned a wedding or similar event knows that they are filled with opportunities for surprises. For the bridegroom in today's Gospel story, who has no direct contact with Jesus, the pleasant surprise came because somebody else paid attention and had faith in Jesus.

We may think that the point of today's familiar story of the wedding at Cana is that when we have faith in Jesus, our lives will be pleasantly changed. A Christian, however, needs to have a broader perspective and realize that to have faith in Christ means that somebody's life—not necessarily our own—will be surprised for the better.

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PASTOR'S CORNER ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

It is fascinating to live in cosmopolitan Pittsburgh. Unlike in some parts of the world, we come in contact with many Christian denominations. In January we celebrate a week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Our religion is Christianity - we are all one in that. Our denominations are different - we are separated in that.

Christianity was founded by Jesus Christ in the year 33. From then on a number of denominations have branched off. They differ in doctrines, in administration of the sacraments, and church government. Ecumenism is the Christian effort to unity. Is it possible to have unity and yet remain diversified? Here are some of the denominations represented in our community.

Roman Catholicism is the denomination that forms the main stem of Christianity. The Creed we recite is our belief, we are hierarchically structured. We administer seven sacraments.

Eastern Orthodoxy separated from Roman Catholicism around the year 1,040. It remained in apostolic succession but centered in Constantinople rather than Rome.

Lutheranism was founded by Martin Luther, an ex-monk in the Catholic Church, in 1517. Luther started the Protestant reformation in Germany. His movement led to a break with Rome in matters of doctrine and administration. Lutherans stress more on Scripture than tradition.

Anglicanism, also known as the Church of England, was founded by King Henry VIII in the year 1534, because the pope would not grant him a divorce with the right to remarry. It separated from Rome with the result that the head of the Church of England is the head of the monarchy.

Presbyterianism was founded when John Knox brought the teaching of John Calvin to Scotland in the year 1560. It is characterized by the right of all members of the church to share in its government exercised through church elders. John Calvin (1509-1564) is known for teaching about different forms of governing the church, and the doctrine about predestination.

Unitarianism is a denomination which developed in Europe in the 1500s. It believes that the deity exists only in one person, denying the doctrine of the Trinity. It affirms principles of individual freedom of belief, the free use of reason in religion, commitment to advance truth, and religious tolerance.

Congregationalism is a denomination which branched off from Puritanism in the early 1600s in England. In its

government the local congregation has full control and final authority over church matters within its own area.

The Baptist church is a denomination which was founded by John Smyth in Amsterdam in 1607. It is trinitarian and congregational. Doctrinally it is Calvinistic and maintains that baptism should be administered by immersion preferably to adult believers only.

Methodism is the denomination founded by John and Charles Wesley in England in 1744. It is trinitarian. It started as a revival in the Church of England but later separated, adopting a modified episcopacy as its form of polity in America.

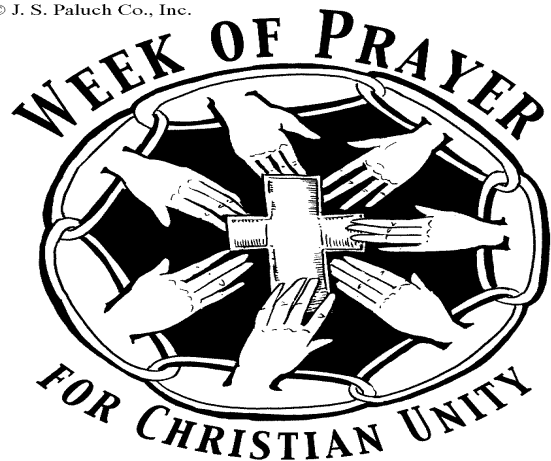
Episcopalian is the name of the denomination that Anglicanism developed into when it was brought over from England to the American colonies. It developed into a separate denomination led by Samuel Seabury in 1789. It stands on the theory that in church government supreme authority resides in a body of bishops and not only one individual.

The Salvation Army is the group founded by William Booth in London in 1865. It is a semimilitary organization devoted mostly to nondenominational evangelization and social services.

Jehovah's Witness were founded by Charles Taze Russell in Pittsburgh in 1872. Its members deny the doctrine of the trinity, refuse military service, blood transfusion, and do not salute the flag.

Pentecostalism was started in the United States in 1901. It split from the Methodists. It was founded by Charles Fox Parham (1873-1929). It is based on the restoration of the gifts of the Holy Spirit. A motley flock of the one Good Shepherd - but we pray during Christian Unity week that we all may become one.

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