

December 19, 2010

4th Sunday of Advent



C. J. S. Pflugh 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



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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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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| Saturday | December 18th |
| 4:00PM | Guisepina Lepore (Mario & Carolina Santilli) |
| Sunday, | December 19th |
| 9:00 AM | Ricky Bittner (Bob, Alice & Ray) |
| 11:30 AM | Antonia Santilli (Mario & Carolina Santilli) |
| Monday, | December 20th |
| 8:30 AM | Rose Mandity (Art & Earline Lantz) |
| Tuesday, | December 21st |
| 8:00 AM | Rosary |
| 8:30 AM | John Kish (M/M Vince Lacerne) |
| Thursday, | December 23rd |
| 8:30 AM | Rae Heintz (Granddaughters, Brooke & Blaire Hunter) |
| Friday, | December 24th |
| 8:30 AM | Parish Family |
| 4:00 PM | Parish Family |
| 9:30 PM | Parish Family |
| Saturday | Christmas |
| 10:30 AM | Parish Family |
| Sunday, | December 26th |
| 9:00 AM | Raymond Keczmer (Family & Friends) |
| 11:30 AM | John Londino (The Knupp Family) |

NEIGHBORING CHURCHES WEDNESDAY MORNING MASSES

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| 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 :

Lenore Hoovler, Zachary Henry & Family, Betty A., Dee F., Barbara B., Nathan, Jon, and David Barcaskey & their Family, Rita Shively, Catherine & Harry Bittner, Bill Murphy,

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.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS, SERVERS, & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!!!

The sign-up sheet for Christmas and New Year's is in the sacristy. Please volunteer for these Masses.

CCD NEWS

There will be normally scheduled classes, today, December 19th.

There are no classes on December 26th.

There will be normally scheduled classes on January 2nd, 2011.

Mass Schedule for Christmas and New Years

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| December 24, Friday | 4:00 PM Mass 9:30 PM Mass |
| December 25, Saturday | 10:30 AM Mass NO 4:00 PM Mass |
| December 26, Sunday | 9:00 AM Mass 11:30 AM Mass |
| December 31, Friday | 4:00 PM Mass |
| January 1, Saturday | 10:30 AM Mass 4:00 PM Mass |
| January 2, Sunday | 9:00 AM Mass 11:30 AM Mass |

Daily Mass Snow Policy at St. Catherine's

If Hopewell or Moon Area School Districts have a 2 hour delay for **snow/ice only**, (**NOT** wind chill or anything else), there will **not** be a weekday Mass celebrated here. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

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, the largest Vatican exhibit ever to visit North America. It is entering the final leg of its tour. An incredible collection of over 200 artifacts is featured in this extraordinary exhibition. Owing to its heightened popularity, the History Center is offering special extended hours during the Christmas Season.



The **Parish Advantage Program** is still in effect and has actually been extended until Christmas Eve! Members of all Catholic parishes and religious congregations are eligible to obtain a \$2 discount for each admission ticket purchased. Please be sure to mention or enter the special promotional code word "**PARISH**" when placing your ticket order. Regular ticket prices are: \$20 for Adults, \$17 for Seniors (ages 62+) and College Students (with ID), and \$13 for Children (ages 6-13). Children under 5 are free.

Tickets are going fast! They can only be purchased through Ticketmaster online, by calling 1-800-745-3000, or at the Heinz History Center box office at 1212 Smallman St., in Pittsburgh's unique Strip District, during museum hours (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily). For inquiries on the Parish Advantage Program, please contact Paula Andras, Parish Advantage Coordinator, at 412-454-6341.


A Living Nativity Musical

St. Joseph Choirs - Singing for the Lord is a program being offered at St. Joseph Church, 1301 5th Ave. Coraopolis, PA on **December 19, 2010**. It starts at 7:00PM and the doors open at 6:30PM. A free-will donation will be taken at intermission to cover production costs. Leave the hustle and bustle of the shopping season behind to spend an evening watching and listening to exquisite original music as well as holiday favorites, talented singers and dancers. Enjoy the enchanting scenery, beautiful costumes, and exciting choreography.

CHRISTIAN LADIES SOCIETY NEWS

Last chance to 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. The last count was only \$27.90 collected! There's one week left to eat healthy before all the holiday goodies are available. Eat Yoplait yogurt and **save those lids!**

Christmas CD'S for sale

 We have Christmas CD's available for sale from Fr. Jim Gretz. The cost is \$10.00 and they will be up at the organ before and after all Masses.

GETTING EVEN

The only ones you should try to get even with are those who have helped you.
—Anonymous

"Because Christ Lives in Me"

The men's retreat scheduled for St. Catherine of Siena Parish at St. Paul's Monastery is on **Jan. 28-Jan. 30** will be here before you know it. This is a great opportunity to become closer with God and to deepen your spirituality. For those who have attended previous years, we have all experienced a closer yet different experience with our own relationships with God. Car pooling is available for those who need it. The retreat begins Friday evening and concludes around noon time on Sunday. We will be home by 1:00pm. The retreat can be flexible in arrival and departure times for those in need. Registration pamphlets are available in church or through Jim Barcaskey and Bob Bittner

We extend an invitation to our brothers at St. John of God to join in this weekend and refresh their personal lives and spirituality.

Ladies, St. Paul's offers weekends for you as well. Please consider attending this retreat and don't feel left out.

Remember the retreat is what you make of it.

For more information please contact Bob Bittner at 724-378-0903 or Jim Barcaskey at 724-457-7764

DECEMBER 12, 2010

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION ?
 (Due to early bulletin deadlines, this information is unavailable at the time of print. Information will follow next week. Thank you for your patience)

(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 2011.....??????
 PSP Collected as of 12/1/10.....\$710.00
 Remaining on 2011 Goal.....??????

We have not yet received our assessment for 2011, but all collections for Parish Share as of Dec. 1 will be allocated to our assessment for 2011. 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 \$13,000.00
 Contributions to Date \$1297.00
 Remaining on Goal \$11,703.00

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\$6,145.00
EXCESS ON GOAL.....+\$1745.00

(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

DECEMBER 12, 2010

4:00 pm Mass.....?
 9:00 am Mass.....?
 11:30 am Mass.....?
 Total.....?

ATTENTION LECTORS: If you haven't picked up your workbook for the new year please do so. They are in the sacristy. Thank you.

Annual Christmas Charities Collection for Children and Youth

A longstanding tradition in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Christmas Day is the Charities Collection for Children and Youth. The proceeds from this collection are used to support a number of programs in our diocese, which serve many children and young people who depend on our generosity and our loving concern for them. This collection will be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We remind you that this collection will be credited to our Parish Share Fund.

Veteran's Jesse Tree Details

Our tree is devoted to the Butler VA Hospital and has approximately 195 names on it. We hope you are able to be as generous as you have always been in the past. In anticipation of that, here are a few reminders about packaging...

1. Please make a copy of your tag's info in case of loss, then we'll know what needs to be replaced. Keep it and this announcement handy.
2. Please do not put any food items or personal messages in or on the package.
3. Attach the tag securely, but not too securely, with name and number showing.
4. Avoid overly ornate decorations that may get damaged or lost in transit.
5. Please have all gifts at church by **Tuesday, December 21st**. They will be delivered on Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.
6. If multiple gift requests are listed, you are **NOT** obliged to buy all the items. Only what you want.

Anyone wishing to help deliver the goods please be at church by 9:00 AM on the 22nd for loading and departure. Carpooling or use of your own vehicle is your choice.

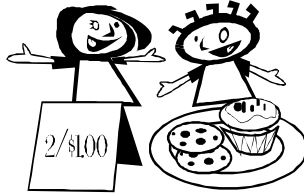
Thank you for your participation and generosity.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Monday, December 20th Penance Service at 6:30
at St. Joseph, Coraopolis

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 AP-RICOT rolls @ \$11.00 each (half rolls at \$6.00) and potato/cheese pierogi (sold frozen - \$7.00 per dozen) for your Christmas Vigil Meal. Walk-ins welcome. "One Parish - Many Traditions".



Late Nite Catechism Play

The gloriously funny play, LATE NITE CATECHISM, the original, is coming to St. Ferdinand Church, SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2011. Tickets are on sale now. There will be 2 shows - Matinee @ 1:30 PM (prices \$35 & \$30) - Late Show @ 7:30 PM (prices \$45 & \$40).



Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Raffles - Refreshments - Snacks will be available (at an extra cost). For more information **CALL:** Midge @ 724/452-9589 or Sandy @ 724/869-0438.

STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS



Due to early deadlines for the bulletin, we have no results this week. Thank you for your patience and...

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

A Family Perspective

by Bud Ozar

The child born to Joseph and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is EMMANUEL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

Calling all Catholic Runners

Run the Pittsburgh Marathon, Half Marathon, or Marathon Relay while at the same time supporting Catholic Youth Ministry to underserved inner city teens. Dirty Vagabond Ministries is excited to be an official charity of the Pittsburgh Marathon. Join the team now as we get ready for the big day on May 15, 2011. Sign-up @ www.dirtyvagabond.com. For more info, email andydlesnefsky@yahoo.com or call 412-837-9635. Registering with us gives you a personal online fundraising page, ongoing support, and some other great extras.



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!"

STEEPLE CHASE SUPER BOWL POOL

Regular season football is still underway, and we don't know who will play in this year's Super Bowl yet. But, we do know the game is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011 between the AFC and the NFC. We hope the AFC team is the Steelers, but even if it isn't, we are offering two versions of a Super Bowl pool. There are 100 blocks in each pool. One pool will cost \$35 will 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, 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 19, 2011) For this pool only you will get 4 sets of numbers. One set for each quarter. The first set will be for 1st quarter score, the second set for halftime score, the third set for the 3rd 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. 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. Questions call Terry 412-331-3443 or Charlotte 412-331-2453.

SUPER BOWL POOL PLEASE PRINT, FILL OUT COMPLETELY, DROP IN COLLECTION BASKET OR PARISH OFFICE MAIL SLOT, OR MAIL TO: SJOG PARISH, "SUPER BOWL POOL," 1011 CHURCH AVE., MCKEES ROCKS, PA 15136. *Questions call 412-331-2453 or 412-331-3443*

(PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR \$100 POOL ONLY)

_____ Square(s)@\$35/square (\$1,700 payout) =\$_____
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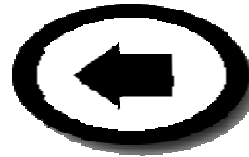
_____ Square(s)@\$100/square (\$5,000 payout) =\$_____
(AMOUNT ENCLOSED)

I would like to name my square(s)

Name _____

Full Address w/ZIP _____

Phone _____

**GREAT GIFT IDEA:**

Super Bowl Square (s)...can be used as a stocking stuffer or a grab bag gift or for someone who has everything. See

the article in the left-hand column for complete details. **Remember we will even gift wrap!!!**

Rediscover Your Marriage –

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) simply means 'rediscovery'. The program offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10's of 1000's headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending. Retrouvaille is a not spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, not a social gathering. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 14, 2011, contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or e-mail 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

Invitation from the Felician Sisters

Please join the Felician Sisters at 1500 Woodcrest Ave., Coraopolis, PA on **Sunday, January 9, 2011** from 8:30 - 2:30 for a day of Celebration of Vocation. The day will include morning prayer, Mass, brunch, shared stories about religious call and a holy hour. It is open to high school, college students, 20 to 40+ year old women who are desiring more in life. To register, please call ST. Faith or St. Paula, 412-488-7010 by **January 4th**.

Open House at St. Vincent College

HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturday, January 15. Registration and breakfast, 8:15 to 9 a.m., followed by presentations on academic programs and student life and campus tours by student ambassadors. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Pre-register by phone 1-800-782-5549, e-mail admission@stvincent.edu or online at www.stvincent.edu/admission/visit.

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

They shall name him
Emmanuel,
which means "God is with us."

- *Matthew 1:23*



FEAST OF FAITH

Gathering

When Pope Benedict XVI visited the United States in 2008, tens of thousands gathered in Yankee Stadium to celebrate the Eucharist with him. What made them different from all the other excited crowds who have assembled there through the years? When they began to sing together, to listen together, to pray together, they ceased to be a crowd, and became a liturgical assembly. It was not where they were but what they did that set them apart.

The Gospels speak of many instances when Jesus prayed alone to his Father. But Jesus also put a special value on communal prayer. "Where two or three are gathered together in my name," he told his disciples, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). Jesus gave his own mission to his followers, sending them forth to do everything he did: to heal, to teach, to proclaim the kingdom. Jesus wants us to meet God in and through each other. So the Christian community continues to gather, Sunday after Sunday. When we get up on Sunday morning and come to Mass, we respond to Jesus' invitation, and we express our trust in his promise that whenever we come together, he comes, too.

—Corinna Laughlin, © Copyright, J. S. Paluch Co.

FULLILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous

WATCHING AND WAITING

In his love Christ has filled us with joy as we prepare to celebrate his birth, so that when he comes at the end of time he may find us watching in prayer, our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

—Adapted from the second Preface for Advent, *Roman Missal*

The Pastor's Corner ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

(Due to early deadlines, this is a repeat from a past year.)

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

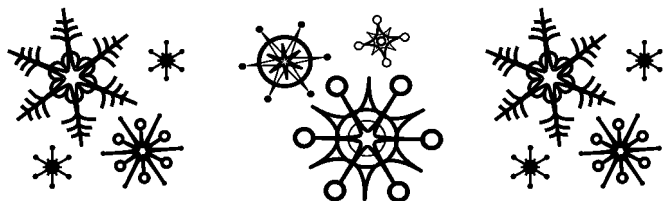
These were the words playing on my clock radio at 6:00 AM to wake me today. Most of you know that I firmly resist anything Christmas-y until the fourth Sunday of Advent is over. And this year that has been rather easier than in the past. The moderate weather (I put 50 miles on my motorcycle last week) has made it a simple task to ignore the usual seasonal madness. The calendar says that Winter doesn't begin until December 21, but we in Pittsburgh are used to blustery weather much sooner than that. This year, however, the climate has been far kinder.

But this morning, I did have to relent a little bit on my strong Advent first resolve, and the weather was the cause: there was a light but definite snow shower in progress. As I looked out the window, the flakes were driving through the beams of the Church floodlight, and even I had to admit that it fact it was beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

Don't get me wrong - there is still much preparation to go if we want to welcome the Infant Jesus properly on Saturday (we still won't decorate the Church until this week - come and help!) And I will not print my annual Christmas Pastor's Corner until next week's bulletin. I haven't lost total sight of my battle cry "It ain't Christmas until it's Christmas." And I still intend to put off opening my cards and gifts and do my own Christmas celebrating until the 12 days following December 25.

But for these few early morning moments, while the snowflakes fly in their first local appearance, and the carols play on the radio to draw me from sleep to the work of the day, I'm willing to relent a little and admit:

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."



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