

January 22, 2012

3rd Sunday in 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 1:00 P.M

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS

SUNDAYS 8:30 A.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

SNOW POLICY FOR DAILY MASS...

SEE INSIDE COVER ON BOTTOM

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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**THIRD SUNDAY IN
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PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

Elizabeth Thomsco, Mary Hostetler, Barbara Schmidt, Linda Martin, Kathleen, Joe T. Ralph Lise, Erin H., Nina Petrosino, Dolores Lenhart, , 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 January 21st**
4:00 PM Anna Avolio (Friend, Catherine)
- Sunday, January 22nd**
9:00 AM Anthony DiVito (Paula DiVito)
11:30 AM Lisa Hoffmaster Kriger
(Len & Joanne Pushinsky)
- Monday, January 23rd**
8:30 AM Prayers Answered
- Tuesday, January 24th**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Janet Gaona (Husband, Tom)
- Thursday, January 26th**
8:30 AM The Sick (Chris Berger)
- Friday, January 27th**
8:30 AM Albert V. Toter (Family)
- Saturday January 28th**
4:00 PM Janet Gaona
(Cousin Patti and Chuck Trautman)
- Sunday, January 29th**
9:00 AM Mary Lou Schneider (Children)
11:30 AM Lisa Hoffmaster Kriger
(Jay & Kathy Knupp & Family)

FOLK GROUP NEWS

The folk group will be singing again on Sunday, **January 29th** at the 9:00AM Mass. Practice will be on Tuesday, **January 24th**, at 6:30PM. Please make every effort to attend so that we can polish up the new parts of the Mass!

OFFICE HOURS UPDATE



We ask that you please **CALL AHEAD** before you make a trip to the office. Jennifer's availability is questionable for now and when she has the baby, coverage will be on a limited basis. We **ARE NOT** shutting the office, the hours may be lessened, though, and we don't want anyone to waste a trip. Thank you for your patience and understanding in this matter.

**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

DAILY SNOW POLICY AT ST. CATHERINE'S

If Hopewell, Moon Area, or Stowe School Districts have a 2 hour delay or cancellation 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Mk 3:22-30, or any readings from the Mass "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

STEEPLE CHASE SUPER BOWL POOL

The season is over for the Steelers but there still will be a Super Bowl. If you want to join in on the Saint John of God Steeple Chase Super Bowl Pool, monies are due no later than January 25, 2011. The \$100 pool is **filled** and we have started a **second** \$35 pool, which is already half filled. So please don't be left out, get your square ASAP. 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 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.

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.**

(___ Square(s) @ 35/square (\$1,700 payout) = \$_____

I would like to name my square(s) _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Full Address w/zip _____

CCD NEWS



The CCD teachers will have a meeting immediately following classes **THIS WEEKEND** in Siena Hall. This meeting is mandatory so please make every effort to attend. Thank you.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The meals on wheels program is in desperate need of your help. Many of the present volunteers are 75-85 years old themselves and have served the public for 5-20 years. They are now having much difficulty doing the steps or driving to do the deliveries. The mileage required is small and only 2 hours of someone's time is needed. (10:30AM - 12:30PM) When my husband and I do this on Tuesdays, we are reminded how bad off some people are and how much the program relies on us. Often we are the only person that they see. Please consider giving a bit of your time to make a huge difference in someone else's life. Their well-being depends on the kindness of others and our willingness to serve. Thanks for your help and consideration of this matter. Sincerely, Barbara Fetch, member of St. Catherine's.

OUR LADY OF PEACE BUS TRIP TO SEE JONAH IN LANCASTER, MARCH 24-25, 2012

Treat yourself to an unbelievable show at the Sight and Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster as Our Lady of Peace, Conway, presents our next bus trip to see Jonah. this was named one of the best shows ever at the Millennium Theatre. Trip includes bus, dinner at the "Plain and Fancy" Restaurant, tickets to Jonah, overnight lodging at the Country Inn and Suites, breakfast, mass at St. Anthony of Padua Church (the oldest church in Lancaster founded in 1870) and all tips. Cost is \$220/person double occ., \$275/person single, \$205/person triple and \$195/person quid occupancy. For reservations or information call Jackie or John at 724-869-9908 or Ray at 724-869-5625. We are limited to 1 bus and expect this to sell out fast. A payment of half the cost of trip per person is due now with reservation. The balance of the trip is due by Feb. 24th.

JANUARY 15, 2012

Weekend Attendance

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$3,948.00

JANUARY 15, 2012

(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.)

4:00 PM Mass 317
 9:00 AM Mass 208
 11:30 AM Mass 202
 Total..... 727

Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment for 2012.....??????
 PSP Collected.....\$10,631.00
 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.....\$1,310.00
 Remaining on Goal.....\$5,190.00

(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.....\$5,662.00
 Remaining on Goal.....\$13,988.00

(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

St. Anthony/DePaul Institute Programs.\$1,365.00

(These collections are mandated by the diocese for specific purposes. These moneys are remitted in total to the diocese and are not taxed.)

YEAR-END STATEMENTS

We will be mailing out a list of each member's contributions for 2011. 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 may be 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 Mass, 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 2011 year, but you must make it clear to us that it is to be credited to the 2011 account. We started the 2012 contribution records the first Sunday in January.

Of course we strive to be accurate with these reports. If you notice any discrepancy when you receive your statement, please call the office as soon as possible so that we may rectify the problem. Thank you.

PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Your family is invited to Aquinas Academy's Preschool and Kindergarten Open House on **Thursday, January 26 from 1:00pm to 2:00pm.** Come join us, right in the middle of the day, to see firsthand what our school day is like. Bring your child to meet the teachers and learn about our "early years" programs. Aquinas Academy is located at 2308 W. Hardies Road, Gibsonia. For additional information call Juan Mata at (724) 444-0722x15 or visit our website:

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 or call 412-352-5348. The deadline to register is January 20.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The Steelers are out of the super bowl anyway. Might as well come to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend February 3rd-5th at the Gilmory Retreat Center, Coraopolis. Call (412) 635-7775 or visit us on the web at wwme.org. Facebook: WWME SW PA!

SPRING PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

St. Louise De Marillac Parish, 320 McMurray Road, Upper St. Clair, PA will be offering a Pre-Cana Course. Classes will be held on Monday evenings beginning **February 13 through March 12 at 7:00PM.** Course fee per couple is \$75.00. For more information or to register, please call 412-833-1010.

MEN'S RETREAT

It is not too late! The men's group will be going on retreat **NEXT WEEKEND, January 27-29th** at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Consider taking "time out" and enjoy the solitude, fellowship, and spiritual renewal that it offers. Those men planning on attending will meet in the church parking lot at **4:00PM FRIDAY, January 27th.**

For more information, reservations, or answers to your questions please contact Bob Bittner 724-378-0903 or Jim Barcaskey 724-457-7764.

Marriage Moments.....by Susan Vogt
"Laugh together." (Michele Obama) You may not be married to a president but healthy married couples find things to laugh about together. Try to make your spouse laugh today.

A Family Perspective.....by Bud Ozar
It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.' Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

GIFT

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.
—Anonymous



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!"

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

JOURNEYING WITH GRIEF

If you or someone you know has recently lost a loved one you may want to consider joining Our Lady of Fatima's "Journey With Grief" group. This is a 6 week program in which the bereaved journey through their grief toward healing. It is a process of understanding and working through the tasks of grief in a supportive and caring atmosphere. The group will be led by Sister Margie and will meet in the Fatima House Chapel on **Tuesdays at 1:00PM beginning January 31st**. To register or for further information please call: Sister Margie at 724-375-7626.

BEAVER COUNTY THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is for young adults 21-40. The next meeting is **Thursday, February 2, 2012** at Bert's Wooden Indian 7:00PM - 9:00PM. The topic is "Angelology"

Here's a riddle: we each have one, they are pure spirit, they are all through Sacred Scripture, and there are nine choirs of them...what am I? Angels are often forgotten but God relied on them to do some of His most important work. Join us as we explore the truth about Angels. Come this night to listen to our speaker, Fr. Jim Farnan, pastor of St. Philomena & Divine Mercy Parishes, discuss Angelology, the study of the theology of angels.

Call Mary Ann Schweitzer at 724-846-7540 or email theologyontapbc@gmail.com for more information.

WORRIES

The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.

—Anonymous

LENTEN BREAKFAST

The Sisters of Divine Providence will hold a Lenten Breakfast and presentation, "Busy Women Cultivating Inner Peace," on **Tuesday, February 21 from 7:00-9:00AM**. at Kearns Spirituality Center, 9000 Babcock Boulevard in the North Hills. Guest speaker is Anne Kertz Kernion, owner of Cards by Anne. Cost is \$30 and includes breakfast and presentation. For more info or to register, call 412-635-5401 or visit us online at www.divineprovidenceweb.org

A NEW DAY DAWNS

Today we hear how Jonah, sent by God to warn the people, storms through the streets of Nineveh, scaring the citizens out of their wits. And it works! God has a change of heart, seeing "by their actions" how the people turn from evil (Jonah 3:10). A new day dawns.

Next we hear Paul telling the Corinthians, "The world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). He calls for a change of heart. Stopping short of telling them to stop carrying out their everyday activities, he urges them—rather mysteriously—to live "as though" they aren't doing the things they are doing. A new day has dawned.

Finally, Jesus stands on the shore and cries, "The kingdom of God is at hand!" (Mark 1:14). Simon and Andrew abandon their nets—and even their father—and follow him. A new day had dawned.

Everyone has to change when a new day dawns: the Ninevites, the Corinthians, the apostles, even Jesus! Didn't a new day dawn today for us as well?

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2012



The kingdom of God is at hand.

Repent, and believe in the gospel.

— Mark 1:15

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

The Pastor's Corner ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

In my more than 30 years as a Pastor, my weekly Pastor's Corner has proven to be a great tool in relating to the Parish. Meant not just for information or education, but even a bonding has developed within the Parishes I have served because of its use and popularity. (Which is not universal, by the way.)

I of course did not invent the medium of personal notes by the Pastor in the bulletin. I have received a copy of the Sacred Heart Bulletin from Shadyside, Pittsburgh, dated March 5, 1938. Just for fun, here are some entries, verbatim, with my observations in parentheses:

CHURCH MANNERS

"A simple rule to guide you at Mass is to follow the Chancel, that is, follow the altar boys. And lest some city slicker or country yokel tell you differently, tell them the Pope himself made this rule, which is to be found in the Missal, paragraph 17, section 2 of the General Rubrics for assisting at Mass. You will then be taken for an educated, well instructed Catholic, as all Sacred Heart people are." (This was an instruction when to stand, sit or kneel during Mass. So what happens if the server has to go to the bathroom?)

SAVE THE FURNITURE

"Please do not put wet umbrellas or clothes on our seats in the Church. They ruin the very expensive varnish on our pews. Have respect for God's house and furniture and put your wet things against the slate wainscot, where it will do no damage." (I will accept contributions to install slate wainscot, whatever that is, in our Churches on which to lean your umbrellas and hang your wet clothes. But not ALL of them.)

WEEKLY CAMPAIGN PAYMENTS THE BEST

"The wise people of the Parish are paying off their Campaign pledges week by week and in this way they are easily, painlessly and quickly liquidating their pledges. Our gratitude is due to those who are not waiting until the end of the year to make payments on their pledge." (Actually, I am happy to get your offerings to the Parish whenever I can get them. And it ain't NEVER painless.)

BIBLES AND MISSALS FOR SALE

"In the vestibule you can get a copy of the Bible for 25 cents and a Missal for the same trifling sum. No excuse now for failing to provide yourself with the tools to make you a highly educated Catholic theologian. Catholics with a high I.Q. always read the Missal." (And respond accurately "And with your spirit.")

HOLY NAME SUNDAY FOR MEN AND BOYS

"Next Sunday is the day on which every man and boy in the Parish should go to Holy Communion. The women folk should see that they go to confession on Saturday and the women would do well to go with them. Actually men in this Parish are better than the women and the crowd next Sunday will prove it." (Uh-oh! I ain't even gonna try to go there!)

NEATNESS

"Thoughtful and well bred people never throw papers or cigarettes on our sidewalks or grounds. Sacred Heart should be spotless outside and in at all times. A lot of slovenly, slatternly, lazy tradesmen in the neighborhood might take example and keep their premises free of paper and litter. Don't patronize them if they refuse to tidy up and take some civic pride in their premises." (I wonder how many businesses in the area continued to give a clerical discount to the Church after this tidbit.)

Thank you, Rev. Thomas F. Coakley, D.D., Rector, wherever you are!



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