

December 26, 2010

The Holy Family



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

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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 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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100th Year



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**THE HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH**

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.*

- 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)
- Monday, December 27th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Tuesday, December 28st**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Thursday, December 30th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Friday, December 31st**
8:30 AM Parish Family
4:00 PM Parish Family
- Saturday January 1st**
10:30 AM Parish Family
4:00 PM Parish Family
- Sunday, January 2nd**
9:00 AM Raymond Keczmer (Family & Friends)
11:30 AM John Londino (The Knupp Family)

CCD NEWS

There are no classes on December 26th. There will be normally scheduled classes on January 2nd, 2011.

LEARNED AT HOME

The mind of Christ is to be learned in the family. Strength of character may be acquired at work, but beauty of character is learned at home.

—Henry Drummond



Mass Schedule for New Years

- 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

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

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.

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) = \$ _____
(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 _____

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.



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.

Steeple Chase 2011 KICK-OFF RAFFLE

Feel Like scratching? Do you enjoy PA scratch-off lottery tickets? Take a chance on the Steeple Chase Kick-Off Raffle on March 8, 2011, the feast day of St, John of God.

There will be **two winners**:

The **first** winner will receive **\$200 worth of scratch-off tickets** based on the official **3-digit PA lottery number drawn at mid-day**.

The **second** winner will receive **\$300 in scratch-off tickets** based on the official **3-digit PA lottery number drawn at 7P.M. that date**.

All numbers are played straight as drawn.

Cost **\$5**.

Tickets will be available at the Pizza Kitchen, The Bingo and the Church Office.

Tickets will be on sale at each of the Masses on or before January 15/16, 2011.

If you want any special 3-digit number in advance please contact Terry 412-331-3443 or Charlotte 412-331-2453 before January 3, 2011.

Tickets donated by Anthony M. Musmanno Funeral Home.

We need your help in selling these tickets beyond the parish boundaries~~in the workplace, neighbors, friends, breakfast club, bowling or bocce leagues, card clubs, at your business etc, please call Charlotte 412 331-2453 or Terry 412-331-3443 if you are interested.

DECEMBER 12, 2010

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$3,662.00

(Due to early bulletin deadlines, this information is a bit behind but every week will be posted eventually)

(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.....\$838.00
 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 \$1317.00
 Remaining on Goal \$11,683.00

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\$6,668.00
EXCESS ON GOAL.....+\$2268.00

(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.....380
 9:00 am Mass.....122
 11:30 am Mass.....140
 Total.....642

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

Thank you

Thank you to Ruth Klimek for organizing our annual Christmas Pageant, all the teachers who participated, the children, & Kris Becker and the Folk Group who played the music. It was a beautiful program as always. The only thing that would make it better would be **ALL** the children participating next year. Thanks again to all who gave their time and talents in this busy time to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas.

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**.

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.

PASSIONS

We should employ our passions in the service of life, not spend life in the service of our passions.

—Richard Steele

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 andylesnefsky@yahoo.com or call 412-837-9635. Registering with us gives you a personal online fundraising page, ongoing support, and some other great extras.



STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS



**December 12, 2010
Steelers vs Bengals**

Half Time Score: Steelers 10 Bengals 7

PATTY CAKE owned by Pat Golembiewski \$100
@ owned by Christine Caristo \$100

Final Score: Steelers 23 Bengals 7

RLJ owned by Ruth Janik \$150

HMF owned by Mrs. Helen M. Fijewski \$150

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

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.

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!”

St. Catherine of Siena Ministry Schedule

January, 2011

Jan. 1 - 2	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Marion Pukach	Janice Moore	Todd Gillie
Altar Server	Amanda Stotlemyer Ethan Conner	Elyse Kostelnik Giavanna Rizzuto	Austin Kelly Zachery Kriger
Euch. Min.	Christine Conner Jerry Conner Joanne Pushinsky	Christine Divens Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart	Kathleen Gillie Arlene (Sis) Kruppa Mary Baun
Jan. 8 - 9	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Alyssa Lee	Pat Varley	Bob Bittner
Altar Server	Amanda Stotlemyer Nathan & Ryan Lee	Santino Ciccone Benjamin May	Nathan Barcaskey Patrick Barcaskey
Euch. Min.	John Toth Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky	Antoinette Garuccio Sue Tranter Christine Divens	Colleen Barcaskey Dino Nanni Rona Nanni
Jan. 15 - 16	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Diane Hetzer	Kris Becker	Alyssa Lee
Altar Server	Christopher Hoffman Phillip Hoffman	Ryan Becker Rachel Becker	Nathan & Ryan Lee Austin Kelly
Euch. Min.	Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky John Toth	Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart Christine Divens	Mary Baun Kathleen Gillie Arlene (Sis) Kruppa
Jan. 22 - 23	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Paul Urbani	Denise Martin	Todd Gillie
Altar Server	Amanda Stotlemyer Austin Kelly	Matthew Tessmer Megan Tessmer	Marisa Duncan Zachery Kriger
Euch. Min.	Dino Nanni Rona Nanni Joanne Pushinsky	Antoinette Garuccio Sue Tranter Christine Divens	Kathleen Gillie Bob Bittner Mary Baun
Jan. 29 - 30	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Diane Hetzer	Rick Tessmer	Todd Gillie
Altar Server	Christopher Hoffman Phillip Hoffman	Matthew Tessmer Megan Tessmer	Nathan Barcaskey Patrick Barcaskey
Euch. Min.	Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky John Toth	Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart Christine Divens	Colleen Barcaskey Arlene (Sis) Kruppa Mary Baun

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The Pastor's Corner ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

When I was in school, before the days of automation and ten digit zip codes, the Post Office at this time of year used to hire hundreds of student "extras" to help handle the Christmas rush. I was one of them. As I tossed the bags and sorted into little slots all those tons of mail, I would fantasize what it must feel like to be on the receiving end of so much verbal cheer and greetings and love. Now that I am a Pastor, I know precisely how it feels: humbling.

Every day for the past month, stacks of mail have been coming in my name. Some of it is from current parishioners and my own blood family whom I see regularly. Some is from former parishioners and friends and people I have dealt with in the past, both in-city and out-of-town, whom I might encounter rarely or not at all. An embarrassing amount is from people whose names I do not even recognize. I have no idea who they are, but they have thought enough of me to send a card or a gift. I have been literally showered with gifts, ranging from hams to cookies to sweaters to wine to fruit to cash. Being on the receiving end of all this generosity is indeed humbling, maybe even humiliating, because it helps to underscore one of my more glaring faults: I am not a person who keeps in touch through the written word. I do not write letters. I do not send Christmas cards. I do not sign Thank You notes. In short, I do not initiate or reciprocate in kind. I can give a million excuses, from lack of time to lack of ability, but in point of fact it is merely my own shortcomings as an individual that honestly accounts for it. (PS to my sainted Mother in heaven: I know, Mom, that you taught me better. I just didn't learn.)

There is another of my many faults that is highlighted at this time, too: I am not enough of a person of prayer. I tell myself that my action is my prayer, which is theologically correct, but a spiritual cop-out. Nothing substitutes for good, solid heart-to-heart talks with God. Perhaps I can begin making amends for some of my failings in this Pastor's Corner.

I give my thanks to all of you who have remembered me this season. I assure you that as I open each card and gift (which so far I have not

done as yet), I will stop for a silent and specific moment of prayer to God for the intention of each person by name. All of my Christmas Masses were offered "For the People", which means YOU. It is my sincere hope that each of you feels the touch of the Spirit as I reach out to you individually in prayer (by-passing the US Mail) in this season of Our Savior's birth - which started for me on Dec. 25 and will be celebrated continuously till Jan. 6.

Blessed Holidays: A Happy and Holy New Year to all!



*THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE*

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

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