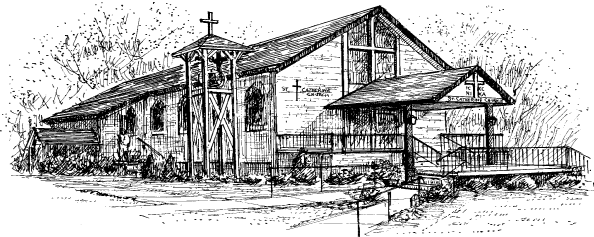


January 31, 2010

Fourth 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*

## TELEPHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESSES

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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

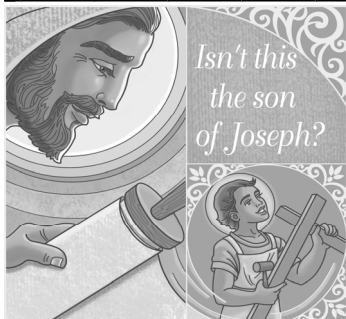
CCD HOURS: ON SUNDAYS—10:00 TO 11:15 AM

## 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, Don S., Anthony DiLonardo, Scot Cameron, Carol Davis

**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.

**Night At The Races**

St. Catherine of Siena Parish will sponsor a Night at the Races the evening of March 20<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with a buffet dinner followed by the races. Please mark your calendars to welcome in spring with your friends at this event. Bring your family and friends and fill a table. Volunteers to help at the function are needed. More information will follow in the upcoming weeks.



A heartfelt thank you for all the cards and prayers while I've been out. Helene Goodbread

**Christian Ladies Society News**

Thank you to all the ladies who helped clean the kitchen in Siena Hall. Though much progress was made, we will need to schedule more sessions to complete our work.

- Saturday January 30th**  
4:00 PM Parish Family)
- Sunday, January 31st**  
9:00 AM Parish Family  
11:30 AM Helen Ford (William and Gina Kraus)
- Monday, February 1st**  
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Tuesday, February 2nd**  
8:00 AM Rosary  
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Thursday, February 4th**  
8:30 AM Louis Santilli (Sam Santilli Family)
- Friday, February 5th**  
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Saturday February 6th**  
4:00 PM Parish Family)
- Sunday, February 7th**  
9:00 AM Charles J. Hogue  
(Mother, Julia Hogue)  
11:30 AM Ann Orsag (Cathy & Jim Wagler))

**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: 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](http://www.saintjosephparish.net). Class size is limited to 40 couples per session.

**January Lottery Ticket Winners**

January 18	#016
January 19	#303
January 20	#142
January 21	#996
January 22	#815
January 23	#596
January 24	#689

**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.** We do need help in selling tickets beyond the parish limits; if you are interested in selling these tickets to your family, friends, neighbors or co-workers, please call Charlotte, 412-331-2453 or Terry, 412-331-3443.

**St. Catherine Parishoners:** We have tickets available between Masses on Sunday in the upper room of Siena Hall if anyone is interested.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, \$1,000 half-time, \$500 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

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• **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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 24, 2010**

**Regular Offertory Collection**..... \$3495.00

(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..... \$4884.00  
 Remaining on goal..... \$30600.00

This is our 2010 assessment. A full report will be in the bulletin during the appeal period in Lent. 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..... \$69895.00  
 Matched by diocese..... \$68500.00  
 Remaining on goal..... +\$1395.00  
**GREAT NEWS!** We have exceeded our goal and now have a surplus in our Debt Reduction. Thank you to everybody for all of your hard work and generosity. However, now what we collect in Debt Reduction is taxable by the Diocese, but keep in mind Parish Share is not! Thank you again and God Bless!

**Religious Education**

Assessment 2008 ..... \$6,630.00  
 Contributions to date..... \$11024.00  
 Excess Religions Education on goal..... +\$4394.00

(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 24, 2010**

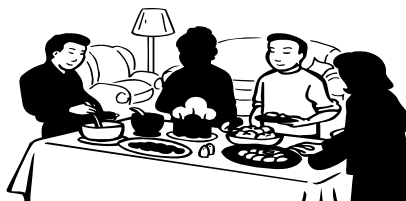
4:00 ~ Vigil Mass.....304  
 9:00 am Mass.....180  
 11:30 am Mass.....178  
 Total.....662

**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.



**\*Crescent Event  
 Center\***

The Crescent Township Volunteer Fire Dept. is sponsoring all-you-can-eat dinners every Tuesday and Thursday at 79 McGovern Blvd., Crescent, PA 15046 from 5pm to 8pm. They are catered by Mario's and the cost is \$7.95 per person. Tuesdays feature a country buffet and Thursdays feature an Italian buffet.. Bring your family and tell a friend!

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**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](http://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.

**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.

Next Sunday we will celebrate **World Day for Consecrated Life**. The Church is invited to remember with gratitude the women and men who have dedicated their lives in service to the mission of Jesus. We also want to pray that others will hear the call to consecrated life and respond generously.

**Second Collection for Relief Efforts in Haiti**

This weekend, January 31st, St. Catherine's will take up a second collection for relief support for the people of Haiti. There are no envelopes in your packets for this very worthy collection. Please be as generous as you can for our fellow brothers and sisters in desperate need. All contributions will be directed to Catholic Relief Services which has been working in Haiti for 50 years and is already at the forefront of the response to this disaster. To learn more about Catholic Relief Services and its efforts, please visit their website at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) or call 1-888-277-7575. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Series**

Our adult Lecture Series for Spring, 2010 continues with Rev. Dwight Longnecker, author, and regular contributor to First things, This Rock, and National Catholic Register. Ordained an Anglican priest, Fr. Dwight and his family were received into the Catholic Church in 1995. He was later ordained as a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Charleston in 2006 under the special pastoral provision for married former Anglican clergy. Join us for Father Dwight's presentation, St. Benedict and St. Therese: The Little Rule and the Little Way to be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium, Tuesday, Feb.2nd at 7:30pm. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists. The lecture is free and all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend!

**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  
FEBRUARY, 2010

<b>Feb. 6 - 7</b>		<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
Lector		Paul Urbani	Mary Powell	John Davis
Altar Server		Christopher Hoffman Phillip Hoffman	Joe Piroli Jr. Elyse Kostelnik	Rachael Kriger Zachery Kriger
Euch. Min.		Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky Bob Bittner	Antoinette Garuccio Karen Simpson Steve Simpson	Kathleen Gillie Dino Nanni Rona Nanni
<b>Feb. 13 - 14</b>		<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
Lector		Marion Pukach	Alyssa Lee	Anne Leopold
Altar Server		Amanda Kunkle  Austin Kelly	Giavanna Rizzuto  Nathan & Ryan Lee	Nathan Barcaskey  Patrick Barcaskey
Euch. Min.		John Toth Bob Bittner Joanne Pushinsky	Charles Laughlin Sue Tranter Christine Divens	Colleen Barcaskey Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart
<b>Feb. 20 - 21</b>		<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
Lector		Paul Urbani	Denise Martin	Kris Becker
Altar Server		Ethan Conner  Amanda Stotlemeyer	Santino Ciccone  Benjamin May	Ryan Becker  Rachel Becker
Euch. Min.		Christine Conner Jerry Conner  Tina Hoffman	Charles Laughlin Audrey Burckart  Joe Burckart	Mary Baun Terra Koerpel  Arlene (Sis) Kruppa
<b>Feb. 27 - 28</b>		<b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>	<b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>
Lector		Paul Urbani	Janice Moore	Diane Hetzer
Altar Server		Christopher Hoffman Phillip Hoffman	Matthew Tessmer Megan Tessmer	Rachael Kriger Zachery Kriger
Euch. Min.		Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky John Toth	Christine Divens Charles Laughlin Sue Tranter	Kathleen Gillie Dino Nanni Rona Nanni

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## How Much Do You Know, About St. Catherine's

Who was the first pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Crescent?

It's not every day we get the opportunity to celebrate a 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary. As a new parishioner or one who has been a member of the parish for most of our 100 years, you can appreciate our rich history and bright future at St. Catherine's. Many events are in the works that will lead up to the 'official' date of our centennial, August 15, 2010.

To make these plans memorable, you can help by joining the St. Catherine of Siena Centennial Planning Committee.

Volunteer and/or send your suggestions or stories via note (name and phone number) in the collection basket, or phone, email to Debbie Michalik, 724-266-5452 or dfm0912@msn.com Meetings are scheduled on (any) Sunday (during CCD), 10:00 a.m. – 11:15, in Siena Hall (upper room).

Answers: Rev. Martin Hughes (Pastor 1910-1912).

**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.

### Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married Couples! Would you attend a seminar to enhance your job or to increase your salary? Why not give your marriage the same attention? Enhance your good marriage by attending a Worldwide Encounter Weekend! The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 19-21 at the Toffress Resort, State College, PA. For more information or to register contact (412)635-7775 or check us out on the web at [wwme-pittsburgh.org](http://wwme-pittsburgh.org)

### PASTOR'S CORNER ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

Last week in preparation for Catholic Schools Week I gave you the Old Testament part of an essay supposedly written by a child as a summary of the Bible. Since today begins Catholic Schools Week, here is the New Testament continuation:

"The Children's Bible in a Nutshell (Through the eyes of a child)

After the Old Testament came the New Testament. Jesus is the star of The New. He was born in Bethlehem in a barn. (I wish I had been born in a barn too, because my mom is always saying to me, 'Close the door! Were you born in a barn?' It would be nice to say, 'As a matter of fact, I was.') During His life, Jesus had many arguments with sinners like the Pharisees and the Republicans. Jesus also had twelve opossums.

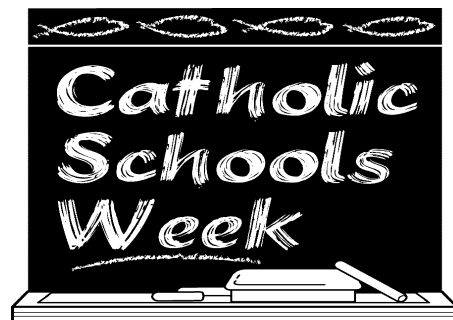
The worst one was Judas Asparagus. Judas was so evil that they named a terrible vegetable after him.

Jesus was a great man. He healed many leopards and even preached to some Germans on the Mount.

But all those guys put Jesus on trial before Pontius the Pilot who didn't stick up for Jesus. He just washed his hands instead.

Anyways, Jesus died for our sins, then came back to life again. He went up to Heaven but will be back at the end of the Aluminum. His return is foretold in the book of Revolution."

This essay has been fun to read. We also hope our Catholic Schools are fun experiences, more importantly that they give authentic formation in the faith to a whole new generation. Thanks to the faculty, administration and staffs of our schools, and God bless our children!



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