

January 9, 2011

Baptism of the Lord



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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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 January 1, 2011 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.

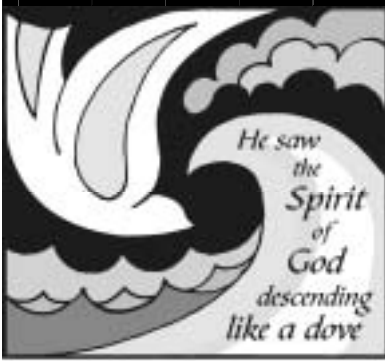
In this we also commit ourselves to the Catholic Church's Mission of Evangelization.

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Saturday	January 8th
4:00 PM	Anna Avolio (Emilie Thomas & Daughters)
Sunday,	January 9th
9:00 AM	Joseph Mandity (Family)
11:30 AM	Steve Spragale (Kenneth Bixby)
Monday,	January 10th
8:30 AM	John Kish (Karen & Chuck Yanchak)
Tuesday,	January 11th
8:00 AM	Rosary
8:30 AM	Parish Family
Thursday,	January 13th
8:30 AM	Parish Family
Friday,	January 14th
8:30 AM	David McWilliams (Mother, Suzanne)
Saturday	January 15th
4:00 PM	Anna Avolio (Cekoric Family)
Sunday,	January 16th
9:00 AM	Nellie Dennis (Lynette Bellare)
11:30 AM	Robert Kingsley (Kenneth Bixby)

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

Senior Class of 2011, Millie Crytzer, Betty A., Caty, Jason & Carna White, Lenore Hoover, Ed Plucinski, Zachary Henry & Family, John, Maria, Tom, John Jr., Faith, Reno, Rock, Eloise, Doris, Penny, Sara B., Bob & Esther Anglemeyer, 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.*

Special Collection January 16, 2011

The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech (formally known as The DePaul Institute). A special collection to benefit these two organizations will be taken the weekend of January 16, 2011 at all masses in each parish.

St. Anthony School Programs provides Catholic special education to children with development delays and autism in 7 schools within the Diocese and one college-age program located on the campus of Duquesne University. DePaul School for Hearing and Speech teaches children who have moderate to profound hearing losses how to listen and speak without the use of sign language so they may transition to the mainstream of education and live without boundaries in their respective communities.

Your donation will help St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech to further their goals of providing quality educational programs and services for their students. **Your support is critical. Your generosity will help these organizations forever improve the lives of their students and families.** Thank you in advance.

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 FOOTBALL POOL UPDATE:

January 20, 2011 is fast approaching. The Steelers won the AFC North Division championship and clinched the No. 2 seed in the conference in the playoffs. If you want to join in on the Saint John of God Steeple Chase Super Bowl Pools all monies are due by no later than **January 20, 2011. We still have squares available on the \$100 pool and a few on the \$35 pool. If we have enough interest we will start a second \$35 pool so don't be left out. Questions call Terry at 412-331-3443 or Charlotte 412-331-2453.** 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. 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 birthday gifts (**we will even gift wrap for you**). Name your block and fill out the form below.

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 _____

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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: In case you didn't get your chalk and prayer last week, here's another copy and chalk is still available in the sacristy. Thank you.

EPIPHANY PRAYER

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Lord God of Heaven and Earth, You revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill them with the light of Christ, that their concern for others may reflect your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

DECEMBER 25, 2010

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION \$6,616.00

DECEMBER 26, 2010

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$2,609.00

JANUARY 2, 2011

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION \$3,672.00

(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

PSP Assessment for 2011.....??????
 PSP Collected as of 12/1/10.....\$5,866.00.
 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 \$3,400.00
 Remaining on Goal \$9,600.00

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

Children & Youth (Dec. 25th) \$1,635.00

(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 25, 2010

4:00 PM Mass540
 9:30 PM Mass152
 10:30 AM Mass128
 Total.....820

DECEMBER 26, 2010

9:00 AM Mass173
 11:30 AM Mass185
 Total.....358

JANUARY 2, 2011

4:00 PM Mass290
 9:00 AM Mass190
 11:30 AM Mass205
 Total.....685

The Silver Ring Thing

The Silver Ring Thing is a high-tech, high-energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of remaining abstinent until marriage and the dangers of promiscuous behavior. On **January 14th** the Silver Ring Thing will be held at Seton LaSalle High School from 6:30 - 9:00 PM and all teenagers, parents, and youth workers are invited to attend. With dramas, videos, special effects, and speakers, teenagers will be motivated in a unique and personal way to choose to commit to both God and their future spouse to remain chaste until marriage. For further information please contact Sue Tranter.

Gilmary Center Spiritual Exercises for Men

The Spiritual exercises are a weekend silent retreat with spiritual talks and time for personal meditation. The spiritual conferences are preached by the priests of Miles Christi, according to the method and the principles of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Each day there will be Holy Mass, the Rosary, and opportunity for confessions. The retreat starts on **Friday, March 11, 2011** at 4:00 PM and **concludes on Sunday, March 13, 2011** at 4:30 PM. Price includes lodging and 6 meals: \$125 for double occupancy room; \$135 for private room. Registration in advance is due **no later than Tuesday, March 8th**. For more info contact the Gilmary office at (412) 264-8400.

CHRISTIAN LADIES SOCIETY NEWS

The Ladies collected \$80.30 in yogurt lids this year! That beats last year's total by .30! Congratulations on a group victory for the Susan G. Komen fund. Thank you to all that helped and contributed.

DR. KING MASS AND PROGRAM

The community is invited to the Annual Dr. King Mass, **Sunday, January 16, 2011** at 12:00 PM (noon) at St. Paul Cathedral. Fr. Donald Breier, pastor of St. Paul Cathedral and Fr. David Traylor, pastor of St. Charles Lwanga, are the co-celebrants. A light reception and the recognition of school essay winners will follow in the parish social hall. This is sponsored by the St. Paul Cathedral Race and Reconciliation Dialogue Group.

ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE FOR LIFE

Sign up now for the 8th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Blood Drive for Life, on **January 17, 2011** from 1-6 PM at St. Benedict the Moor Church (above Mellon Arena). Help us to reach our goal of 50 participants. Save a life by donating blood or registering as a bone marrow donor. Contact the sponsors to register or for more information: Diocesan Office for Black Catholic Ministries, 412-456-3170; Central Blood Bank, 412-209-7245.

STEELERS FOOTBALL POOL WINNERS



**December 23, 2010
Steelers vs Panthers**

Half Time Score: Steelers 20 Panthers 0

Elsie owned by Cyril R. Stadler \$100
Bobcat owned by Bob & Cathy McNeilly \$100

Final Score: Steelers 27 Panthers 3

Sponge Bob owned by Darlene Sachs \$150
Matthew owned by Cathy Ciamelle \$150

**January 2, 2011
Steelers vs Browns**

Half Time Score: Steelers 31 Browns 3

Gary O. owned by Gary Olshenske \$100
K & N owned by Karen M. Muscia \$100

Final Score: Steelers 41 Browns 9

MAYO owned by Albert Mayowski \$150
Pully owned by Paulette McNamee \$150

CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!

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!”



"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

—1 Corinthians 9:10-11

GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

As you plan your giving for 2010, consider that there are ways to make irrevocable or revocable planned, outright, or deferred gifts to the parish besides outright cash. Here are some options to consider.

Wills

When you make your will, please make a provision for your parish.

Bequest Intention Document

If you don't have a will, you may complete a one-page legal document to make a provision for your parish or school. If you have a will with no provision in it for the parish, this document can make that provision. You may cancel or change the Bequest Intention Document at any time. There is no cost to do this.

Cash Gifts

A cash contribution can lower your tax payment to the Federal Government. Use your envelope so your gift will be verified for income tax deduction purposes.

Gifts of Life Insurance

The cash value of paid up policies may be donated to generate a tax deduction. See your insurance professional to initiate this process.

A Gift of Stock – Provides Tax Advantages

A gift of appreciated stock can provide you with the best tax advantages. You will get a charitable deduction for the fair market value of the stock, just as you would if your gift was made with cash, and you don't incur capital gains tax on the appreciation. If you can't use all of the income tax charitable deduction resulting from the gift, you can carry it forward for as many as five years! You can also sell stock that has lost value, contribute the proceeds of the sale and receive a capital loss tax break. Stock gifts may also be used to fund a charitable gift annuity.

How to Transfer a Gift of Stock

Call 412-456-3055 to facilitate a transfer of stock. You will be asked if your gift is being restricted for a certain use such as a building fund, scholarships, parish share or is unrestricted for the parish's greatest need.

Establish a Named Endowment Fund

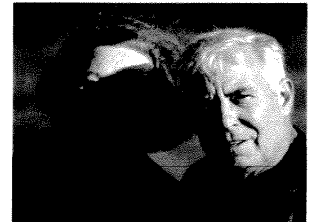
Your current donation or a future gift through your will can establish a named fund in the Diocesan Foundation or Common Fund Trust that will benefit your parish forever.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable Gift Annuities provide for your own and your family's financial future with a dependable, secure, and unchanging life income. You write a check or donate securities to the Diocese of Pittsburgh for the benefit of your parish, school or other diocesan ministry. You will be paid a fixed income for as long as you live at a rate far above those paid by banks, and most of that income is tax-free.

The chart below indicates the approximate annuity payment based on a single life:

Age	Rate
90	9.5%
85	8.1%
80	7.1%
75	6.3%
70	5.7%
65	5.3%
60	5.0%



On a gift of \$50,000, a person 75 years old could expect to receive an annual payment of \$3,150 (6.3%), of which \$2,252 is tax free, and an immediate income tax deduction of \$22,080. Distributions may be direct-deposited on a monthly or quarterly basis to your account. The minimum amount required to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity is \$5,000. For a two-life annuity, the minimum is \$10,000. The average gift annuity is \$40,000. You may also initiate a deferred gift annuity which pays a higher rate. For a free prospectus, call Paul Stabile at 412-456-3055.

Please remember your parish as you plan your estate. Please consult your own attorney or tax advisor for more specific advice. For information on any gift option please contact Paul Stabile, Director of Planned Giving at 412-456-3055.



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More than a gift ... Your Catholic Legacy

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

The Pastor's Corner ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

A regularly scheduled Town Hall Meeting was held on the evening of December 7 following the Holyday Mass. This report was delayed because of bulletin deadlines throughout the holiday season, so it will include not only the agenda but current updates.

1. The electrical contract was awarded to upgrade and bring to specs our electric service in the Church and throughout the plant. We have a base bid of about \$9K and will have some add-ons at cost-plus, so our capital improvement goal is set at the moment at \$13K.
2. The basement of the Church flooded, but thanks to quick work by Bob Bittner, Corky Michalik and Randy Lee and Trinity Restoration, damage was kept to a minimum and disruption of our plant usage was covered by use of the rectory basement. Everything has been scoped out and repaired. We now have a sump pump with battery back-up in the basement. Most of the costs, including a new rug which we have ordered, will be covered by insurance, but we will have to pay for the diagnostics and the sump pump. We will add that cost to the \$13K capital improvement goal when we get the final bills. All in all, we survived it well.
3. The envelop company messed up with the December mailings and most people did not have the first week of December and the Holyday envelopes, but it has been corrected and we don't seem to have suffered too much slippage in contributions.
4. Thanks to the Waglers of Crivelli Ford, we have a parish car that can be used by a priest who can be resident at Gilmary and help out here in the parish. Unfortunately, the priest that we had lined up has returned to Africa, but we are hopeful that we can identify another priest student next semester to fill this role.
5. The important discussion dealt with the fact that the Ambridge Bridge will be closed for up to two years. This will disrupt access to our parish for anyone on that side of the river. Our attendance has been steadily increasing (we are now regularly getting close to 700 people each weekend, sometimes more.) This may reverse that trend, but we hope not too badly. As a result, we have decided not to attempt a parish festival this June, and to rely on social fundraisers on a case by case basis during the time the bridge is closed.
6. My fourth anniversary as pastor came during the course of the week, and with your hard work and God's good grace, all has been progressing in the parish on all levels: financially, educationally, physical plant, sacramental and liturgical life, etc. In short, we have

completed our first hundred years joyfully and look forward with hope to our next hundred. Thank you, God bless you, Happy New Year!

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

PRO-LIFE VIGIL

SS. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church would like to invite members of our faith community to join them for their 2nd Annual Pro-Life Vigil. This Vigil, to pray for the unborn child, will take place on **Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 6:00 PM.** at the Gazebo on 11th and Merchant Streets. After the vigil they will have a candle light procession down Merchant Street to their Parish for closing prayers, light refreshments and fellowship.

CCD NEWS

A teachers meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday Jan 25th 6:30 pm.** This is a **MANDATORY** meeting. If you can not attend you **MUST** contact Sue in advance. There is a lot of planning that **MUST** be done for the 2011-2012 year. We are in need of several teachers for next year as well. Father is always asking for volunteering just one hour a week. I am asking for two or three but is that too much to ask to keep this program viable?

Any teacher or parish volunteer that has not attended Protecting Gods Children **MUST** attend a class before the end of March. Watch the bulletin as we will have one at St. Catherine's next month. If you can not attend the one we are sponsoring it is your responsibility to attend a class at another parish. This **MUST** be done to volunteer at the church in any capacity.

To volunteer contact Sue Tranter 412-327-3337

A Family Perspective.....by Bud Ozar

The words in today's gospel, "This is my beloved, with Him I am pleased," are words every child needs to hear often. Affirmation is important to raise happy and confident children.

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