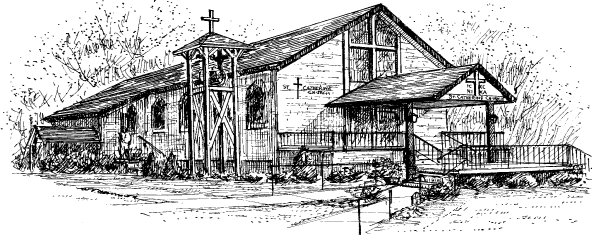


St. Catherine of Siena R.C. Parish
199 McGovern Boulevard • Crescent, PA 15046



PARISH CLERGY

Fr. Lou Vallone; Fr. Robert Zajdel; Fr. Matthew Tosello

TELEPHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESSES

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(Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday at noon.

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

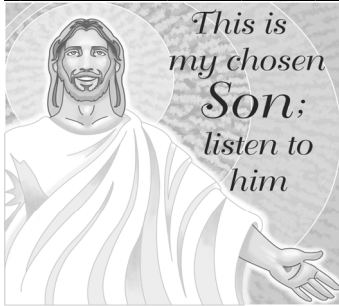
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CCD HOURS: ON SUNDAYS—10:00 TO 11:15 AM

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.



**Second Sunday
of Lent**

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

Catherine & Harry Bittner, Julie

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.

Also: Prayer intentions will now 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.

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.

St Paul's Retreat House News

Retreat weekends are still available for men and women. The theme concerns Jesus' parables. Retreat information is hanging in the back of church or contact St. Paul's for more information.

- Saturday February 27th**
4:00 PM Elizabeth J. Syracuse (Emily Michaels)
- Sunday, February 28th**
9:00 AM Charles J. Hogue
(Mother, Julia Hogue)
11:30 AM Ann Orsag (Cathy & Jim Wagler)
- Monday, March 1st**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Tuesday, March 2nd**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Joseph Hatlapatka (Family)
- Thursday, March 4th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Friday, March 5th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
6:30PM Stations of the Cross
- Saturday March 6th**
4:00 PM Paul & Anna Marsolo
(Mario & Carolina Santilli)
- Sunday, March 7th**
9:00 AM Parish Family
11:30 AM Helen Mullen (Helene)

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 M, T, H, F, 8:00 AM -
Wednesday, 6:30 PM

Lenten Pro-Life Prayer

Father of all mercy,
We thank you for this season of grace and light.
We know that sin has blinded us.
Draw us ever closer to you, in prayer and penance.

Since you, O God, are light itself,
Give all your people a clearer understanding
Of what is sin, and what is virtue.

Grant in particular that we may see, as never before,
The profound dignity of every human life,
Including the vulnerable unborn children.

Give us grace to defend
Our brothers and sisters in the womb
By our prayers, our words,
And our self-sacrificing actions.

We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Night At The Races UPDATE

Post Time is fast approaching for St. Catherine's Night at the Races the evening of March 20th. The night will consist of 10 races with an auction race to conclude the evening. Horses and dinner tickets are on sale now after the weekend Masses.

The costs are as follows:

A horse alone is \$10.00

Dinner alone is \$10.00

The purchase of **both** a horse and dinner is \$15.00

All tickets at the door will be \$10.00.

The doors will open at 5:15 p.m.

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.

Races begin at 7:00 p.m.

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to assist at the event.

Please contact Corky Michalik at 724-266-5452 or Bob Bittner at 724-378-0903 if you can help.

A brief planning meeting for volunteers will be held Thursday March 4th at 7:00 p.m. in Siena Hall.

Chinese Auction

Plans are to have a Chinese Auction during the races. If anyone is willing to donate new items to be used as part of a basket or even is willing to donate a complete gift basket, please contact Corky or Bob.

FEAST-OF-FEAST RAFFLE

Do you like to eat out? If so the Steeple Chase Drive has a deal for you. One winner will receive all of the following: a **dinner for two** at the **Monterey Bay Fish Grotto** and **13 \$50** gift certificates/cards from great restaurants in Kennedy, McKees Rocks, Robinson, Southside Works, Downtown, Sewickley, North Hills, Mount Washington, and Bridgeville. If you can't use them, re-gift them to your family, the person who shoveled your snow, or use them as Easter, graduation, wedding, birthday or anniversary gift. They can all be yours. Tickets cost \$10.00 and are based on the 7 P.M. PA lottery. Don't be left out. Tickets are on sale before and after each Mass, at the Pizza Kitchen, Parish Office and Bingo.

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 or Terry 412-331-3443 or Charlotte 412-331-2453.

St. Catherine's Parishioners: Tickets are available between Masses in the Upper Room (down in Siena Hall) on Sundays.

Our Prayer for Lent

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, the Holy One, who gives us life and all things.

As we go about our lives, often we forget your presence and your love.

We fall into sin and fail to live out the responsibilities that you have entrusted to us when we were baptized.

In this holy season of Lent, help us to turn our minds and hearts back to you.

Lead us into sincere repentance and renew our lives through your grace.

Help us to remember that we are sinners, but help us also to remember your loving mercy.

As we go through this Lent, may the cross of ashes that has marked our foreheads on Ash Wednesday be a reminder to us and to those we meet that we belong to you.

May our worship, prayer and penitence this day be sustained throughout these 40 days of Lent.

Renew us to celebrate both Christ's and our resurrection at Easter.

We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.



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FESTIVAL 2010

It may be snowing outside, but think spring, warm sunshine, good food, and loads of fun at St. Catherine's annual parish festival. Mark your calendar for this year's festival, Thursday, June 17, Friday, June 18, and Saturday, June 19. We're planning a special centennial "homecoming" festival with great music acts booked for all three nights. If you know former parishioners who may have moved away, invite them to come home again to St. Catherine's for this very special occasion.

Our next festival planning meeting will be on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 pm in Siena Hall.

FEBRUARY 21,, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection..... \$4,032.00

(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..... 5,497.00
 Remaining on goal..... \$29,987.00

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..... 71,127.00
 Matched by diocese..... 68,500.00
EXCESS on goal +\$2,627.00

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..... 11,659.00
 Excess Religions Education on goal.... +\$5,039.00

(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

February 21, 2010

4:00 ~ Vigil Mass.....250
 9:00 am Mass.....166
 11:30 am Mass.....158
 Total.....574



Contribution Forms have been mailed out. If you didn't receive yours, please call the office.

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

It's not every day we get the opportunity to celebrate a 100th 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).

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. Class size is limited to 40 couples per session.

Day of Recollection

The Christian Mothers of St. Francis Cabrini Church, Center Township, have scheduled a Day of Recollection for Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Fr. Angelus M. Shaughnessy, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin and also the National Executive Director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers, Clairton, PA will preach the sermon and conduct devotions. The events of the day will begin in the morning at 9:30 a.m. and conclude in the afternoon at 3:00 p.m. The program will consist of conference, confessions, devotions, lunch and celebration of the Eucharist. A buffet luncheon will be served at noon, catered by Diva DeSantis, Roma Catering. The complete cost for the day is \$14.00 per person. Please send your reservations with check, payable to St. Francis Cabrini Christian Mothers, to: Mrs. Theresa Colalella, 113 Mengel Avenue, Aliquippa, PA 15001, or Mrs. Dolores Lucente, 112 Fronko Street, Monaca, PA 15061. Reservations must be made by Tuesday, March 9, 2010. The cost of \$14.00 must be included with your reservations.

Father/Daughter Date Night

Father/Daughter(s) Date Night will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, 6:30-9:30pm. Girls age 10 and up. Dress-up and join us at Gilmory Center, five minutes from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport. Call 412-264-8400 for complete information or email: info@gilmorycenter.org. Registration forms can be downloaded from our website www.gilmorycenter.org under the "upcoming Events" tab.

Talent Show Looking for a fun family night out? Everyone will enjoy the Talent Show taking place on Saturday, March 6 at 7:00 PM at St. Paul Seminary's O'Conner Hall. A variety of acts will thrill and entertain you! Admission is only \$3 for adults and \$2 for children ages 6-17 (children age 5 and under are free). All proceeds benefit Holy Family Institute. Sponsored by the Diocesan Youth Council. For more information call 412-771-5483.

Retreat News

There is no better time to open our hearts to the need for solitude in prayer than in the Lenten season. In this time together we use a reality and a metaphor which comes to us from the Greek tradition-the Poustinia. The Poustinia is sometimes described as a location; it can also be the crossroad in our hearts where hospitality and colitude meet. Come and walk with us through the "door" which leads us into the world of communion with God and neighbor.

This retreat will be at Providence Villa, 10745 Babcock Blvd., Gibsonia

Facilitator: Marian Senish, CDP, MA

Fee: \$25 includes lunch

Date: Thursday, March 4, 2010

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Diocesan Adult Faith Formation Series

Teresa Tomeo, an award-winning radio reporter and news anchor, first received recognition for her work from the Associated Press, the Detroit Press Club, and the American women in Radio and TV. After making the move to TV news in 1988, her assignments took her across the country covering some of the most significant stories of the 1990's including the Oklahoma City Bombing and the 1995 visit to the U.S. of Pope John Paul II. An author, syndicated Catholic talk show host, professional speaker, and media consultant, she was invited to Rome to be one of only 260 international delegates to participate in the 20th anniversary of Mulieris Dignitatum, a "Congress on Women." Join us for Teresa Tomeo's presentation, *10 Things I've Learned about Living a Godly Life*, to be held at St. Paul Seminary Auditorium, Thursday, March 4th at 7:30 PM. Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons, and catechists. The lecture is free-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
MARCH, 2010**

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

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PASTOR'S CORNER ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

There are only two things that are certain: "death and taxes." Everyone is familiar with that cliché. We who are Christians believe that Jesus Christ has conquered death. But not even He has been able to conquer taxes.

The Canon Law of our Catholic Church says in #1259: "The Church can acquire temporal goods by every just means." #1260: "The Church has an innate right to require from the Christian faithful those things which are necessary for the purposes proper to it." #1261 "The Christian faithful are free to give temporal goods for the benefit of the Church." #1262 "The faithful are to give support to the Church by responding to appeals according to the norms issued by the conference of bishops." and #1263 "After the diocesan bishop has heard the finance council and the presbyterial council, he has the right to impose a moderate tax for the needs of the diocese; this tax is to be proportionate to their income." In Pittsburgh, this tax is called the Parish Share Appeal and is imposed on the income of parishes.

It is Parish Share Appeal time again. By now, I think everyone knows what Parish Share is about. Parishes run their operations on a range of incomes: offertory, fundraisers, bequests, etc. Dioceses run their operations by taxing a portion of what Parishes derive. That's right, it is just like the secular government and income tax, except that we have a fixed rate of 17.6% of all income. Each year the diocese computes the Parish income and assesses the amount for the Parish to remit to the diocese.

The diocese then uses that money to run all of its programs: Central Administration, Marriage Tribunal, Seminary, Priest Retirement and Continued Education, Archives, Chaplaincies: in short, any and all support type services that cannot be run by an individual parish. These are supported in the entire six county areas of southwestern Pennsylvania that is the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. This budget is about \$23 million per year.

It is up to each parish to decide how to raise its assessment. We do it the simplest way possible: we take the total amount (about \$36,000) divided into 12 monthly installments (about \$40 per month per contributor). If everyone does his share, we will make our goal. If you can do more, please do. If you cannot, do what you can. Jesus conquered death. Let's take a crack at the taxes.

Parish Share 2010

WHAT?
\$35,484

This is the amount which our parish must remit to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If we raise more than this amount, we can retain the excess for our parish (assessment free). If we raise less, then we must use operating funds to cover the difference.

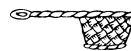
WHY?
17.6%

This figure is computed by taking 17.6% of all our income (offertory, Festival, donations, bequests, fund raisers, etc.). It is a straight assessment at this percentage for all parishes. This percentage is higher than past years.

WHEN?
NOW!

The Diocesan Drive begins this Sunday, Feb. 28 and we have until December 31, 2010 to pay off the full amount of our assessment. We at St. John of God do not visit homes, or send out monthly bills on pledges as the diocese recommends. We view this as a continued and year round effort.

HOW?
SIMPLY.



In each month's envelop packet, there is a blue envelope marked "Parish Share" - cash, check, money order, can all be placed in this, which can be dropped in the collection anytime you are at church, or mailed in, or left at the rectory, or put in my hand when you are greeting me outside church. A one time lump sum can be given, monthly installments on a yearly pledge, sporadic payments, when you get your IRS refund: in short, any way, any where, any time - as long as you get the contribution to us, and it is clearly marked Parish Share, it will be gratefully accepted.

WHO?
EVERYONE!



An overall average of \$40 per month from each contributor (including visitors) means that we can reach our assessment with some to keep for our local ministry. This program will only work if all of our people participate. We must average this amount. If you are able to give this each month, it will add up to what is needed. If you are able to give more: please do so to help the effort. If you are not able to give this amount, please give as much as you can, every bit helps. Any amount at any time adds to the overall total - and more importantly shows that every member of the parish is a part of the whole - our parish and our diocese. Percentage of participation is an even more crucial statistic than the amount of money that is given. We need everyone!

"From those to whom much is given, much is expected."

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