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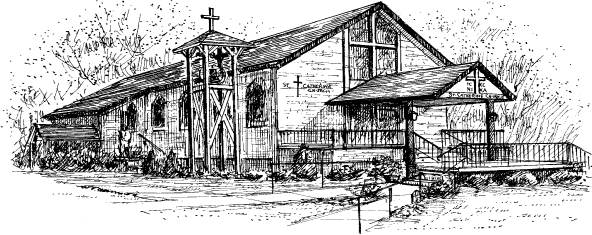
MESSAGES:

*February 7, 2010*

*Fifth 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; 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

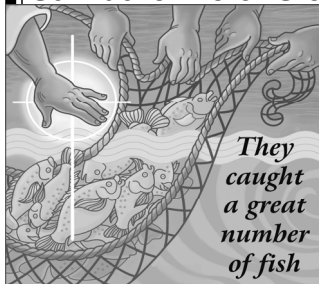
CCD OFFICE HOURS: SUNDAYS 8:30 AM—11:30 AM  
CCD HOURS: ON SUNDAYS—10:00 TO 11:15 AM

## 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.



**Fifth Sunday  
In  
Ordinary Time**

**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.



St. Catherine's welcomes the newly baptized *Joshua John Paul Tate* into God's Family. May you continue to grow in God's love.

St. Catherine's extends our sympathies to the families of *Paul Mullen* and *Helen Ford* whom God has called home. Please remember them and all our dearly departed in your prayers

- 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))
- Monday, February 8th**  
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Tuesday, February 9th**  
8:00 AM Rosary  
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Thursday, February 11th**  
8:30 AM Betty Jane Vallone
- Friday, February 12th**  
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Saturday February 13th**  
4:00 PM Matthew Ciamelle (Family)
- Sunday, February 14th**  
9:00 AM Bob & Barb Gaydos (Daughter)  
11:30 AM Wedding Anniversary of  
Bob & Alice Bittner (Son, Raymond)

**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

**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 25	#951
January 26	#049
January 27	#065
January 28	#068
January 29	#232
January 30	#388
January 31	#790

Congratulations to all of our winners!

**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.

**PASTA DINNER**

Saturday, February 27  
5:00 - 7:00 PM  
Sienna Hall  
Cost: \$7:00

**Menu**

Pasta & Meatballs  
Salad  
Bread & Butter  
Beverage  
Cake



“Dine In” or “Take out”

Advance ticket sales available after all the Masses February 13-14 and February 20-21. Limited tickets available at the door.

Sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Christian Ladies Society

**GOOD SAMARITAN PACKI (DONUT SALE)  
FAT TUESDAY**

Good Samaritan Choir and Friends, 8th and Melrose Avenue will sponsor their annual FAT TUESDAY “Paczki” (Donut) Sale on FAT TUESDAY, February 16, 2010 from 4 AM—2 PM. Plain sugared delicious homemade donuts. Walk ins allowed 2 dozen. Advance orders of 3 or more dozen can be placed by calling the PACZKI HOTLINE at 724-266-5739. Please leave all requested information on voicemail. Donation is \$7.00 a dozen and \$4.00 1/2 dozen, while supply lasts.



DAY OF SALE ONLY: 724-266-6010.  
“One Parish—Many Traditions.”

**St. James Women’s Bible Sharing Group** invites all women to join them in their study of: **Pilgrimage in the Footsteps of Jesus**. Journey to find God in a new way on each Monday morning February 8-March 23 at the St. James Gathering Space from 9:30-11:00am. Childcare will be provided. Fr. Dan Valentine, Pastor of St. James Church will be our guest speaker on February 8. Study books are now available at the rectory or at registration the 1st and 2nd week. Fee is \$20.00. If you have any questions, please call Ruth (412)749-0103

**WHERE GOD IS**

We cannot go where God is not. And where God is, all is well. —Anonymus

**JANUARY 31, 2010**

**Regular Offertory Collection**..... \$3329.00

(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..... \$5060.00  
 Remaining on goal..... \$30424.00

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..... \$70112.00  
 Matched by diocese..... \$68500.00  
 Remaining on goal..... +\$1612.00  
**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..... \$11050.00  
 Excess Religions Education on goal..... +\$4430.00

(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**

Relief for Haiti.....\$2,280.00

(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**

**January 31, 2010**

4:00 ~ Vigil Mass.....279  
 9:00 am Mass.....151  
 11:30 am Mass.....170  
 Total.....600

**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.

**Christian Ladies Society News**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19th at 7:00pm in Siena Hall. All are welcome!

**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.

**\*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!

**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).

Today we rejoice and celebrate **World Day for Consecrated Life**. Over the years, many men and women have chosen to live out their baptismal vocation by professing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. They do this by joining a religious congregation, a secular institute, or through private vows. We pray for these people and ask God to bless our Church with others who will dedicate their lives to God's service.



**A Family Perspective.....by Bud Ozar**  
Jesus was enjoying a moment of peace when the crowd "pressed in on Him" ending His quiet moment. Just when we think we can enjoy a peaceful moment at home there is a demand for our time and presence. Notice Jesus did not get upset. Finding and enjoying time for self and family is an art worth planning and designing.

**Beginning Experience: A Retreat for Grieving Singles** Were the holidays difficult? You are not alone. There are others who must walk this hard road as well. Come be among us. We know the pain. No masks required. The **Beginning Experience** weekend program is presented by a team of people who have suffered the loss of a spouse and are willing to share their own experience to help others. The next weekend will be held March 19-21, 2010 at the Gilmary Center in Moon Twp, PA. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more information, contact the Office for Adult and Family Faith Formation at 412-456-3160, or [familylife@diopitt.org](mailto:familylife@diopitt.org) or make a confidential call to Susan Ackerman at 724-980-4757.

**GOD'S CALL**

In today's scriptures we hear three instances of people receiving and responding to a call from God. These accounts follow the pattern of most scriptural call narratives: a divine presence appears and speaks; the person expresses fear or unworthiness, receives encouragement, and finally responds to God's call. Today's first reading shows an unworthy Isaiah responding to the Lord's call, "Here I am; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8). In the second reading Paul tells us that, even though he had persecuted the church, he was called to be an apostle. In the Gospel, despite Simon Peter's protest that he is a sinner, Jesus calls James John, and Simon to follow him. They leave everything they have and follow Jesus—that is, they become Jesus' disciples. These scriptures can challenge us to take stock of our lives. How do we experience Jesus' call to discipleship in our lives? How well and faithfully are we responding?  
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**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** \_\_\_\_\_  
: .....

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

**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! Want to give each other something really special this Valentine's Day? How about a gift filled with Romance and Excitement? That's just the beginning of what you will receive on a Worldwide Marriage 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)

### **High School Merit Scholarship**

Aquinas Academy will be awarding Merit Scholarships to students entering 9<sup>th</sup> Grade in August of 2010. Students who have demonstrated academic excellence and Christian leadership are eligible for this \$1,500 scholarship. Contact Mike Burchill, Assistant Head of School, at 724-444-0722x17 if you wish to apply for this scholarship to Aquinas Academy High School or if you would like to nominate a current 8<sup>th</sup> grader. More information about Aquinas Academy can be found at [www.AquinasAcademy.info](http://www.AquinasAcademy.info).

### **SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
World Day for Consecrated Life;  
Boy Scout Sunday;  
Boy Scouts of America 100th

Anniversary

Monday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita

Wednesday: St. Scholastica

Thursday: Our Lady of Lourdes;  
World Day of the Sick

Friday: Lincoln's Birthday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

### **Parish Festival Planning Meeting**

Please plan on attending the kick off meeting for the annual parish festival on Thursday Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Siena Hall. The meeting will consist of planning and outlining this year's event. We want to make this year's festival bigger



and better to coincide with our centennial. As a parish with a 100 year existence, we need to celebrate and savor our unique history. We will have a few surprises to mark this milestone. The festival needs people to manage/work game booths, kitchen help, food booth, ticket sales, night security, festival setup and teardown. Some of this help is needed prior and after the posted hours of the festival. Remember, the festival is what we make of it. Help is needed and welcomed from young and old alike. The more we can plan now, the better the festival will become.

All parishioners are invited to participate and attend the meeting as well as non parishioners and former members of St. Catherine's as we celebrate this magic moment in time. So please pass the word.

See you at the meeting.

### **Magnificat Pittsburgh**

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for an uplifting prayer breakfast on Sat., Feb.20 from 9:00am to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Township. Hear speaker Gail Buckley tell the story of her conversion to the Catholic faith. She was received into the Catholic Church in 1994 followed by her husband the following year. Gail is the founder and president of Catholic Scripture Study (CSS). CSS is the world's fastest growing Catholic Bible study program with thousands of members in the US and in 40 countries, and has received an Apostolic Blessing for Pope Benedict XVI. Gail has been a guest on many Catholic radio shows and on EWTN's Journey Home. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is Feb. 12. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906 or download a registration form at [www.magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org).

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

Well, there's good news, and good news.

1. The first good news is that we have succeeded in paying off our parish debt completely! In thirteen months, we took advantage of a dispensation from the Catholic Institute that matched us dollar for dollar on our debt, and exempted us from the PSP assessment of 17.6% We did it simply by asking \$500 per family spread over 2009, using a monthly envelop and collection. We contributed about \$68.5K and had that matched to retire a \$137K debt! Congratulations and thank you!

Now here is where we stand: because of contracts, the Debt Reduction envelopes and collection will remain until the end of the financial year (June 30, 2010.) We will keep the money in the parish, but it will no longer be matched by the Catholic Institute, and will no longer be exempt from the PSP assessment. But the money continues to be ours and will go into our reserve account (savings). It will be a good basis for future capital improvements in the parish.

It is up to each of you to decide how you will respond over the next five months. You may choose to simply stop using the envelop altogether and stop that level of contributing. Or you may choose to continue your giving in that collection as you have for the past year, thereby providing us with a cushion. Or you may choose to reallocate that amount of giving to the Parish Share Collection, which is tax exempt and once we have paid that assessment off (\$35K for 2010) we will continue to keep the money in parish. I am truly grateful to your dedication and generosity to the parish, and will respect whatever you decide. As always, there will be total transparency on the finances in the bulletin each week: you will continue to see how we fare on PSP and what the surplus is for Debt Reduction.

2. The second good news is that we now have a priest residing in the St. Catherine rectory again. Fr. Matthew Tosello is a Pittsburgh diocesan priest who for the past 25 years has been pastor of St. Christopher Parish in Prospect, PA, Butler County. Having reached the age of 75, he has retired from that pastorate, but remains a Pittsburgh priest with full faculties. He is NOT assigned to St. Catherine; he merely has the permission of the bishop to reside here. What this means is that he has the priestly power to do anything (Mass, confessions,

funerals, baptisms, weddings) but he is not required to do anything - he is allowed to just relax and enjoy his golden years. He will probably be away for periods of time for vacation and such, but while in our area, he will live at the rectory. He wishes to stay a part of parish life, so he will at his discretion celebrate Mass and do other things. And he is very sociable and would like to form relationships with our people and the community. I do remain as pastor and am responsible for all the administration (at least until I can retire!) and will continue to be at St. Catherine on a regular schedule of Mass and sacraments. Fr. Bob will continue to serve as parochial vicar, as well. This is a brand new model: having priests assigned to serve a parish who do not reside there while having a priest reside there who is not assigned to serve the parish. As with anything new, we will all have to be patient with each other to work out all the kinks and ramifications. In the meantime, feel free to make Fr. Matthew's acquaintance, make him feel welcome and at home, and we will all be one big happy family in the Lord. Thanks to you on behalf of Fr. Matthew and the diocese for your generosity and hospitality in welcoming him.

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

Q: Where did Fr. Hughes say Mass for local Catholics before St. Catherine's was built?

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).

A: Rooney Hotel, owned by Dan Rooney, brother of Art "The Chief" Rooney

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