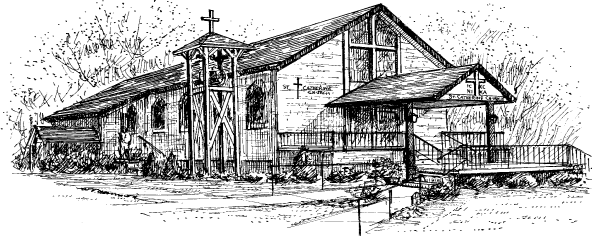


March 28, 2010

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

St. Catherine of Siena R.C. Parish

199 McGovern Boulevard • Crescent, PA 15046



PARISH CLERGY

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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.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday	March 27th
4:00 PM	Betty Hlesta (daughter Janet & family)
Sunday,	March 28th
9:00 AM	Betty McKenna (nieces & nephews)
11:30 AM	Rocco DeSantis (daughter, Marian)
Monday,	March 29th
8:30 AM	Parish Family
Tuesday,	March 30th
8:00 AM	Rosary
8:30 AM	Katherine Bindi (family)
Thursday,	April 1st
8:30 AM	NO MASS
6:30 PM	Mass of the Lord's Supper Parish Family
Friday,	April 2nd
8:30 AM	NO MASS
3:00 PM	Liturgical Service
Saturday	April 3rd
1:00 PM	Blessing of Food
7:30 PM	Easter Vigil Parish Family
Sunday,	April 4th
9:00 AM	Parish Family
11:30 AM	Parish Family

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

E. Sanchez, Vanessa M. Elias, Robert Parker,
Norma Lise

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.

CCD NEWS

CCD will not be in session March 28th or April 4th due to Palm Sunday and Easter. We will resume on April 11th.

There was a mix up on the delivery of Candy. It will be delivered and available for pick up on Saturday and Sunday March 27th and 28th.

The 7th grade class will be performing the Lazarus Story down in Siena Hall on April 18th at 10:15 AM. All are invited to watch this performance.

WANTED - teachers to teach in the 2010-2011 school year.

Must be willing to take certification classes and get clearance from the data base at the diocese. Please see Sue Tranter for details. We are in need of two or three teachers or backups.

PLEASE NOTE that the office will be closed Good Friday and Easter Monday. Thank you

Centennial News

We've been busy laying the plans for activities and initiatives during our centennial year and beyond. Below is a list of *ideas* and confirmed dates for special celebrations in the coming months. Although it is a special occasion, don't look at it as an event, rather a new beginning to our next 100 years! Add your ideas for St. Catherine's Centennial celebration or be a volunteer and be a part of this most joyous occasion.

Dates to Remember

April 25, 27-29, Parish Renewal with Rev James Gretz, Dir. of the diocesan Worship Office

August 22, Centennial Celebration mass with Bishop Zubik, 11:30

August 22, Centennial reception at the Fez (ticket details to follow)

Please provide your ideas or volunteer to help in any capacity.

- Administrative:** Centennial coordination
- Apostolate:** Organizations in the parish.
- Education:** CCD coordination, teachers, & students, Guest speakers, Deaconate program
- Temporalities:** Photo directory
- Worship:** Parish Renewal

**Drop in the offertory basket or phone/email
Debbie Michalik, 724-266-5452,
dfm0912@msn.com.**

Small things count too! Write a paragraph describing your thoughts about St Catherine of Siena Parish.

Would you answer these questions?

"What were the circumstances that brought you to St Catherine's?"

"What were your happiest moments in recent times at St. Catherine's?"

Can you remember a sad time at St. Catherine's?"

"What will St. Catherine's look like in 2020?"

MARCH 21, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection..... \$3,179.00

(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..... 12,964.00
 Remaining on goal..... \$22,520.00

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..... 71,898.00
 Matched by diocese..... 68,500.00
EXCESS on goal +\$3,478.00

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 2010 \$4,400.00
 Contributions to date..... 1,740.00
 Balance \$2,660.00

(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

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 (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

MARCH 21, 2010

4:00 ~ Vigil Mass.....240
 9:00 am Mass.....126
 11:30 am Mass.....140
 Total.....506

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

HOLY LAND COLLECTION—APRIL 2, 2010

This is a special Pontifical collection to maintain the holy shrines and Franciscan missionaries who serve in the Holy Land. This collection is take up each year on Good Friday Please be as generous as possible.

EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

There will be 2 Easter Collections on Easter Sunday. The first is a regular Sunday Collection and the second is the Easter gift to the parish; these are two separate envelopes. Thank you.

A DAY TOGETHER - To "Get Into Spiritual Shape"

(Sponsored by "The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Pittsburgh")

Whether you are a grandfather, father, single man, or son, whatever your level of faith or whatever your level of spiritual fitness, come and see how you can direct your thoughts and energy toward fostering a stronger relationship with God, family, friends, and co-workers.

SAVE THE DATE!

Receive the gift that has eternal value

When: April 10, 2010

Where: A.J. Palumbo Center, Duquesne University

Pre-registration: \$35

(deadline is April 4th)

Online Registration at CMF Pittsburgh

For more information contact:

Bob Bittner @724-378-0903

GOOD SAMARITAN EASTER BAKE SALE

Good Samaritan Parish, 8th and Melrose, Ambridge will sponsor an Easter Bake Sale, on March 27/28, 2010 from 9 AM til 2:00 PM. Featured will be our delicious homemade NUT, POPPYSEED and APRICOT Rolls at \$11.00 each (half rolls at \$6.00), Easter Bread 1 1/2 pound ROUND LOAF (plain or anise). Deadline for phone orders is March 15, at 12:00 Noon. To place an order, please call 724-266-6887 or 724-266-2079. Day of Sale ONLY: 724-266-6010. Walk ins welcome.

EPIC

A JOURNEY THROUGH CHURCH HISTORY

Experience Church History like never before with one of the most inspiring teachers and historians in the Catholic Church today - Steve Weidenkopf.

Good Samaritan Church
725 Glenwood Avenue
Ambridge, PA 15003
724-266-6565

Saturday, April 17, 2010
7:00 am to 8:00 am
On-site Registration and Sign-in

7:30 Rosary

8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Seminar (Lunch included)

4:00 pm
Saturday Vigil Mass

(Celebrant: Fr. Joe Freedy, Diocesan Director of Vocations)

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT DINNER

Makes plans to bring your spouse to the Marriage Enrichment Dinner at Gilmory Center on Friday, April 16th at 7 pm. Enjoy a six course dinner and hear a talk that will strengthen your marriage. Guest speakers are Fred and Marina Miller. Call 412-264-8400 for complete information or email: info@gilmorycenter.org. Registration is required by Tuesday, April 13th. Forms can be downloaded from our website www.gilmorycenter.org under the "Upcoming Events" tab.

Novena in Honor of St. Anthony
Good Samaritan Parish, 725 Glenwood Avenue, Ambridge, PA will be holding its annual Novena in honor of St. Anthony of Padua beginning Tuesday, April 13, and running for nine consecutive Tuesdays through June 8. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 PM by various visiting priests followed by novena prayers. We look forward to seeing you. We are "One Parish - Many Traditions". For more information, please call 724-266-6565.



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
April, 2010**

Apr. 3 - 4	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Marion Pukach Denis Martin	Karen Simpson	Terra Koerpel
Altar Server	Chris Hoffman Phil Hoffman	Giavanna Rizzuto Santino Ciccone	Marisa Duncan Austin Kelly
Euch. Min.	Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky	Steve Simpson William Murphy Sue Tranter	Dino Nanni Rona Nanni Bob Bittner
Apr. 10 - 11	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Alyssa Lee	Pat Varley	Mary Powell
Altar Server	Ethan Conner Nathan & Ryan Lee	Nathan Barcaskey Patrick Barcaskey	Matthew Tessmer Megan Tessmer
Euch. Min.	Christine Conner Jerry Conner John Toth	Colleen Barcaskey Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart	Mary Baun Kathleen Gillie Arlene (Sis) Kruppa
Apr. 17 - 18	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Paul Urbani	Kris/Scott Becker	John Davis
Altar Server	Christopher Hoffman Phillip Hoffman	Ryan Becker Rachel Becker	Rachael Kriger Zachery Kriger
Euch. Min.	Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky Dino Nanni	Antoinette Garuccio William Murphy Sue Tranter	Bob Bittner Terra Koerpel Mary Baun
Apr. 24 - 25	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Paul Urbani	Denise Martin	Anne Leopold
Altar Server	Amanda Kunkle Amanda Stotlemeyer	Benjamin May Elyse Kostelnik	Austin Kelly Marisa Duncan
Euch. Min.	John Toth Bob Bittner Tina Hoffman	Karen Simpson Steve Simpson Antoinette Garuccio	Dino Nanni Rona Nanni Kathleen Gillie

PLEASE NOTE: We still need one more lector for Holy Saturday Vigil Mass

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PASTOR'S CORNER ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

When I was a kid, our big project for Easter was either colored baby chicks (very cruel) or dyeing Easter eggs (not so good for cholesterol). Since Holy Week begins today, here is a better and more theologically sound project to prepare as a family for next Sunday.

Resurrection Cookies Recipe:

1 cup whole pecans; 1 teaspoon vinegar; 3 egg whites; pinch of salt; 1 cup sugar; a zipper baggy; 1 wooden spoon; scotch tape; Bible.

Instructions:

Preheat oven to 300F.

*** (this is very important --- don't wait until you are half done with the recipe) ***

Place pecans in zipper baggy and beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces.

Explain that after Jesus was arrested. He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read: John 19:1-3
Smell the vinegar. Put 1 teaspoon vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross He was given vinegar to drink. Read: John 19:28-30

Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.

Read: John 10:10&11

Sprinkle a little salt into each hand. Taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin. Read: Luke 23:27

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read: Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read: Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoon onto waxed paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read: Matthew 27:57-60

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Take a piece of tape and seal the oven door.

Explain that Jesus tomb was sealed. Read: Mat. 27:65-66

GO TO BED!

Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read: John 16:20&22

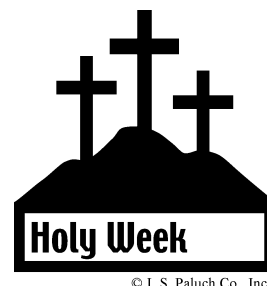
On Resurrection Sunday (Easter) morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read: Matthew 28:1-9

"WHY MUST HE DIE?" - A Passion Play

Everyone is cordially invited to this spiritually uplifting performance.

Mark your calendars now for **Good Friday, April 2, at 12 Noon**, when TriCounty Choir Institute's Teen Chorale will again be presenting the Passion Play, ***"Why Must He Die?"*** at St. John of God Parish, the Church at St. Mary's. Junior high, high school, and graduate students have been presenting this ministry of the musical passion play for 19 consecutive years and it has been presented in over 130 different churches of all denominations during those years.

"Why Must He Die?" written and directed by Linda Wallace, is a meditation through music, drama and liturgical dance on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. There is no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken. For more information, please call the writer and director, Linda Wallace at 412-741-3463, or email at lindaswallace@comcast.net or visit the website at www.tricountychoirs.com.



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