

March 6, 2011

9th Sunday Ordinary Time



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.

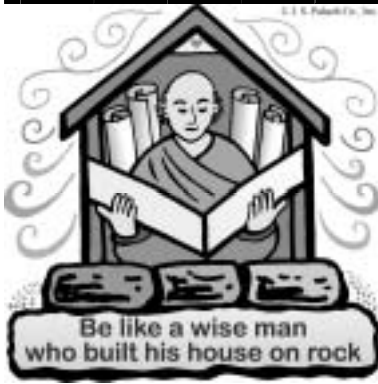
In this we also commit ourselves to the Catholic Church's Mission of Evangelization.

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**NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

- Saturday March 5th**
4:00 PM Anna Avolio (Joe & Audrey Burckart)
- Sunday, March 6th**
9:00 AM Matthew Ciamelle (Family)
11:30 AM Tom Shively (Dolores Lenhart)
- Monday, March 7th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Tuesday, March 8th**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Janet Gaona (Husband, Tom)
- Wednesday March 9th**
8:30 AM Mass with Ashes
6:30 PM Mass with Ashes
- Thursday, March 10th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Friday, March 11th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
- Saturday March 12th**
4:00 PM Mario Santilli (Carolina & Family)
- Sunday, March 13th**
9:00 AM Richard Woznicki
(Paula & Chester Delon)
11:30 AM Tom Shively (Fran Hribar)
12:30 PM **Town Hall Meeting**

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 :

Nathan, Jon, and David Barcaskey & their Family, Rita Shively, Catherine & Harry Bittner, Bill Murphy, Mrs. Synowka, Zachary Henry & Family, Rosemarie, Ryan, John, Maria, John Jr., Faith, Reno, Rock, Eloise, Doris, Linda, Dennis P.

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.



SPRING FORWARD

Don't forget to set your clocks **1 hour ahead** on **Saturday, March 12th.**

TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a Town Hall Meeting on **March 13th** at approximately 12:30 PM. All members of the staff, Parish Council, and Finance Council are expected to attend. **Everyone** from the Parish is encouraged to attend and take stewardship of your Parish! This is the perfect opportunity to ask any questions or voice any concerns that you may have. Fr. Lou always promises that these meetings are no longer than 1 1/2 hours. We'll see you there.

FOLK GROUP NEWS

NOTE A CHANGE: The Folk Group will be singing at the 4:00 PM Mass on **March 19th**. Practice for this Mass will be on **Wednesday, March 16th at 6:30PM**. Please make every effort to attend as it is a Lenten Mass and we will be doing different songs.

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.



PRAYER ON ASH WEDNESDAY

*O Jesus, in honor of the forty days
you spent in the desert praying and fasting,
we begin this season of Lent.*

*During this holy time of sacrifice,
prayer, and good works
may we prepare our hearts, our souls,
our minds and bodies
for the greatest feast in the Church,
the feast of Your Resurrection.*

*May we follow in Your footsteps
as we journey with You to Jerusalem.
At each Mass that we participate in during this Lent,
may we be reminded of the Last Supper
and Your gift of Eucharist.*

*May we continue with You to Calvary,
accepting the crosses that are given to us
each day.*

*May we stay with Your Mother Mary
as she stands by Your Cross.*

*We ask You to forgive us our sins
and thank You for the sacrifice
You have made for us.
Grant us, O God, the perseverance
to strive each day of this holy season of Lent
to become better Christians.*

*May our preparation for Easter
make us one with the Risen Christ on Easter
and every day of our lives. Amen.*

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FRIDAY LENTEN SPECIAL

Come join us for a tour of St. Anthony's Chapel during Lent at 12 noon or 1:00 pm, followed by a Lenten Lunch on the Fridays of Lent (not available on Good Friday). Cost is \$10/person and reservations are required. Call Carole at 412-999-4401 for reservations and menu.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Ash Wednesday is this Wednesday, March 9th. Two Masses will be offered with the distribution of ashes at each. The times are 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM. This is not an obligation but a wonderful way to start our Lenten Journey. Hopefully we will all take the time to get closer to God and prepare for His Resurrection.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent, except for Good Friday, St. Catherine's will have Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM. We need volunteers to sign up to lead the Stations. Please see the sign-up sheet in the sacristy. Thank you.

PACZKI (DONUT SALE)

Good Samaritan Choir and Friends, 8th and Melrose Avenue, Ambridge, PA will sponsor their annual Fat Tuesday "Paczki" (Donut) Day Sale on **March 8, 2011** from 4:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Plain sugared delicious homemade donuts will be available. 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 \$8:00 per dozen and \$4.50 1/2 dozen. While supplies last. **DAY OF SALE ONLY** 724-266-6010. "One Parish ~ Many Traditions".

LENTEN FISH FRY

Good Samaritan Parish, 8th and Melrose, Ambridge will sponsor a Lenten Fish Fry every Friday of Lent from 11:00AM - 7:00 PM. Featured will be our delicious hand breaded Fish, Crab Cake Dinners, Shrimp Dinners and our Combination Platter, along with our homemade side orders. All items are available for eat in or take out. For take out information, please call 724-266-6010.

PLEASE NOTE: on April 22, Good Friday, there will be a pierogi Sale 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM. **ONLY TAKE OUT WILL AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY!**

For general information please call 724-266-6565.

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

Weekend Attendance

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION..... \$3,343.00

(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.....\$33,302.00
 PSP Collected.....\$12,868.00
 Remaining on 2011 Goal.....\$20,434.00

(This is the tax paid to the diocese. We must remit this entire amount to the diocese by December 31. Any surplus then remains in the parish, tax free.)

Capital Improvements

Goal \$13,000.00
 Contributions to Date \$5,271.00
 Remaining on Goal \$7,729.00

(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 2011.....?
 Contributions to date\$1394.00
 Remaining on Goal?

(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.)

FEBRUARY 27, 2011

4:00 PM Mass280
 9:00 AM Mass187
 11:30 AM Mass183
 Total.....650

LADIES SOCIETY NEWS

The next meeting for the Christian Ladies Society will be held **Tuesday, March 15th** at 7:00 PM in Siena Hall. All Ladies are welcome. And bring your "Luck-O-The Irish" with you as Pokeno will played that evening.

2ND CHANCE TO ATTEND PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN CLASS

St. Catherine's will host another Protecting God's Children class on Sunday, **April 10th** from 1-4 PM. Anyone who volunteers in any ministry of the parish must register and attend this class to continue to volunteer. First you must be registered on the Safe Environment database with the Diocese. If you have not done so, please go online and complete an application at diopitt.org and click on the application icon. If you need assistance please contact Sue Tranter at 412-327-3337.

Save the date if you have not attended this class previously. It is only necessary to attend one class. Please contact Sue to register for the class. Thank you.

Parenting Pointer Although parenting changes as children become young adults and leave home, a universal challenge for parents is when to rescue and when not to. The stakes get higher as our sons and daughters get older. Hopefully your wisdom as a parent has grown also. Restraint, consulting with others, and prayer are foundational virtues. For practical help check out my new book, *Parenting Your Adult Child: Keeping the Faith (And Your Sanity)*. www.SusanVogt.net

LOVE AND DEEDS

God doesn't want our deeds; God wants the love that prompts them.

—St. Teresa of Ávila

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER NEWS

Spring is just around the bend. Renew your marriage too at the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend April 8-10 at the Toftrees resort in State College. Call (412) 635-7775 or visit us on the web at www.wwme.org. Facebook: WWME SW PA!

To couples who have made a WWME weekend: Been missing community or want to connect with other encountered couples in the area? Come to the new area-wide event at St. Ferdinand Church **March 19th**. Pizza at 5:00, presentation at 6:00, babysitting will be provided. RSVP to Bill and Heather Kreke at 724.741.0323, bill.heather.kreke@gmail.com.

HELP FOR GRIEVING SINGLES

Widowed, divorced or separated? Beginning Experience offers help to hurting "single again" folks. The weekend and optional post weekend sessions focus on a personal inward journey to begin a new life with renewed courage and hope. Grief, regrets, confusion, self doubt? You don't have to go through this alone. There are others walking this hard road. We know the pain. Come to a safe place. The next weekend will be held **March 25-27, 2011** at the Gilmary Center in Moon Twp, PA Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more info, www.BeginningExperience.org or make a confidential call to Steve Smith at 412-367-4948 or 412-720-8694.

RETRouvaille

Are you feeling helpless because you think your MARRIAGE is heading downhill? Don't despair. Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) is a proved an effective program that is helping hurting marriages rebuild their trust and renew their communication. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **April 8, 2011**, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or 3041@retrouvaille.org More information is available at www.helpyourmarriage.com

RECIPE FOR A "HAPPY MARRIAGE"

Take two happy people-one male and one female-and separate them from their parents. Add the following ingredients in generous proportions:

- Love
- Acceptance
- Respect
- Communication
- Patience
- Kindness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control
- Commitment
- Faith
- Hope
- Truth

Mix together, then thoroughly sift in daily life. Strain out jealousy, arrogance, selfishness, provocation and accounting of wrongs. Bake in the trials and tribulations of life for 50 years, then celebrate when golden!

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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GIVING TO YOUR PARISH

As you plan your giving for 2011 consider that there are ways to make revocable or irrevocable planned and deferred gifts to the parish in addition to outright cash. Here are some options to consider.

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IRA Rollover Available for Use in 2011

Individuals over 70 ½ years of age may once again make direct distributions from their Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) to charities, parishes, schools, etc. of up to \$100,000 per year. Please instruct your IRA custodian (broker, bank, etc.) to transfer funds directly to your parish as a gift. There is no taxation on funds withdrawn from your IRA for this purpose. You may include your minimum distribution (or any amount up to \$100,000) by making your IRA donation by December 31, 2011.

Making a Provision in Your Will

When you make a bequest (provision) in your will for your parish, please have your attorney word the provision this way, "I give, devise and bequeath to (insert the name and address of your parish or school), a charitable organization, the sum of \$____; or ____% of my estate; or ____% of the residue of my estate; or the following property (describe home, real estate, bonds, accounts, insurance policy, etc.) to be used for its general purposes (or indicate specific purpose(s) or restricted use). For a free brochure entitled "How to Make a Will that Works," call Paul Stabile at 412-456-3055.

Transfer a Gift of Stock to Your Parish

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.

Gifts of Life Insurance

You may take out a life insurance policy making the parish the beneficiary. If the parish is to receive 100% of the policy, you may claim the annual premium each year as an income tax deduction. Paid up policies may be cashed in

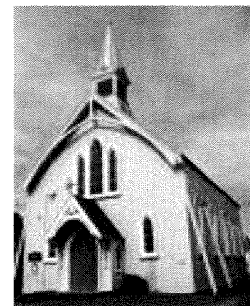
and the proceeds donated. See your insurance professional to discuss.

Gift Annuities – Donate as you Invest

Charitable Gift Annuities provide for your own and your family's financial future with a dependable, secure, and unchanging life income as you provide income for your parish with the remainder of the annuity.

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

Age	Rate
90	9.5%
85	8.1%
83	7.7%
80	7.2%
79	7.0%
75	6.4%
73	6.1%
70	5.8%
68	5.7%
65	5.5%
60	5.2%



With a gift of \$50,000, a person 75 years old will receive an annual payment of \$3,200 (6.4%), of which \$2,275 is tax free, and receive an immediate income tax deduction of \$21,561. 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.

A Gift of a Retirement Plan Remainder

Retirement plan remainders (IRA, 403B, 401K, etc.) left to your heirs may be subject to both income and estate taxation after your life. If you leave that remainder to your parish or other charity, it will be completely tax free. This doesn't need to be stated in your will. You must designate it by completing a form with your retirement plan custodian, (bank, financial planner, insurance company, etc).

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, Office for Stewardship and Development at 412-456-3055.



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"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

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

Late Nite Catechism - March, 26, 2011 @ St. Ferdinand Church - 2 SHOWS!

Looking for a great time? Late Nite Catechism is a laugh-filled evening of entertainment and it's coming to St. Ferdinand Church/Oldenski Hall, 2535 Rochester Road, Cranberry Township, PA! For tickets or information, call Midge at 724.452.9589. Prices are \$30 for 1:30/matinee-general seating and \$40 for 7:30/evening-general seating. Also, at the event, there will be Raffle Baskets, a 50/50 raffle, snacks and refreshments. The event is coordinated by the Comfort Blanket Ministry. Curious about the show? Check out www.funnynun.com or www.STFERD.com

GILMARY CENTER SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

It is not too late to register for the Spiritual Exercises silent retreat for men being held **March 11-13**, or the women's one night Lenten Retreat to be held **March 18-19**. Contact the Gilmary Catholic Retreat Center for complete details by calling 412-264-8400, emailing info@gilmarycenter.org, or visiting our website at www.gilmarycenter.org. Register Today!

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES
March 15, 2011-7:30-9:00 p.m.
Seton LaSalle High School auditorium
FAMILY ROSARY WRESTLING-Greg and Jennifer Willits

Greg and Jennifer Willits have been married for 16 years, are the parents of four young boys and a daughter and are the funders of RosaryArmy.com. They are the hosts of a daily 3-hour talk show called "The Catholics Next Door" on Sirius XM's The Catholic Channel.

Bringing a unique mix of real life and the Catholic faith, Greg and Jennifer's look at the world covers the gamut of family living, from kids to comic books and from fast food to noisy neighbors, with regular attempts at living out their faith on a daily basis thrown in for good measure.

Continuing education credit is available for priests, deacons and catechists. The lecture is free – all are welcome to attend. Bring a friend.

The Pastor's Cornered 14th Edition

The Time before Lent

'Twas 7 weeks before Easter, when all through the church,
 Catholics prepared for Lent, not to be left in a lurch;
 The paczki were eaten, the sweets put away,
 All in preparation for Ash Wednesday;
 Adults were observing, abstinence and fast,
 Children were told 40 days this would last;
 No chocolates, no smoking, all drinking aside,
 This is not something to be taken in stride;
 Praying the rosary, attending Stations of the Cross,
 Doing extra good deeds, being kind to the boss;
 These are all samples of things you could do,
 Your journey through lent is all up to you;
 Our Priests will just guide us, prepare us they may,
 But it is your own decision to make it to Easter Sunday;
 What will you do, how will you act,
 It's all pretty simple as a matter of fact;
 With some determination and dedication you'll see,
 What wonderful people we all could be;
 If only lent lasted, just a little while more,
 Our Christ like attitudes would really soar;
 So dust off your Bibles, read a passage tonight,
 Visit a shut-in, look for peace in a fight;
 Shelter the homeless, comfort those who mourn,
 Invite someone to Mass whose heart has been torn;
 You will soon realize, 40 days goes by real fast,
 Before you can blink, Lent will have passed;
 Palms will be hanging in all of our homes,
 Our feet will have been washed, Nails driven between
 Christ's bones;
 The darkness will leave, replaced with bright sun,
 Christ will have Risen, God's chosen one;
 So think through this clearly, put your plan in gear,
 and when the time comes, you'll have nothing to fear;
 Your heart will be cleansed, and with joy we will say,
 Blessed Easter to you, Christ is Risen today!

(an original peace of work authored out of the necessity to fill this space while our Pastor is out of town, again!)

Kudos to Mary Ann Jones, our bookkeeper, and until now, the mystery writer for the Pastor's Cornered, for a most clever article! Thanks for giving us a lot to think about in a fun way!

A Family Perspective by **Bud Ozar**
 Today's gospel challenges you to build your home on the foundation of fidelity to God, your family and yourself. Fidelity is the key to withstand the "rains, floods and winds" of life.

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