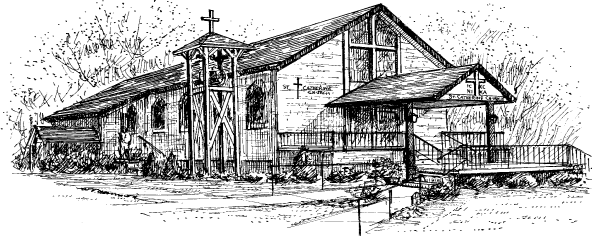


April 25, 2010

Fourth Sunday Easter

St. Catherine of Siena R.C. Parish

199 McGovern Boulevard • Crescent, PA 15046



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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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

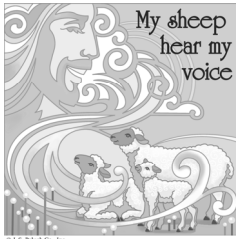
CCD OFFICE HOURS: SUNDAYS 8:30 AM—11:30 AM
CCD HOURS: ON SUNDAYS—10:00 TO 11:15 AM

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.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

Mary Lou Davidson, Maria, John, John Sr., Faith, Lola, Bill Weil

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.*

- Saturday April 24th**
4:00 PM Andrew Petro (Hopewell)
- Sunday, April 25th**
9:00 AM Charles J. Hogue (mother)
11:30 AM Lucy Pesano (Margaret Cooper)
- Monday, April 26th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Tuesday, April 27th**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Joseph & Sophie Jencik
(Yordana family)
6:30 PM Revival
- Wednesday, April 28th**
6:30 PM Revival
- Thursday, April 29th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
**6:30 PM Feast of Our Patron
Closing of the Revival**
- Friday, April 30th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Saturday May 1st**
4:00 PM Spiritual and temporal well being
of Nicholas John Pursuitte
(Mom and Dad)
- Sunday, May 2nd**
9:00 AM **FIRST COMMUNION**
11:30 AM Alessandro LePore
(Mario & Carolina Santilli)

CCD NEWS

The 7th grade class will be performing the Lazarus Story, in Siena Hall today, April 25th 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.

St. Catherine's American Flag

The flag that flies at St. Catherine's needs to be replaced. It is the standard size "Veterans flag". Contact the rectory if you would like to donate one.



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

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH CENTENNIAL

Celebrating 100 years is a very special occasion; don't look at it as an event, rather a new beginning to our next 100 years!

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)

The following are stories collected from various members of our parish community, both young and old, who wanted to share their precious memories at St. Catherine's.

"I remember St. Catherine was a mission church of St. Joseph's of West Aliquippa and they only had one Mass a week on Sunday. I remember how Fr. George, one of the assistant priests at St. Joseph's, would mention to the altar servers that he would skip some text of the Latin Mass in order to be on time for his golf tee!"

"When I was in 3rd grade at Our Lady of Fatima School, [the priest] told us those who lived on the Moon Twp side of Chrystal Gardens should go to St. Catherine's and those on the Hopewell Twp side to keep going to Fatima. So here I am."

"My happiest moments at St. Catherine's were my CCD classes, and CYO, as a student and then as a teacher, when my kids received their sacraments, and when my wife and I were married. I especially enjoy the people and love to volunteer and do all I do for the honor and glory of God."

"When I was Best Man at my brother's wedding, the ring (I was holding) fell on the floor and rolled down the aisle. Fr. Roach asked by brother, "Are you sure you want to get married?"

"I remember the church had out-houses at the right of the building where the parking lot is now. The

church was built on a swamp until the late 1940's when septic tanks were dug deep."

"I remember when the church was heated with coal and wood and Mr. Sang was in charge of it. The ashes were spread out in the parking lot."

"In church, I remember when I dressed up like Fr Lou to do a skit. I dressed up like a priest and had a fake ponytail and had a great time doing this after the 9:00 Mass."

"I remember in the late 1940's, a Sunday wedding was blessed here. The husband gave his wife a ring he had stolen from an Ambridge jewelry store. A few days after the wedding, he was arrested."

"In church I fell asleep one day when I was very tired. I remember waking up when I was walking to receive the Eucharist."

"I remember when neighboring church members thought that St. Catherine's would not survive long because, from the beginning, its membership was made up of different nationalities that were judged not to get along with each other."

"I have had a lot of fun at this church. One thing that I will always remember is the fair. My family and I do it every year."

**Keep those stories coming!
Volunteer to help with our Centennial celebration. Phone/email Debbie Michalik, 724-266-5452, dfm0912@msn.com.**

May Lottery Ticket Sales

At of this writing there are over 200 tickets available for purchase with the start date fast approaching us. Please support the ticket program and make the May ticket a successful program. For those who signed out tickets, please return your tickets as soon as possible before the end of the month. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 and prizes total \$2500.00. Thank you and Good Luck to all the ticket sellers and buyers!

APRIL 18, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection.....\$3,600.00

(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..... 14,051.00
 Remaining on goal..... \$21,433.00

This is our 2010 assessment. 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..... 72,599.00
 Matched by diocese..... 68,500.00
EXCESS on goal +\$4,099.00

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..... 2,428.00
 Balance \$1,972.00

(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

APRIL 18 2010

4:00 pm Mass 265
 9:00 am Mass 189
 11:30 am Mass 109
 Total..... 563

Today is **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, with the theme of "Witness Awakens Vocations." Please pray for our priests, brothers, deacons, and women and men in consecrated life, that they be great witnesses to the whole Church and that their examples strengthen within our youth the desire to seek God's will for their lives.



A new Web site, www.ForYourVocation.org, is being launched by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in conjunction with the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. The Web site has two objectives: to help individuals hear and respond to the call by God to the priesthood or consecrated life, and to educate all Catholics on the importance of encouraging others through prayer and activities to promote vocations. The site offers resources for men and women who may have a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, aids for promoting a vocation-culture within the home, and tools for educators, youth leaders and vocation directors including prayers, videos, best practices, lesson plans and vocation awareness programs.

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as "my sweet Christ on earth," then orders: "Get back to Rome where you belong!" Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in "spiritual espousal" to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of "passing on to others the fruits of contemplation," Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called "my "Divine Spouse," she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women "doctors of the Church."

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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 began Tuesday, April 13, and will run 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.

ST. CATHERINE'S FLEA MARKET

The annual flea market will be held, Friday, April 30, Saturday, May 1st and Friday, May 7th, Saturday, May 8th.

Clean out your closets and bring it to the CCD trailer, or Siena Hall.



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FESTIVAL 2010

Two months to go! Mark your calendar for this year's festival, Thursday, June 17, Friday, June 18, and Saturday, June 19. Plans are underway for 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. Festival \$2500 raffle tickets are on sale now. Tickets are \$5 each. Winning number based on PA Daily (evening) Lottery. Prize money awarded each day during the month of May. Pick up a packet of tickets to sell today. For information, call Bob Bittner, 724-378-0903 or Corky Michalik, 724-266-5452.

MOTHER/DAUGHTER DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Mother/Daughter Day of Recollection, Saturday, May 1, 2010, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Girls age 10 and up. Relationship building, spiritually encouraging, and fun. Age appropriate talks, lunch, and much more. Make plans to attend this event at the Gilmary Catholic Retreat Center by calling 412-264-8400 or emailing: info@gilmarycenter.org. Registration is required by Tuesday, April 27th. Forms can be downloaded from our website www.gilmarycenter.org under the "upcoming Events" tab.

ROME TRIP Pilgrimage to Italy Nov 10-18, 2010, visiting Rome, Florence, Assisi, & Orvieto. Inexpensive off-season rates. Experience faith, fellowship, fun, & fantastic sights. Led by Pgh priests Fr. Dan Whalen (412-821-4424) & Fr. Jim Farnan (724-846-4585). Info & itinerary: call priests or visit websites: www.HSPMil.catholicweb.com & www.stphilomenabeaverfalls.org . Discount prior to April 30. Hurry, seats filling quickly.

"RUN FOR NUNS" - PITTSBURGH MARATHON CHARITY

A group of Pittsburgh clergy and seminarians will be running in the Pittsburgh Marathon on May 2nd to raise money for several young women who have been accepted into different religious communities. (NOTE: Currently, no religious communities in the Diocese of Pittsburgh benefit from this event.) For more information on this charity, please visit the website at: www.runfornuns.com. If you would like to support this cause, you can donate online at www.runfornuns.com or make checks payable to "Run for Nuns," St. Paul Seminary, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

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

May, 2010

May 1 - 2	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Diane Hetzer	Janice Moore	Alyssa Lee
Altar Server	Nathan Barcaskey Patrick Barcaskey	Joe Piroli Jr. Santino Ciccone	Marisa Duncan Nathan & Ryan Lee
Euch. Min.	Colleen Barcaskey Dino Nanni Rona Nanni	Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart William Murphy	Arlene (Sis) Kruppa Mary Baun Bob Bittner
May 8 - 9	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Marion Pukach	Pat Varley	Kris Becker
Altar Server	Ethan Conner Amanda Stotlemeyer	Giavanna Rizzuto Amanda Kunkle	Ryan Becker Rachel Becker
Euch. Min.	Christine Conner Jerry Conner John Toth	Antoinette Garuccio Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart	Kathleen Gillie Dino Nanni Rona Nanni
May 15 - 16	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Paul Urbani	Rick Tessmer	John Davis
Altar Server	Christopher Hoffman Phillip Hoffman	Matthew Tessmer Megan Tessmer	Rachael Kriger Zachery Kriger
Euch. Min.	Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky Dino Nanni	Christine Divens William Murphy Bob Bittner	Terra Koerpel Mary Baun Arlene (Sis) Kruppa
May 22 - 23	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Diane Hetzer	Denise Martin	Alyssa Lee
Altar Server	Nathan Barcaskey Patrick Barcaskey	Elyse Kostelnik Benjamin May	Austin Kelly Nathan & Ryan Lee
Euch. Min.	Colleen Barcaskey John Toth Bob Bittner	Karen Simpson Steve Simpson Antoinette Garuccio	Audrey Burckart Joe Burckart Kathleen Gillie
May 29 - 30	Sat 4:00 PM	Sun 9:00 AM	Sun 11:30 AM
Lector	Paul Urbani	Janice Moore	Pat Varley
Altar Server	Amanda Stotlemeyer Amanda Kunkle	Santino Ciccone Joe Piroli Jr.	Marisa Duncan Austin Kelly
Euch. Min.	Tina Hoffman Joanne Pushinsky John Toth	William Murphy Bob Bittner Antoinette Garuccio	Dino Nanni Rona Nanni Mary Baun

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PARISH REVIVAL FOR ST. CATHERINE'S UPCOMING CENTENNIAL

Our upcoming revival is fast approaching. Please mark your calendars with the following dates and times: Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30 pm, Wednesday, April 28th at 6:30 pm and ending on our Patron Saint's feast day, Thursday, April 29th at 6:30 pm. Please try to attend these sessions. It will be spiritually uplifting.

The following is a brief introduction to our speaker, Reverend James, Gretz, M.Div., M.T.S.



Fr. Jim Gretz was born and raised near Kennywood Park, in the south hills of Pittsburgh. After high school, he entered into the Seminary, and completed his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Philosophy at Duquesne University. He

completed two years of graduate study at St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, IN - and later graduated with a Master of Theological Studies in 1995.

He also attended St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, PA, graduating with a Master of Divinity in 1993. He was ordained for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh on June 25, 1994. As a seminarian and priest, he has served in eight different parishes. He has also held positions with the Diocese as a chaplain, overseeing Religious Education Directors, and Advocate for the Tribunal. He presently serves as the Director, Department for Worship for the Diocese and also Diocesan Master of Ceremonies. His job includes planning and overseeing all major celebrations of the Diocese. His interests include: tools, history, religious music, liturgy, as well as travel. His favorite travel destination is Rome, Italy, which he has visited nine times.

PASTOR'S CORNER ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

Guest Columnist: Bob Bittner

(The following prayer was written by our deacon candidate, Bob Bittner, in honor of our centennial. We will use it at the prayer of the faithful at Mass publicly, during our upcoming Parish Renewal, and we encourage all to take and keep a copy and pray it daily for our Parish. Fr. Lou)

Centennial Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the gifts you have bestowed upon us as the parish family of St. Catherine over the past 100 years. We thank you for blessing us with a unique dual anniversary, 100 years as a Church and 50 years as a parish family. We thank you for placing us under the patronage of St. Catherine, one of the church's great Saints and Doctors. As a Doctor, she is known as a Doctor of Unity; likewise continue to bestow unity for our parish for the greater goal of doing your will. We ask that you continue to allow your Spirit to guide us in all matters. Please allow us the courage and grace to live the lives that you call us to lead. Allow your graces to bless our parish in times of difficulty and to continue to overcome obstacles so future generations will be able to celebrate another 100 year milestone. We ask you to hear our intercessions and allow us a deeper love of you and to be of greater service to you. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Test your knowledge of our Patroness, St. Catherine of Siena

Choose the correct answer to each question

- St. Catherine lived in what century?
a) 14th century b) 15th century c) 16th century
- St. Catherine was the youngest of how many children?
a) 5 b) 10 c) 25
- St. Catherine was twin?
a) yes b) no
- How old was Catherine when she died?
a) 33 b) 44 c) 55
- St. Catherine was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in what year?
a) 1492 b) 1776 c) 1970

Answers: 1-a, 2-c, 3-a, 4-a, 5-c

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