

May 9, 2010

6th Sunday of Easter



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St. Catherine of Siena R.C. Parish

199 McGovern Boulevard • Crescent, PA 15046

MASS SCHEDULE

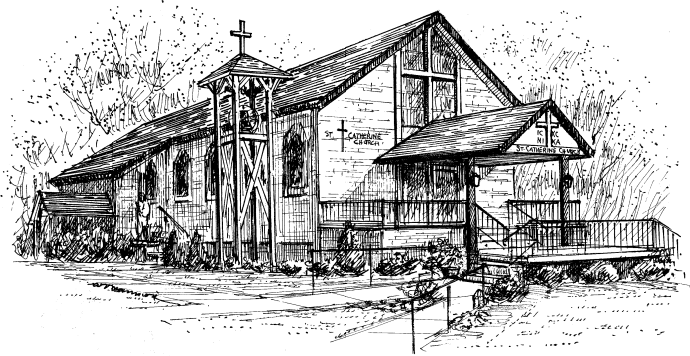
Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday ~ 8:30 AM (No Wednesday 8:30 AM Mass)

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

TELEPHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESSES

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 Sue Tranter, CCD Director 724-457-7026
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(Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday at noon.
Please put submissions in writing.)

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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 to Thursday 9:30 A.M. to 5:00 PM
 Friday: 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M

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.

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100th Year

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday	May 8th
4:00 PM	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish
Sunday,	May 9th
9:00 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish
11:30 AM	Living and Deceased Mothers of the Parish
Monday,	May 10th
8:30 AM	Susan DiPetro (Carol & Harry Molchen)
Tuesday,	May 11th
8:00 AM	Rosary
8:30 AM	Anthony Kacerik (M/M McNeilly)
Wednesday,	May 12th ASCENSION MASS
6:30 PM	Parish Family
7:30 PM	Town Hall
Thursday,	May 13th ASCENSION MASS
8:30 AM	Parish Family
4:00 PM	Parish Family
Friday,	May 14th
8:30 AM	Parish Family
Saturday	May 15th
4:00 PM	Helen Zernick (daughter)
Sunday,	May 16th
9:00 AM	Gusepina LePore (Mario & Carolina Santilli)
11:30 AM	Mary Geosano (Ken Bixby)

YEAR OF THE PRIEST PARISH PRAYER

God, give us worthy priests
in sufficient numbers

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

Michele Johnson, Anna Avolio, Ray Masciano

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.

MOTHER 'S DAY

This Sunday, May 9, is Mother's Day. All mothers will be honored at our Masses celebrated this weekend, May 8/9. As a token of recognition, each mother will receive a special gift.



Happy and Blessed Mother's Day to all!

MAY CROWNING and ROSARY will be held next Sunday, May 16th, after the 9 AM Mass.

TOWN HALL MEETING

There will be a Town Hall Meeting following the 6:30 PM Mass on Wednesday, May 12. The meeting will deal with general issues in the Parish. All are invited to attend.

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

June 17, 18, 19 Parish Homecoming Festival

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.**

June Lottery Ticket Sales

June Lottery tickets are now on sale. The cost of a ticket is \$5.00 and prizes total \$2500.00. If you are able, please sign out a package of 5, 10, 20 or more tickets to help ensure a successful program. Please see the ticket tables outside of church for more information.

Thank you and Good Luck to all the ticket sellers and buyers!

MAY 2, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection.....\$2,736.00

(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..... 17,320.00
 Remaining on goal..... \$18,164.00

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..... 73,180.00
 Matched by diocese..... 68,500.00
EXCESS on goal +\$4,680.00

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..... 2,489.00
 Balance \$1,911.00

(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

MAY 2, 2010

4:00 pm Mass 241
 9:00 am Mass 226
 11:30 am Mass 151
 Total..... 618

COMBINED SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend, May 15/16, there will be a combined second collection for Catholic Relief Services; the Church in Central and Eastern Europe; the Church in Latin America, and the church in Africa. The proceeds from this single collection will be divided among the four causes. Please be as generous as your means allow.

If you like to grocery shop and eat out Steeple Chase Drive is sponsoring a **Shop and Dine Raffle** on June 14, 2010. It will be based on the official three digit Pennsylvania lottery number drawn at 7 p.m. that date. All numbers are played straight as drawn. **ONE** winner will receive **\$50** certificates/ cards from: Foodland Market, Giant Eagle, Shop N Save, The Capital Grille, Corky Nolan's Miller's Seafood House, Ground Round, LeMont Restaurant, The Pine Restaurant & Bar and Ditka's of Pittsburgh. Tickets cost \$5.00 and will be on sale soon, however if you want **any special three-digit** number in **advance**, or are interested in selling these tickets to your family, friends, or co-workers please call Terry 412-331-3443 or Charlotte 412-331-2453 before May 15, 2010.

CHRISTIAN LADIES SOCIETY NEWS

Our **Spring Dinner** will be held on Monday, May 17th at J.W. Hall's in the Hopewell Shopping Center at 6:30 PM. Choices are: Stuffed pork chop, stuffed chicken breast or Haddock. Price is \$20 and includes gratuity to be paid with cash at the dinner.
 The **Diaper Drive** to benefit Catholic Charities will run the entire month of May. Bring your diapers and/or baby items to Siena Hall. Monetary donations will also be accepted and checks should be made to Catholic Charities.

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.

50+ ASSOCIATION'S SPRING RETREAT

St. Margaret Mary's 50 Plus Association is hosting a Spring Retreat at the Felician Convent in Coraopolis, on May 20, 2010.

Fr. Lou Vallone will be giving the retreat, which will begin with coffee and pastries at 9:30 am, and will conclude after a 2:30 pm Mass. The retreat will also include lunch, confession, and time for prayer in the beautiful convent and grounds.

Cost for the day is \$15. Reservations are requested by May 15, and may be made by mailing to Genevieve Fischer, 308 McKinney Dr., Moon Twp. 15108, or calling 412-264-7880.

CCD NEWS

CCD Parents and Students

Thank you for another successful year. We will be having registration for the new year later in August and September.

Watch the bulletin date and times. Hope to see students putting time in at the festival.

GOD BLESS OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

- Hannah Fitzgerald
- Cooper Heisler
- Rachel Nicole Tessmer
- Mia Elizabeth Manna
- Kadie Johanna Hitt
- Donald Crisi Jr.
- Esabella Faith Brilmyer
- Jacob Zimmerman
- Sean Ryan Sabatini



Our many thanks to all of those who volunteered their time & services through the year, their teachers and families on this special day for our Communicants

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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Highlights

Plans include great food and beverages outside in the midway, and a Stuffed Cabbage dinner on Friday, June 18 as well.

Rock to the oldies with special musical act, Johnny Angel and the Halos on Saturday, June 19.

The midway will once again be filled with fun games for the whole family. Prizes are phenomenal and appealing to folks of all ages, large plush, high fashion purses and umbrellas, sports memorabilia, toys and candy.

Festival Raffle

Watch the lottery daily (evening) number in May for your lucky ticket number.

No ticket? Don't be left out. The June \$2500 raffle tickets are on sale now. Purchase your tickets now, before it's too late.

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Dates to Remember

-May 20, Festival Meeting 7:00 in Siena Hall

-May 23, Volunteer Day, Coffee, juice & Donuts after Mass

Sponsors

Parish families are encouraged this year, to support the festival via a sponsorship of \$100. Family names will be posted all during the festival in appreciation of their generosity.

Business sponsors are \$150 for each booth for 3 nights of advertisement. Your business name will also be listed in St. Catherine's Parish bulletin.

Solicit any business you patronize and ask for a donation for our festival. Request for contributions should be initiated with a festival letter signed by the chairman on Parish letterhead. Tax receipts are also available if a business requires one. These documents are available at the parish office during normal business hours or from Corky Michalik, 724-266-5452.

Contributions

Small gifts, baskets, lottery tickets, fuel cards, and gift cards are now being accepted for the Chinese Auction, Lottery Tree, and Fuel Raffle. You can drop these items off at the rectory, Siena Hall or given to a festival committee person after weekend Mass. If you are making a contribution from a business for the Chinese Auction, please include the business name and contact information. This will ensure proper advertisement of the business.

Volunteers

The festival can't happen without you! Help out in the kitchen or on the midway as a booth worker. We need food servers, food runners, money counters, and plenty of smiling faces!

"See you at the Festival!"

MAY TICKET WINNERS

May 1	341	\$100	Jennifer McAlister
May 2	622	\$100	Jeff Marshall



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. Hurry, seats filling quickly.

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PASTOR'S CORNER ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

Guest Columnist - Fr. Bob Zajdel

IS THERE BALM IN GILEAD?

Burial and funeral customs vary throughout the world. In the Western world inhumation is traditional and commonplace but cremation is becoming more and more popular. When someone died, burial usually took place in or near the ground where the person died, without embalming. The Civil War in the USA changed this practice. Civil War dead often died far way from their homes and so their relatives requested that they be embalmed so that their bodies would not decompose on the long ride back to their hometowns. Even then, embalming was not always required or preferred. Embalming was and is expensive and against the tenets of some faiths who eschew the embalming the corpse much in the same way today that it is against the law to desecrate a corpse. In Pennsylvania, a body must be embalmed for reasons of health and sanitation, if it is to be on display for public viewing for more than 24 hours. In the days when embalming was not done, during a Catholic funeral mass and at the deceased's home, flowers were often displayed, not just for esthetic reasons but because flowers often exuded a fragrance which helped to mask any unpleasant odors emanating from an over ripe corpse. Incense, too, was often used at the Catholic funeral mass, because the Holy Smoke's pungent and volatile aroma often helped to cover up the putrid stench emanating from an unembalmed body. If a prominent person conspicuously lived a saintly life, sometimes his or her body will be purposely left unembalmed for a period of time (where the law allows), so that examiners may inspect the body for any signs of deterioration or decomposition. Should no decomposition occur, and should the body remain fragrant or at least odorless for a period of time, even if unembalmed, this rare phenomenon could be taken as sign of the person's holiness or sanctity. When a priest dies, his body is often displayed for public viewing in the church for some time before the funeral mass and according to custom his body is dressed by a priest in the mortuary's preparation room in liturgical garb even to the extent of fitting his dress shoes on his feet! When I was an altar server, I remember my pastor (nicknamed Stan the Man) smoking a smelly stogie. The rectory usually reeked of tobacco

smoke. However when I die, I want my body to be embalmed and not to lie out in the open air unembalmed (I do not desire that my body be sniffed as a test for sainthood). So with the exception of pastors who like to smoke cigarettes and cigars and who cause a little stink, after I die, I want my body embalmed as soon as possible so that I do not create a big stink in the church so close to the pews.

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

Choose the correct answer to each question

- St. Catherine was a member of what order?
 - Benedictines
 - Franciscans
 - Dominicans
- Catherine was a professed religious sister
 - yes
 - no
- St. Catherine was used as peace negotiator between warring cities by the pope?
 - yes
 - no
- Catherine is a Doctor of?
 - Unity
 - Tranquility
 - Prayer
- St. Catherine was proclaimed a Doctor by what pope?
 - Paul VI
 - John XXIII
 - John Paul II

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

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