

May 1, 2011

Divine Mercy Sunday



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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(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.

1910 - 2010

100th Year





**SECOND SUNDAY
OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY**

- Saturday April 30th**
4:00 PM Jaime Economou (Family)
- Sunday, May 1st**
9:00 AM First Holy Communion Class
11:30 AM Parish Family
- Monday, May 2nd**
8:30 AM Alexander Lepore (Carolina & Family)
- Tuesday, May 3rd**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Theresa Janczura
(Husband & Daughter)
- Thursday, May 5th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Friday, May 6th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Saturday May 7th**
4:00 PM All Living & Deceased
Mothers of the Parish
- Sunday, May 8th**
9:00 AM All Living & Deceased
Mothers of the Parish
10:00 AM May Crowning
11:30 AM All Living & Deceased
Mothers of the Parish

**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 :

John, Maria, John Jr., Faith, Rock, Eloise, Miriam, Doris, Mary Ann, Gary Edmondston, Janoski Family, Rosemarie, Ryan, Betty A., Lenore Hoovler, Rita Shively, Catherine & Harry Bittner, Bill Murphy,

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.

CCD NEWS

There is **NO CCD on May 1st** because of First Holy Communion. The last CCD class will be on **May 8th**. Thank you all for a great year and have a safe summer.



Also on **May 8th**, the May Crowning will take place after the 9:00 AM Mass. Members of the First Communion Class are asked to dress up in their outfits from May 1st and be a part of the procession. This is a beautiful ceremony in which we recite the Rosary and Jenna Brandt from the First Communion Class will crown our Blessed Mother with roses. Make your Mother's Day more memorable and attend this special service.

BAKE SALE UPDATE

Thank you to all who baked and patronized our recent bake sale. Due to your generosity, we were able to collect \$532.00 for our treasury.

The 50/50 was won by Patty Somerville who received \$87.50! Congratulations.

*Congratulations to **Joshua Daniel Gill**, son of David and Victoria Gill, who was baptized on April 10th. May God bless you and keep you always.*



CCD TEACHERS WANTED!!!

St. Catherine's CCD is in need of several teachers for the 2011/2012 year. Volunteering is one way of answering God's call. Please consider teaching one of our classes next year so we are able to continue with our youth's growth. Contact Sue Tranter 412-327-3337 to volunteer your time.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

Bishop David Zubik invites you to join him as he retraces his Polish heritage on a remarkable 9-day pilgrimage to Poland. Walk in the footsteps of Pope John Paul II. Pray at the Shrine of our Lady of Czestochowa, the Divine Mercy chapel and other holy places. Attend a lecture by famed papal biographer George Weigel, and see many of Poland's rich cultural sites from **July 2-10, 2011**. Sponsored by Franciscan University Pilgrimages. Contact our office at 1-800-437-8368 for more information.

ST. TITUS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

This year, St. Titus Parish in Aliquippa is celebrating 100 years of Catholic faith, family and community (1911-2011) Highlighting a series of centennial activities throughout the year is the St. Titus Centennial Celebration that will be held **Sunday, May 15th**. That celebration includes Mass at 3 p.m. and a banquet in the church hall afterwards. Tickets cost \$35 per person and can be obtained by calling the St. Titus parish office at 724-378-8561. **Deadline to purchase tickets is May 1st.**

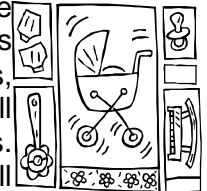
GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 8th Annual OC Eagle Golf Classic Golf Tournament benefiting Oakland Catholic High School is Monday, **May 2, 2011** at the Fox Chapel Golf Club. Penny McKenna is the Event Chair and Joseph A. Massaro III is the Honorary Chair. For more information, questions & sponsorship opportunities: Please contact Karen in the Institutional Advancement Office at 412-682-6797 or E-mail development@oaklandcatholic.org

CHRISTIAN LADIES SOCIETY NEWS

May 16 Annual Dinner. Monday, at 6:30 PM in Siena Hall. Catered by Beyond Parsley. Price of dinner is \$11.00. If anyone still wants to pay for a dinner, please see an officer or drop off in the Parish Office. Installation of officers will take place at this dinner.

The entire month of May will be the **Annual Diaper Drive**. The Ladies will be collecting diapers, baby items, and monetary donations which will be passed on to Catholic Charities. Please place all items in Siena Hall and thank you for your generosity.



MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES

Mother's Day is only a few short weeks away and we have available, once again, Spiritual Bouquets for your convenience. This beautiful Mother's Day card set contains a card with a matching envelope and an offering envelope for the parish. If you are interested in honoring a special Mother in your life (deceased or living - and yes, expectant, foster and mother figures are moms too!) these Gift Sets are available in church and at the parish office. Take a gift set, keep the card and envelope for your use and return the offering envelope, filled out with the name of the honoree and your donation, to the parish office by either dropping it in the collection basket, mailing it or dropping it off at the office. The honoree can be anybody you want to honor for Mother's Day - Mom, wife, grandmother, mother-in-law, Godmother, sister, aunt, daughter, friend etc. These envelopes will then be placed on the altar during all of our Mother's Day Masses. We will do the same for Father's Day.

RETREAT AT GILMARY

St. Margaret Mary Adult Fellowship is hosting a Retreat at Gilmary on **Thursday, May 12, 2011** (9:30 - 3:00). Fr. Edward Litavec will speak on "Hints for Happy Living". Cost is \$15.00 and includes lunch. Call Errol 412-264-2032 for details and to make reservations.

APRIL 17, 2011

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION.....\$3,944.00

APRIL 24, 2011

REGULAR OFFERTORY COLLECTION.....\$3,256.00

(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.)

Holy Thursday.....\$458.00
Easter.....\$4,413.00

Parish Share Program

PSP Assessment for 2011.....\$33,302.00
 PSP Collected.....\$21,553.78
 Remaining on 2011 Goal.....\$11,748.22

(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 \$18,000.00
 Contributions to Date \$8,032.00
 Remaining on Goal \$9,968.00

(The contributions from your monthly envelope will go to this fund. The goal is
 1. Total amount of our electrical update
 2. Repairs to the sound system
 3. Expenses incurred from the flood
 These projects are already in progress. These funds are not PSP exempt. Thank you for your generosity.)

Religious Education

Assessment 2011.....\$4,400.00
 Contributions to date.....\$2,153.00
 Remaining on Goal.....\$2,247.00

(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

Good Friday/Holy Land.....\$398.00

(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

APRIL 17, 2011

4:00 PM Mass350
 9:00 AM Mass230
 11:30 AM Mass172
 Total.....752

APRIL 24, 2011

7:30 PM Mass208
 9:00 AM Mass379
 11:30 AM Mass347
 Total.....934

Family Perspective: by Bud Ozar
 "Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven" means the grudges we carry only make us miserable. The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful and forgiving demonstrated by their parents.

Marriage Moments: by Susan Vogt
 Ever wish you married a movie star, Miss America, or a sports hero? Don't wait for fame to strike. "Be presidents of each other's fan clubs." (Tony Heath) Fame is fleeting but an in house cheerleader can keep you going even when your ratings falter.

Parenting Pointers: by Susan Vogt
 Mother's Day is coming up. Although sometimes spouses honor their wives on this day, let your children take their proper role. If they don't have the money or idea for a gift, husbands/fathers can suggest a guaranteed pleaser - "Top 10 Reasons why I love my Mother."

JOURNEYING WITH GRIEF

If you or someone you know has recently lost a loved one you may want to consider joining Our Lady of Fatima's "Journey With Grief" group. This is a 6 week program in which the bereaved journey through their grief toward healing. It is a process of understanding and working through the tasks of grief in a supportive and caring atmosphere. The group will be led by Sister Margie and will meet in the Fatima House Chapel on Thursdays at 7:00 PM beginning **May 5th**. To register or for further info please call Sister Margie at 724-375-7626.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Calling all couples...Need a date night? Join Worldwide Marriage Encounter **June 10th** for a special screening of the movie What if... at St. Ferdinand Church in Cranberry Township. Come enjoy pizza, cake and babysitting! Doors open at 6:00PM, movie starts at 6:45PM Please RSVP to 724-741-0323 or bill.heather.kreke@gmail.com

2011 SUMMER CAMP

June 6 to August 19,2011 for ages 5 through 12. Come for a day or come for the summer. Call 412-264-8400 or email info@gilmarycenter.org for a free brochure.

DIVORCED & SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP
MEETINGS START MAY 2ND

The Divorced and Separated support group jointly sponsored by Sts. John & Paul, St. Richard and St. John Neumann parishes will begin its next 14 week cycle of meetings on **Monday, May 2, 2011**. This group provides caring support to anyone who is experiencing the pain of separation or divorce.

Meetings are on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:45 PM and will be held at Sts. John & Paul Church in Room 10 of the Cardinal DiNardo Center from 7:00-8:45 PM.

Anyone who has questions or would like more information should contact Ralph Joy (412-741-5456 or rjoy205@verizon.net)

Sts. John & Paul's address is: 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd., Sewickley, PA. The church is located approximately 1/2 mile from the I-79 Wexford exit. For directions please contact Ralph Joy or visit the Sts. John & Paul website <http://stsjohnandpaul.org/>.

MOTHER / DAUGHTER(S) DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, **May 14, 2011** 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM Girls ages 10 and up. Relationship building, spiritually encouraging and fun. Age appropriate talks, lunch, and much more. Wear comfortable clothing. Price: \$25.00 per mother/daughter, \$5.00 for each additional daughter. For more info contact the Gilmary office (412-264-8400).

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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9TH ANNUAL GRAND HAFLI

The Maronite Community of Aliquippa presents the 9th Annual Grand Hafli on **Saturday, May 14th, 2011** from 6:00PM to midnight at the Fez Banquet Room.

The Lebanese and American Dinner Buffet starts at 7:00PM and includes stuffed grape leaves, baked kib-bee, baked chicken Lebanese appetizers and deserts.

Traditional merchandise will be available for purchase. Amin Sultan and Ensemble will be the featured Lebanese band.

Ticket donation is Adults \$55.00

Children (3-12 years) \$25.00

Children (2 years and under) Free

For tickets and information call 724-375-2860 or 412-278-0841

Flyers are available in the parish office.

CRAFT SALE

Come and enjoy homemade articles made by the Felician Sisters and their friends on **Saturday, May 7th** at the Felician Sisters Convent, 1500 Woodcrest Avenue, Coraopolis, PA 15108 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM. It's a good time to purchase Graduation, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Birthday etc. gifts. For more information, contact Sr. M. Roseann at 412-264-2890.

TAMBURITZANS PERFORM

Jadran and Ambridge Junior Tamburitzans will perform, "Connecting to Folklore and Tradition" on **Sunday May 8th** at 3:00 at Central Valley High School located at 160 Baker Road Ext in Monaca PA 15061. Our dinner social begins immediately after at the Aliquippa Croatian Center 2365 Concord Street in Aliquippa. Entertainment by Radost. The cost of the concert is \$5.00 and the social \$15.00 (includes dinner). Advance tickets call 724-203-0159.

SAVE UP

When saving for old age, be sure to lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

—Anonymous

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH

Ladies, join Magnificat Pittsburgh for a hope-filled prayer breakfast on **Saturday, May 14, 2011**, from 9:00AM to Noon at the Embassy Suites Pittsburgh in Coraopolis. Hear speaker Trudy Harris, RN, retired hospice nurse and devout Catholic, tell her story of her growth in faith and love as she accompanied many people at the end of their life's journey. With heightened senses and awareness, her hospice patients begin to see and hear with spiritual eyes and ears. These experiences have much to teach us and give comfort and hope. Trudy began her work with hospice in the early 1980's and eventually became the President of the Hospice Foundation for Caring. Trudy is the author of two books, Glimpses of Heaven, which has sold over 300,000 copies and is published in 9 languages and More Glimpses of Heaven published in 2010. The cost of the breakfast is \$18.00. Registration deadline is May 6th. To register, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or Kay at 724-772-6749 or download a registration form at www.magnificatpittsburgh.org

WORD WEAVERS MEETING

"Are you a writer or an aspiring writer looking for connection to a like-minded group? Then Word Weavers is for you! Word Weavers is a critique group of all types of writers. Hone your craft and be supported on your path to publication. Meetings are the third Saturday of the month at the Panera Bread, 12071 Perry Highway Wexford Pa 15090, at 9:30am. For more info or to sign up please e-mail H.kreke@gmail.com

"HOLY PITTSBURGH" TRIP

You are invited to travel and visit "Holy Pittsburgh" along with members of Good Samaritan Parish Ambridge. Tour will include St. Anthony Chapel of Many Relics, St. Patrick Church, St. Stanislaus Church and Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Date **Monday, May 16th**. Cost of \$59.00 per person includes Motor coach transportation, group luncheon, scheduled church visits, Mass, shrine donations and pilgrimage donation. For more information, please call Sr. Marise at 724-266-6565 or Marlene Verigood at 724-266-3064.

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

The Pastor's Corner ~ Fr. Lou Vallone

Having just celebrated our great redemption at Easter (and having thought that I could take a homiletic break since I had preached so much for Holy Week), I was a bit surprised (and flattered) when a lay canon lawyer from across the state asked me a serious theological question. So, I thought I could get a two-fer by making my response to her my Pastor's Corner for this week:

"Dear Fr. Lou,

Whom do you know in Heaven? I am serious. One person you knew personally whom you know is in Heaven, no doubt about it, and why. Just a short idea. I would love that and it is for a school project I am doing at NYU. If you can, I think you too might just go to Heaven!

Love and prayers, Tish.

Dear Tish,

In the constructs of our faith, we can only "know" someone is in Heaven (i.e., eternally in the presence of the Beatific Vision) if the Church's magisterium has declared so. Therefore, anyone who has been declared of heroic virtue, beatified, or canonized fits in that category. In fact, in my life I have met John Paul II (heroic virtue, soon to be beatified) and Mother Theresa of Calcutta (beatified). I have not personally met anyone who has been canonized.

However, while the Church often uses her authority to declare that someone is in the presence of God eternally, she had NEVER in 2000 years declared the opposite: that someone has been eternally banished from the presence of God (i.e., in Hell.) Although the possibility of Hell must be believed as a doctrine, the actuality of any human soul being there (Judas, Hitler, the bully who used to beat me up in third grade) has never been confirmed by official teaching.

We are therefore free to believe that Hell is empty and Heaven crowded, and therefore to believe any individual whom we have known and who has died to be in Heaven.

So, to answer your question out of my own piety,

and not theological theory, I do know someone who is in Heaven, with no doubt about it: my Mother. (Having raised me, she indubitably deserves it.)

And I have no doubt I will see you there as well, but not too soon!

With affection and blessings, Fr. Lou."

It is no coincidence that I replied this way, since next week is Mothers' Day, and I look for all the living Mothers of both parishes to come to Mass, be honored, and prepare the way for themselves and us to heaven. And of course we pray to and in thanksgiving for those Mothers already in Heaven. Alleluia!

SIXTY-NINTH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

"There couldn't be a better way to spend this day than with our Blessed Lord and our Lovely Lady." - Bishop David A. Zubik, May 1, 2009



THEME: In the month of May, we will band together for LIFE!

WHEN: DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011

WHERE: EPIPHANY CHURCH 1:30pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 184 Washington Place, Uptown, Pittsburgh Bishop-elect William J. Walterheid
 (There is no noon Mass at Epiphany Church)

Followed by Procession with the Blessed Sacrament and Statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Epiphany Church to Saint Mary of Mercy Church where there will be Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament Crowning of Our Lady

Light refreshments in Lavender Hall

"SO YOU COULD NOT KEEP WATCH WITH ME FOR ONE HOUR?" - Mt.26:40
 CHURCH OF PITTSBURGH - PLEASE COME!

For those who cannot process, there will be recitation of the ROSARY, while the marchers are en route, at Saint Mary of Mercy Church, 202 Stanwix Street at noon. Sponsors...Legion of Mary

FUR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

Linda Nivins	412-684-3213	Maria Sabatini	412-885-8022
Ernestina Zakamarky	724-688-0906	Luis Aurilia	724-522-7188

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