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St. Catherine of Siena Parish  
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Crescent, PA 15046

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The Most Holy Trinity

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## MASS SCHEDULE

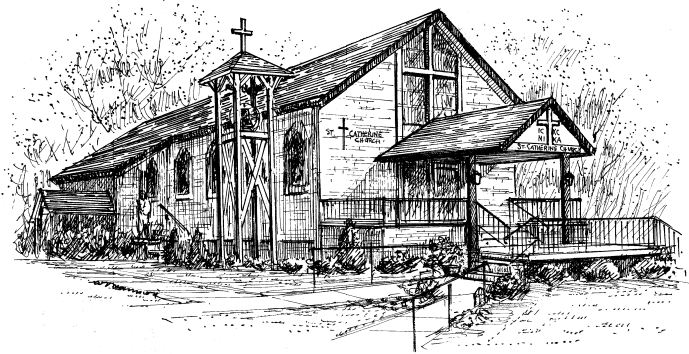
**Daily Mass:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday ~ 8:30 AM (No Wednesday 8:30 AM Mass)

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 4:00 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

**Parish Office** ..... 724-457-7026  
**Fax** ..... 724-457-3292  
**Sue Tranter, CCD Director** ..... 724-457-7026  
**Jennifer Pursuitte-Organist**..... 412-596-8511  
**John Galzarano, Maintenance** ..... 724-457-7026  
**Mary Ann Jones, Bookkeeper** ..... 412-771-5646  
**Helene Goodbread, Parish Secretary**... 724-457-7026

(Bulletin submission deadline is Tuesday at noon. Please put submissions in writing.)

## PARISH E-MAIL ADDRESS:

scatparish@verizon.net      Parish Email  
 scatpastor@verizon.net      Father Vallone Email  
 scatccd@verizon.net      Sue Tranter, CCD Director

## PARISH WEB-SITE:

stcatherinesiena-crescent@e-paluch.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 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 IS CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER—CCD CLASSES WILL RESUME IN THE FALL

## 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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**THE MOST HOLY  
TRINITY**

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

*In your kindness will you please pray for the following :*

Carol Davis, Scot Cameron, Bev's husband, Helene Goodbread

*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 May 29th**  
4:00 PM Joseph Gaona (son Tom & family)
- Sunday, May 30th**  
9:00 AM Special Intention for the Living  
(Joe Piroli, Sr.)  
11:30 AM Parish Family
- Monday, May 31st**  
8:30 AM Betty Jane Vallone
- Tuesday, June 1st**  
8:00 AM Rosary  
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Thursday, June 3rd**  
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Friday, June 4th**  
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Saturday June 5th**  
4:00 PM Isidora & Catherine LaLama  
(Isadore LaLama)
- Sunday, June 6th**  
9:00 AM Helen Mullen (Antoinette Garuccio)  
11:30 AM Parish Family



Helene will be out of the office until mid-July due to health reasons so Jennifer will be filling in. Office hours may vary.. Thank you for your patience and please keep Helene in your prayers.

**The Little Sisters of the Poor**

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be collecting for their cause this weekend. They care for the elderly poor regardless of race, creed, color or religion. Supplemental income does not cover the costs of care—they rely on God's Providence and community support to operate their Home. One of the major contributions they receive is through weekend collections in different parishes. Please be as generous as possible.

**Memorial Day**

The office will be closed on Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day. Thank you. We hope you enjoy your family picnics.

**Chinese Auction Planning Meeting**

If you would like to help with the Chinese Auction, please come to the planning meeting on Tuesday, June 1, at 6:00. Alice and Antoinette need workers during the festival but also help in arranging the baskets and getting everything organized. Many hands make light work so please give an hour or two and bring your creative ideas to make this our best Chinese Auction ever!

**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**

***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)**

More memorable stories next week but **KEEP THEM COMING!** We all have special thoughts about St. Catherine's and this is a great way to share them with your parish family. Volunteer to help with our Centennial celebration. Phone/email Debbie Michalik, 724-266-5452, dfm0912@msn.com.



First Holy Communion pictures are in and may be picked up during regular hours at the rectory office.

**Traditional Latin Mass**

The Votive Mass of the Holy Angels and First Priestly Blessing will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at 7:00pm at St. Titus Church. Join recently ordained Fr. John Shannon, FSSP, and the Knights of Columbus Woodlawn Council for this special Latin Mass. All are welcome.

**Tamburitzans Concert**

Jadran Jr. Tamburitzans Annual Concert will be held at 3:00 on Saturday June 12 at Hopewell High School. Admission is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for students. For more information call Michelle at 724-203-0159.

**MAY TICKET WINNERS**

|        |     |       |
|--------|-----|-------|
| May 17 | 757 | \$ 50 |
| May 18 | 616 | \$100 |
| May 19 | 695 | \$ 50 |
| May 20 | 767 | \$ 50 |
| May 21 | 125 | \$ 50 |
| May 22 | 467 | \$100 |
| May 23 | 018 | \$100 |

**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!

**PIEROGI SALE**

Good Samaritan Parish, 8th and Melrose, Ambridge will sponsor a Potato/Cheese Pierogi Sale, on June 4th from 8 am til 3:00 pm. "Voted #1 Potato/Cheese Pierogi by Ambridge Nationality Days 2007." \$7.00 per dozen. Sold cooked with butter and onions or FROZEN. All Pierogi provided in our containers. Phone orders (DAY OF SALE ONLY BEGINNING AT 7 AM) 724-266-6010.

"One Parish — Many Traditions."

**SUMMER DAY CAMP**

Parents of children ages 5 through 12 are encouraged to visit the Gilmary Retreat Center, five minutes from the Great Pittsburgh Airport. Gilmary will be hosting a Summer Day Camp this year from June 7th to August 20th. There will be an Open House on Friday, June 4th from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. A tour of the Gilmary facility can be arranged anytime by calling 412-264-8400, or emailing info@gilmarycenter.org. Visit the Gilmary website at www.gilmarycenter.org and register your child for one week, or the entire summer!



In this, our centennial year, we want to wish one of our oldest parishioners a very Happy Birthday. Dini Bracci was 98 on May 22. Congratulations and may God bless you

**MAY 23, 2010**

**Regular Offertory Collection**.....\$3,470.00

(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..... \$21,330.00  
 Remaining on goal..... \$14,154.00

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..... 73,299.00  
 Matched by diocese..... 68,500.00  
**EXCESS on goal** ..... +\$4,799.00

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

(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**

**MAY 23, 2010**

4:00 pm Mass ..... 300  
 9:00 am Mass ..... 168  
 11:30 am Mass ..... 139  
 Total..... 607

**FATHER’S DAY SPIRITUAL BOUQUET**

The parish has available Church Distribution Sets for Father’s Day that will contain: a card, matching white envelope for mailing and an offering envelope for the parish. The offering envelopes will provide a space to place the name of the person (living or deceased); the person can be father, husband, grandfather, father-in-law, godfather, brother, uncle, son, friend or other. The offering envelopes will be placed on the altar on Father’s Day. The special Father’s Day envelopes will be available in Church or from the parish office.

**CHRISTIAN LADIES SOCIETY NEWS**

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.

**GOD’S MASTERPIECE**

I’m with you for little while  
 Please keep me till I’m born,  
 My little face would like to smile  
 And not my body torn.

Please save me for another’s joy  
 And if by chance we meet  
 Unless you wish to know of me,  
 May God, your secret keep.

So be at peace with me inside  
 God knew me, way - y - y back when,  
 My little self will pray for you  
 So trust in Him my friend.

“Please keep the pregnancy even if you don’t want the baby.”  
 Need Help--call lifeline 724-843-0505.

**St. Catherine of Siena Ministry Schedule  
June, 2010**

| <b>June 5 - 6</b>   | <b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>                               | <b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>   | <b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>                                 |
|---------------------|--|--|---|
| Lector              | Marion Pukach                                    | Rick Tessmer   | Scott Becker  |
| Altar Server        | Christopher Hoffman<br>Phillip Hoffman           | Giavanna Rizzuto<br>Elyse Kostelnik                        | Ryan Becker<br>Rachel Becker                        |
| Euch. Min.          | Tina Hoffman<br>Joanne Pushinsky<br>John Toth    | Dino Nanni<br>Rona Nanni<br>Antoinette Garuccio            | Arlene (Sis) Kruppa<br>Kathleen Gillie<br>Mary Baun |
| <b>June 12 - 13</b> | <b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>                               | <b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>   | <b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>                                 |
| Lector              | Diane Hetzer                                     | Denise Martin  | John Davis  |
| Altar Server        | Ethan Conner<br>Amanda Stotlemeyer               | Nathan Barcaskey<br>Patrick Barcaskey                      | Rachael Kriger<br>Zachery Kriger                    |
| Euch. Min.          | Christine Conner<br>Jerry Conner<br>Tina Hoffman | Colleen Barcaskey<br>Antoinette Garuccio<br>William Murphy | Bob Bittner<br>Dino Nanni<br>Rona Nanni             |
| <b>June 19 - 20</b> | <b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>                               | <b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>   | <b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>                                 |
| Lector              | Alyssa Lee                                       | Karen Simpson  | Terra Koerpel                                       |
| Altar Server        | Nathan & Ryan Lee<br>Amanda Stotlemeyer          | Matthew Tessmer<br>Megan Tessmer                           | Austin Kelly<br>Marisa Duncan                       |
| Euch. Min.          | John Toth<br>Tina Hoffman<br>Joanne Pushinsky    | Audrey Burckart<br>Joe Burckart<br>Steve Simpson           | Mary Baun<br>Kathleen Gillie<br>Arlene (Sis) Kruppa |
| <b>June 26 - 27</b> | <b>Sat 4:00 PM</b>                               | <b>Sun 9:00 AM</b>   | <b>Sun 11:30 AM</b>                                 |
| Lector              | Paul Urbani                                      | Janice Moore   | Pat Varley  |
| Altar Server        | Christopher Hoffman<br>Phillip Hoffman           | Benjamin May<br>Santino Ciccone                            | Marisa Duncan<br>Austin Kelly                       |
| Euch. Min.          | Tina Hoffman<br>Joanne Pushinsky<br>Bob Bittner  | Christine Divens<br>Antoinette Garuccio<br>William Murphy  | Dino Nanni<br>Rona Nanni<br>Mary Baun               |

**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:** \_\_\_\_\_

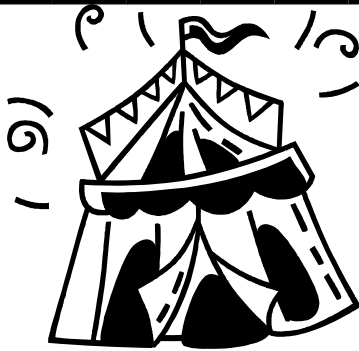
**Best Time to Reach you:** \_\_\_\_\_ **New** \_\_\_\_\_ **Address Change** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## FESTIVAL 2010

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



### Highlights

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

For your entertainment, the Acoustic Duo, Matt & Matt will perform on Thursday and 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.

Tickets are \$5 each. Winning number based on PA Daily (evening) Lottery. Prize money awarded each day during the month of June. Pick up a packet of tickets to sell today. For information, call Bob Bittner, 724-378-0903 or Corky Michalik, 724-266-5452.

### 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 give them to Alice Bittner 724-378-0903 or Antoinette Garuccio 724-457-2386 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!"**

### Calling all bakers!!!

Men women and children bring us your cakes, pies, cookies, breads and candies. We will be having a **THREE DAY BAKE SALE** in conjunction with our Festival on June 17, 18, and 19. Please bring your baked goods to the CCD trailer on any of those days. Too hot to bake? Monetary donations will be welcomed. But nothing takes the place of sweet delicious goodies so bring your finest treats to the bake sale and let everyone get a chance to taste them! For more information please call Alice at 724-378-0903 or Antoinette at 724-457-2386.

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

**PASTOR’S CORNER ~ Fr. Lou Vallone**

"I wish I knew then what I know now." How many times have we heard, or even uttered, that phrase. It usually occurs in the context of some experience in our lives in the past that we recall from the vantage point of the present, and we overlay a sense of regret for how we acted or behaved at that time. It maybe about a job that we took, a relationship that we entered into, an opportunity that we let slide by, a statement or decision that we made, that in retrospect seemed to have been infelicitous. When we say this, we mean that given our current perspective, we would have happily done something different. To tritely put it another way, everyone has 20/20 hindsight, or so we believe.

Someone once caught me short when I said that cliché, by asking, "Well, what do you know now?" And I realized that the only thing really that I knew was what happened, the consequences of my actions. When I do what I do, I am not usually short of knowledge - the things of the mind - but rather when I make mistakes, I lack the wisdom or good sense to put my knowledge to best use. It is not a matter of what I know or don't know that causes regrets in my life, but rather a matter of the proper utilization of that knowledge. It is not my head that fails me, but rather my whole being that somehow misfires. Or at least so it appears from the vantage point of looking back in time, aware of the results.

This is the time of year for school graduations: from grammar school or high school or college or graduate school. Invariably, a ceremony is held and a certificate given that is meant to symbolize the attainment of a modicum of knowledge commensurate with the level of achievement that the person is graduating from. (And by the way, I have gained enough knowledge to know that it is in fact permissible to end a sentence with a preposition!) People presume that with each "graduation" received, they have learned more to prepare them to make the right decisions in life.

But our life choices are not predicated for success on the basis of knowledge. What we know is only a tool, an instrument; a means, not an end. If we have not undergone a total formation, learning how to use our minds in the context of our whole life experience, integrating with our hearts and our souls and our place in a larger society, then we are setting ourselves up for a lifetime of regretful retrospectives, a long line of wistful clichés like the one that began this essay. Wisdom, understanding, insight, integrity, courage, responsibility, and a whole catalogue of other faculties and virtues are necessary to live a successful life. And we have no certificates or graduation ceremonies to mark the acquisition of these most necessary accomplishments. That's a pity, because we could use such an external

sign to guarantee the possession of these internal achievements.

At any rate, congratulations to all graduates at all levels this month. We are proud of what you have done, and wish you the best, with our prayers and blessings, on what you will do with what you know now.

**“See you at the Festival”**



**Ways you can help at the 2010 Homecoming Festival**

Get our Chinese Auction off to a good start! You can donate items or solicit businesses in the area to support this huge festival attraction. Consider manning a booth during the festival. Prepare your favorite baking recipe and donate it to the Bake Sale.

Bring your family together and make a \$100 donation as a festival sponsor. Your family name will be posted in the Midway during the festival.

We need YOU! We can't run a festival without your support. Sign up or just let us know when you are available to join your fellow parishioners, whether it is kitchen help, managing a game booth, security, or clean up. Again, thanks to all who have been so generous in the past.

Remember our goal—

Meet fellow parishioners, support our parish, and have FUN!

Complete the form below and drop in the collection basket to let us know that you are available to help or call Corky Michalik at 724-266-5452.

\_\_\_\_\_ Na  
me

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone

\_\_\_\_\_ Email

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to work (day/days & time)

\_\_\_\_\_ Game booth, Food booth, Kitchen, Runner,  
Sell Tickets, Bake, Security, Clean up