

June 6, 2010

Holy Body & Blood



C. J. S. Paluch 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

TELEPHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESSES

Parish Office 724-457-7026
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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 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
BODY AND BLOOD OF
CHRIST**

PRAYER REQUESTS

In your kindness will you please pray for the following :

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 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
- Monday, June 7th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Tuesday, June 8th**
8:00 AM Rosary
8:30 AM Barb & Bob Gaydos (Daughter)
- Thursday, June 10th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Friday, June 11th**
8:30 AM Parish Family
- Saturday June 12th**
4:00 PM Betty Jane Vallone
- Sunday, June 13th**
9:00 AM Irene Koza (M/M George Zawoysky)
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.

Position available

A full time housekeeping position is available at Caritas Christi, Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity. If interested, please contact Sister Brigid Marie Grandey, S.C. at 724-853-7948 Ext. 473. Thank you.

Congratulations and Good Luck to parishioner, Ray Bittner, who will be participating in the Swimming Competition with Special Olympics at Penn State on June 10-13th.

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

As often as you eat
this bread and drink
the cup, you
proclaim the death of
the Lord until he
comes.

-1 Corinthians 11:26



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 will be coming up soon but please **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.

Also, please look for old photographs and ask your families if they have any. We are trying to piece together our history at St. Catherine's and even if you think it's not important it might be the missing piece to our family puzzle!

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.

MAY TICKET WINNERS

May 24	970	\$ 50
May 25	704	\$ 50
May 26	940	\$ 50
May 27	019	\$ 50
May 28	889	\$ 50
May 29	852	\$100
May 30	465	\$100
May 31	176	\$100

Congratulations to all of our winners!

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.

The Year of the Priest

The year of the Priest ends on June 19th. The following poem is by an unknown author.

The Beautiful Hands of a Priest

We need them in life's early morning,
We need them again at its close;
We feel their warm clasp of true friendship,
We seek them when tasting life's woes.

At the altar each day we behold them,
And the hands of a king on his throne
Are not equal to them in their greatness;
Their dignity stands all alone.

And when we are tempted and wander,
To pathways of shame and of sin,
It's the hand of a priest that will absolve us,
Not once, but again and again.

And when we are taking life's partner,
Other hands may prepare us a feast,
But the hand that will bless and unite us
Is the beautiful hand of a priest.

God bless them and keep them all holy,
For the Host which their fingers caress;
When can a poor sinner do better
Than to ask Him to guide thee and bless?

When the hour of death comes upon us,
May our courage and strength be increased,
By seeing raised over us in blessing
The beautiful hands of a priest.

MAY 30, 2010

Regular Offertory Collection.....\$2,801.00

(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 \$21,550.00
 Remaining on goal \$13,934.00

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 3,019.00
 Balance..... \$1,381.00

(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 30, 2010

4:00 pm Mass.....233
 9:00 am Mass.....164
 11:30 am Mass.....88
 Total.....492

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.

Attention Business Owners

Parish members want to do business with people they can trust--namely, their fellow parishioners. Advertising in the bulletin helps parishioners who are business owners reach a very loyal audience. Studies show that 68% of households surveyed, when making a choice between businesses, are inclined to choose the one who advertised in the bulletin. Potential new customers are sitting right next to you in church. Next Sunday, we ask that you bring your business card to Mass and place in the offering basket. Please do not put your business card in your offering envelope. A representative from our bulletin printer will contact you regarding advertising in our weekly bulletin. Thank you for your consideration.



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!

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

The 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.

STEEPLE CHASE STEELER FOOTBALL POOL.

It is that time of the year again.....**FOOTBALL SEASON** and the **STEEPLE CHASE FOOTBALL POOL IS COMING**



SOON. The pool will include 16 regular season games beginning **Sunday, September 12 against the Falcons.** There are 100 blocks per game. The payout per game: **\$100** at half-time, **\$150** the final score. The total cost for all 16 games is \$80 or \$5 per game. Watch the bulletin for additional details.

Catholic Cruise to the Eastern Caribbean

Come and sail away on a 7-Night Catholic Eastern Caribbean Cruise with Father Michael Sullivan December 12, 2010 on the Carnival Pride out of Baltimore, MD Ports of Call: Port Canaveral (Orlando), Nassau (Bahamas), and Freeport (Bahamas). Prices begin at \$1117 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 / dpayttc@aol.com.

FAITH IS

Faith is not merely praying
Upon our knees at night;
Faith is not merely straying
Through darkness into light...
Faith is the brave endeavor,
The splendid enterprise,
The strength to serve, whatever
Conditions may arise.

-Anonymous

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

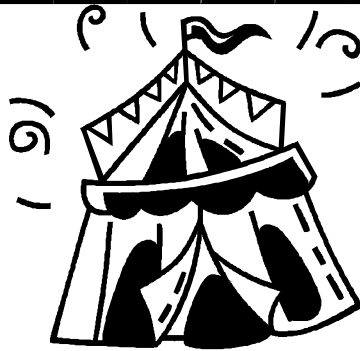
Telephone Number: _____

Best Time to Reach you: _____ **New** _____ **Address Change** _____

“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.

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! Helpers! Friends! Everyone! WE NEED YOU AT THE FESTIVAL!

The festival can't happen without **YOU!** Help out in the kitchen or on the midway as a booth worker. We desperately need food servers, food runners, money counters, and plenty of smiling faces! **Please call Corky at 724-266-5452 or fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or rectory mail slot this week!**

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!**

Name

Phone

Email

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

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

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PASTOR'S CORNER ~ Fr. Lou Vallone
Guest Columnist ~ Fr. Robert Zajdel
Highly Eccentric Saints

Saint Simeon Stylites

In order to get away from the ever increasing number of people who frequently came to him for prayers and advice, leaving him little if any time for his private austerities, Saint Simeon Stylites discovered a pillar which had survived among ruins, formed a small platform at the top, and upon this pillar determined to live out his life. It has been stated that, since he seemed to be unable to avoid escaping the world horizontally, he may have thought it an attempt to try to escape it vertically. For sustenance small boys from the village would climb up the pillar and pass him small parcels of flat bread and goats' milk. When the monastic Elders living in the desert heard about Simeon, who had chosen a new and strange form of asceticism, they wanted to test him to determine whether his extreme feats were founded in humility or pride. They decided to tell Simeon under obedience to come down from the pillar. If he disobeyed they would forcibly drag him to the ground, but if he was willing to submit, they were to leave him on his pillar. St. Simeon displayed complete obedience and humility, and the monks told him to stay where he was. This first pillar was little more than four meters high, but his well-wishers subsequently replaced it with others, the last in the series being apparently over 15 meters from the ground. At the top of the pillar was a platform, with a baluster, which is believed to have been about one square meter. According to his hagiography, Simeon would not allow any woman to come near his pillar, not even his own mother, reportedly telling her, "If we are worthy, we shall see one another in the life to come." Monica submitted to this. Remaining in the area, she also embraced the monastic life of silence and prayer. When she died, Simeon asked that her remains be brought to him. He reverently bid farewell to his dead mother, and, according to the account, a smile appeared on her face. Edward Gibbon in his *History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* describes Simeon's existence as follows: In this last and lofty station, the Syrian Anachoret resisted the heat of thirty summers, and the cold of as many winters. Habit and exercise schooled him to maintain his dangerous situation without fear or giddiness, and successively to assume the

different postures of devotion. He sometimes prayed in an erect attitude, with his outstretched arms in the figure of a cross, but his most familiar practice was that of bending his skimpy skeleton from the forehead to the feet. The progress of an ulcer in his thigh might shorten, but it could not disturb, this celestial life. And so, the patient Hermit expired, without descending from his column. Even on the highest of his columns, Simeon was not withdrawn from the world. If anything, the new pillar drew even more people, not only the pilgrims who had come earlier but now sightseers as well. Simeon made himself available to these visitors every afternoon. By means of a ladder, visitors were able to ascend, and it is known that he wrote letters, the text of some of which survived to this day, that he instructed disciples, and that he also delivered addresses to those assembled beneath, preaching especially against profanity and usury. In contrast to the extreme austerity that he demanded of himself, his preaching conveyed temperance and compassion, and was marked with common sense and freedom from fanaticism. After spending 39 years on his 49 foot pillar, Simeon died on 2 September 459. He inspired many imitators, and, for the next century, ascetics living on pillars, stylites, were a common sight throughout the Byzantine Levant. In *The Guinness World Book of Records* for 2010, Simeon's record for the longest pole sit is also the longest record ever held by anybody. Who knew that one could attain sainthood by sitting on a pole? *Święty Jezusa i Maryi i Józefa!*

CHRIST FORETOLD

In Genesis, Melchizedek is described as a king who is also a priest. As this story is usually interpreted, Melchizedek's action of bringing out bread and wine and blessing it with praise to the Creator is a prophetic action. Seen as a prefigurement of the action of Jesus, he foretells to Abram the One who is to come, the Messiah. The psalm echoes this theme in the time of David the King, who praises and thanks God and proclaims the preexistence of the Christ, who is given princely power from "the day of your birth, in holy splendor" (Psalm 110:3). God has promised this to David and his descendants forever, and God will never go back on this promise.
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