



**THANK YOU!      THANK YOU!      THANK YOU!**

Thanks to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the generous response of our parishioners we have reached the "Promised Land" – that is, we have surpassed our goal of \$1.5 million. On February 9, members of the Finance Council will meet with representatives from the Archdiocese of Boston to personally thank them for the loan that was made to St. Catherine's. We will also celebrate heartily with them that we have fulfilled our responsibility in repaying the loan. Knowing Fr. Peter, he will probably smoke a cigar and lift a glass high along with members of the Finance Council in thanking God for this wonderful blessing for the parishioners of St. Catherine's.

It goes without saying how grateful the community of St. Catherine's is to Rose Schultz and Mike Malik for their spirit-filled, always hopeful attitude and in spearheading our repayment to the Archdiocese. The Lord lifted them up and certainly blessed St. Catherine's with their presence, expertise, dedication, and faith-filled generosity. Any time you see them, please, please, let them know how grateful we are for their incredibly generous and dedicated service. We are tremendously grateful to all of the "Seize the Opportunity" committee members along with the wonderful administrative support from Nancy Meyer and Jeane Dwyer in our Parish Office.

The Parish Finance Council also deserves tremendous gratitude for their wisdom, counsel and commitment to St. Catherine's. They were so professional in putting together a detailed financial report for the parish to clarify our past expenses. They were a constant support to Rose Schultz and Mike Malik in their leadership role on the "Seize the Opportunity" Committee.

Oh how blessed we are by God with extraordinary parishioners in this wonderful parish of St. Catherine's!

## Campaign Update

Cash collected to date: \$1,508,201

Outstanding pledges:     \$   35,678

Please note: All monies collected at this point from parishioners who are finalizing their pledges will be included in the Grand Annual collection. If a parishioner chooses not to fulfill their pledge due to the achievement of this goal should contact Nancy in the Office 978-692-6353, ext. 30 or email [nancym@stcatherineparish.org](mailto:nancym@stcatherineparish.org).

**Liturgical Celebrations and Mass Intentions**

Saturday, February 6

4:00 pm *Nell and Paddy Rose*

Sunday, February 7

7:00 am *For the intentions of the parishioners*

9:00 am *Verna Benz*

11:00 am *Alex Ross*

5:00 pm *Mass*

Monday, February 8 8:00 am *Mass*

Tuesday, February 9 8:00 am *Antoinette Panza*

Wednesday, February 10 8:00 am *Karen Jesensky*  
6:15 pm *Rosary Prayer Ministry*

Thursday, February 11 8:00 am *Mass*

Friday, February 12 8:00 am *Mass*

Saturday, February 13

8:00 am *Gerry Leary*

3-3:45 pm *Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)*

4:00 pm *Paul J. Marrkand*

Sunday, February 14

7:00 am *Natalie Ann, Diamin Lynette, and Paul Zacharius Vullo*

9:00 am *Rita Valcourt*

11:00 am *Jimmy and Liz O'Neill*

5:00 pm *Mass*

**Collection of Old Palms:** We will be collecting palms each weekend through Sunday, February 14. Please place your palms in the specially marked container located in the main entrance of the Church.

These palms will be burned and used for our Ash Wednesday services.



**New Technology Committee:** We are in the process of putting together an Information Technology Committee (computers, software, networking, audio-visual, etc.) and are seeking a few more members. The committee will help us evaluate where we are and what we will need moving forward. If you are interested, please reply to Dave LeBleu at [DaveL@stcatherineparish.org](mailto:DaveL@stcatherineparish.org) or 978-692-6353, ext. 25.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** The next PPC meeting will be on Sunday, February 14, at 7:00 pm in the Mezzanine level of the Parish Center. All parishioners are invited to attend the open forum part of the meeting scheduled to begin at approximately 7:15 pm.



Please Come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent — The Church encourages all Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation each Lent. In addition to our normal Saturday afternoon confession time, St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish and all the Catholic parishes and chapels of the Archdiocese will be open on **Lenten Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00pm** (February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31). Please take advantage of this opportunity to make a good Lenten confession. Please also reach out to the Catholics you know that have been away from the regular practice of our faith and invite them to seize this chance to begin again. The Archdiocese's website for this initiative, [www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org](http://www.TheLightIsOnForYou.org), has great material to help everyone prepare to make a good confession.



**The Pancake Breakfast is on!** We

will be hosting our annual fundraiser breakfast on Sunday, March 14. Thank you to all the parents who came forward to help organize this event! We are now calling middle school volunteers to help with ticket sales ahead of time and work the day of the breakfast.

Please contact Joyce O'Donnell at [joycefodonnell@aol.com](mailto:joycefodonnell@aol.com) if you can help. Thank you!

**Lector Workshop:** Have you ever thought that you might like to be a lector, proclaiming the readings once or twice a month at Mass? On Wednesday, February 10 from 7-9 pm there will be a training workshop for new lectors and also open to experienced lectors who would like to perfect their skills. If you are interested, please contact Peg Hicks at 978-692-5435, ext 26 or [pegh@stcatherineparish.org](mailto:pegh@stcatherineparish.org) to register or for more information.

**Weekly Offertory**

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
January 30 & 31, 2010	\$13,598	\$13,800
Special Collection for Haiti Relief Efforts:	\$21,469	
Confirmation Mass Collection:	\$1,204 St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,205 Haiti Relief

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Did you know ~**

Our parish has reduced the utility bills by 27% by negotiating with Direct Energy to purchase electricity.

### February Faith Formation Happenings

Feb 7: Eucharist Lesson Starters  
Feb 10: Eucharist Parent Workshop  
Feb 14: Eucharist Lesson Starters  
Feb 21: Eucharist Lesson Starters  
Feb 22: Spring Mini Courses begin  
Feb 24: Eucharist Parent Workshop  
Feb 27 & 28: Faith Festivals  
Feb 28: Confirmation classes begin

**"Cleaning Brigade"**: As you are aware by the many activities we hold in our Parish Center, the kitchen is heavily used. As much as the different groups who use the kitchen try to keep it clean, there are times when a more concentrated cleaning is needed. We are looking to form a committee of about ten people to help with the cleaning of our parish hall kitchen to include organizing cabinet draws, cabinets, counters and floors. If you are interested in helping, please contact Joe Underhill 978-692-6353, ext. 19 or email [joeu@stcatherineparish.org](mailto:joeu@stcatherineparish.org).

**Special Needs Bowling – March 7:** On Sunday, March 7, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor their Spring Bowling Event for children of special needs and their families. It will be held at Collins Bowladrome in Billerica from 1:00-3:00 pm. The event includes Duckpin bowling, followed by pizza. Interested families are asked to register for this free event by calling Ken Desilets (978) 692-6866 before February 28.

**Pre-School Group:** Come and bring your child on Wednesdays from 10:00-11:30 am. This group is ideal for children ages 3-5 but younger siblings are also welcome. We spend each session with a circle and activity time on a faith focus and then also have time for free play and fellowship among the parents. We are considering starting a Thursday morning group if there is enough interest. Please call the Faith Formation Office if you are interested 978-692-5435.

**"Save the Date" - March 6 is Teen Game Night**...details to follow...never too early to sign up to help with the planning! Please contact Nancy at [thunarr@prospeed.net](mailto:thunarr@prospeed.net) if able to help with Game Night.

**Grades 5-8 Mini Courses** begin on Monday, February 22. Students will be notified by their teachers before class starts. Please contact Cheryl in the Faith Formation Office if you have any questions.

### 5:00 pm Sunday Masses

We are now offering Mass on Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm as an experiment until May 2. We hope parishioners will please give us feedback on how this Liturgy serves the needs of so many families with very demanding schedules.

**2009 Tax Statements** have been mailed to all parishioners who utilize our mailed home envelope system. If you did not receive a statement and think you should have, please contact Denise in the Parish Office at 978-692-6353, ext. 11 or [denisev@stcatherineparish.org](mailto:denisev@stcatherineparish.org). Please keep in mind that any donation, whether in cash or check, is not recorded in our database unless it was in an envelope imprinted with the parishioner's information. If you haven't used our envelope system in the past and would like to, please complete the form on the front cover of the bulletin and forward it to the Parish Office.

**Candlelight Message and Music Service:** The first candlelight service was a huge success. Due to the positive feedback we have received, another Candlelight service will be held on Thursday, February 11 from 7:30-8:00 pm in the Church. The theme of the service is "Prayers for Haiti" and will consist of three inspirational talks and contemporary music. In light of the recent natural disaster, Haitians are especially in need of our prayers. Please join us in honoring those who have lost their lives and in lifting up those who are left to pick up the pieces.

**St. Catherine's Craft Fair** is scheduled to take place in November. We are looking for 20 volunteers to be on one or more committees. A meeting will be held in late February to form all committees and explain duties. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Ann Cullerton 978-692-7965.

### *Memorial Offerings*

#### **Sanctuary Candle**

*For Carmen Lowe*

*From Frank and Jerri Lou Buffo*

#### **Rose for Life**

*For Mark Basch, USMC*

*From Joe and Joan Connell*

*If you are interested in reserving a memorial for families or friends, please contact the Parish Office (978) 692-6353*