

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA 20th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

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On Sunday, October 22, 1995, the parishioners of St. Catherine of Siena Church will commemorate the 20th anniversary of the establishment of St. Catherine as a parish. This is an opportunity to recognize and honor the people in the various parish organizations who were instrumental in the formation of this parish.

It was 41 years ago when masses were held at the Preston City Firehouse as a mission church of St. Mary's in Jewett City. At that time Preston was predominately rural with a small but devoted Catholic population. Because of their devotion and perseverance and the donation of land by the William O'Neil family in 1959, St. Catherine of Siena Church was constructed. It was dedicated on April 24, 1960 (35 yrs. ago) by His Excellency Most Reverend Bishop Vincent J. Hines of Norwich.

The celebration on Oct. 22nd will begin at the 10:00 AM liturgy after which a reception will be held in Siena Hall. There will be a brief speaking program and refreshments will be served. Former parishioners, members of all Preston churches- as a matter of fact, everyone is invited! Anyone wishing to loan photographs, newspaper articles- any memorabilia relating to the development of St. Catherine of Siena parish please call 887-6657.

Pictured below: St. Catherine's Church

