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Rev. Joseph E. Feltz

Roman Catholic Parish Community of Moraine, Mc Connell
Mill State Parks & 4th Vicariate

February 14, 2016

1st Sunday of Lent

Parish Staff

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CCD Office - Hours: Sunday 9:30-10:45 AM.....724-865-9840
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Mass Schedule

Saturday Eve Vigil.....4:30 PM
Sunday.....8:30 & 11:00 AM
Monday.....6:00 PM
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.....9:00 AM
Wednesday.....No Mass
Holy Days.....9:00 AM & 6:30 PM

Reconciliation

After every Mass or by appointment

Baptism: Please call rectory for date and time.

Marriage: Arrangements for the Catholic parishioner must be made at least six months in advance. Couples initial interview by the pastor is done before any dates are given. Call the rectory. Pre-marriage instructions are required.

Anointing of the Sick: After Mass or anytime by appointment.

Sponsor Letter: To be eligible to be a sponsor for Baptism and/or Confirmation one must be an active member. An active member is defined as one who is registered, attends Mass, and is financially supportive of the Parish and its programs, is confirmed, and is living in a marriage recognized by the Catholic Church. To receive a sponsor letter, call the rectory.

Mission Statement

St. Christopher at the Lake is a small welcoming church nestled in a beautiful setting of God's nature and encompassing a large area of small towns and communities. We seek to live in the likeness of Jesus Christ by the way we worship, participate in the Eucharist, and serve each other and our surrounding community. We welcome with open arms all those striving to enrich their spiritual life, gospel and traditional values.

Mass Intentions

Sat, Feb 13 – 4:30 PM – In Honor – Pat Glogowski
Sun, Feb 14 – 8:30 AM – Leon Panella
11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners
Mon, Feb 15 – 6:00 PM – Larry Pillow
Tues, Feb 16 – 9:00 AM – Rita Lonzo
Wed, Feb 17 – 9:00 AM – **No Mass**
Thurs, Feb 18 – 9:00 AM – Ronald Tokarchik, Jr.
Fri, Feb 19 – 9:00 AM – Ursula Bickar

Sat, Feb 20 – 4:30 PM – Margaret “Peg” Leise
Sun, Feb 21 – 8:30 AM – Tim Olexsak
11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners

*Dt 26:4-10 - You become a nation great, strong and numerous.
Rom 10:8-13 – “No one who believes in Him will be put to shame.”
Lk 4:1-13 – You shall not put your Lord God to the test.*



Today Luke takes us to the desert. The desert was the traditional place holy men would go for direction, to become focused. A place of wastelands, where there are no distractions, not illusions. It is a place of strange beauty but one filled with many dangers. The shadow of death looms over every hill or rut. Here, Jesus goes into this vast – baroness to commute with His Father, and receive direction. In the course of His 40 day retreat, the devil – the great deceiver, tries to tempt Him and to take Him off His course with the three things that usually trip-up most mortals: unless means, power, and finally wealth.



Pro-Life
Insight

He undergoes these temptations to give us the hope and conviction that we, too, can overcome. Our temptations can be moments of grace moving us to call on the name of our Lord. For it's in these moments of powerlessness and weakness, that we are able to see how more infinitely powerful God is. And when we abide in Him, we, too, can never fail. He truly enriches all who call upon Him.

We enter this Holy Season with the reassurance of His wonderful presence. Also, we leave the desert with Him with the certainty that we do not fear Satan and our weakness. He has no power over us when we are united with God. Our afflictions – toils – sins fall beneath His out stretch arms - our Faith.

Our Redeemer triumphant and liveth. We should not fear.
~Fr. Joe

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Daily Bible Readings:

- Mon, Feb 15 – Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
- Tues, Feb 16 – Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
- Wed, Feb 17 – Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
- Thurs, Feb 18 – Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
- Fri, Feb 19 – Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
- Sat, Feb 20 – Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

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Saints of the Week:

- Mon, Feb 15 – St. Claude De La Colombiere
- Tues, Feb 16 – St. Onesimus – Patron of Servants
- Wed, Feb 17 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
- Thurs, Feb 18 – St. Marie Bernadette Soubirous
- Fri, Feb 19 – St. Conrad of Piacenza
- Sat, Feb 20 – St. Eucherius

Fiscal year's Offertory Budgeted for 2014-15	\$ 158,000
What we need weekly to match our offertory budget	\$ 3,039.00
Total Offertory donation of last weekend	\$ 3,122.00
Difference with our expected weekly budget	\$ +83.00
# of adult Offertory envelopes received last weekend	110
Parish Share, Parish School assessments 2015	\$ 53,085.00
# of Pledges for Parish Share thus far	91
Total Parish Share payment for 2015	\$ 3,017.00

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Reflect on our last week's gifts and our own tithing:

Parish Share: \$2827; Building Fund: \$255; Candles: \$8.50; Mass Stipend: \$90; Ash Wed: \$10; CCD: \$5.

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Ash Wednesday tithing: \$916; Reg. Sunday Offering: \$22; Parish Sh: \$190; Building Fund: \$1; Candles: \$38; Mass Stipend: \$20.

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Tabernacle Light To make the offering of \$5 for the week to have your loved one remembered. Call Judy for requests or questions.

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The Tabernacle Light

Will burn this week
In Memory of

Jim Olexsak



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Up Coming Meetings: Audit Comm, W 2/17, 7P; Finance Council: M 2/22, 6:45P; Parish Pastoral Council: Th 2/25, 7P.

2016 Parish Share pledges If you have not done so, please complete your pledge envelope, either drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory, even if you should have to write that your pledge this year is \$0.00. We are responsible to the Diocese for a card for every family.

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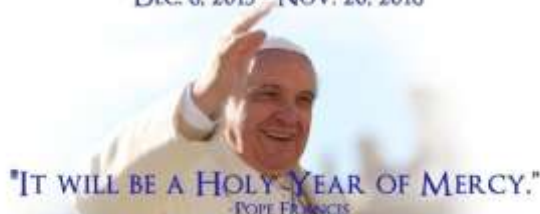
Stations of The Cross – Every
Thursday at 4 PM and Friday's at 6:30
PM during Lent.



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This weekend – Blessing of all married couples and widows at all the Masses.

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The CPR class will be Sat, March 5th at the church from 9-Noon, for everyone that signed up.

EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY
DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



Where Social Media Meets the Good News. Instead of giving up something this Lent. Share something. #sharejesus

Redeemed Online, based out of PITTSBURGH, PA is a first of its kind Catholic social media agency that works to provide free resources to help both individuals and churches use social media as effective tools.

Sign up for their newsletters, videos, and more:
<http://redeemedonline.com/lent>

CCD

Please make note of this very important CCD schedule change – **CCD is CANCELLED for all grades on March 13 due to the sacrament of Confirmation, and there WILL BE CLASS March 20 to make up for the missed day.** ALL students are expected to be in CCD March 20th for regularly scheduled CCD classes. The last day of CCD is Sunday, April 10, for all students grades 1 through Confirmation.

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Important Dates for 2nd Grade:

- February 21** – Reconciliation practice during CCD (PARENTS MUST ATTEND)
- February 27** – Sacrament of Reconciliation – 12:00 Noon
- March 13** – **CCD CANCELLED FOR ALL GRADES DUE TO CONFIRMATION – CCD WILL BE IN SESSION March 20**
- March 20** -- 2nd grade parent meeting during CCD time
- April 9** – 2nd Grade Retreat 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon
- April 10** – NO CCD for 2nd grade ONLY due to the retreat
- April 15** – 2nd Grade First Communion Practice 6:00 pm
- April 17** – 2nd Grade First Holy Communion 11:00 am Mass



Cancellations When the weather is bad, please check local news stations or their websites for cancellations of Mass, CCD, RCIA or meetings.



RCIA

Please Pray for our Candidates of the RCIA 2016 Class
Billie Douglas; Stacey Morrow; Chad Young; Olivia Tiche.
They will be sent to the Bishop for his official reception on
February 14, 2016.

Rite of Election for 2016 at St. Paul Cathedral is Sunday,
February 14th, 2:30 PM.

PRAYER FOR ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Father of Mercy, as we journey On Mission for The Church Alive!
Endow us with your gifts of collaboration, courage and
compassion. Help us to fulfill the mission of Jesus and His Church
through vibrant parishes and effective ministries. Raise up
selfless, energetic leaders to serve the Church in fidelity and with
care. May we, the Church of Pittsburgh in Allegheny, Beaver,
Butler, Greene, Lawrence and Washington Counties, be sustained
and strengthened by your grace. Help us to learn Jesus, to love
Jesus and to live Jesus. Hear this prayer and grant it through
Jesus Christ our Lord, with the help of our dear Blessed Mother,
under the mantle of her love. Amen.

To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on
page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit
www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

JESUS ALIVE & LIVING BUTLER DISTRICT YOUTH GROUP

JAL HANGOUT: It has begun! Every Wednesday from
6:30pm-8pm! Middle Schooler and High Schoolers are
welcome. Coffee bar, homework space, video games, board
games, open gym! Don't want to come along...BRING A
FRIEND!

St. Fidelis Lenten Fish Frys run every Friday from Feb. 5th-
March 18th from 4pm-8pm. 20ish teens are needed each
Friday. Teens MUST sign up with Chris Williams at
chris@JALbutler.org to be put on the schedule. Those in need
of service hours are encouraged to contact Chris ASAP.

Middle School Lenten Lock-In: Saturday March 12th 8pm to
Sunday March 13th at 7am. 50 student limit. MUST SIGN UP
IN ADVANCE to ensure enough food and supplies are on
hand. No fee! Pull an all-nighter with us in the St. Fidelis
religious education bldg.! Hot breakfast on Sunday courtesy of
the St. Fidelis Men's Club!

2016 Summer Mission Trip Change: Please note that the
dates and location of our annual mission trip have changed.
We will be headed to Johnstown, Pa to assist the needy
Tuesday-Saturday, July 5-9th. \$75 deposit required for
students. Adults are FREE, and must meet the clearance
requirements stipulated by the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Mark Your Calendar: SOS-Saturday Of Service, May 14th
10am-2pm. No fee! Cedar Point trip for June is in the
planning!

Community News

High Schoolers & Youth leaders Save The Date: Called by
Name with Fr. Josh Waltz (Diocese of Bismark), Sr. Therese Marie
Iglesias, T.O.R., & Fr. Joe Freedy, Sun, April 24th, St. Paul
Seminary, 5-9 PM. An Evening exploring our Universal call to
Holiness and the particular vocations to Marriage, Priesthood &
Religious Life. Registration info coming soon.

**Diocese of Pittsburgh Women Alive! In God's Mercy
Conference** -- Catholic women can register for the 2016
conference at womenalivepgh.eventbrite.com. This day of renewal on
Sat, April 16, at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School in

Cranberry Twp. will include dynamic speakers such as Helen
Alvaré, a George Mason University law professor and founder of
WomenSpeakforThemselves.com, Sr. Rosemary Nyirumbe, a
CNN hero award winner and director of Saint Monica School in
Gulu, Uganda, and Rebecca Dussault, a 2006 Winter Olympian,
2010 World Champion, wife, and mother. The day also features
Mass with Bishop Zubik and the Sacrament of reconciliation. Cost
is \$45 and free transportation will be available from 12 locations
throughout the Diocese. For more info, visit womenalivepgh.org or
follow Women Alive Pittsburgh on social media.



Butler Catholic School Open House, 515 E Locust St,
Butler PA, Wed, Feb 24th, 6:30 - 8pm
Discover the difference of a Catholic education! We
invite you to learn more about Butler Catholic School at
our upcoming Open House. Butler Catholic is an
excellent choice for your child's education.

Butler Area Marriage Preparation Retreat

Retreat will be held on Saturdays, April 2 and April 9 beginning at
11:15 AM until 7:00 PM. You must attend both Saturday sessions
to fulfill the program requirements. Both Saturday sessions
conclude with the 6:00 PM Mass at St. Michael the Archangel
Catholic Church. Mass attendance is part of the PreCana
Program and satisfies the Sunday obligation. The retreat will be
held at St. Michael the Archangel Parish Hall, 432 Center Ave.,
Butler. Cost is \$50/couple. Register early, retreat fill quickly. For
more information or to register call 724-991-2639 or email
cweiland@zoominternet.net.



Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage for YOUTH and YOUNG ADULTS

All high school teens and
college students are invited to attend
the diocesan wide pilgrimage to the Jubilee Year
of Mercy Holy Door at St. Paul Cathedral on
Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 7:15 pm to 9:45 pm. The
evening will include a procession through the Holy Door with
Bishop Zubik, Confession, Eucharistic Adoration, a witness from
Nick Sciarappa, praise and worship with **Katy Blythe**, and a
social afterwards. **This event is PERFECT for anyone who
needs a spiritual boost, or for someone who is looking for
an experience with Christ.** Online registration is available
at tinyurl.com/pittymom. If you have questions about this even,
please contact Angela Gaughn at (412)561-6021 or
stbernadyouth@gmail.com.

**NEW EVANGELIZATION AND HIGHER ED CONFERENCE AT
SVC MAY 23-25** -- Cardinal Donald Wuerl, S.T.D., Archbishop of
Washington, will keynote a conference at Saint Vincent College,
Latrobe, "The New Evangelization and Higher Education: The
Vision and Pope Francis," on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday,
May 23, 24 and 25. Other speakers include Dr. Carolyn Woo,
president and chief executive officer of Catholic Relief Services
and Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles,
founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries. Registration fee of
\$350 includes all presentations, two nights lodging on campus,
meals and snacks. For additional information or registration, 724-
805-2177 or www.stvincent.edu/newevangelization.

Catholic Alive! Wednesday, March 2, 6:30 - 8:00 PM at St.
Michael the Archangel Hall. Speaker: Fr. Michael Stumpf, Topic:
From the Mountain With Mercy. All are welcome! Light
refreshments served. Child care provided.

Java Cats Coming to St. Matthias, Wed, Feb 24th! All High School
and 8th grade youth are invited to this exciting event. 7-9 PM,
Music at Ritzert Hall, along with Eucharistic Adoration in St.
Matthias Church. Email Charlotte Zilavy for more info at
chmark25@gmail.com.

VNA Hospice Volunteers play a vital role in caring for those dealing with terminal illness. Volunteers sit with patients to allow family time out of the home, they also visit hospice patients who live in area nursing homes. Volunteers read, play music and provide support for families and patients. We are in need of Volunteers in your area. Please call for more info, Tammie Cramer, at 724-431-3502.

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St. Michael Greek Catholic Church Easter Bread Sale Nut Rolls, Apricot Rolls, Poppy Seed Rolls, Homemade Paska Twist or Round. Ukrainian Decorated Eggs, Butter Lambs, Candles. Everything to fill your Easter Basket! Place your Order Now!! 724-283-0363. Food event will be Fri & Sat, March 18th & 19th 10 AM until sold out. You can also visit us at www.archangelbakery.com.

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MULTI PARISH WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT *Praying the Stations with the Women of the World: FROM CALVARY TO JOY*
WHEN: Sunday, February 21, **TIME:** 6:00-8:00PM, **WHERE:** St. Peter Social Hall, 127 Franklin St., Butler, *(Light refreshments will be served). RSVP Appreciated: annamarieneutrelle83@gmail.com or 724-482-2690
Inviting all women, ages 18 and over, to a journey of faith, along with actively experiencing the Stations of the Cross with Jesus, while "walking in solidarity" with all women, past and present, as we relate our critical and key moments of life as women, to the suffering and death of Christ, moving from Calvary to the Joy of Resurrection!

DOORS OF MERCY

EXPLORING GOD'S COVENANT WITH YOU

Join us! For only the fourth time in Church history, the Pope has declared an *Extraordinary Jubilee Year*. And the focus? Mercy. Learn to give and receive forgiveness, to forgive others, to forgive yourself. We invite you to join us as we participate in a parish wide program, *Doors of Mercy*. There is no written homework, just eight simple sessions that will allow you to experience God's hope, healing and loving mercy in this once-in-a-lifetime program. Even if you've never participated before, please, we invite each and every one of you to join us – you'll be so glad you did. We begin the exploration **Tuesday, March 8 at 9:45 am (or 7 pm, depending on registration)**. Please register w/ Judy or facilitator Sharon Coyle at 724-306-1307 **by March 1**. Cost is **\$19.50** for the student workbook. Free scholarships to catechists of our parish (and those in need, see Judy.)

Valentine's Day Heart Maze

Draw a line from Start to Finish to find your way to the valentine's day gifts through the heart maze.

START

