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

January 24, 2016

3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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**Parish Telephones**

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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.



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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, Jan 23 – 4:30 PM – John Embroski  
Sun, Jan 24 – 8:30 AM – Leon Panella  
11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners  
Mon, Jan 25 – 6:00 PM – Shirley Casteel  
Tues, Jan 26 – 9:00 AM – Judy Pajewski  
Wed, Jan 27 – 9:00 AM – **No Mass**  
Thurs, Jan 28 – 9:00 AM – Judy Pajewski  
Fri, Jan 29 – 9:00 AM – Fr. Thomas Weise  
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Sat, Jan 30 – 4:30 PM – Joan Weber  
Sun, Jan 31 – 8:30 AM – Leon Panella  
11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners

*Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 – "The Lord is your strength."  
1Cor 12:12-30 – "All are Baptized in the One Body of Christ, and all have drunk of the One Spirit."  
Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21 – "Today the Scriptures are fulfilled in your hearing of them."*



Today is reminiscent of my first priestly action in my home parish. After being treated with little respect in the years of training toward the priesthood, now the situation was different. I wasn't in training anymore. I was now ontologically on the same plain with my pastor. Not just a kid, someone who they knew growing up. That shy, awkward youth who died every time someone singled him out. Little Joey Feltz, was now Fr. Joseph E. Feltz. As I was concelebrating with my home pastor, it was awesomely strange to be the one in the lime light. Getting into the pulpit, in front of all those people.

People who were the big wigs, who worked along with my pastor, running the affairs of our church. It was a special but a frightful moment. Of course I had that long reading from St. Matthew on Jesus' genealogy, the one with all those hard pronouncing names. This one begetting this one. Starting with Father Abraham and down to St. Joseph, husband of Mary, foster father of Jesus. Well, it was one moment I will never forget. They weren't the first ones that I would face. Nor would they be the worst ones over almost 37 years this September 29, 2016. I'm sure that Jesus felt the very same in today's scripture from St. Luke. Small town boy comes home. There were those who were mesmerized by His showing and of course those who would be hard and critical. Yet, in this account at this moment, the general consensus was good. Even though He was brand new, and to some possibly a stranger, yet he had them spell bound. There he was speaking of himself, using the Prophecy of Isaiah, to tell of his anointing by the Spirit and being sent forth from that same Spirit to preach the Good News - to liberate prisoners and to enlighten the blind.

This is the same call the Holy Spirit challenges us today. The mission is not over. A new generation and a new world need the Good News and the liberation and the enlightenment it brings. It's our time now, and the message needs to be brought and people need to hear. Unlike what many say and think, you don't know how much this cost, until you're in the seat in front of a mix crowd, empowered to act in the name of Jesus.

For 2000+ years, people tried to imitate this scene from St. Luke. Only though the Holy Spirit, can one reach into those many hearts and souls. I feel that empowerment each time I enter the pulpit. I know its God speaking, not me. In so many other facets of this calling, do I see His power shining through me. He is what makes little Joey – Fr. Joseph.

But this is like everything about our faith. Bread becomes the Body of the Son of God. Wine becomes His Sacred Blood. Only He can make a lower thing something greater. Even though we can't make a pig's ear into a silk purse, He certainly can.

May His transforming love continue its operation in you and me. Today, then, truly this passage of scripture can be fulfilled in our hearing.

~Fr. Joe

**Daily Bible Readings:**

- Mon, Jan 25 – Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18
- Tues, Jan 26 – 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5
- Wed, Jan 27 – 2 Sm 7:4-17/Mk 4:1-20
- Thurs, Jan 28 – 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25
- Fri, Jan 29 – 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34
- Sat, Jan 30 – 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Saints of the Week:**

- Mon, Jan 25 – The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle
- Tues, Jan 26 – Sts. Timothy and Titus
- Wed, Jan 27 – St. Angela Merici
- Thurs, Jan 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas
- Fri, Jan 29 – St. Gildas The Wise
- Sat, Jan 30 – St. Bathildis

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	\$ 3,395.01

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Difference with our expected weekly budget	\$ +356.01
# of adult Offertory envelopes received last weekend	112
Parish Share, Parish School assessments 2015	\$ 50,815.00
# of Pledges for Parish Share thus far	111
Total Parish Share payment for 2015	\$ 39,150.00

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

Parish Share: \$996.44; Building Fund: \$50; Candles: \$30; Mass Stipend: \$80; CCD: \$5; St. Anthony School: \$972.

**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  
*John & Martha Hook*



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**Up Coming Meetings: Parish Pastoral Council**, Th, 1/28, 7P; **Festival**, Th 2/4, 7P.

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*Please, pick up in the lobby **your 2015 Financial Contributions' Report** even if you did not or could not contribute financially in 2015. Reports not picked up will have to be mailed 1st class. The reports are arranged in alphabetical order. They reflect those church donations where the donor could be identified. Please, call to our attention any possible discrepancy. You are generous to God and to our Community!*

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**Parish Share 2015 ends** with your final contribution next **Sun, January 31st**. We are all especially grateful to a very large number of parishioners who overpaid their own 2015 pledge and thus made it possible for the rest of us to approach our past assessment! Thanks to all who contributed. **Parish Share 2016 starts, Sun, February 7<sup>th</sup>**.

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**Reserve your date for Mass Intentions for 2016** take advantage now of the openings for your family & call or stop by the rectory to reserve your special days: birthdays, anniversaries, days when your dear ones left you....

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend** is for Tornado and Flood Victims in the South and Midwest regions of our country.

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 We are starting to collect the old palms for Ash Wednesday (Feb 10). Don't throw them in the garbage. All blessed articles are to be disposed of properly (burnt or buried).

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**Men's Club** will serve coffee & donuts after each Mass this weekend Sat, Jan. 23 & Sun, Jan 24.



St. Christopher's Annual Pre-Lenten Casino Trip is scheduled for Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>. The bus will arrive at the St. Christopher's parking lot at 12:15 pm and depart for The River's Casino at 12:30pm. We will leave from the casino at 6:30 pm to return home. Cost this year is \$25 per person, in return you will get \$10 in free slot play and a \$5 food coupon. You must be 21 years old or older with a VALID photo ID to enter the casino. If you have a casino card bring it with you or you'll have to wait in line to get one. There is also a bag policy in place which means no

fanny packs, backpacks, tote bags or drawstring bags. Please call Judy at the rectory to sign up. Payment must be received by January 31st. We need 39 people to make this work but the bus is large and has room for 56 passengers. Tell your friends and family, if you've gone in the past you know a good time is had by all, the more the merrier! Feel free to contact Karen (724.865.7804) with any questions. I hope to see you there, thank you.

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

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



**Meditations on Mercy: January 2016**

For each month of the Jubilee of Mercy, we offer reflections based on scripture passages that Pope Francis uses in his Bull *Misericordiae Vultus* (MV). By beginning with a scripture passage and a reference to paragraphs in *Misericordiae Vultus*, each reflection offers a way to more deeply embrace the call to embody mercy that is asked of every Christian. *These reflections can be done on your own, with your family, or with small groups in our parish.*

Pray: Prayer of Pope Francis for the Jubilee of Mercy ([www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/bolla.html](http://www.iubilaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en/giubileo/bolla.html)) • Discuss: how did you see the mercy of God working in your life over the past few weeks?

**JANUARY 2016** Mi 7:18-20; MV, no. 17 "Who is a God like you, who removes guilt / and pardons sin for the remnant of his inheritance; / Who does not persist in anger forever, / but instead delights in mercy, / And will again have compassion on us, / treading underfoot our iniquities? / You will cast into the depths of the sea all our sins; / You will show faithfulness to Jacob, / and loyalty to Abraham, / As you have sworn to our ancestors / from days of old."

Happy New Year! January is often a month of new beginnings and new resolutions. In this Jubilee Year, we are asked to make acts of mercy a priority in our lives and to live out the compassionate love of God. In this passage from Micah, we are reminded of God's eternal promise to us. Throughout the Old Testament, we read stories of God's covenant that he made with his chosen individuals (through Noah, Abraham, and Moses). This covenant is more than a promise; it is also a relationship between God and his people. This relationship continues with the New Covenant, which is made through the life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus, and with our participation in the New Covenant through the sacraments of the Church. God, who is ever faithful, will never break his covenant with us. Even if we fail or fall away, God still yearns for our return. Pope Francis highlights verses 18-19 as an illustration of God's compassion and mercy toward us. No person and no action can compare to the generous mercy and compassion that God has for us. Even though we may break our part of the covenant relationship, God pardons our sins because of his great love. God "delights in mercy"—God's merciful attitude is not a chore or a bother for God. Rather, pardoning sins and drawing people back into a relationship brings joy to God. As we make our annual resolutions, don't forget to include one about acting as God acts, with love and compassion to everyone we encounter. If you have trouble keeping this resolution, just remember that God will always keep his "resolutions"!

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS** 1. After reading about God's covenant with us and God's enduring love and compassion, what are some things we can do to strengthen Meditations on Mercy:

January 2016 our relationship with God? Why is it important for us to respond to God's covenant of love and mercy with our own actions of love and mercy? 2. What is one realistic New Year's resolution you can make this year that will help you adopt the attitude of mercy? What are some things you can do that could help you stay on track in keeping this resolution throughout the year? **CLOSING PRAYER** (5 minutes) • Assemble intentions and reflections from this week's gathering.

**CCD**

**Confirmation Candidates** will meet individually with Fr. Joe during regular CCD time on Sunday, January 24 regarding their upcoming Sacrament.

**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](http://www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org).

**JESUS ALIVE & LIVING BUTLER DISTRICT YOUTH GROUP**

**HIGH SCHOOL FAITH ENRICHMENT:** Discerning your Gifts. God has given each of us special gifts that He expects us to use on this earth to glorify him. What are yours? Not sure? Join us January 24<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> in the St. Michael the Archangel social hall from 5:15-6:30pm.

**JAL HANGOUT** Starting February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the JAL Hangout at St. Fidelis will be open from 6:30pm-8pm for all middle school and high school students. Coffee bar, homework space, open gym, video games, board games, snacks, etc. Don't want to come alone...bring a friend! "Open gym will be available in March".

**Teen Volunteers needed:** St. Michael the Archangel Ash Wednesday Fish Fry: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 3:45pm-7pm. 8-10 teens are needed to help! Sign up with Linda Rottman: [lrottman@zoominternet.net](mailto:lrottman@zoominternet.net). First come, first serve!

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

**Mark Your Calendar: High School Lenten Retreat:** March 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2016; Middle School Lenten Lock-In: March 12-13<sup>th</sup>.

**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 5-9<sup>th</sup>. \$75 deposit required for students. Adults are FREE, and must meet the clearance requirements stipulated by the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

**Community News**

**Monthly Prayer Walk** is scheduled for Tues, Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 PM at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Join us as we pray for our community and friends.

**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.

**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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 [womnalivepgh.eventbrite.com](http://womnalivepgh.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 [womnalivepgh.org](http://womnalivepgh.org) or follow Women Alive Pittsburgh on social media.

**Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast** Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on Sat, Feb. 6, from 9AM – Noon at the Marriott in Cranberry Twp. Hear speaker Lisa Mladinich share her journey from a New York City actress who became bitter at God and left the church, to unexpected encounters and a dramatic conversion, which led her back to her faith, and to healing and reconciliation with God. Come and hear her fantastic story of a broken life made whole through the sacraments and the Holy Rosary. Cost of the breakfast is \$20. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906, or go to [www.magnificatpittsburgh.org](http://www.magnificatpittsburgh.org). Registration deadline is Jan 29.

**Prayer Hour for Pro-Life at St. Fidelis Church** Please join us in prayer for the unborn. For those not able to travel to the Pro-Life March, we will again offer a prayer hour in solidarity with those traveling. All are welcome! Noon - 1:00 PM...Jan 22, St. Fidelis Church. Questions? Tootie Betres: 724-789-7475



Butler Catholic School Open House, 515 E Locust St, Butler PA, Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 1pm - 3pm  
Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 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, offering:

- Small class sizes, allowing for individual attention from committed, caring teachers
- A comprehensive Preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade education in one building
- An environment permeated by faith and Gospel values
- A close-knit, family oriented community that builds self-confidence and responsibility

- A place where your child is known by name, and grows academically, socially and spiritually

The following hours are open at the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 432 Center Ave., Butler: Tues, 12 midnight – 1 AM and Tues, 10-11 AM (Jan 12 – Mar. 15 as a substitute). To sign up as a regular adorer or sub call Linda Spohn at 724-283-2555.

**Vincentian Academy** proudly presents **Disney's High School Musical!** Performances at the Greater Masonic Center on February 19, 20, 21, 26, 27. For ticket information, visit [www.vincentianacademy.org](http://www.vincentianacademy.org) or email [VincentianTheatre@gmail.com](mailto:VincentianTheatre@gmail.com)

**St. Gregory School** has a week of exciting events planned to celebrate our 2016 Catholic School's Week. We begin Monday morning with registration for anyone interested in our great school. Then we extend a warm welcome to family and friends to our annual Science Fair, Math Competition, Literature Days, Saints Alive presentation and our always famous Staff vs. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Game. Students will have special days to "Dress Crazy", get comfy on "Pajama Day" and show off school pride during "St. Gregory Spirit" day. This year we will have representatives from WTAE/Salvation Army Project Bundle-Up here to congratulate our student body for collecting \$5,859 which was the highest amount of any local school during this year's telethon. The entire week will close with a special mass on Friday morning, February 5 and all-school Bingo to end the day.

**LIGHT WEIGH ONE KING** A new Light Weigh One King Bible study Weight Loss program will start at The Butler Library on (Saturday) February 13, 2016, 9:30 a.m. Light Weigh One King is a 12 week Bible Study—DVD program devoted to helping those who struggle with food or other temptations. Come learn how to overcome temptation and eat the foods you enjoy, while you grow closer to God and lose weight. This class will take us through Lent, and it is a great Lenten companion. Commitment to attend, money is due January 27 for materials to be ordered or order on line @ [www.lightweigh.com](http://www.lightweigh.com). Cost is \$148.00. RSVP @ 724-290-7746. Introduction to One King on YOUTUBE @ <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fS6YlpYD22Y>



All parishioners are invited to our annual free

**Shrove Tuesday  
Soup & Salad Dinner**

**Tue., Feb. 9th, 6:00 P.M.**

**Menu:** Chicken noodle & Potato Soup, Chili, rolls, donuts, drinks

**Please bring** a large salad to share (enough to feed at least 12 people) & your table setting.

Join us for this annual pre-Lenten celebration  
**Sign-up sheets are in both lobbies!**

**Ladies Guild' Homemade "Soup  
by the Quart" Sale;**

- \* \$6.00 per quart \* Make checks payable to St. Christopher's Ladies Guild.
- \* Soup will be available for pickup on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Shrove Tuesday dinner or after each Mass on Ash Wednesday February 10<sup>th</sup> in the hall.