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Rev. Joseph E. Feltz

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

March 20, 2016

Palm Sunday

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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, Mar 19 – 4:30 PM – “Aunt Rose Ann” Himmelein
 Sun, Mar 20 – 8:30 AM – Leon Panella
 11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners
 Mon, Mar 21 – 10:00 AM – Larry Schranz
 Tues, Mar 22 – 10:00 AM – For the Recovery of Health
 of Sharon K.
 Wed, Mar 23 – 9:00 AM – Thomas H. Sitarik
 Thurs, Mar 24 – **Holy Thursday**
 6:30 PM – Father Raymond Orloski
 Fri, Mar 25 – **Good Friday**
 Sat, Mar 26 – **Holy Saturday** ***
 8:30 PM – Sister Theresine Jablonski
 Sun, Mar 27 – **Easter Sunday**
 8:30 AM – For the Deceased Member
 of the Kovacsics Family
 11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners

Is 50:4-7 – That I may speak words to the weary.

Phil 2:6-11 – He empty Himself as a slave.

Lk 22:14-23:56 – I desired to eat the Passover with you.



Today we begin the most sacred week of the Liturgical year. I truly can't believe that Lent 2016 is over. The Passion dialogue certainly brings us into the drama of Christ's life, Death & Resurrection.

We more than those at Jesus' time realize the King we follow. He is the King that placed Himself on the altar of sacrifice for His people. He was not carried in, as He carried our sins in the cross. He didn't wear royal purple as He wore the soldier's red tunic and a crown of thorns. He

did not die in a warm comfortable bed as on the cross. He was naked – bruised – alone on the hill of Calvary. There was no state funeral either. He was bore away in silence and shame in a borrowed grave. He did it for us.

Our King was like no other king. A King who came to make us royals. He lived and died to free us from the ancient curse and make of us, part of the Father’s house. Yes, He was like no other.

Please try to allow in your schedule to attend the special Holy Week Services. It’s not Easter, not to attend. If we love someone we are there to support them in their trials. Therefore, if we love Jesus, then we’ll be there. For He was there for us. Happy Holy Week. ~Fr. Joe

Daily Bible Readings:

- Mon, Mar 21 – Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11
Tues, Mar 22 – Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed, Mar 23 – Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25
Thurs, Mar 24 – Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
Fri, Mar 25 – Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
Sat, Mar 26 – Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Rom 6:3-11/ Lk 24:1-12

Saints of the Week:

- Mon, Mar 21 – St. Nicholas of Flue
Tues, Mar 22 – St. Lea
Wed, Mar 23 – St. Turibius De Mogrovejo
Thurs, Mar 24 – St. Catherine of Sweden
Fri, Mar 25 – The Annunciation of Our Lord
Sat, Mar 26 – St. Margaret Clitherow

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Fiscal year's Offertory Budgeted for 2015-16 (\$ 158,000), Total Offertory donation of last weekend (\$ 2,167.00), and Total Parish Share payment for 2016 (\$ 10,644.00).

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

Parish Share: \$350; Building Fund: \$8.07; Candles: \$45; Community Dinner: \$10; Mass Stipend: \$30; CCD: \$300; Easter Flowers: \$160; CCHD: \$5.

The Tabernacle Light

Will burn this week
In Memory of

Martha Hook



- To everyone who donated desserts, fresh fruit and helped at the Community Dinner last Tuesday.
To everyone who came to learn & make the Palm Crosses –

Great Job! Don't forget to pick up the crosses that you made after the 11:00 Mass this Sunday.

- To St. Christopher's Men's Club for your outstanding architectural accomplishment. The Flea Market shelves are extremely functional & pleasant to look at. We look forward to filling them with our treasures.

Communal Penance Service

- * St. Peter, Slippery Rock – Mon, March 21st, 6:00 PM
* St. Christopher – Tues, March 22nd 4:00 PM.

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Attention: All super efficient, well-organized, spring cleaners "It is Flea Market collection time." We are accepting donatons after all Masses on the weekends. (No collection Easter weekend.) Weekday donations will be by appointment only. Just call the rectory and someone will get back to you. We can accomadate any schedule. We promise to find good homes for most of your treasures!!!

This is the last weekend to sign up to get your family picture taken if you haven't already done so.



Sign Up:

- 1. On line at christophermoraine.org
2. Before & after Mass.
3. If you have questions regarding scheduling an appointment time or need to change your appointment, please call Tris Kappeler at 724-453-3523.

- There is no cost to be photographed & every family will receive a complimentary directory.
In addition, as s special Winter Gift from Lifetouch, each household will have the choice of a free 8x10 portrait.
Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to make a treasured family keepsake.
Each family that brings in a non-perishable food item will receive a \$5 coupon off portraits. Lifetouch is also donating \$1 per participating household to the church for the food bank.

Photography will take place in the church hall on March 21 & 22.

Please plan to attend the Special Services of Holy Week. Also, remember, it is our duty to go to Confession at least once (the minimum) a year. They call it our "Easter Duty." This rule still is in place. Our last confession time here at St. Christopher's is Tuesday, March 22nd.

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Holy Thursday – Feet Washing

Every year at the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the ritual for the Mass calls for the washing of feet. It is a symbolic representation of Jesus' actions with the Twelve in which he gives witness to importance of serving one another. We invite you to think about having your feet washed and if you are willing, please contact the rectory as soon as possible.

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"Doors of Mercy" Exploring God's Covenant With You

Please note: There will be No class this week due to Holy Week. Class will resume next Tues, March 29th. Hope you have a Happy Easter!



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Cinema Sunday This Sunday, March 20th we will be showing the movie "War Room" for people to enjoy at 1:30 PM in the upper CCD classroom. All are welcome, please join us.

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Sat, Apr 19 & Sun, Apr. 20 – Palm Sunday,
 4:30 pm, 8:30 & 11:00 am Mass
 4:30 PM Mass – No Procession. Palms
 will be distributed before Mass. Fr. Joe will
 bless them in your hands.

Mon, Mar. 21 –10:00 AM Mass (No evening Mass).
 Communal Penance Service – St. Peter's, SR - 6:00 PM.

Tues, Mar. 22 – Mass at 9:00 AM; Communal Penance
 Service – 4:00 PM. This will be the last opportunity for
 confession. Come and Be Healed this Easter Season. We will
 have exposition while hearing confessions.

Wed, Mar. 23 –10 AM Mass; after Mass-7 Last Words of Christ
 6:30 PM – Rehearsal for everyone involved with Holy Thursday
 Mass. 7:45 PM – Rehearsal for everyone involved with Good
 Friday Services.

Thurs, Mar. 24 – Holy Thursday, For those going to the
 Cathedral, we will leave at 8:30 AM from Church. Our Mass –
 6:30 PM. All Ministries will be renewed. Come celebrate the
 Institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Priesthood &
 Diaconate.

After Mass we are asked to spend time on watch before the
 Blessed Sacrament. The Church will be open until Midnight.
 Seven Church Walk is canceled for this year. If a little group
 would like to carpool, let me know. ~Fr. Joe

Fri, Mar. 25 – Good Friday

9:00 AM – Morning Prayer
 10:00 AM – Practice for afternoon service
 11:30 AM - Stations
 12- Noon – Liturgy of Word, Reception of the
 Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of the
 Cross. Afterwards - Practice for Tenebrae
 6:30 PM – Stations (outside, weather permitting)
 7:00 PM – Tenebrae in Church and Burial of Jesus.



Sat, Mar. 26 – Holy Saturday,

9:00 AM - Decorate
 12 Noon – Blessing of Easter Foods/Baskets
 2:00 PM – Practice for Easter Vigil
 8:00 PM – Easter Cantata
 8:15 PM – Blessing of Fire; Easter Vigil follows
 Open House at the Rectory after the Easter Vigil. Everyone is
 invited. Side dish/dessert to share is welcomed, but not
 necessary.

Sun, Mar. 27 – Easter Sunday, 8:30 & 11:00 AM Mass

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 The Rectory will be closed on
 Good Friday, March 25th.



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Good Friday Collection

Christians around the world are united in a special way during
 Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers
 are also especially aware of the Holy Land.

Our parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support
 Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land
 depend on the collection for their lives.

As a pontifical collection requested by the Holy Father, the
 annual Good Friday collection offers a direct link for
 parishioners to be witness of peace and to help protect the
 Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are
 supporting Christians in the Holy Land.

Franciscans and others in the Holy Land are housing and
 feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education,
 maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral
 ministry. For more information visit www.myfranciscan.org.

CCD

CCD Easter Break – Easter Sunday, March 27th
 Classes resume April 3rd.

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Important Dates for 2nd Grade:

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

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RCIA

Please keep our 2016 RCIA Candidates in your prayers:
Billie Douglas; Stacy Morrow; Olivia Tiche; Chad Young.

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.

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

JAL HANGOUT: Have you been to the Hangout yet?
 Every **Wednesday** evening 6:30-8pm. The youth space has
 been renamed "The Hangout". Enjoy bonding time with teens
 through board games, cards, video games, open gym, or just
 hanging out! Don't want to come alone??? Bring a friend!

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.

Service On Saturday date has been changed to **May 7th**.
 10am-2pm at Grace Youth Family Foundation. Lunch
 included. Give of your time and give back to the community!
 Sign with your JAL contact. Questions or comments:
chris@JALbutler.org

Catholic Baccalaureate for all graduating seniors and their
 families! International Catholic speaker, Chris Padgett, will
 lend humor, personal experience, and insight into the next
 phase of growth for our graduates. Friday, June 3rd 6-8pm in
 the St. Fidelis Social Hall International Catholic Speaker: Chris
 Padgett www.chrispadgett.com RSVP: chris@JALbutler.org

Pittsburgh Pirates Faith Night: Thursday, July 20th. 7:05pm
 game vs. Brewers. 50 seats have been reserved for JAL in
 section 103 to enjoy the game and then listen to coaches and
 players give witness to their faith. \$25 per person includes
 bussing, ticket to the game, and faith talk. Bus leaves the St.
 Fidelis lot at 5:30pm with an expected return at midnight.
 Chaperones riding the bus must meet the clearance
 requirements stipulated by the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Due to
 limited seating, please sign up with Chris: chris@JALbutler.org
IN THE PLANNING: Middle School trip to Kennywood;
 High School trip to Cedar Point; JAL Amazing Race: Butler
 Style!

Community News

Portersville-Prospect Rotary will have **All You Can Eat Breakfast Buffet** on Saturday, March 26 from 7a-noon at the Presbyterian Church in Portersville. Adults \$7.00 and children are \$4.00.

Benefits the Portersville food Pantry, scholarships and other projects of the club.

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Apostolate of Fatima/Blue Army will have First Sat. devotions on April 2nd. 8am Mass at St. Paul Church in Butler, followed by the Rosary. Meeting to follow in the Collins Room. Our guest speaker is Katie Moran, president of the World Apostolate of Fatima, Byzantine division, Youngstown, Ohio. She has written books regarding Our Lady and many lectures on the Catholic Faith. All are welcome!

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St. Wendelin School will once again be hosting our **Good Friday Fish Dinner** on March 25, from 3 – 7 p.m. in the church hall, 210 St. Wendelin Road, Butler. We will be serving baked or fried fish, halushki, cole slaw, rolls, parsley potatoes, desserts and beverages. Cost is \$10 for adults and carry-outs, \$5 for kids 6 – 10, and 5 years and under is free. Thank you for your support of St. Wendelin School.

Holy Hour for Religious Freedom with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Wednesday, March 23rd at the Adoration Chapel at St. Peter Parish, Slippery Rock, 8 a.m. through 9 p.m.

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On Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016, Bishop David Zubik together with his brothers Auxiliary Bishop William Walterscheid and Retired Auxiliary Bishop William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to the Annual Blessing of Families at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to the Cathedral to receive this special Blessing imparted by our bishops as they also take the opportunity to thank families for the beautiful witness of love and faith that they share with us.

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Divorced, Widowed, or Separated? -- The loss of a spouse through separation, divorce, or death is a traumatic experience. The Beginning Experience weekend is intended to help widowed, divorced, or separated people who would like to pass through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. Come to a safe place. The next weekend will be April 15, 16, & 17 at Gilmory Retreat Center in Moon Twp., PA. Payment arrangements and possible financial assistance are available. For more info, explore our website www.BeginningExperience.org or make a confidential call to Mary at 412-523-2405 or Steve at 412-367-4948.

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Healing Mass

Monday March 16, 2015

7:00 PM

Celebrant: Father Bill Kiel
St. Christopher at the Lake,
Catholic Church

Rosary begins at 6:30 PM

Rectory 724-865-2430

This could be you; surrender and open your heart to God by allowing the Holy Spirit to come upon you and experience His Love and healing grace.

Praise Be to God, May the love and peace of God be with you All.

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Natural Family Planning (NFP). Learn NFP at home and at your own pace with the **Home Study Course** from NFP International, www.nfpandmore.org. Includes Ecological Breastfeeding (it really *can* space babies), a double-check system of fertility awareness, and Catholic teaching that's easy to understand. Work with a live instructor by email. Completion certificate. Only \$70.

GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE featuring "The Seven Last Days" Cantata by Joel Raney will be presented by The Holy Sepulcher Church Adult Choir. Tenebrae is an ancient service of light that is traditionally prayed during Holy Week. The Tenebrae Service will take place on Good Friday. During this moving service, we recall the last days of our Lord through song and light. If you have never experienced Tenebrae, we highly recommend that you join us on Friday, March 25, 2016, at 7:00 PM. Holy Sepulcher Church is located at 1304 E. Cruikshank Road, Butler.

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2 weeks to Signup for Retrouvaille – Do you think your marriage is hopeless? This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. Visit *Testimonials and Stories* at www.helpourmarriage.com. There you will find are videos of couples that thought their marriage was hopeless, but were able to mend their marriage through Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on April 8, 2016, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or 3041@retrouvaille.org.

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Holy Thursday Pilgrimage of Faith -- Fr. Joe Freedy invites you to join us and pilgrims from all across the diocese on Holy Thursday from 1- 5 pm. It all begins at St. Mary of Mercy Church and will conclude at Historic St. Patrick Church in the Strip District with climbing of the Holy Stairs. We will gather at Lawless Hall of St. Mary's for a quick lunch at noon if you so choose. If you plan to attend or would like more information please call Janet Roberto @ 724.941.9587 ext 112 by Monday, March 21.

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Service of Apology --At 7:00 p.m. on Monday, of Holy Week, March 21, 2016, Bishop David Zubik will be leading a special Service of Apology at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. If you, a loved one, a friend or a family member has been harmed in any way by the Church, please prayerfully consider attending. As Church we seek forgiveness from Jesus and at the same time as Church we seek to exercise forgiveness like Jesus. When we forgive and are forgiven, we are healed. And when we are healed, we are healthy, strong and able to truly celebrate Easter, able to live the mission that God designed for each of us.

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The Legion of Mary in Butler Co. Annual consecration ceremony, Acies, on Palm Sunday, March 20, 2 PM at St. Andrew Church Butler. Exposition, prayer and hymns, Rosary and Benediction. Light refreshments will follow.

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Send Us Your Photo's

The church needs photos for the collage pages of the church Photo Directory! We are looking for pictures from the festival, parish picnic, baptisms, confirmations, church parties, etc. If you have pictures that you would like to be included, email them to

st.christopher.directory@gmail.com. Send photos by April 3rd. Contact Julie Ochaba with any questions 724-865-2936 or at the photo email.



CCD Planter Raffle

This CCD fundraiser consists of a \$25 Target gift card, a \$25 Walmart gift card and a \$10 Amazon gift card plus many other items including a water bottle, small LED flashlight, kids swim mask, garden items and much more all wrapped up in a large planter!

Cost is \$2.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00. Simply fill in the tickets and place in an envelope labeled "Planter Raffle" and drop the envelope into the weekly collection basket, give it to a CCD teacher, or turn it in to the Rectory.

The winner will be announced on Monday, April 11, 2016.

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