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January 3, 2016

The Epiphany Of The Lord

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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, Jan 2 – 4:30 PM – Margaret Kelly
 Sun, Jan 3 – 8:30 AM – Jeannie Schauer
 11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners
 Mon, Jan 4 – 6:00 PM – Stella & Alex Godesky
 Tues, Jan 5 – 9:00 AM – Leon Panella
 Wed, Jan 6 – 9:00 AM – **No Mass**
 Thurs, Jan 7 – 9:00 AM – Rita Reich
 Fri, Jan 8 – 9:00 AM – Anna Marie Black

 Sat, Jan 9 – 4:30 PM – William Kirmeyer
 Sun, Jan 10 – 8:30 AM – Bernard Williams
 11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners

Is 60:1-6 / Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Mt 2:1-12



Epiphany (Greek – to show forth, especially a divine revelation) is celebrated traditionally the 12th day after Christmas to commemorate the visit of the Magi (wisemen

– astrologers – kings) to worship the Christ Child in Bethlehem. Today, the gentiles share in the privilege of being along with the Jews, God's chosen people.

The Epiphany is a dream of universal brotherhood. An infinite awareness and importance of God in our lives, and also a tremendous need to be good stewards of this wonderful world to which we live. All of this was forfeited by Adam (and Eve) in the fall. Down through the ages,

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conditions never improved. In fact, they got worse. Christmas brings renewed hope and the means to change the course of sin. Epiphany takes the promise from a small provincial – place and brings it to the whole world. God came not just to save Israel and the children of Abraham, but He is a universal God who wishes all to live in peace and salvation.

We pray divisions will cease. Hatred be turned to mutual respect and neighborliness. That the destruction that plagues us will be put in check. War will cease and with it an end of senseless deaths of our young (and old) people. That we will be more responsible to preserving our planets resources and the people that live on it. With this, the responsibility of taking ownership of our sins and selfless destruction, not always blaming God for every loss, but seeing that we cause and create many local/global conditions. We need to change from death to people who foster life.

We need more wisemen (and wisewomen). A risk the original wisemen took to see to their guest.

We don't have to bring gold – frankincense or myrrh as love – peace and respect. What a New Year's resolution!

~Fr. Joe

Daily Bible Readings:

- Mon, Jan 4 – 1 Jn 3:22–4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tues, Jan 5 – 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44
- Wed, Jan 6 – 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52
- Thurs, Jan 7 – 1 Jn 4:19–5:4/Lk 4:14-22a
- Fri, Jan 8 – 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16
- Sat, Jan 9 – 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30

Saints of the Week:

- Mon, Jan 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Tues, Jan 5 – St. John Neumann
- Wed, Jan 6 – St. André Bessette
- Thurs, Jan 7 – St. Raymond of Penyafort
- Fri, Jan 8 – St. Apollinaris
- Sat, Jan 9 – St. Adrian of Canterbury

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	\$ 2,792.83
Difference with our expected weekly budget	\$ -246.17
# of adult Offertory envelopes received last weekend	91
Parish Share, Parish School assessments 2015	\$ 50,815.00
# of Pledges for Parish Share thus far	111
Total Parish Share payment for 2015	\$ 38,160.00

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

Parish Share: \$645; Christmas Offering: \$125; Christmas Charities: \$45; Sol of Mary: \$25.

Christmas Tithing: \$4,088; Reg. Sunday Offering: \$250; Parish Share: \$475; Building Fund: \$100; Candles: \$9.25; Mass Stipend: \$160; Imm. Conception: \$10; St. Anthony School \$22,000; Christmas Charities: \$805.

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

The Tabernacle Light

Will burn this week
In Memory of

Tim Olexsak



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Our Christmas/Epiphany Dinner is in the church hall today, Sun, Jan 3rd after the 11:00 AM Mass.

All are welcome!

Our free **2016 St. Christopher's Calendars** are in both lobbies; take them home as needed. We thank Geibel Funeral Home for providing the calendars.

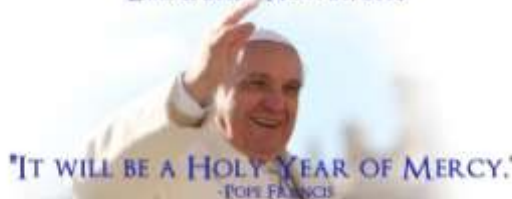
The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to two nationally recognized educational programs for children with special needs: St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech (formerly known as The DePaul Institute). A special collection to benefit these two organizations will be taken the weekend of **January 16-17**, at all masses.

St. Anthony School Programs provides Catholic special education to children with development delays and autism in five elementary/intermediate classrooms, two secondary classrooms and two college-age programs located on the campuses of Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh.

DePaul School for Hearing and Speech provides Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) education to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Without the use of sign language, DePaul students learn to listen and speak and successfully transition to their neighborhood schools with their typically hearing peers.

Your donation will help St. Anthony School Programs and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech to further their goals of providing quality educational programs and services for their students. Your support is critical. Your generosity will help these organizations forever improve the lives of their students and families.

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



We are considering offering a CPR class at the church. Please call the rectory to be put on a list if interested.

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CCD



There will be no CCD classes through Jan. 17 for Christmas vacation.

Merry Christmas!

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Confirmation Retreat: Sun, Jan. 17th starting with the 8:30 AM Mass. All confirmation students must attend.

JESUS ALIVE & LIVING
BUTLER DISTRICT YOUTH GROUP

JAL Mass: 6:30pm Saturday January 16th at St. Fidelis. Teens wishing to sing and/or play with the Contemporary Worship Band **MUST** be at practice on Tuesday evening the 12th. No exceptions. We are looking for teens to be greeters and gift bearers as well!

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 17, 24th, and 31st in the St. Michael the Archangel social hall from 5:15-6:30pm.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Friday, January 22nd. Join us as we travel to Washington, DC to defend life from conception to natural death. We leave the St. Fidelis lot at 5am, and our expected return is midnight. \$20 for students, \$25 for adults. Limited seating!

Mark Your Calendar: High School Lenten Retreat: March 4-6th, 2016; Middle School Lenten Lock-In: March 12-13th

JAL HANGOUT on the way... Our youth council has initiated a weekly gathering for middle school and high school students. Keep checking back for updates on dates and times!

Community News

Our Next Monthly Prayer Walk is scheduled for Tues, Jan 5 at 6:30 PM at the Presbyterian Church of Prospect. Join us as we pray for our community and friends.

Holy Hour for Peace: January 11th, starting at 7 PM, at St. Paul, 128 N. McKean St., Butler. Prayers for Peace, vocations, *On Mission for the Church Alive*, Novena Prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and concluding with Benediction.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: January 19th, starting at 7 PM, at St. Paul, 128 N. McKean St., Butler. Prayers for Family Healing, *On Mission for the Church Alive*, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and concluding with Benediction.

If we get too caught up in the secular celebration of Christmas, we may experience that day-after feeling of "is that all there is?" There is nothing wrong with all the lights and jingle bells if we remember what we are celebrating: the birth of Jesus. We are called to become His disciples, to live out our faith in love and service. That is the work of formation that must go on in us every day of the year. 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.

Does your marriage need a re-birth? Begin the New Year by making a new effort to renew your marriage. Retrouvaille has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 15, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at <http://www.retouvilleofpittsburghinc.org/>

January 3, 2016 – Meeting of the Secular Carmelites of Saint Teresa - Come and learn about us [from 1:00 – 4:00](#). Call [724-360-4041](tel:724-360-4041) for more information and direction to St. Paul Monastery, [543 Bunker Hill Road, Kittanning, PA 16](#)

Diocese of Pittsburgh Women Alive! In God's Mercy Conference--Save the date for Saturday, April 16, 2016
Do you seek to more fully know the love and mercy of God? Catholic women are invited to experience God's embrace on Saturday, April 16, at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School in Cranberry Township. The day includes dynamic speakers Helen Alvare, Sr. Rosemary Nyirumbe and Olympian Rebecca Dussault, as well as Mass with Bishop Zubik and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Free transportation will be available from 12 locations throughout the Diocese. For more information, visit womenalivepgh.org. Registration opens January 15.

Pancake and Sausage breakfast will be served from 8:30AM till 12:30PM at the St. Fidelis Social Hall on Buttercup Rd. in Meridian on Sunday, Jan 10. Your choice of sausage or ham and unlimited

butter milk or buckwheat pancakes. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children 12 and under. Under 2 eat free. Sponsored by the St. Fidelis Men's Club.



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

- Small class sizes, allowing for individual attention from committed, caring teachers
- A comprehensive Preschool through 8th 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

Epiphany A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."



Epiphany Family Prayer

Father: Christ has appeared among us.

All: Come, let us adore Him.

Mother: The precious gifts which the Magi brought to the Lord this day are threefold, and they are signs of divine mysteries. By gold the power of the King is signified, by frankincense His great priesthood, by myrrh the burial of the Lord.

All: The Magi worshipped the Author of our salvation in the crib, and of their treasures they brought to Him gifts of mystic nature.

Youngest Child: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

All: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Father: Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star Thou didst manifest Thine only begotten Son to the Gentiles on this day; mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son.

All: Alleluia.

The following hymn serves well as a conclusion. Additional verses may be composed by members of the family.

The Wise Men tune *Jesu Dulcis Memoria*

Now there appeared a brilliant Star Which led the wise Men from afar. They came and, kneeling down, adored And offered gifts to Christ, the Lord.

When they saw the star, they were
overjoyed. Matthew 2:10

