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Rev. Joseph E. Feltz

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

February 21, 2016

2nd Sunday of Lent

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 Church Hall.....724-865-9840

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 20 – 4:30 PM – Margaret “Peg” Leise
 Sun, Feb 21 – 8:30 AM – Tim Oleksak
 11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners
 Mon, Feb 22 – 6:00 PM – Joan Weber
 Tues, Feb 23 – 9:00 AM – Anna Marie Black
 Wed, Feb 24 – 9:00 AM – **No Mass**
 Thurs, Feb 25 – 9:00 AM – James White
 Fri, Feb 26 – 9:00 AM – Albert Magone
 Sat, Feb 27 – 4:30 PM – John Embroski
 Sun, Feb 28 – 8:30 AM – Leon Panella
 11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners

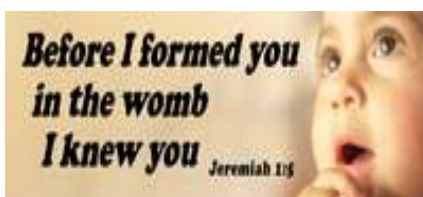
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 – Put your Faith in the Lord.
 Phil 3:17-4:1 – Conduct yourselves to the model – Christ.
 Lk 9:28b-36 – This is my Chosen son, Listen to Him!



We are into the Lenten Season a week and a half already. The way time passes around here, it will be the Easter Vigil and Easter before you know it. In this 2nd week, Mother Church takes us to the mountain. It is there that Jesus is transfigured before them. Look the disciple thought, “He is blazing bright.” As brilliant as anyone could make Him. In my art collection, I have not one, but two renditions of the Transfiguration. For his 3

friends (Peter, James & John), it is only a foretaste of Christ's glory. As they are completely overwhelmed, the Lord slips into deep prayer (as was His practice). Soon He is not with the ancients (Moses & Elijah). At this meeting, He was to learn that his glory was not to be without a cost.

Pro-Life
Insight



His future was to be suffering and the cross. For His disciples, they will remain clueless until it all takes place. Yet, this event will be a life changing process not only for Jesus, but for His closer three and the other nine at home.

This transformation or change is a big part of the season. Pope Francis has challenged us in a special way being the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Removing the cynical, hard, tough exteriors (interior as well, when you think of the heart and soul), and put on the robe of mercy. What brings about this change, it's Jesus. When it's the real thing, we will never be the same people. Nor will we want to be!

The last line of today's Gospel is a beautiful cap, stone, so to speak. "This is my beloved Son – hear Him!" Oh wisdom, may we abide. Then look out world – we are going to rock you. ~Fr. Joe

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Daily Bible Readings:

- Mon, Feb 22 – 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
- Tues, Feb 23 – Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
- Wed, Feb 24 – Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28
- Thurs, Feb 25 – Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
- Fri, Feb 26 – Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Sat, Feb 27 – Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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Saints of the Week:

- Mon, Feb 22 – The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
- Tues, Feb 23 – St. Polycarp
- Wed, Feb 24 – St. Ethelbert
- Thurs, Feb 25 – St. Tarasius
- Fri, Feb 26 – St. Porphyrius
- Sat, Feb 27 – St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

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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	\$ 3,151.00
Difference with our expected weekly budget	\$ +112.00
# of adult Offertory envelopes received last weekend	96
Parish Share, Parish School assessments 2016	\$ 53,085.00
# of Pledges for Parish Share thus far	106
Total Parish Share payment for 2016	\$ 37,072.00

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

Parish Share: \$2292; Building Fund: \$30; Mass Stipend: \$20; Ash Wed: \$79.

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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

Ralph Rihel

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Up Coming Meetings: 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.

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

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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



“Confessing our sins is not going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber: it’s saying to the Lord ‘Lord, I am a sinner.’” -Pope Francis

This Lent on the evening of **March 9, 2016 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00p.m.**, rediscover the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation at any Catholic parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. If you’ve been away for a long time, don’t worry. We’ll leave the light on for you...

Community Dinner - Tues, March 15th by St. Christopher, for the needy of Butler Community. Share in this outreach. We need your help to donate fresh fruit (especially bananas and grapes). If you can help, please drop off your donated fruit in the church hall the weekend of March 12th and 13th. Sign-up sheets for dessert donations and if you can help the day of the dinner are in both lobbies. Thank you.

Attention: All super efficient, well-organized, spring cleaners “**Flea Market collection** is right around the corner.” We will begin accepting donations the weekend of March 13th, after all Masses. (No collection Easter weekend.) Weekday donations will be by appointment only. Just call the rectory and someone will get back to you. We can accomodate any schedule. We promise to find good homes for most of your treasures!!!

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 Sun, April 10, for all students grades 1 - Confirmation.

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.

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.

In the midst of the presidential primaries, one word on everyone's lips, no matter what their political affiliation, is "leadership." We are collectively searching out the candidate who can provide gifted leadership. In the Church and in our parishes we need servant leadership. And that doesn't just mean "leadership" that comes with a collar. We need leaders in our parishes – young and old, male and female – who can guide and serve the community. Look around you today for potential leaders. And think what you can do to call them forward.

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 6:30-8pm! Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers are welcome. Coffee bar, homework space, video games, board games, open gym! Don't want to come alone...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!

Catholic Baccalaureate for all graduating seniors and their families! Join us as we celebrate the graduates, their accomplishments and goals, and give glory to Jesus Christ. 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

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.

Conference for Catholic Women -- Registration now open for Women Alive! In God's Mercy Conference Sat, April 16, 8 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic High School, Cranberry Township. Registration deadline is March 15. Women in The Church Alive! will not want to miss this conference that includes 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 www.womenalivepgh.org

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 Gilmary 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.



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, 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



SAINT WENDELIN SCHOOL Step-Up Day/ Registration for Students Kindergarten through Eighth Grades for the 2016-2017 School Year Registration forms can be found on the website at www.stwendelinschool.com. Tuesday March 1, 2016 from 9:00-11:00 AM. St. Wendelin School Teachers are inviting in-coming students to participate in a class lesson with their current grade level students while parents receive and complete information about registration for the 2016-2017 school year. Busing is available for the surrounding districts, Full Day Kindergarten Program, Advanced Technologies, Highly Qualified Teaching Staff, Extended Day Program offered, and Extra Curricular Activities. **EVENING OPEN HOUSE/REGISTRATION** Tuesday March 1, 2016 from 6:00-8:00PM. For either session you attend: Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate, health records (immunizations), and baptismal certificate (if applicable) since St. Wendelin School accepts all faiths.

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.

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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/pittynom. If you have questions about this even, please contact Angela Gaughn at (412)561-6021 or stbernardyouth@gmail.com.

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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.

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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.

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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 charm25@gmail.com.

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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 Friday & Saturday, March 18th & 19th 10 AM until sold out. You can also visit us at www.archangelbakery.com.



Come Join Us Tuesday, March 8 for:
“Doors of Mercy
Exploring God’s Covenant With You”

Mercy is love’s second name. Mercy looks at the trouble of others and cares, acts, forgives, and perseveres. Mercy is “the greatest attribute of God.”—Saint John Paul II, *Rich in Mercy*, 1981 We begin our exploration **Tuesday, March 8 at 9:45 am (or 7 pm, depending on registration)**. Sessions consist of short video teachings by Fr. Jeffrey Kirby and other educators and small group discussions. 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.)

MULTI PARISH WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT

Praying the Stations with the Women of the World: FROM CALVARY TO JOY

**WHEN: Sunday, February 21, 2016; TIME: 6:00-8:00PM; WHERE: St. Peter Social Hall
127 Franklin Street, Butler, Pa.**

***(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! As women of today, we see and experience the Christ who suffered...those who have lost children, those who suffer from depression, addiction and sickness, those who are widowed and divorced, burdened by demands, or simply those women who are walking through everyday paths of life, treading onward...falling down and rising again. We are women together on our journey of faith. We are called to BE and DO! This is an active evening of growth, reflection, insight...and JOY!

Core Team: Anna Marie Neutrelle, M.A., Social Justice Ministries; Sue Cadwallader, M.A., Pastoral Associate; Chris Williams, Director of Butler Youth & Young Adult Ministry; Ginney K. Duffey, Ph.D., Pastoral Minister.