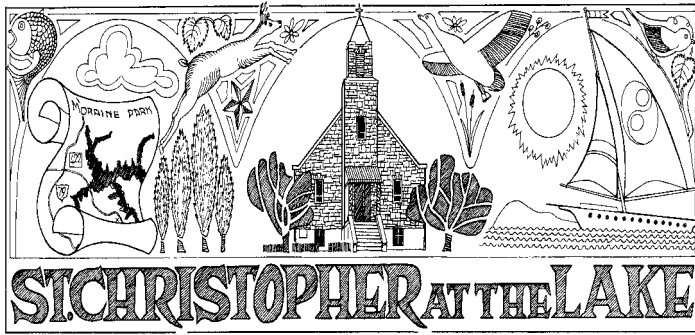




Confirmation 2016

**St. Christopher's Welcomes
Auxiliary Bishop
Most Reverend
William J. Waltersheid, VG**



229 N. Franklin Street
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Rev. Joseph E. Feltz

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

March 13, 2016

Confirmation/5th Sunday of Lent

Parish Staff

Rev. Joseph E. Feltz.....Administrator/CCD Director
 Judy Grossman.....Parish Secretary
 MaryJo Chappel & Suzanne Sheets..... CCD Secretaries
 Judy Pietz - jpietz@zoominternet.net..... JAL Youth Group
 Virginia Hall..... Director of Music
 Jeff Daniels..... Organist
 Mike Visconti..... Parish Council Executive Officer
 Jim Strange..... Parish Finance Council Executive Officer
 Tim Sheets..... Parish Audit Council Executive Officer
 Steve Gustkey..... Men's Club President
 Fran Shelatz..... Ladies Guild President
 Bob & Kim Novak & Bev Chritzman..... Baptismal Coordinators
 Janet Leise..... Advocate for Persons with Disabilities
 Bill & Barb Reich..... Eucharistic Ministers to Shut-ins

Parish Telephones

Rectory Office.....724-865-2430
 Fax.....724-865-1120
 Parish E-Mail.....stchristopher@zoominternet.net
 Parish Web Site.....christophermoraine.org
 CCD Office - Hours: Sunday 9:30-10:45 AM.....724-865-9840
 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, Mar 12 – 4:30 PM – Betty Rago
 Sun, Mar 13 – 8:30 AM – Pat Grabowski
 11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners
 Mon, Mar 14 – 6:00 PM – Tim Oleksak
 Tues, Mar 15 – 9:00 AM – Martha Bickar
 Wed, Mar 16 – 9:00 AM – **No Mass**
 Thurs, Mar 17 – 9:00 AM – George Bickar
 Fri, Mar 18 – 9:00 AM – Tim Oleksak

 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

*Is 43:16-21 – Remember not the past.
 Phil 3:8-14 – All else is rubbish. The only thing important is to gain Christ.
 Jn 8:1-11 – I don't condemn you. Go and sin no more.*



Several years ago, a pop-diva wrote a song “Who’s That Girl?” Down through the ages, scholars wrestled with the question of the identity of the woman in today’s story from St. John’s

Gospel. The overwhelming school of thought is that it was St. Mary Magdalene. It was from this group of guessers, that this woman of the bible bears the mark of scarlet red. Yet, all in all, we are not 100% certain that it is Mary and that in fact, Mary Magdalene was a member of the oldest profession of the world.

Whether the identity is Mary, the story is a beautiful one. It speaks eloquently of Jesus’ mercy and ability to look in

the hearts of people, rather than on the external and hearsay.

And what did Jesus write in the sand while the leaders judged her? Some biblical scholars, like Fr. Raymond Brown (world renowned scholar of St. John) writes, it was the sins of her accusers. Then, Jesus famous words to the accusers, "whoever hasn't sinned, throw the first stone." One by one they disappear. The only figures left are Jesus and 'The woman.' Then, these words, to her, "Don't sin that Sin anymore." The rest is spiritual history. The woman becomes a real person. Like a butterfly, she comes forth from the cocoon of sin and becomes the making of a great "Lady" – a Saint.

As we read today's account, we, too, can see ourselves. Hopefully not the close – judgmental hypocrites ready to wait that stone. But, the saint who has become the one who emerged from the cocoon of sin to a person of the light.

Where do you see yourself here in this story? There was a radio story in the 1940's – The Shadow. It would always end, "only the shadow knows." In this case, we can say, "Only God knows." Hopefully ours is like Mary. And those words, "Don't sin anymore!" ~Fr. Joe

~Fr. Joe

Daily Bible Readings:

Mon, Mar 14 – Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20

Tues, Mar 15 – Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wed, Mar 16 – Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thurs, Mar 17 – Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Fri, Mar 18 – Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Sat, Mar 19 – 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Saints of the Week:

Mon, Mar 14 – St. Mathilda

Tues, Mar 15 – St. Louise DeMarillac

Wed, Mar 16 – St. Heribert

Thurs, Mar 17 – St. Patrick

Fri, Mar 18 – St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Sat, Mar 19 – St. JOSEPH, Spouse Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Fiscal year's Offertory Budgeted for 2015-16	\$ 158,000
What we need weekly to match our offertory budget	\$ 3,039.00
Total Offertory donation of last weekend	\$ 2,688.15
Difference with our expected weekly budget	\$ -350.85
# of adult Offertory envelopes received last weekend	107

Parish Share, Parish School assessments 2016	\$ 53,085.00
# of Pledges for Parish Share thus far	124
Total Parish Share payment for 2016	\$ 10,294.00

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

Parish Share: \$2230; Building Fund: \$242; Candles: \$13.50; Community Dinner: \$205; Mass Stipend: \$80; Support/Poor Box: \$250.29; Easter Flowers: \$408; CCHD: \$669.75.

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
Vincent "Buddy" Feltz



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



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.

Communal Penance Service

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

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!!!



We are pleased to announce that we will be compiling a Parish family pictorial directory with **Lifetouch**.

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.

- ♦ Be sure to sign up early for the best selection of time.
- ♦ There is no cost to be photographed & every family will receive a complimentary directory.
- ♦ In addition, as a 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 16-19, 21 & 22.



Thursday March 17th we will be having palm classes to make the palm crosses to decorate the church for Palm Sunday. To try to accommodate any & all interested parties I will have a class at 1 pm & 6 pm in the church hall. If you plan to participate you will need to bring a scissor, a stapler, & lots & lots of staples and some patience. Please call Karen Panella (724.865.7804) so I know how many to expect. As always all are welcome, the more the merrier.

Attention All Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters,

Readers and Ushers We will have a brief (one hour max) training session on **Saturday, March 19 at 10:00 am.**

During this time we are hoping to take our group pictures for the new photo directory. There will be a place to take the kids during this time so you can come as a family. We will also go over the changes in liturgy for Holy Week for those scheduled to serve in case you can't make the training during the week. Bring your questions, concerns and mentoring abilities.

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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 a change of schedule for the morning class, this week only. Due to the Community Dinner, March 15, morning participants may choose to come to either Monday, March 14, or Wednesday, March 16 at 9:45 am. Evening class will be unchanged this week. Evening class meets at 7 pm at March 15. Last week we discussed Adam and Eve. This week we will be talking about Noah.

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Cinema Sunday Palm Sunday, we will have a nice spiritual flick for people to enjoy at 1:30 PM in the upper CCD classroom. All are welcome, please join us.



CCD

Important Dates for 2nd Grade:

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

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We congratulate our Confirmation Class 2016 and their parents and guardians who supported us. And a big thank you to Mr. William Adams, their teacher. Again, Bill has done a great job and we thank him for his wisdom, knowledge and devotion toward our young people.

Also, we thank the Guild, those who baked, the ministries and the CCD Staff for your help. God Bless you!

Confirmation Class 2016

- Nicholas Brackett*
- Spencer Brackett*
- Alexis Chappel*
- Madison Chechak*
- Seth Chritzman*
- Noah Durso*
- James Gallagher*
- Julia Hart*
- Ryan Hinchberger*
- Emily Novak*
- Ashlynn Randolph*
- Emiley Weber*
- Abigail Wilson*

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!

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.

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! 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

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

Community News

Holy Hour for Peace: Monday, March 14th beginning at 7 PM at St. Paul, 128 N. McKean St., Butler. Prayers for Peace, Vocations, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Rosary, *On Mission for the Church Alive*, Benediction.

Divine Mercy Holy Hour: Tuesday, March 15th, beginning at 7 PM at St. Paul, 128 N. McKean St., Butler. Prayers for Family Healing, Divine Mercy Chaplet, *On Mission for the Church Alive*, Benediction.

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.

On Easter Sunday, March 27, 2016, Bishop David Zubik together with his brothers Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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. Visit us at www.archangelbakery.com.

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.

For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and health, until death do us part" are words many couples say, but over time the silver is tarnished - perhaps very tarnished, but there is hope, there can be a new beginning. Retrouvaille helps couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of distress from disillusionment to deep misery. 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. More information is available at <http://www.helpourmarriage.com/>

Gather the Logs - Rekindle the Fire March 19th at St. Andrew's (Center Twp., Butler) starting at 8 AM with Mass as this is the Feast of St. Joseph. The theme is: The Father's Love, Full of Mercy. It is based on Luke 15:11-32. Speakers include Fr. Phil Farrell, Fr. John Marcucci, Dave VanVickle. We are still in the process of determining one more speaker.

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.

Service of Apology At 7:00 PM on Monday, of Holy Week, March 21st, 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 have been harmed in any way by the Church, please prayerfully consider attending.

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.

Attention all children:

We will be having a
St. Patrick/St. Joseph/Easter Children's Party

When: Saturday March 19, 2016

Time: 10 a.m.

There will be games, crafts, snacks and fun!

If attending, please sign up in the side lobby or email the rectory!

If you have questions, feel free to contact Janice Stahl at [\(724\)496-6969](tel:7244966969).

Hope to see you there!





SEND US YOUR PHOTOS!

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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