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

January 17, 2016

2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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.

Pro-Life
Insight



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 16 – 4:30 PM – Bernie Williams
 Sun, Jan 17 – 8:30 AM – Leon Panella
 11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners
 Mon, Jan 18 – 6:00 PM – Betty Young
 Tues, Jan 19 – 9:00 AM – William Reich
 Wed, Jan 20 – 9:00 AM – **No Mass**
 Thurs, Jan 21 – 9:00 AM – Anna Marie Black
 Fri, Jan 22 – 9:00 AM – Tim Olexsak

 Sat, Jan 23 – 4:30 PM – John Embroski
 Sun, Jan 24 – 8:30 AM – Leon Panella
 11:00 AM – For All Our Parishioners

Is 62:1-5 – “No more will the call you forsaken.”
 Cor 12:4-11 – “To each person the manifestation of the Lord is given.”
 John 2:1-11 – “They have no more wine...you have kept the best for last.”



If you are planning a Wedding here at St. Christopher's, the only thing that I may not give as an option for your love celebration is the Gospel reading. Usually, I insist on having this passage from St. John 2:1-11. Rarely do I insert another one in its place. It is the only story of its kind in the Gospels. It is His first miracle before He really hits the road for His three years of Public Ministry. I really believe that it is symbolic and meaningful. For it is at a Wedding. The

very beginning of an infant home and relationship. More than just helping the couple in a very embarrassing situation, it was to show to what value Jesus places on the Family – The Domestic Church.

In His wisdom, He recognizes the importance of marriage, family – home. The Lord clearly saw the importance this domestic church plays in the world or the church at large. When there's not a strong home-life or solid love commitments then it is a house of cards. All comes crashing in. Society clearly hurts because its constituents are not on a firm footing. There is nothing that keeps its members together. But when it's solidly built on love, and when the members are schooled in the virtues and beatitudes, with God in the director's seat, things are solidly set on rock hard foundation. When the opposite is the norm, then there's flippancy and chaos. Not only effecting society, it is devastating to the church as well.

What Jesus shows in this story is 1) The family is important 2) Jesus will help and protect us (even when the issues are not life threatening; 3) He has come to fill us with all that we need to succeed in our relationship; 4) When we do not invite Him in, our homes will not be filled with His presence and blessing; 5) Don't leave Him at the altar. When we take Him and His ways with us, His life permeates our home and beings. We become what He is.

This is why our world is weak. They leave Him out, or they leave Him at the altar. When He is invited in then our lives are different.

May Jesus, Mary and Joseph be our models and guide.

May we invite Him in – to stay forever. Then, our house will really be a home. And our home will be only an extension of His Home.

~Fr. Joe

Daily Bible Readings:

- Mon, Jan 18 – 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
- Tues, Jan 19 – 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
- Wed, Jan 20 – 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
- Thurs, Jan 21 – 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
- Fri, Jan 22 – 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
- Sat, Jan 23 – 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17

Saints of the Week:

- Mon, Jan 18 – St. Paulinus
- Tues, Jan 19 – St. Benedict Biscop
- Wed, Jan 20 – St. Hilary
- Thurs, Jan 21 – St. Sava
- Fri, Jan 22 – St. Ita
- Sat, Jan 23 – St. Marcellus; St. Berard and Companions

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	\$ 4,234.13
Difference with our expected weekly budget	\$ +1,195.13
# of adult Offertory envelopes received last weekend	95
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: \$615; Building Fund: \$120; Candles: \$72; Mass Stipend: \$120; CCD: \$5; Christmas Charities: \$30.

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

Kouacsics Family



Up Coming Meetings: Finance Council, M, 1/18, 6:45P; Audit Comm., W, 1/20, 7P; Ladies Guild, Th, 1/21, 1P; Parish Pastoral Council, Th, 1/28, 7P.

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!

Parish Share 2015 ends with your final contribution **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 7th**.

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...



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 this weekend **January 16-17**, at all masses. **St. Anthony School Programs** provides Catholic special education to children with the primary diagnosis of autism, Down Syndrome & other developmental delays. **DePaul School for Hearing and Speech** provides Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) education to children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Your donation will help both organizations provide quality programs and services to their students and families.

New Easter (Pascal) Candle Available

If anyone wishes to make an offering to cover the cost of the new Easter Candle as memorial for your beloved ones, the cost is \$150. Since there is only one in a church, the opportunity goes to the first one who can oblige us. Again we are thankful to God for your continued response and generosity.

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





St. Christopher's Annual Pre-Lenten Casino Trip is scheduled for Sunday February 7th. 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 5th at the church from 9-Noon, for everyone that signed up.

March For Life: On Fri, Jan 22nd, we will have a Holy Hour on the Protection of the unborn and also all children. Many of us can't go on the March in DC, but on the home front we can do our part. Prayer is valuable weapon. We will pray for the children (born and unborn). Also, that God will help turn the hearts of our citizens to respect life again. Thirdly, to protect those on the march. ~Fr. Joe

CCD

CCD classes this next Sun, Jan. 17.

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

RCIA classes resume this Monday, January 18.

January is Stress Management Month

The holidays are over and everyone has to get back to work. There is no surprise that the New Year leads to a variety of different stress levels. Stress is bad for your overall well-being, including your cholesterol, but small changes to your everyday routine can help reduce stress. From aromatherapy to chewing gum, to walking, here are several speedy tension-relievers. (Pt.2)

Take a Walk If stress is a constant companion, add a 20 to 30 minute walk to your daily routine. Walking and other forms of exercise help reduce anxiety. Even better, take your stroll in a neighborhood park. A recent Japanese study revealed that walking outside, especially in a forest setting, is an effective way to combat chronic stress.

Spend time with your Pets Whether you live with a dog, a cat or even a bird, stress reduction is one of the great benefits of an animal companion. In one study, just watching 10 minutes of cute animal film was enough to lower volunteers' heart rates and blood pressure when they were stressed. Other research has linked pet ownership with significantly lower triglyceride and cholesterol levels.

Find a Room With a View Next time you are overwhelmed, turn off the computer screen and look out of the window instead. One study revealed that students sitting at window seats recovered faster from performing a series of stressful tasks than classmates

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who faced a blank wall or even a high-definition plasma screen displaying a nature scene. The more time they spent gazing at the view, the faster their heart rates dropped back to normal. Hmmmm...that is a good excuse to ask your boss for an office with a window.

Listen To Music As you load your personal soundtrack onto your iPod, include a medley of relaxing music to take the edge off stress. Listening to mellow tunes with a slow, steady rhythm helps to slow down your breathing and heart rate so you feel calmer. Whether you are a fan of Enya or Gregorian chants, you can find something that suits your style. Whatever you decide to do to relieve stress, make sure it is enjoyable.

*** **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.

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 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!

JAL HANGOUT Starting February 3rd, 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 10th, 3:45pm-7pm. 8-10 teens are needed to help! Sign up with Linda Rottman: lrottman@zoominternet.net. First come, first serve!

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.

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

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.

Community News

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.

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Diocese of Pittsburgh Women Alive! In God's Mercy Conference -- Catholic women can register for the 2016 conference at 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 or follow Women Alive Pittsburgh on social media.

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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. Registration deadline is Jan 29.

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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

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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

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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.

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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 or email VincentianTheatre@gmail.com

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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. 8th 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.

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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. Cost is \$148.00. RSVP @ 724-290-7746. Introduction to One King on YOUTUBE @ <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=fS6YLpYD22Y>

