

St. Cyril of Alexandria

3854 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212

November 19, 2017



Mission Statement

Members of Saint Cyril of Alexandria Parish, a Catholic community of faith serving Brighton Heights, strive to live Christ-centered lives through worship, partaking of the sacraments, and serving those in need.

Our parish family welcomes and accepts without judgment all those who wish to join us. We will serve and motivate each other so that we continue to grow in our Catholic faith.

Together we will nurture our faith, hope and love of God, our parish, and our neighbors, here and throughout the world.

Administrator

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In Residence

Reverend Clement Kanu

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Evening 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
Holyday TBA
Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Baptism

*Second Sunday of each month 12:15 p.m.
(arrangements must be made at the Rectory in advance)*

Baptism Seminar

First Sunday of each month 12:15 p.m. (all parents of newly baptized must attend prior to Baptism)

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning to be married are to contact the Rectory six months prior to the intended date of the wedding, in order to complete the necessary Diocesan requirements.

Diocese of Pittsburgh Abuse Hotline

1-888-808-1235

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., Nov. 18 - Vigil

4:30 pm- Kohl & Johnson Families - Sue Kohl

Sun., Nov. 19 - 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time

8:30 am - For Our Parishioners

11:00 am - Living & Deceased Ladies Guild Members

Mon., Nov. 20 - Weekday

7:30 am - Jack Bilotta - Pete & Joan

Tues., Nov. 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:30 am - Irene Shannon - Donnelly Family

Wed., Nov. 22 - Saint Cecilia, martyr

7:30 am - Rose & Nick Busin - Mary Louise

Thurs., Nov. 23 - THANKSGIVING

10:00 am - For Our Parishioners

Fri., Nov. 24 - NO MASS**Sat., Nov. 25 - Vigil**

4:30 pm- For Our Parishioners

Sun., Nov. 26 - Feast of Christ the King

8:30 am - George Masur (anniv.) - Donna, wife

11:00 am - Maria & Sal Graziano - Jean & Bruno

On Mission For The Church Alive!

Don't Bury Your Talents: No one should be surprised that the master in today's Gospel chastises the servant who returns his talent without gaining any interest on it. We all are happy to receive a return on our investments. What do we do with the gifts and talents that God invests in us as His beloved sons and daughters? How do we make a return to Him and others in love by the things we say and do? In support of the *On Mission* initiative we can't bury our talents in the sand. Instead, each of us as followers of Christ are called to look for ways to share our gifts with others through the Church. Gifts of service, teaching, relationships and expertise, among others, all work to build up the Kingdom of God and allow it to flourish in our communities. Discern the gifts that God has given you. Talk to your pastor about ways you can offer ideas about how they can be fulfilled. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.



The Sanctuary Light at Saint Joseph's altar will burn as a **Memorial Light for all members of our Military** on active duty throughout the war-torn areas of the world. Let's let the candle remind all of us to pray for peace.

This week the Vigil Light was donated by Guild Christian Mothers

RCIA & RCIC

No class November 22. Thanksgiving break. Next class: Wednesday, November 29, 6:30 pm in the school.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & PRAISE
St. Paul Cathedral
 Saturday, December 9
 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm



With Most Reverend
 David A. Zubik, Presider
 Michael Woshner, Witness Speaker
 Come join choirs from throughout the Diocese to fill the Cathedral with joyful song. Sing along!

Thanksgiving

*We thank you, God,
 for sun and rain
 And golden grain
 that trembles in the breeze*

*For wind and snow
 and seeds that grow
 to high and mighty trees.*

*We thank you, God,
 for a warm embrace,
 Autumn's grace
 that has no counterpart;*

*For dreams and books,
 a sky that looks
 like water-colored art.*



*We thank you, God,
 For those we love,
 For You above
 And ever so much more . . .*



**Reborn in Baptism
November 12, 2017**

From Our Administrator: Week Three

Two weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend the Christian Mothers meeting on the first Monday of the month, and to share some thoughts with the twelve women present. In a way, I felt like the Lord talking to his twelve Apostles, except this time all were women. I had a delightful time and enjoyed some very delicious desserts. Yes, I did behave, and did not have seconds. If no one was looking, would I have taken seconds? You be the JUDGE! . . . On the second Tuesday of each month, the 55 Club meets. I was rather nervous, because I would face Erma, last month's first place winner in 500 Bid. When all the dust settled, I felt like I was walking on Cloud Nine. Did I win? You be the JUDGE! Both the Christian Mothers and the 55 Club are always looking for new members.

The Light Is On For You! December 13. Confessions will be heard from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. I hope you take the opportunity to come and receive the Lord's forgiveness.

In our Good News this weekend, we are reminded that we all have a certain amount of talent and the Lord expects us to use those talents. Often times there is a tendency to become complacent and just sit on our talents rather than using them to improve ourselves by helping others. Let us grow rich by investing more time with our families, and even with our parish church.

This Thursday we will celebrate Thanksgiving as our families gather together to give thanks for the many blessings we have received. Hopefully I will see many of you at Mass on Thursday to praise and thank our God. Happy Thanksgiving and God bless.

~ ***Father Larry Smith***

St. Cyril's Guild Christian Mothers Christmas Party will be Monday, December 4 in Axmacher Hall. A catered dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. For reservations call Rose, 412-931-4328, by November 22. Members: \$8 and Guests: \$14.

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT
How can you be equipped to boldly go where the Lord is calling you? ***College and post-college men***, don't miss the Christmas Discernment Retreat, December 15-17 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Come to deepen your relationship with Christ, seek to know your vocation, and learn more about discerning a vocation to the priesthood. No cost. Must be 18 or older. Visit PGHPriest.com by December to register.

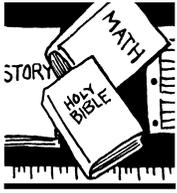
The Sacrament of the Anointing will be offered after all Masses celebrated on the **first weekend of each month**. Anyone facing a hospitalization, or suffering from a chronic illness, old age, etc. is encouraged to receive this Sacrament. The Anointing of the Sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness. It is an outward sign established by Jesus Christ to confer inward grace.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the **third Sunday of each month** between the 8:30 and 11:00 morning Masses for private prayer and meditation. Please participate in this beautiful tradition of Adoration.

Your Weekly Charity

Total Parishioner donations:	\$4,445
General Loose Offertory	\$ 249
Total donations this week:	\$4,694

This generosity goes a long way in sustaining the ministry of our Faith Community. Thank you!



During the month of October, 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds learned about the season of fall. We read “The Color of Nature: and talked about how God has made all of the beautiful colors of nature! The 3s enjoyed dancing and singing our song “Fall Leaves” and playing on tambourines and maracas. They learned the poem “Five Little Pumpkins” and read the book “Too Many Pumpkins” by Linda White and learned what happens when pumpkin seeds are planted in the ground. The 3s are learning the Sign of the Cross and the Glory Be. We sing Grand Old Flag each class. The 3s love to sing the ABCs and counting to 10. They are also learning our traditional Prayer Before Meals before their snack. They are fast learners!

Our PreK 4 class is learning about the season of Fall as well. Each child brought in several Fall leaves and made leaf tracings and identified the many colors of Fall leaves. The 4s read the book “My Five Senses” by Aliko and learned about God’s gift of our five senses. They used four of the five senses as they observed a pumpkin being carved, touched and smelled what was inside. They listened as they knocked on the pumpkin before and after it was carved. The next day they used their sense of taste when they tried pumpkin seeds and pumpkin bread. We made a chart to keep track of which pumpkin treat the children preferred. The 4s are also learning the Pledge of Allegiance each morning. The 4s love our routine of singing the ABCs. They are absorbed in working with letters and numbers and working on their fine motor skills to prepare them for writing. Painting, Playdough and puzzles are a part of our everyday activities along with sharing and taking turns during playtime. These children love to be together at Northside Catholic Preschool! For more information on our, give us a call at 412-761-5043, ext. 3001.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

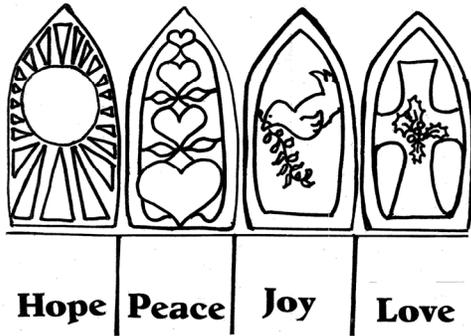
11/25 4:30 B. Sowa, G. Slavinsky, P. Bellisario
11/26 8:30 M. & C. Hoss, D. Callahan
11/26 11:00 B. Murtha, R. Gredlein

LECTOR CANTOR

11/25 4:30 J. Greca L. Klimko
11/26 8:30 S. Lazzara L. Pace
11/26 11:00 D. Vaughan J. Lako

ALTAR SERVERS

11/25 4:30 Ronnie Raya, Ronald Smith
11/26 8:30 Hannah & Isabella Gorrell
11/26 11:00 Gwen Jackson, Robert Heflin



Advent

Pause, Take Time Out ~

Time to Breathe and to Discover . . .

Please join us on

Thursday, November 30 for

Advent, a Time of Hope

*Maintaining Hope & Peace - within
yourself, your family, your world*

Presented by inspirational speaker,

Father John Marcucci

Retired Diocesan Priest

You are invited to come to Axmacher Hall
from 5:30 to 6:30 to enjoy refreshments
(potato bar with fixin's, beverages,
desserts, BYOB if you like).

Presentation in the Church Proper

6:30 to 7:45 pm.

*Invite Friends, Family & Neighbors for a
relaxing and inspirational evening!*

Please RSVP by November 23

by calling Jean at 412-734-0505, ext. 3

or emailing Kristen:

K.frankovich@comcast.net.

*Only if you are joining us for refreshments.
No need to respond if you are just coming to
the Presentation.*