

St. Cyril of Alexandria

3854 Brighton Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212

November 26, 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.

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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. 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

Mon., Nov. 27 - Weekday

7:30 am - Vince Kane

Tues., Nov. 28 - Weekday

7:30 am - Ruth Malay - Suzanne Murray

Wed., Nov. 29 - Weekday

7:30 am - Helen Callahan - Denny, son

Thurs., Nov. 30 - Saint Andrew, apostle

7:30 am - George Guda - Bill & Sandy Lazzara

Fri., Dec. 1 - Weekday

7:30 am - Father Larry Bruney - Dave & Donna Marx

Sat., Dec. 2 - Vigil

4:30 pm- Mary Kraus - Family

Sun., Dec. 3 - First Sunday of Advent

8:30 am - Tom Gavin (30 year anniversary) -

Sandy & boys

11:00 am - Rose McCann - Dan, husband



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 Pete & Joan Bellisario

On Mission For The Church Alive!

Christ, the Unconventional King: Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. What a magnificent title for the God who created us and loves us to the end. Of course, Christ is the most unconventional king. Instead of being born in a palace, he was born among the animals in a manger. Instead of the security of soldiers and guards, he was accompanied by twelve simple men. Instead of being crowned

with gold and jewels, he was crowned with thorns. And, as today's Gospel reminds us, he did not want his face etched on coins or framed on walls, but instead wanted to be seen in the faces of those most in need. While Christ's kingship is unconventional, his reign over us is effective as he lovingly shepherds us towards the kingdom. *On Mission* invites us to seek new and, at times, unconventional ways to reach out to our sisters and brothers and strengthen our relationships with each other and with our Lord and King. As Christ reigns in our hearts and in the world, may he shepherd us as we work to fulfill his mission of love.

Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

**Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the repose
of the soul of

Chuck Crawford

who was called home
to our Loving God.

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.

RCIA and RCIC

Wednesday, December 6, 6:30 pm



Congratulations & Welcome to Hunter Carpenter, Lucille LaMorte, Rocco Miles and Kiera Trunick, who were baptized by Father Clement on Sunday, November 12. Our love and prayers for them, their parents, families and Godparents!

And thank you to Roman Frankovich, a Confirmation Candidate, for his assistance!

The Adult Ministry Team will again have a **Advent Prayer Tree** in the church vestibule. We invite you to write out your prayer intentions and place on this tree throughout the season of Advent. All of the intentions will be prayed for in the General Intercessions at the weekend Masses.

From Our Administrator

We conclude our liturgical year this weekend with the celebration of Christ the King. In Matthew's Gospel, the story of final judgment is proclaimed. The judge comes to separate the sheep from the goats or the good from the bad. To the sheep, the judge invites them to enter into his Kingdom because of their 'OUTREACH' to him. They failed to understand how their generous responses to others in need were really a connection with the Lord. Many times we also take for granted our own good works. Those who stand in line waiting for our food bank to open, it is the Lord who stands in that line. Those who bring food or donate money for those who have so little, it is the Lord that they are helping. Do not forget, when you are helping others, you do those things for God and one day you will hear the voice of God welcoming you into his kingdom.

Next week, we begin the Season of Advent as we wait for the coming of the Lord on the final day, remembering the day of his birth on the 25th, and very importantly, each day of our lives. Let us watch and pray.

I will never forget my first Christmas as a priest in Charleroi, the Masses were beautiful, but we had plenty of snow forcing the pastor and myself to be confined to the Rectory on Christmas Day. We fixed our own meal, and to my surprise, NO CHRISTMAS COOKIES. I searched everywhere, and none could be found. Weeks later, I just asked why no one sent cookies, and the responses were all the same. The pastor did not want cookies brought into the Rectory. Thank goodness the Dollar Store had Christmas cookies half off the next day. Now, since I am older and wiser, and eat very little sweets, I don't want Father Clement to be deprived of a fine Christmas tradition. My two Christmases here have been filled with such a variety of Christmas cookies. Please don't even think I would tell people not to bring cookies, not for me, but for the happiness of Father Clement. Yes, of course, I will not let him eat those cookies alone.

Have a great week and please remember, THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU! on December 13 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation.

~ ***Father Larry Smith***

The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas cards sketched by Sister Martha. This year's card is cream with a green sketch of Mary holding baby Jesus. The previous year's cards are also available. The cards are 7 for \$10 + \$2 shipping; 12 for \$15 + \$3 shipping; or 30 for \$25 + \$6 shipping. Cards can be viewed and ordered online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org or by calling 412-307-1100, or sending a check payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave. or stopping at the main entrance of the Home. All proceeds from the sale help support our elderly Residents.

**Festival of Lessons and Carols
Most Holy Name Church**

Claim & Harpster Streets, Troy Hill

Sunday, December 3 at 1:30 pm

Please join us in welcoming Emmanuel with a beautiful, inspiring service of scripture, readings, carols and hymns that will help you ready your hearts for the coming of the Light of the World. Music by Most Holy Name of Jesus Choir.

**Annual Christmas Celebration
Church of the Assumption**

45 North Sprague Ave., Bellevue

Sunday, December 10 at 3:00 pm

Featuring the Adult & Children's Choirs & Brass Ensemble. A freewill offering will be taken.

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.

All things are possible for one who believes, more to one who hopes, and even more to one who loves.
~ St. Lawrence



Northside Catholic School Student Council is dedicated to service in the community. This organization also is dedicated to providing quality activities for the students. They are

the leaders of the school, working with the PTG, guiding the student body and initiating activities which enrich the academic environment at Northside Catholic. Their duties include promoting our school in the greater Pittsburgh area. The officers taped two radio programs with Mrs. Muschar and our principal at St. Paul's Seminary for the KQV AM radio program *Education Plus*. The interviews will air on Friday, December 15 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 17 at 8:30 am. The second show will air on Friday, December 29 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, December 31 at 8:30 am. The students were excited and poised, fielding questions about service and the Church Alive.

During the past two months the Student Council has sponsored various raffles to raise money for the Diocesan mission in Chimbote, Peru, the Texan communities affected by the recent hurricanes, and are now collecting canned goods for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Student Council is sponsoring Turkey Feathers of Thanksgiving to thank God for our blessings and raise money to provide a special Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless. The students enjoyed a wonderful Fall Carnival and Haunted Stage with games and treats working together with the PTG. The board and representatives are now planning service and activities for the winter months. For more information on our service-minded school, please give us a call at 412-761-5043, ext. 3001.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

12/2 4:30 J. Greca, D. Chulack, P. Bookser
 12/3 8:30 J. Haushalter, S. White, M. Cloonan
 12/3 11:00 A. Hopper, M. Dunn

LECTOR CANTOR

12/2 4:30 P. Urzua L. Pace
 12/3 8:30 R. Freyvogel J. Lako
 12/3 11:00 R. Stehle W. Hammond

ALTAR SERVERS

12/2 4:30 Gia D'Ambrosio, Ronald Smith
 12/3 8:30 Ronnie Raya, Luke Hoss
 12/3 11:00 Grace Gilbert, Angelina Healy



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.*