

# St. Cyril of Alexandria

3854 Brighton Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15212

January 7, 2018



## 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**  
Reverend Lawrence R. Smith

**In Residence**  
Reverend Clement Kanu

**Religious Education**  
Jean M. DiDonato  
Jennifer Earnest  
Kristen Frankovich

**Director of Music Ministries**  
Theresa M. Hammond

**Rectory Staff**  
Esther White  
Maureen Stack Galardi

**Maintenance**  
Fred Thornton

## Parish Phones

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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., Jan. 6 - Vigil**

4:30 pm- Chuck Crawford - Sandy Gavin

**Sun., Jan. 7 - The Epiphany of the Lord**

8:30 am - For Our Parishioners

11:00 am - Blanche &amp; Orey DiDonato - Jean &amp; Bruno

**Mon., Jan. 8 - Baptism of the Lord**

7:30 am - Fr. Larry Bruney - The Lazzaras

**Tues., Jan. 9 - Weekday**

7:30 am - John &amp; Mary D'Andrea - Dina

**Wed., Jan. 10 - Weekday**

7:30 am - Jack Stack (anniversary) - Maureen

**Thurs., Jan. 11 - Weekday**

7:30 am - Chuck Crawford - Cathy Kaut

**Fri., Jan. 12 - Weekday**

7:30 am - Laura &amp; Francis Andres - Family

**Sat., Jan. 13 - Vigil**

4:30 pm- Frank Marchese - Tom &amp; Lorraine Benner

**Sun., Jan. 14 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**

8:30 am - For Our Parishioners

11:00 am - Christine Konchar - Balestrieri Family



*They saw a star in the East, and followed that star to the stable in Bethlehem.*

*In the stable, they found the Child and brought him gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.*

*They bowed down and worshipped Him.*

**From Our Administrator**

As our Christmas Season comes to an end with the celebration of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord on Monday, I express in Father Clement's name and myself, our deep gratitude for the many thoughtful gifts expressed in cards, fruit baskets and cookies. Of course, I would always let Father Clement have first choice at the cookies??? Your

generosity is deeply appreciated, especially the many prayers and genuine concern.

Those who followed the star from the East discovered - not in a royal palace, but in a stable manger - the One promised from on high. They too brought gifts as they humbled themselves before the new born king. This season we have given gifts as well as received gifts from our families. My favorite gift was your wonderful response to *The Light Is On For You*. I had the awesome privilege of spending three and a half hours hearing confessions. I believe your prayers to the Lord brought many to this healing sacrament even with the threat of snow. Thank you so much.

As you know, on April 26 Bishop Zubik will announce the final groupings, the new clergy assignments, and the number of Masses that will be said in those groupings. Let us pray for our Bishop, the clergy and each of us. Let us be supportive and welcoming. Any information I am given, I will share with all of you.

I am getting excited about my upcoming visitations to the homebound. BUT, I need your support in letting me know the names of our parishioners who would be open to my visit. During Lent and Easter, I will open my schedule to visit any of our parishioners. This gives me a chance to know you better. Enjoy these final days of Christmas. Stay warm and God bless.

~ **Father Larry Smith**

**Rest In Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

**Margaret Klubert**

who was called home to our Loving God.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be administered in Spring of 2018. If you are an adult and desire to receive this Sacrament, please contact Jean at 412-734-0505, ext. 3, leaving your name and phone number. We can talk and then plan the appropriate preparation. Welcome!



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**

### Authentic Happiness

#### A High School Silent Retreat

Have you ever allowed God to speak to you through silence? What does it mean to find Him as the source of your authentic happiness? Find out with Father Mike Ackerman, who will lead this retreat for high school men, February 3-4 at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. It will include Mass, Adoration, dynamic talks, and solid brotherhood. No cost. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by January 22.

*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.*

### Summer Program for Catholic Youth

Eighth Annual Faith and Reason Summer Program for Sunday, June 10 to Friday, June 15, 2018. Students age 15 and older are invited to apply for admission to the program which introduces young minds to the rich intellectual tradition of the Roman Catholic faith and is designed to prepare for college-level education. Housing and 3 meals/day in the college dining hall are included in the cost (\$495). Limited

scholarships are available. Call Dr. Michael Krom at 724-805-2844 for more information. To register: [www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason](http://www.stvincent.edu/faithandreason)

### Northside Catholic School BINGO BONANZA

Sunday, January 14, 2018 in Axmacher Hall

Doors open at 11:30 Early Bird 12:45

Bingo Bonanza begins at 1:00

4 Early Bird, 16 Regular Bingos, 4 Special Bingos, 4 Specials at half take, all-nighter, \$1,000 Jackpot in 50 numbers or less, Instant tickets, 50/50 & Door Prizes. For more info, email Monica at [monicafabina@yahoo.com](mailto:monicafabina@yahoo.com)

**RCIA and RCIC:** Wednesday, January 10 at 6:30 pm in the school.



Join us on Sunday, January 28 from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 pm in Axmacher Hall to socialize with our new Administrator, Father Larry Smith, and fellow parishioners.

Refreshments will be provided. Baked goods will be gratefully accepted.

**SENT:** All people in their 20s and 30s are invited to SENT, a gathering for young adults that will feature live music, free food and drinks, awesome prayer, and dynamic talk, and a time to network with other young adults on Friday, January 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Cardinals Great Hall at Saint Paul Seminary. Bob Rice, a professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will be speaking on *Radical Living: Loving Jesus and Sharing the Gospel*. For more information and to courtesy register, please visit [diopitt.org/yam](http://diopitt.org/yam).

### The Silver Ring Thing Catholic Edition

Young people today are confronted with many images of sexuality and conflicting messages of morality through the media, internet, and society. Yet, the Church's teachings on love and sexuality remain constant in the following of Christ. The Silver Ring Thing is a high-tech, high-energy performance that educates teens about the benefits of pursuing the virtue of chastity, and the dangers of promiscuous behavior. All teens and parents, and those who serve them, are invited to attend our live event this Friday, January 12 at Seton LaSalle High School from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. For further information, go to [www.silverringthing.com](http://www.silverringthing.com).

## 2018 CALENDARS

A very special Thank You to **Bernie O'Brien**, Funeral Director and Parishioner, for once again providing St. Cyril's Parish with our yearly calendars. The calendars can be picked up in the church vestibules.

*The Magi were searchers. They traveled by night, following a star, moving like pilgrims, struggling through deserts. That is so often the human way. Most of us grope in the darkness most of our lives. The wise men's search revealed to them how closely light and darkness, birth and death, joy and sorrow, belief and unbelief are interlocked. It is crucial for us to recognize ourselves as searchers, as did the Magi. Our life is a journey, in which we often travel by night. In fact, the Lord's star is visible for us only when we acknowledge the darkness. Life holds so many unanswered questions, so many unfulfilled desires. Our hearts find ultimate fulfillment only in God, whom we search for during the entire course of our lives. This is what the Magi proclaim to us very clearly.*

**Pre-Cana:** St. Cyril's offers the pre-marriage classes required by the Diocese. They are on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:45 on April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018 in the school library. Couples from any parish are welcome!

Please contact Jean at 412-734-0505, ext. 3 or email [stcyrilreled@yahoo.com](mailto:stcyrilreled@yahoo.com). Please leave names and phone number. Thank you!

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

1/13 4:30 P. Bellisario, P. Urzua, D. Scullon  
1/14 8:30 J. Haushalter, S. White, M. Cloonan  
1/14 11:00 D. Vaughan, A. Hopper

### LECTOR CANTOR

1/13 4:30 R. Partridge L. Klimko  
1/14 8:30 S. Lazzara L. Pace  
1/14 11:00 J. Sapsara J. Lako

### ALTAR SERVERS

1/13 4:30 Katie Kontrik, Ronald Smith  
1/14 8:30 Hannah & Isabella Gorrell  
1/14 11:00 Grace Gilbert, Angelina Healy

*God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.*

*~ John Henry Newman*



## ***Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother***

A Powerful Study on the Blessed Mother  
begins Tuesday, January 9.

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ.

Join us for this study at St. Cyril's in Axmacher Hall on Tuesday evenings beginning January 9 through February 27, 2018. For more information or to register for the study call Jean DiDonato at 412-734-0505, ext. 3, or Rich Boyce at 206-371-6186. Or email: [stcyrilreled@yahoo.com](mailto:stcyrilreled@yahoo.com)

This study has a study guide that costs \$15.  
(Scholarships available)

Great way to enliven the months of January  
and February! Bring a friend and check it out!