

Christ Our Savior

Roman Catholic Parish

Diocese of Pittsburgh

February 14, 2021

SAINT BONIFACE CHURCH

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SAINT CYRIL CHURCH

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SAINT PETER CHURCH

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Sunday Masses

4:00 p.m. (Vigil) Saint Cyril Church

9:00 a.m. Saint Boniface Church

10:30 a.m. Saint Peter Church

11:00 a.m. Saint Cyril Church

Daily Masses

9:00 a.m. Saint Cyril Church
Mon - Sat

12:05 p.m. Saint Peter Church
Mon - Fri



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9:30 a.m.
Saint Cyril Church



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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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February 14, 2021—6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron,
“If someone has on his skin a scab or
pustule or blotch
which appears to be the sore of leprosy,
he shall be brought to Aaron, the priest,
or to one of the priests among his
descendants.
If the man is leprous and unclean,
the priest shall declare him unclean
by reason of the sore on his head.
“The one who bears the sore of leprosy
shall keep his garments rent and his head

bare,
and shall muffle his beard;
he shall cry out, ‘Unclean, unclean!’
As long as the sore is on him he shall
declare himself unclean,
since he is in fact unclean.
He shall dwell apart, making his abode
outside the camp.”

Responsorial Psalm:

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Reading II: 1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Brothers and sisters,
Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you
do,
do everything for the glory of God.
Avoid giving offense, whether to the Jews or
Greeks or
the church of God,
just as I try to please everyone in every way,

not seeking my own benefit but that of the
many,
that they may be saved.
Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Gospel: Mk 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down
begged him and said,
“If you wish, you can make me clean.”
Moved with pity, he stretched out his
hand,
touched him, and said to him,
“I do will it. Be made clean.”
The leprosy left him immediately, and he
was made clean.
Then, warning him sternly, he dismissed
him at once.
He said to him, “See that you tell no one
anything,
but go, show yourself to the priest
and offer for your cleansing what Moses
prescribed;

that will be proof for them.”
The man went away and began to
publicize the whole matter.
He spread the report abroad
so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter
a town openly.
He remained outside in deserted places,
and people kept coming to him from
everywhere.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from Heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the

dead and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

SAINT MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE. BE OUR PROTECTION AGAINST THE WICKEDNESS AND SNARES OF THE DEVIL; MAY GOD REBUKE HIM WE HUMBLY PRAY; AND DO THOU, O PRINCE OF THE HEAVENLY HOST, BY THE POWER OF GOD, CAST INTO HELL SATAN, AND ALL THE EVIL SPIRITS, WHO PROWL THROUGH THE WORLD SEEKING THE RUIN OF SOULS. AMEN.



This week, the Sanctuary Candles in our church buildings are lit in honor of the following

St. Cyril Church: Rose Gizzo

Sanctuary candles are available in all three churches. Please call the parish office for more information.

For Our Beloved Deceased:



Catherine Seskey

May those who were united with Christ in a death like His, also be one with Christ in His resurrection.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Advent and Christmas seem like a distant dream as we stand at the doorway of Lent. In many ways, Lent always seems to sneak up on us as we get into the groove of a new year. We, also, don't often look forward to Lent knowing that we will undertake some penance and work to perfect what is imperfect in our hearts. Yet, we know that this annual retreat to Easter is for our benefit as we grow in love of God and of our neighbor. The more we form our hearts after the heart of God, which is poured out for us, the more firmly we are set on the pathway to heaven.

There are certainly many intentions that we will want to bring to the Lord this Lent. Whether it's the burdens of our individual hearts, or the concerns of our communities, our nation, or our world, we want God to hear us so our burdens may be eased and so that we can be effective instruments of love, mercy, and peace for others.

It is my hope this this Lent will be a fruitful time for us all so that we can experience the love, hope, and joy of Jesus in abundance. Just as we will pray with each other this Lent, let us pray for each other that we may be ever clearer reflections of Christ in the world.

ASH WEDNESDAY AT CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH

Holy Mass with the Distribution of Ashes will occur throughout the day on Ash Wednesday. The schedule is as follows:

8:00 a.m. at Saint Boniface Church

9:00 a.m. at Saint Cyril Church

12:00 p.m. at Saint Peter Church

6:00 p.m. at Saint Boniface Church

7:00 p.m. at Saint Cyril Church

As a reminder, because of the COVID pandemic, ashes will not be traced in the sign of the cross on your forehead. Rather, ashes will be sprinkled on the top of your head, which is the practice in many other parts of the world.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE AND LIVE-STREAMING

We recently created a Christ Our Savior Parish Facebook page and are looking forward to sharing our parish activities and live-streaming events on it. Whether you have a Facebook account or not you can visit www.facebook.com/cospgh to see all that will be available. If you do have a Facebook account, please like and follow our page to get notifications about the different happenings. We plan to live-stream many of the Lenten events listed on the flyer in the bulletin, so make sure you visit our page often.

God bless! *Fr. Nick*



Touched by Jesus, the untouchable leper is made touchable.

The man becomes so excited and happy that he cannot keep the miraculous impact of Jesus' touching to himself. He broadcasts the matter publicly. He is no longer isolated or hides himself in the former deserted places for lepers. With clean face and fresh complexion, he enters the town openly. He enjoys public life, social activities and communal gathering. He was, is not, a leper.

However, the more public and social the man becomes, the less public Jesus turns out to be. As a result, "He remains outside in the deserted places." By touching the leper, Jesus appears infected with leprosy,

doesn't he? The new and former lepers exchange their social status, standing and location, don't they? Even though Jesus stays outside in the deserted places, people keep coming to Him. In doing so, He keeps changing the "the isolated" habitat into the livable environment.

Leprosy has been considered too contagious to meet its inflicted in public. Their infectious skin and open wounds smell so bad that no one wants to see or be around them. Consequently, the lepers become invisible because the public fails to see; not because they are not there.

By reaching out to the lepers, Jesus not only draws public attention to this needy group who had been neglected or underserved, but also restores to them the human dignity that was their due, both personally and socially. Reaching out or embracing each other may not solve all turmoil and problems, but it can lessen suffering and alleviate bias, misunderstanding and loneliness. Many wonder what constitutes the "leprosy" of isolation or its untouchability. Is it the terrible look caused by the leprosy or social stigma shaped by public perception and ignorance? Does "untouchable" mean "de-touchable, non-touchable and touchless?"

I am touched by the dedicated service of St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta and her community toward the untouchable Dalits in India. Dalits are considered the lowest class or outcasts in the caste system in India. Their primary work, if any, is to do the worst or dirtiest jobs that no one else wants. Removing dead carcasses from roads, cleaning private and public latrines, or handling toxic and raw sewage by hand are some of many. After of years of reaching out and touching them by education and training, many of them can now read and write. They are gradually integrating into public lives. These untouchables have become touchable!

May Covid-19 not keep us apart. But let us continue to find creative ways to reach out and touch each other.

Fr. Dam Nguyen

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR **PARISH** LENT 2021

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- 8:00 a.m. Saint Boniface Church (Holy Mass with Ashes)
- 9:00 a.m. Saint Cyril Church (Holy Mass with Ashes)
- 12:00 p.m. Saint Peter Church (Holy Mass with Ashes)
- 6:00 p.m. Saint Boniface Church (Holy Mass with Ashes)
- 7:00 p.m. Saint Cyril Church (Holy Mass with Ashes)



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Fridays at 12:30 p.m. Saint Peter Church
- Fridays at 2:00 p.m. Saint Cyril Church
- Fridays at 6:30 p.m. Saint Boniface Church

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Scripture Study on the Passion and Resurrection Narratives
with Father Larry DiNardo

Mondays, February 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at 6:30 p.m.

In-person at Saint Boniface Church
Via Zoom at www.christsaviorspgh.org

CONFESSIONS

- Fridays after Stations at Saint Peter Church
- Saturdays at 9:30 a.m. at Saint Cyril Church
- Mondays, March 1 & 22 - 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Saint Boniface Church
- Tuesdays, March 2 & 23 - 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Saint Cyril Church
- Wednesdays, March 3 & 17 - 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Saint Peter Church

MONTHLY DEVOTIONS (Beginning this March)

Confessions, Patriotic Rosary, and Holy Mass (First Wednesday of the Month)
March 3 at Saint Peter Church

6:00 p.m. Confessions - 6:30 p.m. Rosary - 7:00 p.m. Holy Mass

Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration (Third Wednesday of the Month)
March 17 at Saint Peter Church

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The location of the devotions will change each month. April will be at Saint Boniface Church.

World
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FEBRUARY 14TH

"THOUGH ONE MAY BE
OVERPOWERED, TWO CAN
DEFEND THEMSELVES. A
CORD OF THREE STRANDS
IS NOT QUICKLY BROKEN."
ECCLESIASTES 4:12

Lenten Scripture Study with Father DiNardo

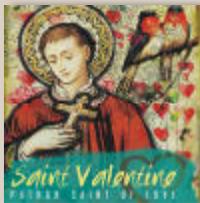
The season of Lent is a special liturgical season in which we focus our eyes on Jerusalem and the holy mountain of Easter. Through the theme of repentance, we celebrate the Pascal Mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus and our redemption. During this Lenten season, we listen more attentively to the Word of God and prepare ourselves to renew our personal commitment to Christ and His Church made at our baptism. During this Lenten season, Father DiNardo will offer the study of the Passion and Resurrection Narratives found in the Gospels. Explore the Passion and Resurrection narratives in your personal preparation for Holy Week and Easter. The scripture study class will take place on **Monday evenings from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM beginning February 15, 2021 to March 29, 2021.** You are invited to Saint Boniface Church for the scripture class or by **Zoom**. The Zoom links can be found on the Parish Website at <http://www.christsaviorpgh.org>. All are welcome to attend.

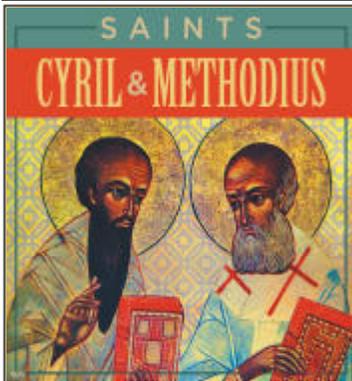
Lenten Almsgiving Drives

In continuation of the tradition of giving during Lent, our parish will participate in two drives to benefit local programs which serve those in need. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more details of our drive on behalf of our own **Christ Our Savior Food Bank**, as well as the local **New Start** furniture ministry that helps families and individuals in crisis with furniture and household items.

More information will be in future bulletins. Thank you!

Mass Schedule for the Week of February 14, 2021

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Sunday, February 14 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/ 1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45 	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	Barbara A. Elliott	Bill
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Mary Wilma Krah	Eleanor Langdon
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	William J. Leach	Sis Martin Lidey
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
Monday, February 15 Gn 4:1-15, 25/Mk 8:11-13	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	All Living & Deceased DelBene & Senko Families	C. Senko
Tuesday, February 16 Gn 6:5-8, 7:1-5, 10/Mk 8:14-21	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Albert Giovanazzi	Family
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus	
Wednesday, February 17 Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 	8:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Catherine Seskey	
	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Roy Clark	
	12:00 p.m.	St. Peter	Maryann Stowitzky	St. Peter Arimatheans
	6:00 p.m.	St. Boniface	Mary T. Miller	Art Kim
	7:00 p.m.	St. Cyril	Julia Quezada	Uribe Sowa Family
Thursday, February 18 Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Chris Stroyne Bezila	Pattie Smith
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Patricia Rooney	
Friday, February 19 Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Dalila Salazar (Birthday)	Uribe Sowa Family
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Patricia M. Werner	Benner Family
Saturday, February 20 Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Catherine Seskey	
Sunday, February 21 9:8-15/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk :12-15 	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Helen Hame	Harry & Elsie
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Francisco Sanchez	Grandparents
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Mary Miller	



Ninth Century, Feast Day—February 14 These Greek brothers were distinguished even before they became “the apostles of the Slavs.” Cyril taught in Constantinople, and Methodius was a provincial governor. About 863, after ordination, they went as missionaries to Moravia, where they had considerable success, partly because they knew the Slavonic language. But their mission was challenged by Germans seeking to dominate in the area. In 869, Cyril died in Rome, and Methodius was consecrated a bishop and returned to his mission. He was imprisoned by the Germans for two years until the pope won his release. He died in 885. The brothers are often associated with celebrating the Mass in the vernacular, because they offered Mass in Slavonic, as well as with the creation of the Cyrillic alphabet and Slavonic literature. They are the patrons of ecumenists, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Romania, and Europe.

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Sacraments

Baptism: Please contact Jean DiDonato for information of the requirements, conditions and options for baptisms. Classes for first time parents can be taken before or after their child's birth.

Matrimony: Arrangements are to be made at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Please contact the parish office.

Sick and Shut-ins: The Sacraments are available to those who are unable to celebrate Mass due to sickness or age. To make arrangements for visitation to your home, call the parish office.

Sacramental Sponsor: To be a Sacramental sponsor, one must be a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish.

Stewardship Update

February 7, 2021

Offertory: \$11,631.50

Parish Share: \$668.00

Ash Wednesday: \$5.00

Building Fund: \$125.00

Votives: \$528.00

School Support: \$190.00

Social Services: \$843.00

Bishop's Ed Fund: \$10.00

St. Anthony School: \$155.00

Youth Ministry: \$250.00

Rel. Retirement: \$5.00

Christmas: \$108.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Update—Pre-Cana for Engaged Couples

Christ our Savior Parish will be offering a modified Pre-Cana on two evenings, March 18 and 25 from 6:30 -9:00 PM in St. Cyril of Alexandria Church. Due to COVID, the number of participants will be limited. At present, there are openings for four more couples. A certificate of completion is given at the completion of the two sessions. Please contact Jean DiDonato as soon as possible to inquire and/or register. Thank you and welcome!

Pregnant? Talk to someone 24/7

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The Social Studies classes at Northside Catholic Assumption Academy are learning about all cultures.

In 5th grade the students are learning about Christopher Columbus and Spain conquering the Aztecs and the Inca.

The 6th grade students have been working for the past two weeks on constructing their own pyramids.

In 7th grade, the students just finished learning about the French & Indian War. They will now begin a project for this lesson which may include the construction of a fort.

The 8th grade students are learning about the settlement of the Great Plains, the last frontier at the time.

Happy Valentine's Day to our parish families!

For more information on our preschool through 8th grade Christ centered school, give us a call at 412-761-5043.



Northside Catholic Assumption Academy is looking for someone to help work in our Afterschool Program.

The paid position is Monday – Friday 2:30 – 6:00. Applicant must have all diocesan clearances.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Rosanne Kwiatkowski at 412-761-5043 or rkwiatkowski@ncaacademynow.org

Are you looking for a Christ centered, academically challenging, safe environment, and welcoming school for your child? Come and see Northside Catholic Assumption Academy! We offer full day 3 and 4 year old preschool programs, as well as the traditional half day two or three days a week. Our preschool through 8th grade boasts small class sizes – our largest class is 24 and the smallest is 13. Your child will receive individualized attention so that he or she can thrive! Our teachers are more than just certified by the state and accredited by the Diocese. They are dedicated teachers with an average of 20 years of experience in the Diocese. Our school is supported by the Extra Mile Education Foundation and has low tuition - \$3,600 for one child and \$4,200 for two or more children and generous financial aid. For more information on our school, give us a call at 412-761-5043 or email rkwiatkowski@ncaacademynow.org.



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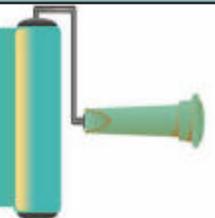


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