

# Christ Our Savior Parish

## ST. BONIFACE CHURCH

2208 East Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Sunday Mass: 9:00 a.m.

## ST. CYRIL CHURCH

3854 Brighton Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday Mass: 11:00 a.m.  
Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

## ST. PETER CHURCH

720 Arch Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m.  
Mon.—Fri. 12:05 p.m.



## 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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September 13, 2020

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#### Sacraments

**Baptism:** Please contact the parish office for information of the requirements, conditions and options for baptisms.

**Matrimony:** Arrangements are to be made with a member of the clergy team 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.

**St. Cyril Church—Saturday 9:30 a.m.**



**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

#### New Members



We welcome those who are interested in joining our parish family. We invite new members to complete a registration form, which can be submitted online through our website. [www.cospgh.org](http://www.cospgh.org).

#### Stewardship Update-September 6, 2020

Due to the holiday closure, the Stewardship Update will be shown in next week's bulletin.

## *From the Desk of Father Nick*

Having marked the Labor Day holiday last weekend, we are now well on our way into the Fall season. While we may not want to see the Summer months come to an end, there is calm and comfort to the Fall that it is always most welcome, but especially in light of all that we have endured during these past six months. I've heard many people say how "exhausted" they feel. This exhaustion is not the result of too much physical activity. Rather, it is a mental, emotional, and even spiritual exhaustion that results from the heightened anxiety and additional measures the circumstances beyond our control have brought about.

In the face of exhaustion, the coming days of Fall provide a wonderful opportunity to be refreshed and renewed, to draw to God and (safely) closer to each other. Thankfully, there are a number of opportunities for prayer and devotion in the weeks ahead that are designed to do just that. I am including events taking place in both Christ Our Savior and the Shrine Parishes in order that you might be able to find something that will encourage your heart and lift your spirit.

**Patriotic Rosary at Saint Cyril of Alexandria Church (Christ Our Savior Parish) in Brighton Heights**  
*Every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.*

Join in praying the patriotic rosary for the consecration of our nation. As we experience ever-deepening political divisions and social unrest, we will entrust the care of our country to God, through the intercession of the Blessed Mother through the communal praying of the rosary. All are welcome!

**Saint Theresa Novena at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Polish Hill**

*Sunday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. and Monday, September 28 – Thursday, October 1 at 6:30 p.m.*

Seek the intercession of Saint Theresa of Lisieux, the Little Flower, so that you may be showered with roses, signs of God's continued love and mercy in your life and the lives of those you love. Novena Prayers will be prayed at each Mass, including the Solemn Closing Mass on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Rosary Congress at Saint Anthony Chapel in Troy Hill**

*Saturday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. – Friday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m.*

A Rosary Congress is one week of Eucharistic Adoration with the rosary and other prayers being prayed every hour in reparation for the sins of the world, for respect for all human life, and for peace in our hearts, in our homes, in our communities, and in the world. Adorers/rosary leaders are needed for every hour, including overnight hours. You can learn more or sign-up at [pittsburghrosarycongress.org](http://pittsburghrosarycongress.org).

There are a number of **special liturgies** during the **Rosary Congress**, as well:

**Saturday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. – Opening Mass and Eucharistic Procession**

**Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 p.m. – Solemn Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary**

**Friday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. – Closing Mass and Eucharistic Procession**

We hope to establish other opportunities for prayer and devotion during the Fall months, so stay tuned. In the meantime, or if you would prefer not to gather with others at this time because of the ongoing pandemic, seek ways to be renewed at home. Set aside time to pray, especially for our communities and for those who are suffering. Take a walk and enjoy the beauty of God's creation in the world. Call a friend or neighbor, especially someone who might not be able to get out and about, and be a kind voice and listening ear. And let us continue to pray for each other that God will refresh our hearts and lives in wonderful ways.

God bless!

*Fr. Nick*

## Mass Schedule for the Week of September 13, 2020

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Offered By
Sunday, September 13 Sir 27:30-28:7 Rom 14:7-9 Mt 18:21-35	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	John Pavlasky	Betty Koch
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Edward Preskar & Son, Tom	Family
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	James Harding	K.J.
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
Monday, September 14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Edward (Eddie) Parrendo	Judy Bendtsen
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Edward Denis Zurcher	Michael Murphy
Tuesday, September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a/Jn 19:25-27	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Linda Pribilovich, 70th Birthday	Frank Pribilovich
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Gerlinde Reid	
Wednesday, September 16 Sts. Cornelius, Pope, & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Agnes Sullivan	
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Patricia Brandt	Richard & Barbara Lewis
Thursday, September 17 St. Robert Bellamine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	John Shields	Mary Ann & Peggy
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	Gerlinde Reid	
Friday, September 18 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Laura & Francis Andres	Family
	12:05 p.m.	St. Peter	John Shields	
Saturday, September 19 St. Januarius, Bishop & Martyr, BVM 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49/Lk 8:4-15	9:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Genevieve J. Fiedor	Cathy Lenehan
Sunday, September 20 Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c—24,27a Mt 20:1-16a	4:00 p.m. (vigil)	St. Cyril	Living & Deceased Parishioners	
	9:00 a.m.	St. Boniface	Jennifer Joos Davis	Family
	10:30 a.m.	St. Peter	Jim Parks	Joseph Armstrong
	11:00 a.m.	St. Cyril	Mark Hember	Hember-Daly

### For Our Beloved Deceased:

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

**John Shields, Gerlinde Reid,  
Agnes Sullivan**



### Parish Food Bank

The Food Bank for Christ Our Savior Parish is located in the garage adjacent to Northside Catholic Assumption Academy on the campus of the St. Cyril Worship Site in Brighton Heights. It is held on the 2nd Monday of each month from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. The next Food Bank Dates are: **September 14**, and October 12, 2020. The Food Bank is hoping to reach more people in need of our help. We have staples such as canned goods, cereals, pastas, and fresh fruits, vegetables, and breads courtesy of the St Vincent de Paul "Spark of Hope". Call the parish office with any questions.

**Monetary (cash) donations are accepted in the offertory basket at any time or can be made through a link on the parish website.**

Food is collected in the Food Bank bin in the vestibule of each church. Any **in date** food items can be left there. We are unable to use any out of date or opened containers.

*Thank you for your help!*



### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

Sanctuary Candles are located near the tabernacle and remain lit to remind us of Jesus' presence in the Blessed Sacrament. This week, the Sanctuary Candles in our church buildings are lit in honor of the following intention:

**St. Cyril Church: Ann Hemke (Kim Hemke)**

## September 13, 2020—24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Reading I: Sir 27:30-28:7

Wrath and anger are hateful things,  
yet the sinner hugs them tight.  
The vengeful will suffer the LORD's vengeance,  
for he remembers their sins in detail.  
Forgive your neighbor's injustice;  
then when you pray, your own sins will be forgiven.  
Could anyone nourish anger against another  
and expect healing from the LORD?  
Could anyone refuse mercy to another like himself,

can he seek pardon for his own sins?  
If one who is but flesh cherishes wrath,  
who will forgive his sins?  
Remember your last days, set enmity aside;  
remember death and decay, and cease from sin!  
Think of the commandments, hate not your neighbor;  
remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults.

### Reading II: Rom 14:7-9

Brothers and sisters:  
None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself.  
For if we live, we live for the Lord,  
and if we die, we die for the Lord;

so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.  
For this is why Christ died and came to life,  
that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

### Gospel—Mt 18:21-35

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,  
“Lord, if my brother sins against me,  
how often must I forgive?  
As many as seven times?”  
Jesus answered, “I say to you, not seven times  
but seventy-seven times.  
That is why the kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king  
who decided to settle accounts with his servants.  
When he began the accounting,  
a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount.  
Since he had no way of paying it back,  
his master ordered him to be sold,  
along with his wife, his children, and all his property,  
in payment of the debt.  
At that, the servant fell down, did him homage,  
and said,  
‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’  
Moved with compassion the master of that servant  
let him go and forgave him the loan.  
When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants

who owed him a much smaller amount.  
He seized him and started to choke him,  
demanding, ‘Pay back what you owe.’  
Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him,  
‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’  
But he refused.  
Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison  
until he paid back the debt.  
Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened,  
they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master  
and reported the whole affair.  
His master summoned him and said to him,  
‘You wicked servant!  
I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.  
Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant,  
as I had pity on you?’  
Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers  
until he should pay back the whole debt.  
So will my heavenly Father do to you,  
unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”

## **Scripture Reflection: From the Forgiven to the Forgiving**

God's forgiveness is unlimited and unconditional, in both quantity and quality. When asked about the criteria and description of forgiveness, Jesus reminds Peter of the needs to forgive always (seventy-seven times) and "from the bottom of our heart".

God's forgiveness outsizes and outlasts our sinfulness. Just as nothing can stop God from loving us, so nothing can stop Him from forgiving us. As long as we, the sinners, have sincere contrite hearts and open ourselves to God, His love and forgiveness continue to flow into our lives and nurture our growth. We hurt ourselves when we fail to open our hearts to God's love and forgiveness. Our lives can easily be laden with guilt, hatred and anger when we fail to open ourselves to Him.

God forgives, but we need to dispose ourselves to being forgiven. Forgiveness is a two-way street not only between God, the forgiver, and us, the forgiven, but also among one another. In other words, once we experience God's forgiveness, we are called in turn to forgive others as God has done for us. The more we are forgiven, the more we should forgive those who offend us. We are both the forgiven and the forgiving. Our own experience of God's mercy is expressed in the way we forgive others. Only by doing so, we are able to liberate ourselves from the bitterness and anger caused by those who have offended and hurt us. God's love transforms us from being the forgiven to becoming the forgiving.

In my personal experience, revenge can satisfy my short-term need for satisfaction, but forgiveness can pave the way to inner peace, long-term fulfillment and freedom.

The deeper our wounds, the more difficult to forgive. Yet, that is exactly what Jesus invites His followers to do. *Fr. Dam Nguyen*

### Northside Catholic Assumption Academy



**ENTER TO LEARN**

**LEARN TO SERVE**

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This year at Northside Catholic Assumption Academy, our Kindergarten class has been split into two separate classrooms with Miss Goodwin and Miss Grande. The classes are off to a great start with our 27 students. We are looking forward to a safe and healthy school year. As the weeks continue on, we will begin covering Math, Reading, Handwriting, and

Phonics. It will not be long before the students begin learning words and starting to read books. We are looking forward to a wonderful year with our amazing students. For more information on our preschool-8<sup>th</sup> grade Christian value centered school, please call 412-761-5043. We would love to meet you!

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 8<sup>th</sup> grade boasts small class sizes – our largest class is 24 and the smallest is 13, so 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](mailto:rkwiatkowski@ncaacademynow.org).