

Partner Parishes in the Diocese of Greensburg - Pennsylvania Charitable Trusts

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

303 Franklin Ave.  
Vandergrift, PA 15690  
sgcatholic.org



CHRIST THE KING PARISH

125 Park Road  
Leechburg, PA 15656  
ctkleechburg.org



FEBRUARY 25, 2024

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. - Mk 9:7-8

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**Parish Council Mission Statement** ~ We, the partnered parish communities of St. Gertrude and Christ the King, are faith-filled Catholics who have been called by our Baptism and empowered by the Good News of Jesus Christ to be Church for all. Although made up of multicultural faith communities we are ever united by our common faith.

We are committed to "building up the Body of Christ" through Word, Worship, Evangelization, Leadership, Service, Stewardship, and Fellowship. Dedicated to deepening our love of Christ and one another, together we strive to become a living reflection of Christ for our region.

We willingly accept our obligation to be the "Light of the World" for others and in that spirit we promise to use our resources to practice gospel justice, to heal divisive wounds among God's people and to join with all people of good will in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of all.

### OFFERTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS



St. Gertrude

As we begin this season of repentance and reflection, let us contemplate what this time means and how it can lead us to a closer relationship with God. The word Lent comes from an old English word meaning "spring," or "a new birth." This sacred time offers a unique opportunity to deepen our relationship with God, reflect on our lives, and prepare our hearts for the resurrection joy of Easter. Each of us should discern a personal plan for this special spiritual season and our continued journey with Christ. In order to be fully



Christ the King

immersed in the Lenten experience, the Church gives us three extraordinary ways to draw closer into this mystery: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Prayer is conversation with God and is essential for fasting and almsgiving because prayer gives us the strength to fast, draws us into a closer relationship with God and makes us grateful for the blessings we have received. Prayer is the cornerstone of our Lenten journey and is vital to all of our actions in life. Fasting reminds us of our hunger for God. In addition to the traditional forms of fasting, try fasting from social media or gossip. Almsgiving is the sharing of our blessings with others and is a way to live out our gratitude for all that God has given us. Justice, mercy, and charity are integral elements of our baptism that call us to be disciples of Jesus. May this sacred time encourage spiritual growth, self-examination and renewal that have a profound impact for you during this Lenten season and your continued journey with Christ.

**Parish Office**

125 Park Road Leechburg, PA, 15656  
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**Mass Times****Monday**

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

**Tuesday**

8:30AM.....Christ the King

**Wednesday**

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

**Thursday**

8:30 AM.....Christ the King

**Friday**

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)

**Saturday**

8:30 AM.....Christ the King

9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)

4:00 PM.....St. Gertrude

5:30 PM.....Christ the King

**Sunday**

8:00 AM.....St. Gertrude

9:30 AM.....Christ the King

10:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

**CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION**

Saturday, 3:15 PM-3:45 PM.....St. Gertrude

Saturday, 9:00 AM.....Christ the King

(or by appointment)

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the anticipated date.

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Must have a Baptism Preparation Class.

Must be scheduled in advance.

**All bulletin submissions must be and turned into the parish office by Tuesday, 12:00 noon.**

**FINANCE COUNCILS****ST. GERTRUDE**

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**MATTERS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INFORMATION**

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS  
OF OUR PARISHES.**



## St. Gertrude Parish

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, February 26  
 8:30 AM + Judy Linkes  
*by Paul, Johnny and Larry*

Wednesday, February 28  
 8:30 AM + Mary Zack  
*by Daughter*

Friday, March 1  
 8:30 AM + Lindsay Morrison  
*by Don and Isabelle Ziegler*

10:10 AM Stations of the Cross

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 2  
 4:00 PM + Theresa Kolenchak  
*by Teresita Kolenchak*

Sunday, March 3  
 8:00 AM For the Living and Deceased  
 Members of St. Gertrude and  
 Christ the King Parishes

10:30 AM + Raymond Cornuet Jr.  
*by Anonymous*

Sanctuary Lamp  
 In Memory of Joan Stephenson  
*by Emilia and Aldo*

Memorial Candle  
 In Memory of Luigi and Rosa Gallo  
*by The Hollingers*

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 2 & 3	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00 PM	Sheila Tilson	Gail Lightner	Nick Pityk
Sunday 8:00 AM	Patty Kiebler	Tammie Amendola	Anthony
Sunday 10:30 AM	Gerri Michela	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 17 & February 18

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,843.00
Loose	\$ 330.01
Restoration	\$ 23.00
Utility/Energy	\$ 82.00
Votives	\$ 149.00
Accent	\$ 140.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,509.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 641.00

### CDA MEETING

The next CDA meeting will be Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the St. Gertrude Church hall. All members are encouraged to attend.



### BISHOP KULICK TO LEAD DIOCESAN ST. JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will lead a pilgrimage to the four St. Joseph parishes across the Diocese of Greensburg, and at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, as he dedicates the Diocese to the patronage of St. Joseph on March 18 and 19. Bishop Kulick's dedication is for the Eucharistic Revival Year of Mission in 2024, the Jubilee Year of 2025 and the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Greensburg in 2026. Patron of the universal Church, families, workers, immigrants and a happy death, St. Joseph nurtured the child Jesus in the first Eucharistic Adoration chapel in his home in Nazareth, responded with faith each time he was called by God and is a model to us of faithful discipleship as we live our mission as Eucharistic people.

Each site along the pilgrimage will focus on a different aspect of Joseph as a faithful disciple, helping us to strengthen and rededicate our own relationship with Jesus Christ. The faithful are encouraged to participate in the pilgrimage, which will include the following:

#### **Monday, March 18:**

- St. Joseph Parish, New Kensington, 6 p.m. – evening prayer with a special presentation on St. Joseph the worker and a reception afterward.

#### **Tuesday, March 19:**

- Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg, 11:45 a.m. – Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph with Bishop Kulick and promulgation of Bishop Kulick's Pastoral Letter on Dedicating the Diocese to St. Joseph.

## Christ the King Parish

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE

Tuesday, February 27

*St. Gregory of Narek*

8:30 AM + Bill Beaumont  
*Carol and Family*

Thursday, February 29

8:30 AM + Audrey Pancoe  
*by Trudy Pancoe*

Friday, March 1

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 2

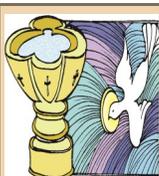
8:30 AM + Audrey Pancoe  
*by Trudy Pancoe*

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30 PM For the Living and Deceased  
Members of Christ the King and  
St. Gertrude Parishes

Sunday, March 3

9:30 AM + Keith Miccolis  
*by Mother*



Congratulations to our  
Newly Baptized

*Eli James Hohman*

Child of  
Kyle and Julie Hohman



May they be his guide in Christian living.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 2 & 3	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5:30 PM	Jack Canzano	Linda Fedorchak	Pam Pativa
Sunday 9:30 AM	Andy & Kathy Balbo	Jack Billak	Carol Ferretti

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 17 & February 18

Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,745.00
Monthly	\$ 425.00
Loose	\$ 146.30
Votives	\$ 49.00
Utilities	\$ 71.00
Cemetery	\$ 95.00
Accent	\$ 5.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,040.00
Home Missions of the Americas	\$ 454.00

### 2024 PARISH EASTER BAKE SALE

All parishioners are invited to share their time and talent by participating in our parish bake sale.

**The schedule is as follows:**

**Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM:** Hall set-up will take place (men...we need your muscles!).

**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM:** Measure ingredients and clean and grind nuts.

**Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM:** Baking starts

**Nut, Poppy Seed and Apricot Rolls - \$14.00 each**



Order deadline is March 4<sup>th</sup>

**Pick-up: March 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> between NOON - 4 PM**

**"PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOXES FOR PICK-UP"**

[Orders not picked up by March 14<sup>th</sup> will be sold]

**Paska Bread (Round or Braided)**

**with raisins \$ 8.00**

**without raisins \$7.50**



Order deadline is March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Pick-up: March 20<sup>th</sup> between NOON - 4PM**

[Orders not picked up by March 20<sup>th</sup> will be sold.]

Order forms are available in the gathering space of the church and at the parish office.

ORDERS MAY ALSO BE PLACED BY CALLING:

**Teresia at 724-845-7588 \* Toni at 724-309-1976**

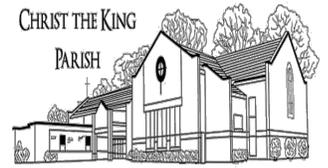
Donations of **Crisco, Gold Medal All Purpose Flour and Domino Sugar** are greatly appreciated! Donations may be dropped off at the parish office prior to the start of the bake sale, or they may be placed in the container marked "BAKE SALE", located in the gathering space of the church by the coat rack.



# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Christ the King Church (CTK) Assumption Hall (AH) Picnic Grounds (PG) St. Gertrude Church (SG) St. Gertrude Church Hall (CH) St. Gertrude Parish Center (SGPC) St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell (SMM)					1 Mass 8:30 AM Adoration 9-10:00 AM Stations of the Cross 10:10 AM	2 Confession 3:15 PM Mass 4:00 PM
3 Mass 8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM  Faith Formation 6:00 PM (SGPC)	4 Mass 8:30 AM  Men's Club Meeting 6:30 PM (CH)	5  CDA Meeting 6:00 PM (CH)	6 Mass 8:30 AM St. Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:30 PM (CH) Youth Group 6:30 PM (SMM)	7	8 Mass 8:30 AM Adoration 9-10:00 AM Stations of the Cross 10:10 AM	9 Confession 3:15 PM Mass 4:00 PM
10 Mass 8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM  Faith Formation 6:00 PM (SGPC)	11 Mass 8:30 AM	12	13 Mass 8:30 AM  Youth Group 6:30 PM (SMM)	14	15 Mass 8:30 AM Adoration 9-10:00 AM Stations of the Cross 10:10 AM	16 Confession 3:15 PM Mass 4:00 PM
17 Mass 8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM  Faith Formation 6:00 PM (SGPC)	18 Mass 8:30 AM	19	20 Mass 8:30 AM  Youth Group 6:30 PM (SMM)	21 Mobile Market Food Bank 11:00 AM-Noon  Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 PM (CH)	22 Mass 8:30 AM Adoration 9-10:00 AM Stations of the Cross 10:10 AM	23 Confession 3:15 PM Mass 4:00 PM
24 Mass 8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM  Palm Sunday  Faith Formation	25 Mass 8:30 AM	26	27 Mass 8:30 AM  Youth Group 6:30 PM (SMM)	28 Office Closed Chrism Mass 10:00AM Greensburg Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 PM (CTK)	29 Office Closed  Good Friday Veneration of the Cross 1:30 PM	30 Blessing of Easter Baskets 10:30 AM  Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 PM (CTK)
31 Mass 8:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM  						

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10 Mass 9:30 AM  Faith Formation 6:00 PM (SGPC)	11 *Paska Bread Orders Due	12 Mass 8:30 AM	13 *Nut Roll Pick Up Noon-4:00 PM  Youth Group 6:30 PM (SMM)	14 Mass 8:30 AM  *Nut Roll Pick Up Noon-4:00 PM	15  Stations of the Cross 6:00 PM	16 Mass 8:30 AM Confession 9:00 AM Holy Hour 9-10 AM Mass 5:30 PM
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31 Mass 9:30 AM  						

## FAITH FORMATION (GRADES K - 5)

Classes will be **SUNDAY** evenings for Kindergarten through Fifth Grades from 6:00-7:30 PM at St. Gertrude Parish Center.



**RECEIVE  
AND  
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2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal

**Help Form  
Future Priests**

Seminarian Tyler Randolph

Priests bring people to Jesus and Jesus to people. Donating to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal assures an investment in the formation of our seminarians so they can grow in their relationship with Christ, and knowledge of the Catholic Church and her teachings.

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Donate today at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2024](https://DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2024)

## YOUTH MINISTRY (GRADES 6-12)

Grades 6-12 will meet on Wednesdays from 6:30-8:00 PM at Saint Margaret Mary Church.

## BISHOP MORROW HOME OPENING

There is currently one (1) opening at the Bishop Morrow Personal Care Home. For more information please call (724)845-2828. Thank you.



## LOCAL CHURCH FISH FRIES

**East Vandergrift:** Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish (parish hall), Fridays, 3:30-6:30 PM

**Kittanning:** St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish (parish hall), Fridays, 4-6:30 PM

Information: [stmarykittanning.org](https://stmarykittanning.org).

## SHADOWS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will be a special guest for Shadows Stations of the Cross Friday, March 22<sup>th</sup>, at 8 PM at St. Lawrence Parish, Cadogan. The evening is sponsored by the youth of St. Lawrence Parish and Christ, Prince of Peace Parish, Ford City. A fish fry will be held that day from 5-7 PM.