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FEBRUARY 11, 2024

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

During this period of Ordinary Time leading up to the Lenten Season, our schedules and activities calm somewhat allowing time for us to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ. The moment we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, we become a Disciple. Discipleship is being a follower of Christ ourselves, but



Christ the King

also the process of someone helping someone else apply and obey God’s Holy Word and share the good news in order to grow as Jesus’ method of making disciples was focused on relationships and action. Being a Disciple also means being a good steward of your time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is the way we look at the world when we become a disciple of Jesus Christ and recognize that all we have and all that we are is a gift from God. Discipleship and stewardship both beautifully intertwine with each other because together they help you live a life that is a reflection of Jesus. You are invited to consider your own calling as a disciple and steward of Christ as this is a very important part of pursuing Christ in all that you do.

Parish Office

125 Park Road Leechburg, PA, 15656
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Monday to Friday.....9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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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

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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 12

8:30 AM + Fr. Peter Peretti
by Anonymous

Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM + George Schmiech
by Helen and Karen

4:00 PM Liturgy of the Word with
Distribution of Ashes

Friday, February 16

8:30 AM Living and Deceased Members of
The Kolenchak Family
by Teresita Kolenchak

10:10 AM Stations of the Cross

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, February 17

4:00 PM + Edward Riley
by Wife Rosalind

Sunday, February 18

8:00 AM + Ernie Pomatto and Tina
by JoAnn Pomatto

10:30 AM + Melinda Silvestri
by Andrea and Don Maue



Please pray for the soul of the recently deceased
Randy Klick
May the consolation of the Lord be with his family.

Memorial Candle
In Memory Of: Edward Riley
by Wife Rosalind

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of: Thomas King
by The Foreman/King Family



WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 3 & February 4

Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,079.00
Loose	\$ 377.00
Restoration	\$ 395.00
Utility/Energy	\$ 13.00
Votives	\$ 97.01
Accent	\$ 30.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 5.00
Eastern European Collection	\$ 583.27

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 17 & 18	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00 PM	Margaret Summerville	Sue Iagnemma	Nick Pityk
Sunday 8:00 AM	Patty Kiebler	Tammie Amendola	Anthony/ Nico
Sunday 10:30 AM	Sheila Tilson	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom

WESTMORELAND FOOD BANK MOBILE MARKET

On Thursday, February 15th from 11 AM to Noon the Westmoreland Food Bank Mobile Market will be at St. Gertrude parking lot between the church and school (or in case of inclement weather in the back of the former school). The fresh food giveaway is free to all and no ID, registration, or proof of income is required; recipients must be at least 16 years old. The mobile market is sponsored by St Gertrude St. Vincent de Paul conference.



SPAGHETTI DINNER

The next spaghetti dinner will be held on February 15th from 4-7 PM in the church hall. Parishioners are asked to please donate a dessert. They can be dropped off at the church hall anytime on the day of the dinner. Thank you!

Christ the King Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE

Tuesday, February 13	
8:30 AM	+ Aldo and Rose Pacchioni <i>by Family</i>
Wednesday, February 14 Ash Wednesday	
12:10 PM	Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes
6:00 PM	+ Marie Kolwalczyk <i>by Richard and Nicole Arduino</i>
Thursday, February 15	
8:30 AM	+ Helen Madarasz <i>by Special Intention</i>
Friday, February 16	
6:00 PM	Stations of the Cross
Saturday, February 17	
8:30 AM	+ Grandma Mary Marco <i>by Family</i>

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30 PM	+ Vonnie Ferretti <i>by Donald, Michelle, Michael, Ava and Chloe</i>		
Sunday, February 18			
9:30 AM	+ Elizabeth Majocha Galinac <i>by Granddaughter Linda</i>		

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 17 & 18	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5:30 PM	Pam Pativa	Margie Stull	Chris Vigna
Sunday 9:30 AM	Andy & Kathy Balbo	Jack Billak	SMI



WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 3 & February 4	
Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,569.00
Monthly	\$ 3,200.00
Loose	\$ 245.00
Votives	\$ 77.00
Utilities	\$ 201.00
Cemetery	\$ 234.00
Accent	\$ 5.00
Initial Offering	\$ 200.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 110.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 20.00
Eastern European Collection	\$ 460.00
Home Missions of the Americas	\$ 15.00

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 9th at 9 AM: Hall set-up will take place (men...we need your muscles!).

Sunday, March 10th at 10 AM: Measure ingredients and clean and grind nuts.

Monday, March 11th at 8:00 AM: Baking starts

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



Order deadline is March 4th

Pick-up: March 13th & 14th between NOON - 4 PM

"PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOXES FOR PICK-UP"

[Orders not picked up by March 14th will be sold]

Paska Bread (Round or Braided)

with raisins \$ 8.00

without raisins \$7.50



Order deadline is March 11th

Pick-up: March 20th between NOON - 4 PM

[Orders not picked up by March 20th 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.



Mass Intentions are available for **March** at both parishes.
Please call the church office at (724-845-8191) if you would like to schedule a Mass.



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.

YOUTH MINISTRY (GRADES 6-12)

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

******CEMETERY NEWS******

**CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL
ST. GERTRUDE CEMETERY
ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY**

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by Ash Wednesday, February 14th. **Anything left in the cemetery past February 14th, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded** by cemetery staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

COME AWAY BY YOURSELF TO A QUIET PLACE AND REST A WHILE (Mark 6:31)

Looking for some quiet time with Our Lord this Lent? Join us Friday afternoons at **St Margaret Mary Church** in Lower Burrell for Eucharistic Adoration beginning Friday, February 16 anytime between noon and ending with Benediction at 5pm. Jesus will appreciate the time you spend with Him. **EUCHARIST ADORATION** is planned for all Fridays (except Good Friday) throughout the year.

COME AND REST WITH OUR LORD!



**LOCAL CHURCH
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Information: stmarykittanning.org.

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

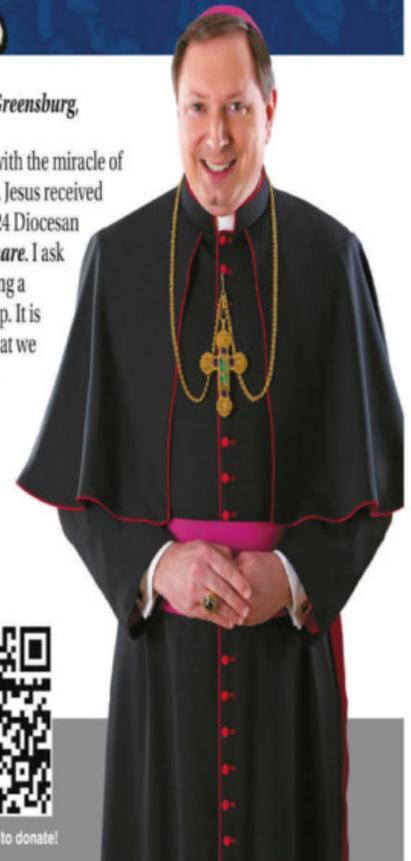


Dear Friends of the Diocese of Greensburg,

As Catholics, we all are familiar with the miracle of the loaves and the fishes. Simply, Jesus received and shared. The theme of the 2024 Diocesan Lenten Appeal is *Receive and Share*. I ask you to prayerfully consider making a donation. Thank you for your help. It is in the sharing of what we have that we truly become disciples of Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Larry J. Kulick
Bishop Larry J. Kulick



Donate today at DioceseofGreensburg.org/DLA2024

2024 Christ the King Parish Easter Bake Sale

To order call Teresia at (724)845-7588 or Toni (724)309-1976 or use the forms below and place them in the collection basket at Mass or return them to the parish office.

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### Nut/Poppyseed/Apricot Rolls

**\*\*Deadline for orders: March 4<sup>th</sup>\*\***

#### Nut/Poppyseed/Apricot pick-up days:

**March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> between NOON and 4:00 PM.**

Orders that have not been picked up by Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> will be sold.



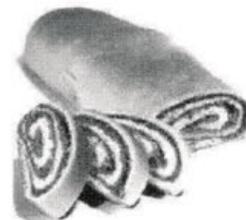
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#### Roll Order Form:

Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Nut Roll(s) \$14.00 each  
          \_\_\_\_\_ Poppyseed Roll(s) \$14.00 each  
          \_\_\_\_\_ Apricot Roll(s) \$14.00 each

Pick-up date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



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### Paska Bread (with or without raisins)

**\*\*Deadline for orders: March 11<sup>th</sup>\*\***

#### Paska Bread pick-up day:

**March 20<sup>th</sup> between NOON and 4:00 PM.**

Orders that have not been picked up by Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> will be sold.



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#### Paska Bread Order Form:

\_\_\_ ROUND Paska Bread(s) WITH raisins @ \$8.00 each

\_\_\_ ROUND Paska Bread(s) WITHOUT raisins @ \$7.50 each



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\_\_\_ BRAIDED Paska Bread(s) WITH raisins @ \$8.00 each

\_\_\_ BRAIDED Paska Bread(s) WITHOUT raisins @ \$7.50 each



Name/Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## BASIC FORMS OF PRAYER

**Blessing:** First, our prayers rise to the Father in Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. To bless God means that we offer up this worship and praise of Him, adoring Him and letting this blessing rise to the Father. Additionally, we are blessed by God in that His grace descends upon us as we bless Him.

**Adoration:** To adore God is to be in His presence with an interior solitude and love. It means we are not only aware of God's divine presence intellectually but are also attentive to Him with all the powers of our soul. Our whole being is moved with love toward God and with an acknowledgment of His divinity, majesty and glory.

**Petition:** First of all, our petition is for mercy and forgiveness. We always need to pray that prayer. From there, we must continually petition God for every good thing. But we must be careful to understand this correctly! Often, it is easy to simply pray for what WE think is good. True petition seeks only the fulfillment of the Kingdom of God on earth. It seeks the will of God and only the will of God. The ultimate petition to God is, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done."

**Intercession:** We are called to intercede for the needs of all people. Our prayers are efficacious. Why? Because God desires to use us as mediators for others. He uses the saints, especially our Blessed Mother, but also wants to use us as intercessors for the needs of others. This reveals the great communion we share with all Christians, in that our bond with them, in Christ, enables us to be instruments of grace for others through our prayers.

**Thanksgiving:** All is a gift, and all is grace. This should move us to an attitude of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is an appropriate response to God in all that He has done for us.

**Praise:** Closely associated with thanksgiving, praise of God is given because God is God and is worthy of all praise. Praise is given not so much because of what God has done for us; rather, it is given simply because God is worthy of praise. The Psalms, especially, highlight the form of praise that should be given to God.



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