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#### ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

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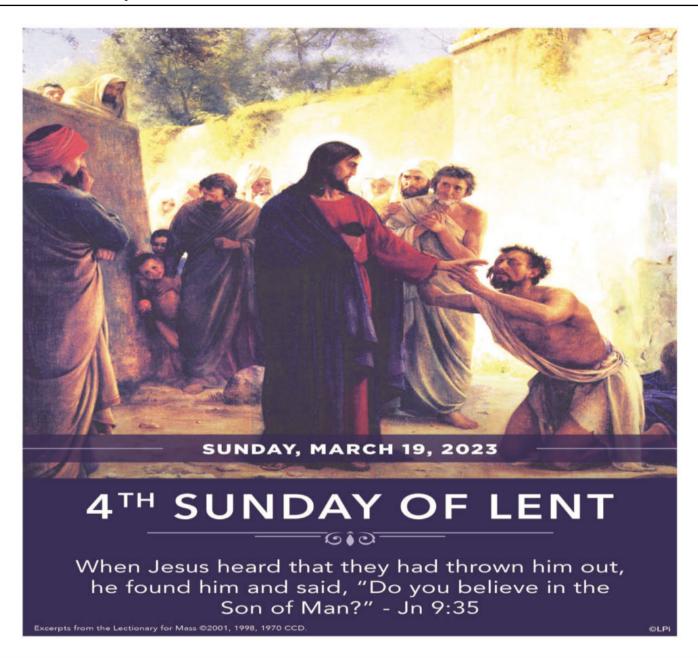


#### CHRIST THE KING PARISH

125 Park Road Leechburg, PA 15656 ctkleechburg.org

Pastor ~ Father James Loew O.S.B.

Senior Active Priest ~ Rev. Michael Sciberras



**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.

#### Parish Office

125 Park Road Leechburg, PA, 15656

(724) 845-8191

Monday to Friday......9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

#### Pastor

Father James Loew O.S.B. jloew @dioceseofgreensburg.org

#### **Senior Priest Active**

Rev. Michael Sciberras

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#### FINANCE COUNCILS

ST. GERTRUDE	CHRIST THE KING
Joe Caporali	Bill Anderson
Alan Lundburg	James Favero
James Kunkle	Martha Frech
John Kuruc	Don Marco
Margaret Yucas	Anne Troya

#### JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

Amanda Biagioni	Dolores Lucjak
Debbie Biagioni	Joseph Rice
Sue Iagnemma	Margaret Stull
Fran Milie	

#### **Mass Times**

Monday
8:30 AMSt. Gertrude
Tuesday
8:30AMChrist the King
Wednesday
8:30 AMSt. Gertrude
Thursday
8:30 AMChrist the King
Second Thursday of the month (Anointing Mass)
12:10 PMChrist the King
Friday
8:30 AMSt. Gertrude
9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)
Saturday
8:30 AMChrist the King
9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)
4:00 PMSt. Gertrude
5:30 PMChrist the King
Sunday
8:00 AMSt. Gertrude
9:30 AMChrist the King
10:30 AMSt. Gertrude
CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

#### 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

Baptism Preparation Class Second Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at Christ the King. Must be scheduled in advance.

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

#### 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

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 20

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM Joanne Loperfito

by DiBiasio Family

Wednesday, March 22

8:30 AM Darcy Ziegler

by Don & Isabelle Ziegler

Friday, March 24

8:30 AM Clair and Allan Lundberg

by Cindy and Allan

10:10 AM Stations of the Cross

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 25

4:00 PM Susan Molinaro

Sunday, March 26

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM George and Dolly Nasser

by Family

#### Memorial Candle: Week of March 19

In Memory Of: Nick and Joanne Loperfito

by Rita Reed, Jeff and Nana Badac



Please pray for the soul of the recently deceased

Ronald J. Groholski Sr.

May the consolation of the Lord be with his family.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March			
25 & 26	(EM)	(L)	(AS)
Saturday	Justin	Gail	Gary
4:00 PM	Delia	Lightner	Lightner
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Sunday	Stephanie	Christine	Anthony
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Christine Lamanna	Anthony Guerrera
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#### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

#### March 11 & March 12

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,988.00
Loose	\$ 310.00
Utilities	\$ 92.00
Restoration	\$ 45.00
Home Missions of the Americas	\$ 20.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00
Votives	\$ 112.00

### YOU LIKE TO DRIVE A SENIOR NEEDS A RIDE

Volunteers are needed to help a seniors get to medical appointments. If you enjoy driving and would be willing to help a senior get the important medical care they need, volunteer today with Open Your Heart to a Senior. Schedule is flexible. We work with your schedule and provide training and support. For more information contact 724-205-6282 or OYHS@wfspa.org.



### Widowed, Divorced or Separated?

The loss of a spouse is a traumatic experience. The **Beginning Experience**® ministry provides a weekend program to help widowed, divorced, or separated men and women of all faiths to work through their grief to move forward on their life journey with hope.

The next weekend program is April 14-16, 2023 at St. Emma Retreat Center, 1001 Harvey Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601. Financial assistance may be available to those in need. Visit <a href="https://www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com">www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com</a> to register or make a confidential call to Kim at 412-352-2653 or Dick at 724-255-7407 to learn more about this healing ministry.

# Christ the King Parish

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 AM Aldo and Rose Pacchioni

by Family

Thursday, March 23

8:30 AM Mary Marco

by Gene, Don and +Loretta

Friday, March 24

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 AM For the Parish

#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30 PM Aleda Favero

by Domestic Relations Employees

Sunday, March 26

Beverly Bosin 9:30 AM

by Roberta and Jim

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 25 & 26	GREETERS	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINSTER
Saturday	Pam Pastiva	Jack	Margie
5:30 PM	Susie George	Billak	Stull
Sunday	John	Kevin	SMI
9:30 AM	Lucjak	Ceraso	

#### WEEKLY COLLECTION

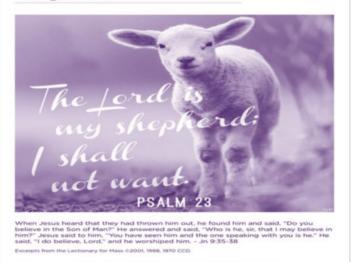
#### March 11 & March 12

Weekly Offertory	\$ 2,806.00
Monthly	\$ 20.00
Loose	\$ 158.00
Votives	\$ 121.00
Utilities	\$ 30.00

#### Sincere thanks for your financial stewardship.



#### Liturgical Life



SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 4" SUNDAY OF LENT

#### 2023 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:

Sunday, March 19th at 10 AM: Measure ingredients and clean and grind nuts.

Monday, March 20th at 8:00 AM: Baking starts

Nut, Poppy Seed and Apricot Rolls - \$13.50 each





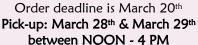


Pick-up: March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> between NOON - 4 PM

"PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOXES FOR PICK-UP"

[Orders not picked up by March 23rd will be sold]

Paska Bread Round or Braided with raisins \$ 8.00 without raisins \$7.50





[Orders not picked up by March 29th 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: Anne at 412-549-1583 \* 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.

# IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our First Communion Workshop/Parent meeting is <u>Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at St. Gertrude (303 Franklin Ave., Vandergrift, 15690) from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM for parents and kids. Please note the location change.</u> The workshop is for all Christ the King, St. Gertrude, Christ Prince of Peace and St. Lawrence children receiving First Communion this year including those enrolled in Catholic School. Lunch will be provided.



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The next monthly meeting Knights of Columbus will be this coming **Wednesday, March 22**nd at St. Gertrude

Hall. Social time will start at 5:45 PM and the meeting will start at 6:30 PM.

#### ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

March 28 - Tuesday - 1:30 PM - Our Lady Queen of Peace - East Vandergrift

March 29 - Wednesday - 7:00 PM - St. Gertrude - Vandergrift

March 30 - Thursday - 7:00 PM - Saint Joseph - New Kensington

April 3 - Monday - 1:30 PM - Saint Margaret Mary - Lower Burrell

#### **CDA ANNOUNCEMENT**

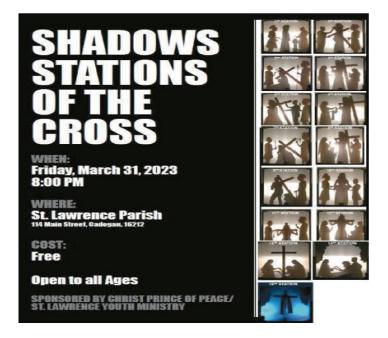
The CDA will be selling Sarris candy bars for Easter at St. Gertrude's Masses on 3/18, 19, 25, 26, and 4/1, and 4/2 and at Christ The King 9:30 AM Mass, and at the Spaghetti Dinners at St. Gertrude's.

CDA members that still need to pay their dues can do so by mailing them to Mary Daldoss, 324 Sycamore Street Vandergrift PA 15690. Dues are now \$26 annually and should be paid in full by April.

#### THE WELL: Be Not Afraid.

This dynamic conference, conducted by the Men's Ministry Team, will be held at Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg on Saturday, March 25. Registration begins at 8 AM The cost, which includes lunch, is \$50. Scholarships are available. There will be a wonderful lineup of speakers, opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will conclude the day with the celebration of Mass at 4:00 PM

To register, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell.







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Christ the King Parish Hall Toddlers - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Holy Saturday, April 8th, 2023

10:30 am – 11:10 am: French toast stick and sausage breakfast with the Easter Bunny AND Popcorn the Clown

11:10 am: Blessing of Easter Baskets in the church
Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the Blessing of the Easter Baskets
(In case of bad weather, the Egg Hunt will be held inside)

## Cost is FREE

Contact: Katie Tylinski, Faith Formation Director at 724-212-6740 (cell)

#### Volunteers with clearances needed!

Child(ren)'s Name(s)	_Age(s)
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# Worship & Meditation

# Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps

23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9,

13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps

89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21,

24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6,

8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd

14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21

22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18,

19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2,

10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7

8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10

Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,

5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,

33b-45



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# Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

God asks a rhetorical and slightly sarcastic question to Samuel, the prophet: "How long will you grieve for Saul, whom I have rejected as king of Israel?" Like us, Samuel is depressed that the old king failed. It's painful to admit that the old regime is done. But God won't let us wallow our pityparty forever. "I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem," announces the Lord, "for I have chosen my king from among his sons." Samuel finally goes and anoints the young David as the new king. And his kingdom is glorious; it's the golden age of Israel's earthly history.

How discouraging to see that my own selfish ego is no longer in charge! How long will I grieve that money, power, pleasure, and reputation have been rejected as the ruler of my life? How wonderful that God has a new future in store for you and me. He is sending us to Bethlehem to anoint the new David as our king. His kingdom won't fail us. He'll slay our goliaths, unite our dispersed energies, and build a Temple where God himself will dwell.

So how long will you grieve? How long?

Father John Muir



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