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SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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.

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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
 Second Thursday of the month (Anointing Mass)
 12:10 PM.....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

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 4:00 PM	Justin Delia	Gail Lightner	Gary Lightner
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Christine Lamanna	Anthony Guerrera
Sunday 10:30 AM	Anna Malvone	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom/ Rachel



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 www.BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com 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

9:30 AM Beverly Bosin
by Roberta and Jim

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

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



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. - Jn 9:35-38
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CLP SUNDAY, MARCH 19, 2023 | 4th 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 22nd & 23rd 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



Order deadline is March 20th
Pick-up: March 28th & March 29th



between NOON - 4 PM

[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.

HOW
ARE YOU
#LIVINGLENT?

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Our First Communion Workshop/Parent meeting is Saturday, March 25th at St. Gertrude (303 Franklin Ave., Vandergrift, 15690) from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM for parents and kids. Please note the location change. 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.

UPCOMING DATES

**CHRIST THE KING
ST. GERTRUDE**

SPRING SEMESTER

FAITH FORMATION
YOUTH MINISTRY

March—5th (Living Stations at Christ the King), **19th, 31st** (Shadows Stations of the Cross at St. Lawrence)

April—2nd (Palm Sunday event with Christ the King/St. Gertrude), **16th, 30th** (last Faith Formation session)

May—7th—Youth Ministry only (last session) combined with Christ Prince of Peace/St. Lawrence

6th-8th and 9th-12th grade Youth Ministry meets every week from Jan. 15- May 7th except for Easter Sunday.

For more info contact:
Katie at 724-272-6740

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

SHADOWS STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WHEN:
Friday, March 31, 2023
8:00 PM

WHERE:
St. Lawrence Parish
114 Main Street, Cadogan, 16212

COST:
Free

Open to all Ages

**SPONSORED BY CHRIST PRINCE OF PEACE/
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Easter Egg Hunt



**Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus
&
CTK/SG Faith Formation/Youth Ministry**

**Christ the King Parish Hall
Toddlers - 5th 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!

Return by Sunday, March 26th to St. Gertrude's OR Christ the King to Katie Tylinski's attention

Child(ren)'s Name(s) _____ Age(s) _____

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Child(ren)'s Name(s) _____ Age(s) _____

of parents for breakfast _____ Parish _____

Volunteer's Name _____ Phone number _____

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 pity-party 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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