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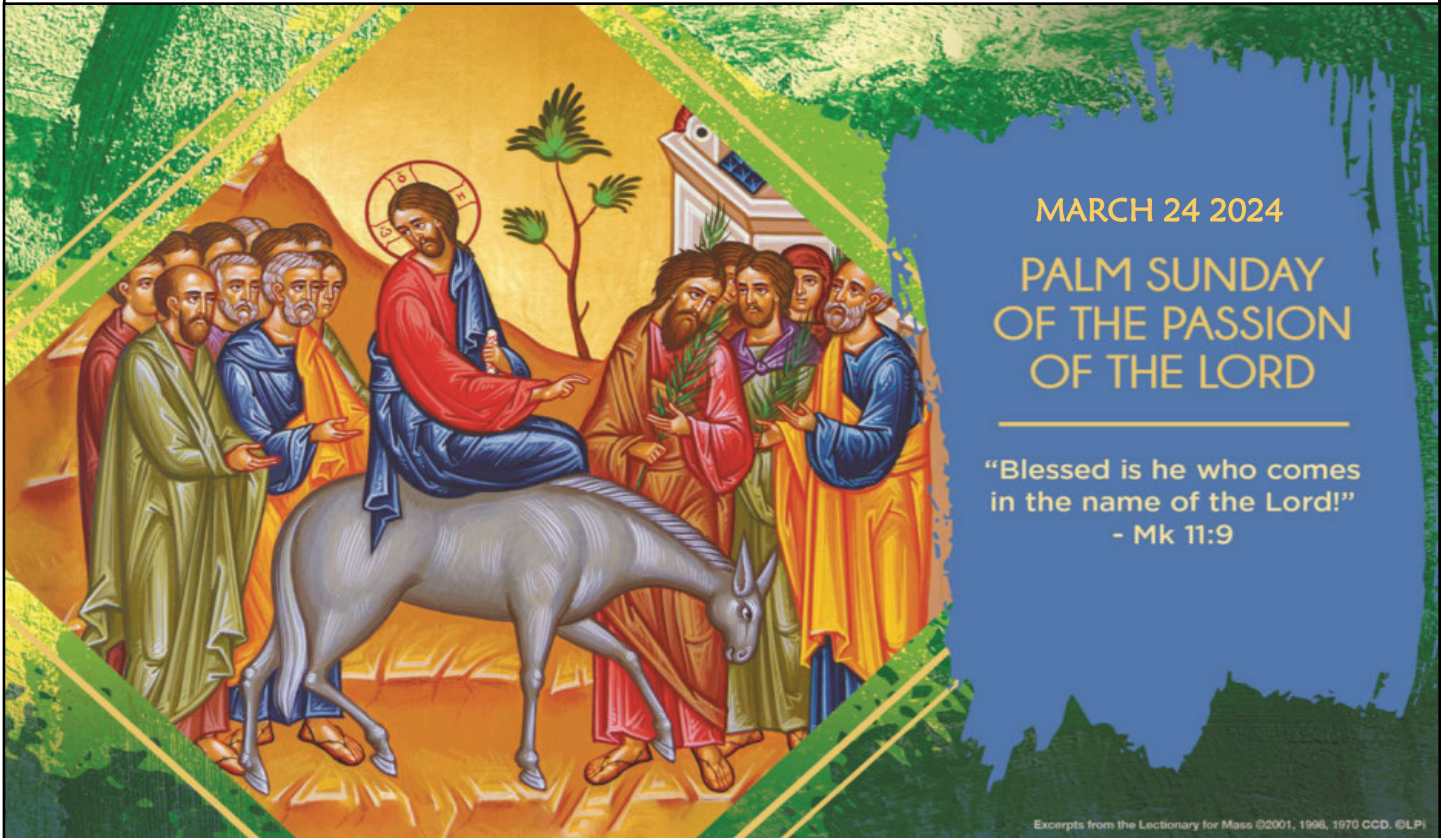
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CHRIST THE KING PARISH

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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.



St. Gertrude

OFFERTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS

During 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 is invited to discern a personal plan for this special spiritual season and our continued journey with Christ. In order to be fully

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.



Christ the King

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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The Reverend Alan N. Polczynski
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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.

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



St. Gertrude Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, March 25

8:30 AM All the Living and Deceased Members
of the Haugh Family
by Family

Wednesday, March 27

8:30 AM + Patricia Moliterno
by Husband "Beans"

Thursday, March 28 *Holy Thursday*

7:00 PM For an Increase of Vocations (CTK)

Friday, March 29 *Good Friday*

1:30 PM Veneration of the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY

Saturday, March 30 *Holy Saturday*

Noon Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00 PM Easter Vigil (CTK)
For the Living and Deceased Members
of Christ the King and St. Gertrude
Parishes

Sunday, March 31

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

10:30 AM For the Living and Deceased Members
of St. Gertrude and
Christ the King Parishes

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of : Phyllis Rukas
by Joanne Moyer, Madeline Breznican and Friends

Memorial Candle
In Honor of : Dion Urban
by Friend, Rosalind Riley

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 29, 30 & 31	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Friday 1:30 PM	Deacon	Tammie Amendola Gail Lightner	Nick Pityk
Sunday 8:00 AM	Linda Ambrose	Tammie Amendola	Art Ambrose
Sunday 10:30 AM	Margaret Summerville	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 9 & March 10

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,532.00
Loose	\$ 268.35
Restoration	\$ 20.00
Utility/Energy	\$ 172.00
Votives	\$ 96.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 10.00
Palm Sunday	\$ 35.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 483.00
Easter	\$ 110.00



WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 16 & March 17

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,019.00
Loose	\$ 366.00
Restoration	\$ 59.00
Utility/Energy	\$ 130.00
Votives	\$ 125.00
Palm Sunday	\$ 3.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 290.00
Easter	\$ 23.00

2024 DLA TARGET	DLA TO DATE	AMOUNT NEEDED
\$ 46,274.00	\$ 22,020.00	\$ 24,254.00

Christ the King Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE

Tuesday, March 26

8:30 AM + Beverly Bosin
by Roberta and Jim

Thursday, March 28 Holy Thursday

7:00 PM For an Increase in Vocations

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

1:30 PM Veneration of the Cross (SG)

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday

Noon Blessing of the Easter Baskets

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31

9:30 AM For the Living and Deceased
Members of Christ the King and
St. Gertrude Parishes

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 28, 30 & 31	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
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Thursday 7:00 PM	Melissa Anderson	SMI	Mary Jane Gruber
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Saturday 8:00 PM	Jack Canzano	Jack Billak Valerie Zanotti	Debby Vargo
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Sunday 9:30 AM	Andy & Kathy Balbo	Don Marco	SMI
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2024 DLA TARGET	DLA TO DATE	AMOUNT NEEDED
\$ 42,725.00	\$ 37,695.00	\$ 5,030.00

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 9 & March 10

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,064.00
Monthly	\$ 475.00
Loose	\$ 215.00
Votives	\$ 114.00
Utilities	\$ 75.00
Flowers	\$ 388.00
Cemetery	\$ 103.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 25.00
Good Friday	\$ 25.00
Easter	\$ 190.00
Holy Land	\$ 20.00



WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 16 & March 17

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,304.50
Monthly	\$ 550.00
Loose	\$ 279.00
Votives	\$ 69.00
Utilities	\$ 57.00
Flowers	\$ 239.00
Cemetery	\$ 51.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 51.00
Good Friday	\$ 51.00
Easter	\$ 150.00
Holy Land	\$ 36.00



Mass Intentions are available for **April** 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.

There will be no Faith Formation on Easter Sunday.



Monday, March 25 at **1:15 PM**, Saint Joseph, New Kensington

CDA MEETING AND BUS TRIP

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:00 PM. CPR demo is scheduled for this meeting. All members are encouraged to attend.

A bus trip is being planned for Saturday, April 13th, to St. Anthony Chapel in Pittsburgh, PA. Saint Anthony Chapel is a Catholic chapel in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, within the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The chapel is notable for the large number of relics it contains. The only place that has more relics is the Vatican. We need 14 people to fill the bus. It's first come first serve. It's \$26 for the bus which includes a gratuity. St. Anthony Chapel appreciates a donation, and we can stop on the way home for a late lunch/early supper for which each person will be responsible. Please contact the parish office by March 30th at 724-845-8191 if you are interested.



SUPPORT UKRAINIAN REFUGEE FUND

Support is needed for the Ukrainian Refugee Fund administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg, which provides assistance to individuals and families who have been forced to leave their homelands because of war. Visit ccharitiesgreensburg.org/donate/donate-now/ to donate. More than 100 families are on a waiting list to resettle in Western Pennsylvania.

YOUTH MINISTRY (GRADES 6-12)

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

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The holiest days of our liturgical year are quickly approaching. The Sacred Triduum invites us to enter into the central mysteries of our faith, where we can draw closer to God and find His life and transforming power in our own daily living. Good Friday is the day when we commemorate Christ's death and recall that saving act by which we are purified by his loving mercy upon the Cross.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is taken for the support of the services and facilities of the Church in the Holy Land. This is a special place where Jesus taught, healed, forgave, and finally suffered, died, and rose for our salvation. As good stewards of this place, we are responsible for the upkeep and preservation for future generations of the faithful. Monies from this collection are also used for the education and social service support of our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Your support to this collection is a means of expressing our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in this most sacred place and helping to meet the basic needs of the people living in the Holy Land, especially during this time of war and upheaval.

10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Join fellow pilgrims from the Diocese of Greensburg at the 10th National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Ind., July 17-21. The Diocese has reserved 100 five-day adult tickets to the event and a block of hotel rooms. Registration includes one adult five-day ticket, bus transportation to Indianapolis, transportation to the event center each day and a four-night hotel stay. Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. *Financial aid is available through the Francis Fund. For more information, contact Vincent Reilly, Managing Director of Faith, Family and Formation, at vreilly@dioceseofgreensburg.org.*



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EASTER TRIDUUM

The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as *The Mass of the Lord's Supper*. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified.

After the homily there is an optional "washing of the feet" ceremony, where the priest washes the feet of others to signify his role as servant—just as Jesus did with His disciples. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday on which no Mass will be celebrated anywhere.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," a place where the consecrated Host is kept, away from the main altar where Mass is normally celebrated.

The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the tabernacle is removed, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone.

The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass—it is a Communion Service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Veneration of the Cross usually takes place at this service, in which the priest and the faithful offer some sign of reverence to the cross.

A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. The vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: 1) the Service of Light, 2) the Liturgy of the Word, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Easter Sunday is then the celebration for which so many have been waiting. The forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving during Lent was in preparation for this day, when our hearts and souls can drink in deeply the culmination of the Paschal mystery: the Resurrection.



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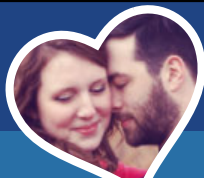
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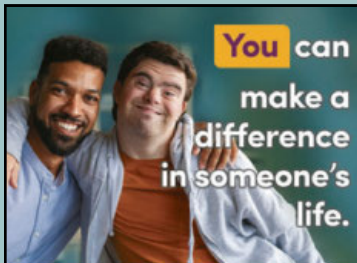
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