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**SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023**

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER



**"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you always, the Spirit of truth." - Jn 14:16-17a**

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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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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

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, May 15

*St. Isidore*

8:30 AM Richard Tedeski

Wednesday, May 17

8:30 AM Fr. James  
*by Associates of Mary - Vandergrift*

Thursday, May 18 *The Ascension of the Lord*

8:30 AM Susan Molinaro

6:00 PM For the People

Friday, May 19

8:30 AM Anna Luczak

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 20

4:00 PM William and Dorothy Macino  
*by Family*

Sunday, May 21

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM Loretta Putignano



*Please pray for the soul of the recently deceased  
**Marjorie (Hoffer) "Margie" Shannon**  
May the consolation of the Lord be with her family.*



Sanctuary Lamp

In Memory Of: Verna L. Rupert

*by Valerie Foreman*



Memorial Candle

In Honor Of: Frances Petrarca

*by Children*



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 6 & May 7

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,930.00
Loose	\$ 881.89
Utilities	\$ 10.00
Restoration	\$ 230.00
Ascension	\$ 10.00
Communications Media	\$ 5.00
Votives	\$ 103.00

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 18, 20 & 21	(EM)	(L)	(AS)
Thursday 8:30 AM		Fran Milie	Ed Troilo
Thursday 6:00 PM		Margaret Summerville	Fran Milie
Saturday 4:00 PM	Justin Delia	Sue Iagnemma	Maria Safranyos
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Fran Milie	Anthony Guerrera
Sunday 10:30 AM	Gerri Michela	Crystal Dellemonace	Dom/ Rachel



Due to Ascension Thursday on May 18th, the spaghetti dinner for May is moved to **Thursday, May 25th.**

### MOBILE MARKET DISTRIBUTION

The Westmoreland Food Bank is providing a monthly free fresh food giveaway at St. Gertrude Church. The event will take place the third Thursday (May 18) of each month, from 12-1 PM, in the parking lot between the church and school. No ID, no registration, no proof of income is required. Recipients must be at least 16 years old.



## Christ the King Parish

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE

Tuesday, May 16

8:30 AM Paul Ferrick  
by Alan and Terri Gallagher

Wednesday, May 17 *The Ascension of the Lord Vigil Mass*

6:00 PM For the People

Thursday, May 18 *The Ascension of the Lord*

12:10 PM Fr. Arnel Estrella  
by Kathy Daugherty

Saturday, May 20 *St. Bernardine of Siena*

8:30 AM For the Parish

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30 PM Vonnie Ferretti  
by Frank Kovalcik

Sunday, May 21

9:30 AM Walter and Dorothy Krzyczewski  
by Diane and Pat Kardos

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 17 & 18 20 & 21	(H)	(L)	(EM)
Wednesday 6:00 PM	Tony Buyny	Jack Billak	Debby Vargo
Thursday 12:10 PM	Susie George	Don Marco	Christine Vigna
Saturday 5:30 PM	Jack Canzano	Linda Fedorchak	Pam Pastiva
Sunday 9:30 AM	John Lucjak	Jack Billak	Margie Stull



Congratulations to our  
Newly Baptized

**Peyton Marie Rupert**

Child of

Thomas James Rupert and Angelina Marie Tirpak

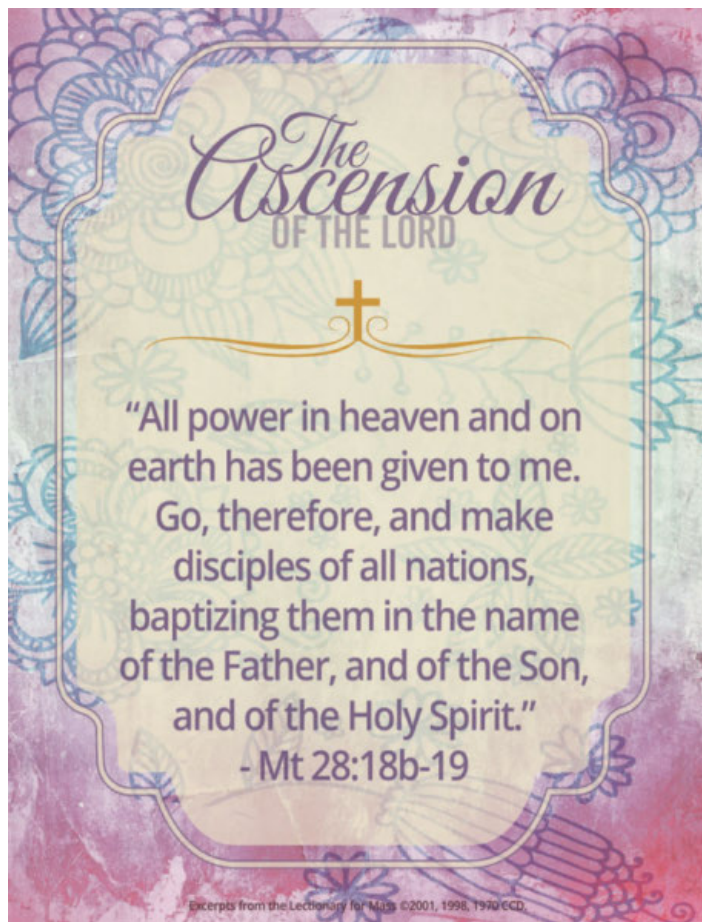
May they be her guide in Christian living.



### WEEKLY COLLECTION

May 6 & May 7

Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,091.00
Monthly	\$ 3,611.00
Loose	\$ 190.00
Votives	\$ 92.25
Accent	\$ 20.00
Cemetery	\$ 361.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 5.00
Good Friday	\$ 5.00
Easter	\$ 255.00
Ascension	\$ 135.00
Mother's Day	\$ 580.00
Father's Day	\$ 20.00
Holy Land	\$ 5.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 31.00
Communications Media	\$ 45.00



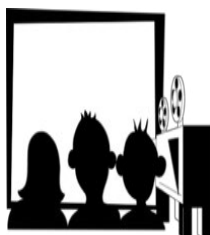
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# CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to our eighth graders who belong to St. Gertrude and Christ the King who were Confirmed by Bishop Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L. on Tuesday, May 7, 2023. Please pray that *Ali Bruno, Collin Dingman, Zach Hald, Anthony Honick, Leah Kunkle, Meela Peace, Avery Nix, Morgan Soxman and Jaxon Vargo* will continue to grow in their relationship with God, be strengthened and empowered by the Holy Spirit to be disciples of Jesus and continue to take ownership of their important role in our faith community. We offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the parents and the EDGE core team who have done a wonderful job of joyfully instructing our Confirmandi in the Catholic faith.

## BISHOP MORROW HOME

There are currently 2 openings at the Bishop Morrow Personal Care Home. For more information please call (724) 845-2828.



## "MOVIE NIGHT"

The Leechburg Area Museum and Historical Society invites you to bring your family and friends on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to Christ the King Church Hall, 125 Park Road, at 6:00 PM to "Movie Night" part 2 featuring films from the 2000 Leechburg anniversary celebration and newly uncovered films taken by R. W. Knoff of the 1950 celebration. Also showing will be a film done by Bob Davis on the history of Johnetta. For more information call 724-845-8917 or email lamahs@windstream.net

## CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN

Our Diocese will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) on May 20-21, 2023. By generously supporting this collection, you are helping to make our Church more accessible and connected to Catholics in our diocese and throughout the world.



CALLING ALL 21-45 YEAR OLDS

## YOUNG ADULT "FAITH AROUND THE CAMPFIRE"

JUNE 23, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

CONSTITUTION PAVILION AT CROOKED CREEK

All are welcome; Married, with or without children or single. Kids welcome. There is a playground near the Pavilion. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Hotdogs, S'mores & drinks provided.

Rain or Shine as there is a pavilion.

RSVP TO KATIE AT 724-212-6740



CALLING ALL SUPERHEROES!

[PRE-K (AGE 4 BY 8/31/23)-6TH GRADE]

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9:00-NOON

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# HAPPY Mother's DAY

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## Worship & Meditation

### Readings for the week of May 14, 2023

#### Sunday:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16,  
20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

#### Monday:

Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and  
9b/Jn 15:26-16:4a

#### Tuesday:

Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/  
Jn 16:5-11

#### Wednesday:

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/  
Jn 16:12-15

#### Thursday:

Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-  
20 *Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7,  
8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

#### Friday:

Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-  
23

#### Saturday:

Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn  
16:23b-28

#### Next Sunday:

*Ascension:* Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9  
(6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter:* Acts 1:12-14/  
Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 (13)/1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a



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### Gospel Meditation

#### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My dad was adopted as a baby. It's a big part of my family's story. His birth mother placed him in a Catholic orphanage not long after birth. A young couple longing for a baby strolled among the bassinets. My father, then only a few months old, looked at the husband and smiled. The man said, "That's my son." They took him home and the family grew. This moment of adoption was a wonderful truth they celebrated even when my dad was a young boy. They told him, "You're even more special than the other children, because we chose you to be our son." My dad's eyes well up with tears of gratitude whenever he tells the story, even eighty-three years later.

What is your story? Do we think or act like unwanted orphans? Who do we believe ourselves to be? As we continue to ponder Jesus' resurrection, we hear him say to us this Sunday, "I will not leave you orphans." God doesn't leave us alone like spiritual orphans. The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the Holy Spirit, who is also called the Spirit of Adoption. He chooses us to be His children, to share God's life forever. He gives us a future filled with hope. We are not orphans anymore! This Easter, that's the story we should share with others. It's the true story we are living right now.

— Father John Muir



## *May Faithful Challenge:* *Serve the poor & spend time* *in prayer to the Blessed Mother*

Bishop Kulick's May Faithful Challenge is to serve the poor and spend time in prayer to the Blessed Mother. From the very beginning, the Gospels tell the story of Mary, a person who embraces both material and spiritual poverty. First, we can pray to the Blessed Mother for a National Eucharistic Revival!



### **Diocesan Prayer for Eucharistic Revival**

Lord Jesus, You are the living bread  
who satisfies the hunger of the human heart.  
In the Eucharist, the bread and wine  
become Your Body and Blood,  
the gift of Yourself to the Church.  
Deepen our faith in Your Eucharistic presence  
and strengthen us as members of the Church,  
the Body of Christ.  
As we encounter and revere  
Your Eucharistic presence,  
open us to the needs of our brothers and sisters  
here and everywhere throughout the world.  
Help us to reveal Your love, Your promise,  
Your presence to them by our lives,  
and in all we say and do.  
Amen

*+ Larry J. Kulick*

The Most Reverend Larry J. Kulick, J.C.L.  
Bishop of the Diocese of Greensburg

Another way we can accept Bishop's Kulick's May Faithful Challenge is to serve the poor. Consider donating to Catholic Charities of the Diocese Greensburg. Last year, Catholic Charities provided nearly \$400,000 in material assistance to those in need. Visit **CCharitiesGreensburg.org** to learn more! Or, we could accept the challenge to become a volunteer with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, one of the largest charitable organizations in the world serving those in need. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is an international, nonprofit, Catholic lay organization of more than 850,000 men and women, in 150 countries worldwide.





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