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**ST. GERTRUDE PARISH**

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**CHRIST THE KING PARISH**

125 Park Road  
Leechburg, PA 15656  
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AUGUST 18, 2024

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me.”  
- Jn 6:56-57

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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**

The summer months include many celebrations, parties and picnics; graduations, birthdays, anniversaries. It is only natural when you are invited to a party to think about the gift that you will bring. Even when the invitation says, “No gifts, please,” most of us still show up with a bottle of wine, gift card or some other token of our affection. We bring gifts to show our gratitude for being invited and to show our love for the one being honored and celebrated. So, when God Himself invites you to the greatest celebration of all – the celebration of the Eucharist – do you bring a gift? Do you take time to wrap it in an envelope? Do you select a gift that truly reflects your gratitude for being invited to be a



Christ the King

part of God’s family? Do you bring a gift that shows your love for the crucified Jesus, who we remember at every Mass? The invitation to the Mass does not say “No gifts, please.” In fact, since God first called the Israelites to be His people He taught them, “No one shall appear before the Lord empty-handed, but each of you with as much as he can give, in proportion to the blessings which the Lord, your God has bestowed on you” (Deu 16:16-17)

**Parish Office**

125 Park Road Leechburg, PA, 15656  
(724) 845-8191

**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**

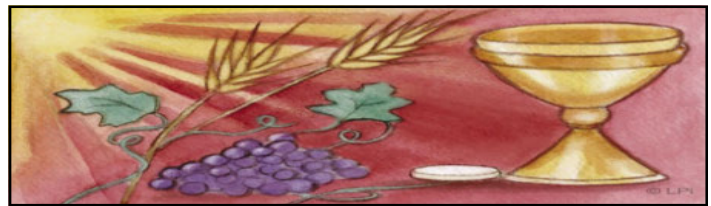
Saturday, 3:15 PM-3:45 PM.....St. Gertrude  
Saturday, 9:00 AM.....Christ the King  
(or by appointment)

**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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Joe Caporali  
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**CHRIST THE KING**

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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

Saturday, August 17	
4:00 PM	+ Ron Groholski <i>by Joann Pomatto</i>
Sunday, August 18	
8:00 AM	Living and Deceased Members of St. Gertrude and Christ the King Parishes
10:30 AM	+ Donna and Donald McIntyre <i>by Lisa and Lauren</i>
Monday, August 19 <span style="float: right;"><i>St. John Eudes</i></span>	
8:30 AM	+ Penny Stitt <i>by Husband</i>
Wednesday, August 21 <span style="float: right;"><i>St. Pius X</i></span>	
8:30 AM	+ Ron Groholski <i>by The Wyllly's</i>
Friday, August 23 <span style="float: right;"><i>St. Rose of Lima</i></span>	
8:30 AM	+ Judy and Matthew Tarosky <i>by Husband and Father, Tom Tarosky</i>

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 24	
4:00 PM	+ Ernie Pomatto <i>by Joan Pomatto</i>
Sunday, August 25	
8:00 AM	+ Perry A. and Mary Pinto <i>by Perry M. Pinto</i>
10:30 AM	No Intention

*Please pray for the soul of the recently deceased*  
**David Mottura**  
*May the consolation of the Lord be with his family.*

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 24 & 25	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00 PM	Gail Lightner	Sue Iagnemma	Nick Pityk
Sunday 8:00 AM	Patty Kiebler	Margaret Summerville	Anthony Guerrera
Sunday 10:30 AM	Gerri Michela	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom Dellemonache

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

August 10 & 11	
Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,478.00
Loose	\$ 313.25
Restoration	\$ 40.00
Votives	\$ 89.00
Energy	\$ 37.00
Accent	\$ 20.00
Benedictine Appeal	\$ 10.00
Palm Sunday	\$ 15.00
Easter	\$ 40.00
Assumption	\$ 80.00



### PRAYER OF EUCHARIST

Dear Lord,  
 May our congregation be more deeply assured of  
 Your love each time we receive Communion.  
 May our "Eucharist" make our lives a song of  
 worship and thanks, sung to You.  
 May this sacred food nourish us to be bold and  
 brave disciples of You.  
 Amen.



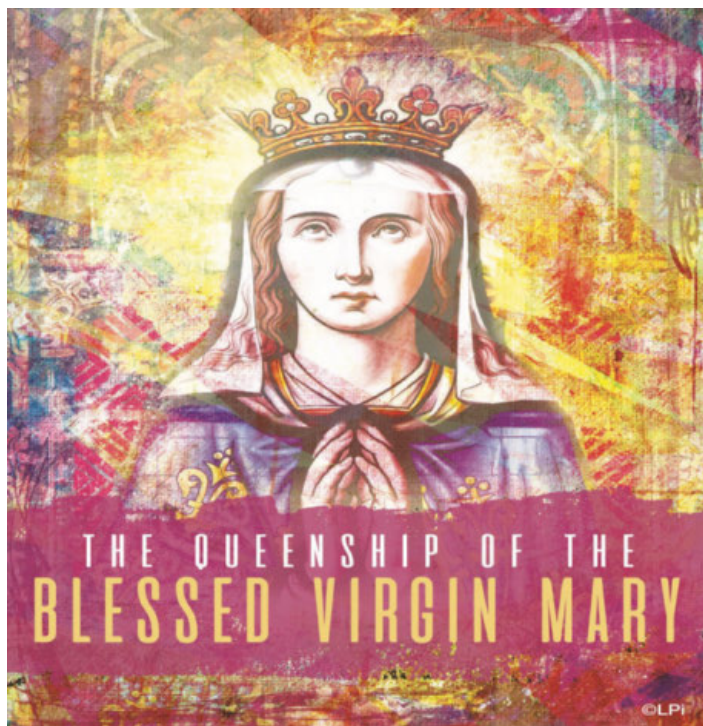
## Christ the King Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE	
Saturday, August 17	
8:30 AM	Eli <i>by Friends</i>
5:30 PM	Living and Deceased Members of Christ the King and St. Gertrude Parishes
Sunday, August 18	
9:30 AM	+ Marie Antoniono <i>by Joyful Praise Choir</i>
Tuesday, August 20 <span style="float: right;"><i>St. Bernard</i></span>	
8:30 AM	+ Emery Stublarec <i>by Family</i>
Thursday, August 22 <i>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Fred Paglisotti <i>by Sharon Robson</i>
Saturday, August 24 <span style="float: right;"><i>St. Bartholomew</i></span>	
8:30 AM	No Intention
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:30 PM	+ Barbara Wilken <i>by Kitty and Sue</i>
Sunday, August 25	
9:30 AM	Living and Deceased Members of Christ the King and St. Gertrude Parishes

Please pray for the soul of the recently deceased  
***Dorothy Garda***  
May the consolation of the Lord be with her family.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
August 24 & 25	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5:30 PM		Kathleen Uncapher	Pam Pativa
Sunday 9:30 AM	John Lucjak	Sisters of Mary Immaculate	Debby Vargo

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
August 17 & August 18	
Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,527.00
Monthly	\$ 960.00
Loose	\$ 144.00
Votives	\$ 80.00
Cemetery	\$ 220.00
Accent	\$ 10.00
Ascension	\$ 10.00
Assumption	\$ 140.00
Catholic University/Schools	\$ 20.00



We celebrate the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary because her Divine Son is King.

Pope Pius XII declared a dogma that the Immaculate Mother of God was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

He then established the feast of Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary and set the feast day to fall on the octave day (8th day) after the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. This day is August 22 every year.

## CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY/CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OF THE DIOCESE COLLECTION

Next weekend, August 24 & 25, a second collection will be taken in the Diocese of Greensburg to support Catholic education, both locally and nationally. Fifty percent of this collection goes to support The Catholic University of America and fifty percent is used to aid the Catholic schools here in our own Diocese.

The Catholic University in Washington, D.C. is unique among the Catholic institutions of higher education because it is the national university for the Catholic Church in the United States. It is the only higher education institution founded by the American bishops and chartered by the Vatican.

Here in the Diocese of Greensburg, we have ten grade schools and two high schools that offer a wholistic education that combines Christ's teachings with academic excellence and service to others. Our Catholic schools are an asset to our communities, and they prepare future leaders for the Church and the nation.



### FEAST OF ST. MARY OF CZESTOCHOWA

We welcome your presence and participation in the celebration of St. Mary of Czestochowa. The Holy Name Society of St. Mary of Czestochowa is celebrating the feast of their parish patron saint.

This glorious celebration will begin at 6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa church on Monday, August 26, 2024. The mass will be spoken and sung in Polish/English and highlighting a procession of the Polish Icon. There will be an ice cream social at the conclusion of the mass.

Veneration of the Icon will be held at St. Mary's on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and on Friday after mass at 9:30 AM.

This is a once in a lifetime celebration, so we encourage all to mark their calendars.

May the Lord bless you and protect you.



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**WASHINGTON D.C. PILGRIMAGE  
SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 21 - 2024**

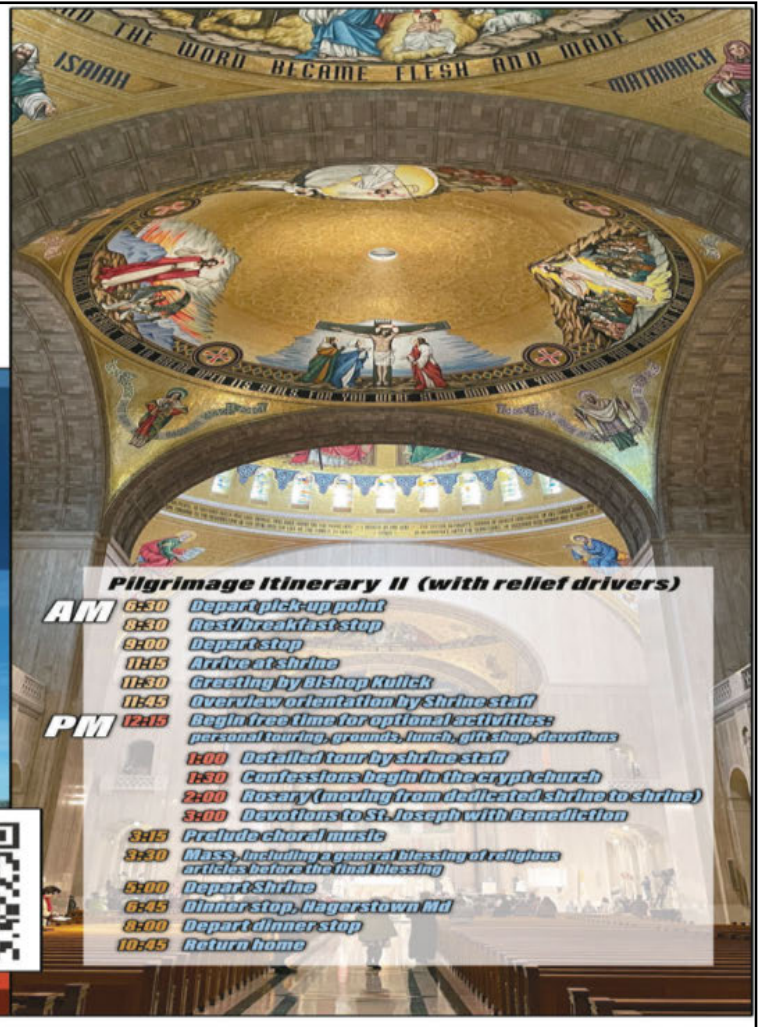
***The Joy of Joseph  
to Jesus through Mary***

Join Bishop Larry Kulick on a very special pilgrimage to the beautiful Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, where participants will honor Jesus Our Lord, his mother Mary, the patroness of the Diocese of Greensburg; and his foster father Joseph, to whose protection and guardianship the Diocese of Greensburg has been dedicated.



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND TO REGISTER  
GO TO THE LINK BELOW  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

[DioceseofGreensburg.org/National-Shrine-Pilgrimage](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/National-Shrine-Pilgrimage)



#### **Pilgrimage Itinerary II (with relief drivers)**

- AM** 6:30 Depart pick-up point  
8:30 Rest/breakfast stop  
9:00 Depart stop  
11:15 Arrive at shrine  
11:30 Greeting by Bishop Kulick  
11:45 Overview orientation by Shrine staff
- PM** 12:15 Begin free time for optional activities:  
personal touring, grounds, lunch, gift shop, devotions  
1:00 Detailed tour by shrine staff  
1:30 Confessions begin in the crypt church  
2:00 Rosary (moving from dedicated shrine to shrine)  
3:00 Devotions to St. Joseph with Benediction  
3:15 Prelude choral music  
3:30 MASS, including a general blessing of religious articles before the final blessing  
5:00 Depart Shrine  
6:45 Dinner stop, Hagerstown Md  
8:00 Depart dinner stop  
10:45 Return home





## PA MARCH FOR LIFE

Harrisburg, PA  
September 23, 2024



JOIN US on five coach buses with 13 pick-up locations taking Greensburg Diocesan Parishioners to the PA March for Life. All ages are encouraged to join Bishop Larry Kulick on this peaceful March supporting the unborn.

Use the link below or QR code to register.

Tell your loved ones, tell your friends:  
COME and support LIFE in Pennsylvania.  
All are welcome!



### General Itinerary:

Early AM – Bus Pick-up at 13 Parishes (Register to find out your pick-up time.)

11:00 – Bus arrival in Harrisburg

11:00 – 12:00 Rally (Eat your packed lunch during the rally.)

12:00 – 1:00 March

1:30 - 2:15 – Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral

3:00 - 3:45 – Meet with representatives and group photo

4:00 - Bus departure for home

TBD – Stop for dinner, drop-off at same pick-up location

Register Here:

<https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/pro-life-ministries/>

Need help? Contact Deacon Bill Newhouse at  
wnewhouse@dioceseofgreensburg.org

**EXPOSITION OF THE  
BLESSED SACRAMENT, ROSARY,  
CONFESSIONS, BENEDICTION.**  
**BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHEDRAL**  
**OCTOBER 5**  
**10:30 AM**

Diocese of Greensburg

**“SPIRITED” WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

Save the date: The 2024 “Spirited” Women’s Conference will be held Nov. 9. All women are invited to be renewed and refreshed by the teachings of Dr. Mary Healy and Jackie Francois Angel. Bring your daughters, mothers and sisters to experience the love of the Father. For more information contact Carolyn Cannizzaro, conference chairwoman, [atcannizzaro@DioceseofGreensburg.org](mailto:atcannizzaro@DioceseofGreensburg.org).

*Rejoice Always!*  
1 Thessalonians 5:16

	<p><b>A-Amy’s Notary</b> 313 Pershing Ave • Leechburg 724-236-0541 aamysnotary@yahoo.com</p> <p><i>Instant Renewals, Plates, Title Transfers, Boats, ATVs</i> <b>MON-FRI 9 TO 6 • SAT 9 TO 1</b></p>	<p><b>Tommy’s Catering</b> DAVE SPILLERS—OWNER Dave@TommysCateringPA.com office: 724.567.7673 or 412.793.5050 fax: 724.567.7058 Cell: 724.689.2924 TommysCateringPA.com</p> <p>WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS, 1ST COMMUNIONS, FUNERALS SERVING GREATER PITTSBURGH SINCE 2000</p>	<p><b>Bobbie’s Jewelers</b> Fine Jewelry Ring Sizing - Gold Chain Solder - Diamond Setting</p> <p>173 Columbia Avenue Vandergrift, PA 15690 (724) 567-6483</p> <p>Tues.-Fri. 11:00-4:30 Thurs. 11:00-6:00 Sat. 10:00-2:00</p>
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