



Saint Gertrude Parish

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March 10, 2019

The First Sunday of Lent

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Baptisms
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

Marriage Arrangements must be made at least 8 months in advance. No marriage dates will be given until meeting with the priest and all preparation is ready.

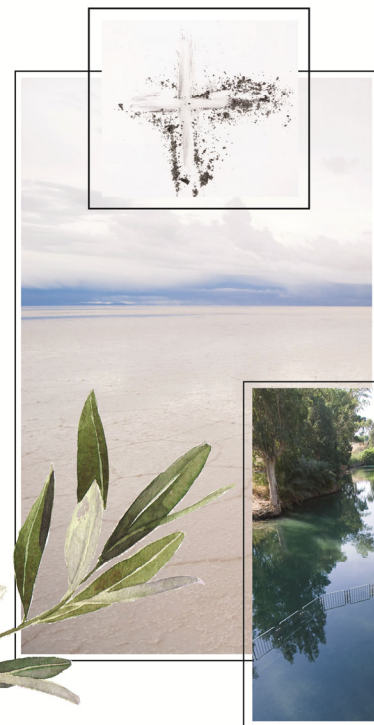
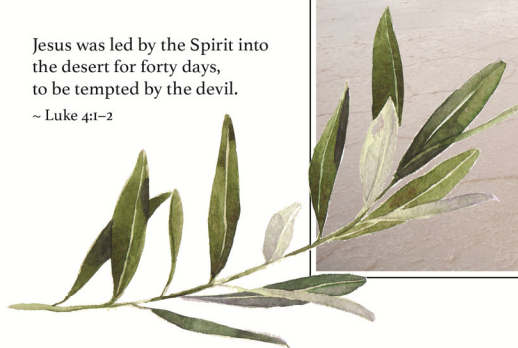
Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

See Bulletin for daily Mass Schedule
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. During School Year
Holy Day Mass Schedule
Holy Day ~ 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00
Friday- Closed
Confessions Saturday ~ 3:15-3:45pm or by Appointment



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.
~ Luke 4:1-2



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Pastoral 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 multi-cultural 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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Treasures from Our Tradition

Often, when a family keeps vigil around a person who is preparing for death, they may notice three interwoven activities. First, the dying person may become more prayerful and reflective than ever before, reviewing life's journey in gratitude to God, or seeking forgiveness and making amends for wrongs. Second, as death approaches, the need to eat and drink is lessened until even an ice cube brushed against the lips is satisfying. Third, persons who are dying often make plans to give their possessions away, making bequests, handing treasures down, providing for favorite charities. Prayer, fasting, and almsgiving: with these three pillars of Lent, we rehearse our death every year in this season, and anticipate the final work we will do in this life. And every year, at the end of our journey, is the joy of Easter and the experience of the victory of Christ over death's darkness and power. Annually, we remind ourselves that the Christian experiences the same power and presence at the end of life's journey: Christ to the rescue and the lasting joy of heaven.

Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps

119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Today's Readings

First Reading -- God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalms -- Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading -- The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel -- Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

Almsgiving Prayer, Fasting, & Temptation

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a

fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound.

Living Stations

The Youth Ministry at St. Ferdinand Parish, Cranberry Twp., will be presenting **Living Stations at Christ the King Church, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, on Sunday, March 17th at 7:30 PM.** The youth ministry consists of teens in 8th through 12th grades. They travel to different churches on Sunday's throughout the Lenten season with their presentation. Please make plans to join us for their very inspiring depiction of the passion, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Open your Heart to a Senior

Craft & Vendor Sale will be held on Saturday, March 16, 2019 from 9:00 - 3:00 p.m. at the Puckety Church Faith Hall, 1009 Puckety Church Road, Lower Burrell. Admission Free. Lunch available. Come find the perfect Easter or Mother's Day gift for yourself or your loved ones. Proceeds benefit *Open Your Heart to a Senior*.

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March 10, 2019

March 17th & 18th

4:00p.m. ~ Maria Safranyos
Domenic Dellemonache

8:00a.m. ~ Kyle & Peter
Poremski

10:30a.m. ~ Derek & Zachary
Hald

Collection March 2nd & 3rd

Envelopes ~ \$4,363.00

Children's ~ \$1.00

Loose ~ \$493.25

Church Restoration ~ \$155.00

Utilities ~ \$36.00

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at March 14 Spaghetti Dinner: Youth Ministry & Lectors: and at the March 28 Spaghetti Dinner: Eucharistic Ministers & First Catholic Slovak Lades Association—Branch 262.

Christ the King

Christ the King Parish, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, will be selling nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls for \$11.50 each, and Paska bread (round or braided/with or without raisins) for \$6.50 each. Deadline for roll orders is Monday, March 25th; deadline for Paska bread orders is Monday, April 1st. To order, call 724-842-0623 or 724-845-8615.

Second Collection

The Annual Catholic Home Missions Collection will be taken at Masses This week. The theme is "Strengthening the Church at

Home." and funds benefit dioceses in the United States that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. For more information about the collection, go to www.usccb.org/home-missions/collection.

Women's retreat

"Discerning the Call" at St. Emma March 15-17. The Greensburg Religious Vocation Council will host a retreat for women ages 18-35, "Discerning the Call," March 15-17 at St. Emma Retreat House, Greensburg. The cost is \$30. Register at basmelko@scsh.org or by calling 724-454-8524. All are welcome!

FUSED 4 Youth Ministry

Please Join us for XLT--Adoration of Our Lord on Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 PM at St. James the Greater Church (109 Owens View Avenue, Apollo, PA 15613). We have music from our worship band, an inspiring talk, a time for silent adoration, Benediction and Confession in the church. Our speaker is Mrs. Jamie Dillon, Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at Mt. St. Peter's, New Kensington. Her topic is "When the Body Fails Can Faith Prevail?: Addressing all types of illness (physical, mental, emotional)." Spread the word! Bring a friend! For more information contact Katie Tylinski, Regional Director of Faith Formation at 724-212-6740 or ktylinski@dioceseofgreensburg.org. This is a great way to start out your Lenten journey!

Mount Saint Peter Parish

Fish fry Fridays March 8 to April 12th. Eat in or Take out. 11:00 to 6:00. Take out orders call 724-335-1458. Call in orders accepted from

11:00am to 5:00pm. Orders must be picked up by 6:00pm. Credit/Debit cards accepted for payment for all orders. Allow a minimum of 45 to 60 minutes for order prep before pick up.

Regional Penance Service Schedule

Thursday, April 4: Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Vandergrift, 7:00pm.

Tuesday, April 9; St. Joseph Church, New Kensington, 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 10; Christ the King Leechburg, 7:00pm.

Thursday, April 11; St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell, 7:00pm.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

"Open your heart to HOPE," the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps parishes build HOPE. The DLA supports renovations and repairs in the parishes. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video of Father William McGuirk, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, explaining how the parish received \$40,000 from the DLA last year. They used it to renovate the social hall and remodel its kitchen, making it a more pleasant gathering space for the parish community. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE

XLT--Adoration of Our Lord is this Sunday, March 10th from 6:00-7:30 PM at St. James the Greater. We have music from our worship band, an inspiring talk, a time for silent adoration, Benediction and Confession. We will not be having a reception afterwards. The speaker is Jamie Dillon; Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at Mount Saint Peter's Parish, New Kensington. The topic is "When the Body Fails Can Faith Prevail?: Addressing all types of illness (physical, mental, emotional)." Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Faith Formation section:

Calendar of Faith Formation Sessions (Grades K-5) for March/April (6:00-7:30 PM) at St. James

March 10th—Pancake dinner before Faith Formation for those who registered and XLT after dinner (for parents and 6th-12th graders) & March 17th

April 7th & 14th—Seder Dinner at Christ the King replaces the session

Be sure to check KDKA-TV for snow cancellations.

FUSED 4 ~ March/April LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

(EDGE: Grades 6th-8th/LIFETEEN: grades 9th 12th ~ St. James Parish Underground/Upper Rooms ~ 6:00-7:30 PM)

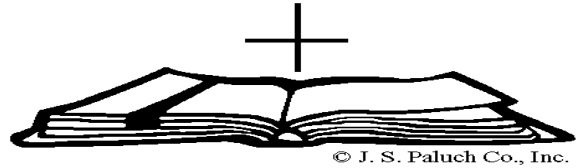
March: 10th—Pancake dinner/XLT ~ 17th—NO SESSION (see note below) ~ 24th—Youth Mass ~ 31st—Session
Extra activities: March 14th—Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Spaghetti Dinner, March 17th—Living Stations at Christ the King (in place of EDGE/LIFETEEN), March 28th—Kiski's musical, "The Sound of Music"

April: 7th—No EDGE/LIFETEEN (see note below) ~ 14th—No EDGE/LIFETEEN (see note below) ~ 21st—NO EDGE/LIFETEEN ~ 28th—Youth Mass at 5:00 PM at St. James with AMP to follow in the parish hall
Extra Activities: April 7th—Tajci Lenten Service at St. James (in place of EDGE/LIFETEEN), 14th—Seder Dinner at Christ the King

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The deadline for the National Catholic Youth Conference has been extended. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office as soon as possible if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Don't miss out on this life-changing experience!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 9, Vigil The First Sunday of Lent
4:00p.m. †Bill Mendicino

Sunday, March 10, The First Sunday of Lent
8:00a.m. †Mary Anuzik
10:30a.m. †Frank & Kathy Bruno

Monday, March 11, Lenten Weekday
8:30a.m. †Judy Wankee

Tuesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday
8:30a.m. †Ken Kanyo

Wednesday, March 13, Lenten Weekday
9:00a.m. †Louis & Mary Ann Scanga

Thursday, March 14, Lenten Weekday
12:10p.m. †Anointing Mass at Christ the King

Friday, March 15, Lenten Weekday
8:30a.m. †Steve Pasterick
12:10p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Gertrude
6:30p.m. Stations of the Cross at Christ the King

Saturday, March 16, Saturday Lenten Weekday
8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

Saturday, March 16, Vigil, Second Sunday of Lent
4:00p.m. †Paul & Dora Butera

Sunday March 17, Second Sunday of Lent
8:00a.m. †Virginia Loperfito
10:30a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish