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ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

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Pastor ~ Father James Loew O.S.B.



CHRIST THE KING PARISH

125 Park Road
Leechburg, PA 15656
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Senior Active Priest ~ Rev. Michael Sciberras



SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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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 13

8:30 AM Sean Deslaurier
by Don and Isabelle Ziegler

Wednesday, March 15

8:30 AM Jeffrey Gorencic
by Sam Zanotti

Friday, March 17
St. Patrick

8:30 AM Joseph and Henrietta Martier
by "Chops" Martier

10:10 AM Stations of the Cross

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 18

4:00 PM Frank Poleski Jr.

Sunday, March 19

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM Bernadine "Moliterno" Gemza



Memorial Candle: Week of March 12

In Memory Of: Robert E. Foreman

by The Foreman Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 18 & 19	(EM)	(L)	(AS)
Saturday 4:00 PM	Nick Pityk	Margaret Summerville	Ed Troilo
Sunday 8:00 AM	Patty Kiebler	Fran Milie	Anthony Guerrera
Sunday 10:30 AM	Gerri Michela	Barb Poremski	Dom/ Rachel

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

As Christians, we are called to follow the example of the Samaritan woman — to rush out, and proclaim what we have seen, that by our testimony and our belief, others may know Christ. Or
Sometimes, like the Samaritan woman, we can scarcely believe that God would meet us here in this fallen world. The truth of what he speaks and the beauty of what he proclaims is like a well of spring water in a dry desert. Do we dare accept the gift?

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 4 & March 5

Weekly Offertory	\$ 6,757.50
Loose	\$ 423.00
Utilities	\$ 55.00
Restoration	\$ 285.00
Home Missions of the Americas	\$ 20.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 163.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 120.00
Votives	\$ 137.00

A SPACE FOR GRACE: MUSIC FOR THE SEASON OF LENT

The Saint Vincent College Concert Singers and the Verostko Center for the Arts invite you to *A Space for Grace: Music for the Season of Lent* – an evening performance on Thursday, March 16 at 7:00 PM in the Saint Vincent Basilica Crypt. The evening concert will feature musical selections by Gregorio Allegri (1582 – 1652), Craig Courtney (b. 1948), Nancy Galbraith (b. 1951), and Henry Mollicone (1946 – 2022). As part of the evening Fr. Vincent de Paul Crosby, O.S.B., will offer insight into the details of the Crypt's meditative environment. The concert is free and reservations are not required. All are welcome.



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Christ the King Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 14

8:30 AM Margie Breski
by Paula Jo

Thursday, March 16

8:30 AM Fr. Patrick O'Connor
by Joseph and Yvette Kowal

Friday, March 17

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

8:30 AM For the Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30 PM Vonnie Ferretti
by Family

Sunday, March 19

9:30 AM Barbara Antoniono
by Linda Pastva-Callahan

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 4 & March 5

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,811.00
Monthly	\$ 100.00
Loose	\$ 195.00
Votives	\$ 72.00
Cemetery	\$ 52.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 25.00
Eastern European Collection	\$ 10.00
Home Missions of the Americas	\$ 71.00

Sincere thanks for your financial stewardship.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

	GREETERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER
March 18 & 19			
Saturday 5:30 PM	Jack Canzano	Valerie Zanotti	Mary Jane Gruber
Sunday 9:30 AM	Andy & Kathy Balbo	Don Marco	Chris Vigna

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:

Saturday, March 18th at 9 AM: Hall set-up will take place (men...we need your muscles!).

Sunday, March 19th at 10 AM: Measure ingredients and clean and grind nuts.

Monday, March 20th at 8:00 AM: Baking starts

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**Nut, Poppy Seed and Apricot Rolls - \$13.50 each**



Order deadline is March 13<sup>th</sup>

**Pick-up: March 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> between NOON - 4 PM**

**“PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BOXES FOR PICK-UP”**

[Orders not picked up by March 23<sup>rd</sup> will be sold]

**Paska Bread**

**Round or Braided**

**with raisins \$ 8.00**

**without raisins \$7.50**



Order deadline is March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Pick-up: March 28<sup>th</sup> & March 29<sup>th</sup> between NOON - 4 PM**

[Orders not picked up by March 29<sup>th</sup> will be sold.]

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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.

LENTEN LUNCHEON

Our parish is hosting the weekly Lenten luncheon sponsored by the Leechburg Ministerium on Friday, March 17. These luncheons are held every Friday in Lent at Crossroads Community Church. They begin at 11:45 AM with a brief message from a representative of the host church followed by a light lunch that includes a meatless option. Please join in fellowship and worship with the other members of our community during this holy season.

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 724-212-6740

THE WELL: Be Not Afraid.

During this season of Lent, there are many opportunities to enrich our faith lives as we move toward the glorious celebration of Easter. One of those opportunities, specifically for the men of our Diocese, is the upcoming conference, *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 a.m. The cost, which includes lunch, is \$50. Scholarships are available.

In addition to a wonderful lineup of speakers, there will be opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration, which is especially important as we continue our three-year process of Eucharistic Revival. Bishop Larry J. Kulick will conclude the day with the celebration of Mass at 4 p.m.

To register, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/TheWell.

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

“The confessional
is not a
TORTURE CHAMBER,
but the place in which
the Lord's Mercy
MOTIVATES US
to do better.”

- POPE FRANCIS

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

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SAINT GERTRUDE PARISH
CHURCH HALL

SPAGHETTI DINNER

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023
4 P.M. UNTIL 7 P.M.

EAT IN

ADULTS: \$10.00 (13 AND UP)

CHILDREN: \$5.00 (5 TO 12)

CHILDREN: FREE (4 AND UNDER)



TAKE-OUT

ADULTS
\$10.50

CHILDREN
\$5.50



March Faithful Challenge: Lenten Reflections

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for Lenten Evenings of Reflection

Throughout March, Bishop Kulick challenges the faithful to attend Lenten Evenings of Reflection at one or all of the five parishes listed below in the Diocese of Greensburg. For those who are able to attend, Bishop Kulick has a special Lenten pin to be worn as a sign of intentional discipleship. Bishop Kulick's Lenten Evenings of Reflection focus on the Sunday Gospels proclaimed during Lent. His reflections will be recorded and available for viewing on the Diocese of Greensburg website or on the Diocese Facebook page.

Tuesday, February 28 - 6:00 PM

Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro

Topic: Called to Confidence in Faith:
The Temptation of "Now"

Tuesday, March 7 - 6:00 PM

Saint Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown

Topic: Transfiguration through Listening

Thursday, March 16 - 6:00 PM

Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer Site

Topic: Companions on the Journey

Tuesday, March 21 - 6:00 PM

Saint Joseph Parish, Derry

Topic: Seeing Through Our Blindness:
Light in the Darkness

Wednesday, March 29 - 6:00 PM

Saint Bruno Parish, Greensburg

Topic: The Compassion of Christ:
Rising to New Life

Challenge Yourself:

- Plan to join Bishop Kulick for a Lenten Evening of Reflection in person
- Watch the recorded Lenten Evenings of Reflection on the Diocese Facebook page or on the website:
DioceseofGreensburg.org



Eucharistic Revival is a three-year process initiated by the USCCB to invite the faithful to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives. While much of year one involves providing devotional and formational opportunities for parish and Diocesan staff, you, too, can be a part of Eucharistic Revival right now! Visit the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page every Thursday to participate in a Faithful Challenge, and hopefully you will feel yourself growing in a relationship with Christ. Visit the Eucharistic Revival resource page at

DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival for videos, prayers and gathering dates. Consider Bishop Kulick's invitation to become an intentional disciple this year!

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