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ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

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Pastor ~ Father James Loew O.S.B.



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125 Park Road
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Senior Active Priest ~ Rev. Michael Sciberras



SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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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 6

8:30 AM Ernest Pomatto
by Joe Gapinski

Wednesday, March 8

St. John of God

8:30 AM William "Bill" Mendicino
by Sister, Ida Lucas

Friday, March 10

8:30 AM Joe Dupal, Jr.
by Susie, Kathy and Larry

10:10 AM Stations of the Cross

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Saturday, March 11

4:00 PM Karl Beyer
by Mom and Dad Ziegler

Sunday, March 12

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM Patricia Bash
by Becky and Bill Hald



Memorial Candle: Week of March 5

In Memory Of: Luigi and Rose Gallo

by The Hollingers

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 11 & 12	(EM)	(L)	(AS)
Saturday 4:00 PM	Justin Delia	Gail Lightner	Gary Lightner
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Christine Lamanna	Anthony Guerrera
Sunday 10:30 AM	Anna Malvone	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom/ Rachel



SPAGHETTI DINNER

The next spaghetti dinner will be on Thursday, March 16th. Hope to see you there.

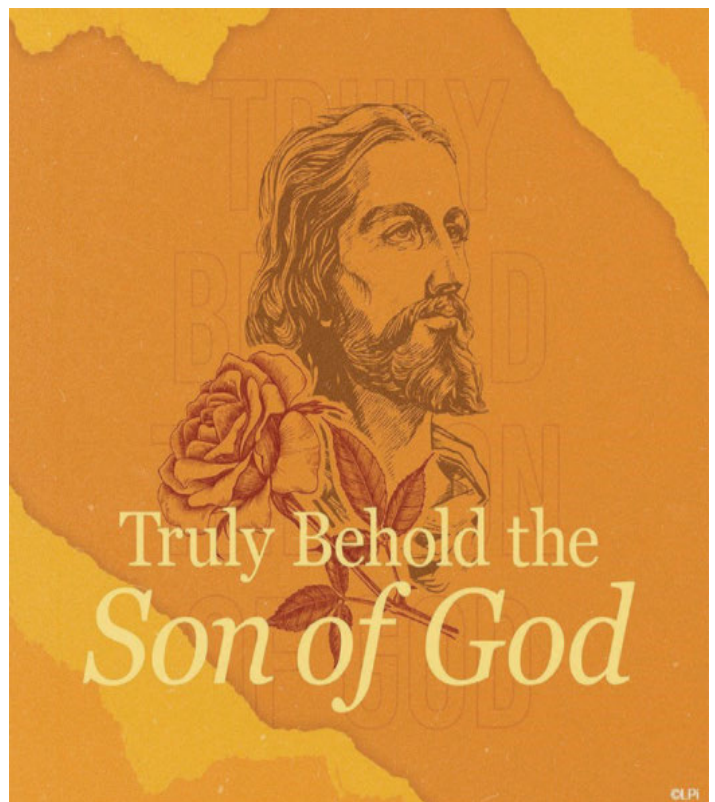
WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 25 & February 26

Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,038.00
Loose	\$ 451.00
Utilities	\$ 262.00
Restoration	\$ 135.00
Home Missions of the Americas	\$ 830.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,261.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 30.00
Votives	\$ 150.00

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Volunteers are needed to help a seniors get to medical appointments. If you enjoy driving and would be willing to help a senior get the important medical care they need, volunteer today with Open Your Heart to a Senior. Schedule is flexible. We work with your schedule and provide training and support. For more information contact 724-205-6282 or OYHS@wfspa.org.



Christ the King Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 7

Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

8:30 AM

Paul Ferrick

by Alan and Terri Gallagher

Thursday, March 9

St. Frances of Rome

8:30 AM

Helen Madarasz

by Larry

Friday, March 10

6:00 PM

Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11

8:30 AM

For the Parish

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:30 PM

Mary Kepics and Sherry Morrow

by Family

Sunday, March 12

9:30 AM

Loretta Carroll

by Gene, Don and Family



WEEKLY COLLECTION

February 25 & February 26

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,453.00
Monthly	\$ 1,105.00
Loose	\$ 194.00
Utilities	\$ 32.00
Votives	\$ 95.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 1,007.00
Cemetery	\$ 85.00
Eastern European Collection	\$ 25.00
Home Missions of the Americas	\$ 590.00

Sincere thanks for your financial stewardship.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March
11 & 12

GREETERS

LECTOR

EUCCHARISTIC
MINSTER

Saturday
5:30 PM

Pam
Pastiva
Susie
George

Linda
Fedorchak

Debby
Vargo

Sunday
9:30 AM

John
Lucjak

Kathleen
Uncapher

Kathy
Daugherty

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.

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—**8th** (Living Stations at Christ the King), **19th, 31st** (Shadows Stations of the Cross at St. Lawrence)

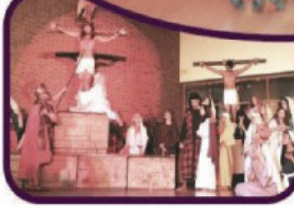
April—**2nd** (Palm Sunday event with Christ the King/St. Gertrude), **16th, 30th** (last Faith Formation session)

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**

LIVING STATIONS



AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH

7:30 PM ~ SUNDAY, MARCH 5TH

**PRESENTED BY
LIVING STATIONS MINISTRY**

FROM ST. KILIAN & HOLY SEPULCHER PARISHES

Stations of the Cross

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?

Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

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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ST. LAWRENCE YOUTH MINISTRY**



Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for
**Lenten Evenings
of Reflection**

**Stations
of the Cross**

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

Friday, February 24 - 7:00 PM
Saint Florian Parish, Mount Pleasant
Intention: For Peace in Ukraine and the World


Friday, March 3 - 5:30 PM
Blessed Sacrament Cathedral, Greensburg
Intention: For Vocations in the Diocese of Greensburg

Wednesday, March 8 - 7:00 PM
Saint Joan of Arc Parish, Farmington
Intention: For the Homebound and Infirm

Friday, March 17 - 7:00 PM
Saint Ambrose Parish, Avonmore
Intention: For the Deceased

Friday, March 24 - 12:00 PM
Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Coral
Intention: For the Personal Intentions of the
Faithful of the Diocese of Greensburg

Friday, March 31 - 1:45 PM
Divine Redeemer School, Ford City
(at Christ Prince of Peace Church)
Intention: For the Youth



Diocese of Greensburg

Lent

Question:

Lent always seems to help me renew my relationship with God and strengthen my religious practice. Do you have any suggestions as to what I could do to achieve that the rest of the year?

Answer:

The obvious answer may seem to be to do whatever you do during Lent all year round. But part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. Therein lies the secret. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthful food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our
trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.

He saved us and called us to a holy life.
(2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

We have been tasked with the awesome responsibility of bearing witness to Jesus transfigured. We have seen what is real. We have heard what is true. Do we have the courage to rise, and not be afraid?

Observances for the week of March 5, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious
Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious
Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent, Daylight Saving
Time begins



Saint of the week

Sister Thea Bowman tirelessly blazed a way for Black Catholics to fully live their faith out loud and with joy! You can listen to her music on all streaming services and experience her legacy through the many institutions that now boast her name.

Prayer

Prayer for Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman's intercession

Ever loving God, who by your infinite goodness inflamed the heart of your servant and religious, Sister Thea Bowman with an ardent love for you and the People of God; a love expressed through her indomitable spirit, deep and abiding faith, dedicated teaching, exuberant singing, and unwavering witnessing of the joy of the Gospel.

Her prophetic witness continues to inspire us to share the Good News with those whom we encounter; most especially the poor, oppressed, and marginalized. May Sister Thea's life and legacy compel us to walk together, to pray together, and to remain together as missionary disciples ushering in the new evangelization for the Church we love.

Gracious God imbue us with the grace and perseverance that you gave your servant, Sister Thea. For in turbulent times of racial injustice, she sought equity, peace, and reconciliation. In times of intolerance and ignorance, she brought wisdom, awareness, unity, and charity. In times of pain, sickness, and suffering, she taught us how to live fully until called home to the land of promise. If it be your Will, O God, glorify our beloved Sister Thea, by granting the favor I now request through her intercession (mention your request), so that all may know of her goodness and holiness and may imitate her love for You and Your Church. We ask this through Your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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