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SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?" - Jn 14:2

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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 8

8:30 AM Ernie Pomatto
by Ruth Roberto

Wednesday, May 10

St. John of Avila

8:30 AM Paul Petrarca
by Children

Friday, May 12

Ss. Nereus and Archilleus and St. Pancras

8:30 AM Joe Mazur

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 13

4:00 PM Bonnie Bober

Sunday, May 14

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM Patricia Moliterno &
Patrice Moliterno Sharp
Frank "Beans" Moliterno

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 13 & 14	(EM)	(L)	(AS)
Saturday 4:00 PM	Nick Pityk	Gail Lightner	Gary Lightner
Sunday 8:00 AM	Patty Kiebler	Christine Lamanna	Anthony Guerrera
Sunday 10:30 AM	Carlo Fantuzzo	Rebecca Borland	Dom/ Rachel



Memorial Candle In Honor Of:

Paul Petrarca

by Children



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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 29 & April 30

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,394.00
Loose	\$ 385.00
Utilities	\$ 23.00
Restoration	\$ 57.00
Votives	\$ 101.00

ONE BODY IN CHRIST DIOCESAN LENTEN APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Thus far, we have raised \$56,220, and \$10,960 will be returned to our parish to start an Endowment Fund for our future. We need \$49,040 to reach our parish goal of \$60,000. The appeal runs through May. If you have not made a gift, check this week's mail for a reminder. Please prayerfully consider making your gift and joining with those who have as One Body in Christ.



FIRST COMMUNION

Please pray for our second grade children belonging to St. Gertrude who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time this Sunday, May 7th at the 10:30 AM Mass: *Cruz Burns, Samuel Colamarino, Vincent Craig, Penelope Eckenrode, Nico Enciso, Lincoln Porter, Landon Szostak and Wyatt Soxman.*

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 9

8:30 AM Margie Breski
by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Dezzutti
and Family

Thursday, May 11 *Anointing Mass*

12:10 PM Aleda Favero
by Mary Kasanicky

Saturday, May 13 *Our Lady of Fatima*

8:30 AM For the Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:30 PM Connie Matarrese
by Ruth Sulava

Sunday, May 14

9:30 AM Keith Miccolis
by Mother and Sisters

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 13 & 14	(H)	(L)	(EM)
Saturday 5:30 PM	Jack Canzano	Valerie Zanotti	Mary Jane Gruber
Sunday 9:30 AM	John Lucjak	Kathleen Uncapher	Kathy Daugherty



"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." — Jn 14:2-3

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WEEKLY COLLECTION

April 29 & April 30

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,562.00
Monthly	\$ 1,813.00
Loose	\$ 412.65
Votives	\$ 93.00
Utilities	\$ 6.00
Accent	\$ 3.00
Cemetery	\$ 120.00
Easter	\$ 70.00
Mother's Day	\$ 45.00

One Body In Christ

DIOCESAN LENTENAPPEAL

Thank you to everyone who made a gift to the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Thus far, we have raised \$48,105 and \$5,880 will be returned to our parish to upgrade the sprinkler system. We need \$44,120 to reach our parish goal of \$50,000. The appeal runs through May. If you have not made a gift, check this week's mail for a reminder. Please prayerfully consider making your gift and joining with those who have as One Body in Christ.



The overall significance of Our Lady of Fatima is straightforward. She implored the children to engage in prayer, reparation, repentance, and sacrifice, and the abandonment of sin. Before Our Lady appeared to the three shepherd children, Lucy, Francisco, and Jacinta, the Angel of Peace visited them in order to prepare them to receive Our Lady.



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VISITS TO THE HOMEBOUND

Do you or do you know someone who is not able to come to church because of an illness or is homebound? Please call the parish office to arrange a pastoral visit ~ (724)845-8191 or (724)568-2331.



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Registration is open for the Diocese of Greensburg's Eucharistic Congress. "Creating a Eucharistic Community: Forming Disciples of Christ in Love and Service" will feature engaging workshops, speakers and national experts who will provide insight into fostering a Eucharistic culture in parishes, schools and the Diocese. Diocesan and parish staff and members of the general public can select from one of two sessions: May 8-10 or May 9-11. To view a list of speakers, visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival. Attendance is free for the first 400 people to register.

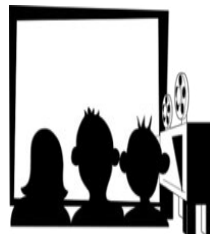
"THE CATHOLIC ACCENT"

Intentional Disciples, those who love and care for others with a purpose, are featured on the next edition of "The Catholic Accent" television program airing on WPXI, Channel 11, on Sunday, May 14, at 11:30 a.m. The program will also air on Sunday, May 21, and a half dozen more times on MeTV. Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick as he discusses the call of intentional discipleship locally and its role in the National Eucharistic Revival.

More than 1,000 people in one day visited Christ Our Shepherd Center in Greensburg to participate in a one-of-a-kind immersive experience. "The Catholic Accent" highlights other unique events in store for our faith community.

And, "The Catholic Accent" helps you plan your summer by featuring the upcoming festivals scheduled at parishes across the Diocese, including a special international food festival.

"The Catholic Accent" is always on at TheAccentOnline.org.



"MOVIE NIGHT"

The Leechburg Area Museum and Historical Society invites you to bring your family and friends on Friday, May 19th 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

BUS TRIP TO RIVERS CASINO

Our Lady, Queen of Peace Parish, East Vandergrift, and St. James Parish, Apollo, are sponsoring a day trip to Rivers Casino in Pittsburgh Tuesday, May 23. Participants must be at least 21. The motor coach will depart from the St. James Parish parking lot at 9 a.m. Cost is \$35, which includes gratuity for the bus driver and \$10 in free play. Participants need a state-issued photo ID to receive the free play. To register, call 724-478-4958.

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Divine Redeemer School is again participating in The Armstrong County Community Foundation's Week of Giving! Last year we raised \$10,882.00. With your support, we can surpass last year's donations.

All qualifying donations must be RECEIVED from May 8, 2023 through May 12, 2023 and RECEIVED in the Foundation office either by mail or from the participating non-profit by Friday, May 12 at 5:00 pm.

ANY DONATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 5:00 PM MAY 12 EITHER BY MAIL OR DROPPED OFF AFTER 5:00 PM MAY 12 WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS THE BONUS FUND

The options to receive contributions are:

1. Write a check payable to the Divine Redeemer School.
2. Mail it to Divine Redeemer School-726 4th Ave.-Ford City, PA 16226 OR
3. Mail it to Week of Giving, PO Box 895, Kittanning, PA 16201
4. Also, you may drop off at the following locations:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 8:00 am – 3pm Armstrong County Community Foundation office

Thursday, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm NexTier Bank, 222 Market Street, Kittanning, PA

Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm Armstrong County Community Foundation office

Donations:

Minimum Gift* : \$20.00 ■ Maximum Gift* : \$5,000.00 per donor – per organization

*Absolutely NO cash donations will be accepted.

Please share this information with family and friends. Thank you

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of May 7, 2023

Sunday:

Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next 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



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you had to summarize the essential core of the Christian life, what would it be? Mercy, truth, or love, perhaps? The readings today suggest another word which may surprise you. That word is *priesthood*.

St. Peter says to us, “**You are a ‘chosen race, a royal priesthood...**” To be part of a priesthood is to offer a particular sacrifice in order for the community to survive and thrive. Jesus is the great high priest because he offers the one perfect sacrifice which heals and perfects the entire human race. Peter the Apostle wants us to know that all the baptized share in this priestly ministry. The whole of our lives, including every detail, is meant to become our acceptable offering to God.

The baptized exercise this priesthood in many ways, I'll mention three. At Sunday Mass, in private prayer, and in daily work. At Mass, we offer the sacrifice of our lives with that of the priest, who symbolizes Christ the Priest. In our prayer, a “morning offering” prayer is a great way to offer up all the joys and sufferings of the day to come. In our daily work, we sacrifice our time, comfort, money, and energy to do good for others. All this gives the deepest possible meaning to our lives: we share in the priesthood which saves the world. That's at the core of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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