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JULY 14, 2024

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

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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.

OFFERTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS



St. Gertrude

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



Christ the King

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 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
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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.

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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, July 15		<i>St. Bonaventure</i>
8:30 AM	+ Patrick Dawson	<i>by Mother</i>
Wednesday, July 17		
8:30 AM	+ Perry A. and Mary Pinto	<i>by Perry M. Pinto</i>
Friday, July 19		
8:30 AM	+ Angela and Frank Marino	<i>by Dennis Marino</i>
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Saturday, July 20		
4:00 PM	+ Vito N. and Dolores Palatella	<i>by Sister, Rosalind and the Palatella Family</i>
Sunday, July 21		
8:00 AM	+ Norma Jean Ferrera	<i>by Husband, Robert Ferrera</i>
10:30 AM	For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Gertrude and Christ the King Parishes	

Sanctuary Lamp for the week of July 14, 2024
In Memory of: Guido and Carmela DePaul
by Ida, John and Bill Lucas

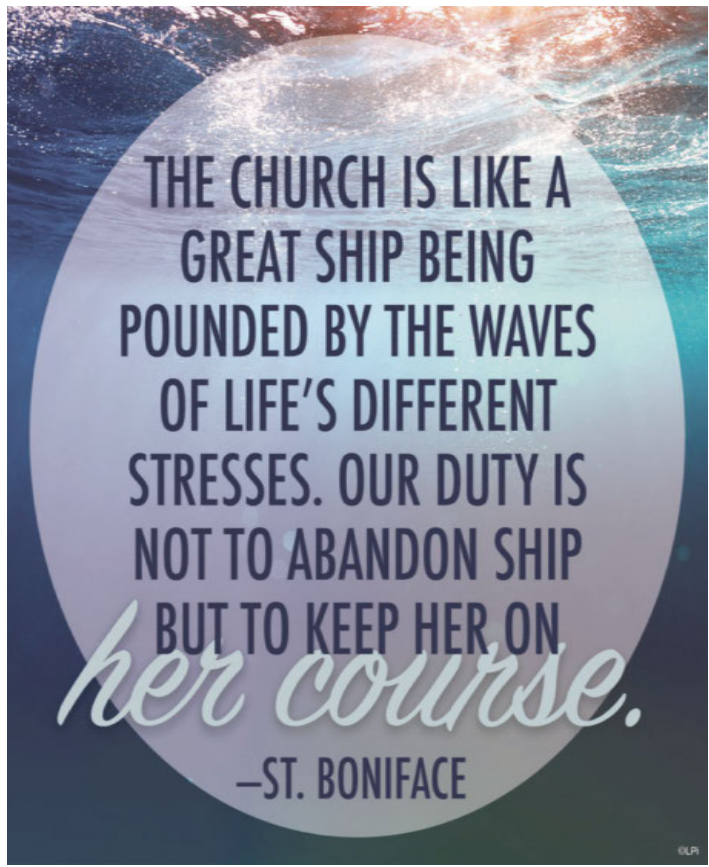
Memorial Candle for the week of July 14, 2024
In Memory of : Joe Civitillo
by The Hollingers

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 20 & 21	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00 PM	Gerri Michela	Gail Lightner	Nick Pityk
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Tammie Amendola	Art
Sunday 10:30 AM	Margaret Summerville	Rebecca Borland	Dom

WEEKLY COLLECTION (STG)

	Envelopes July 6 & 7	Online Giving June 2024
Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 3,014.00
Loose	\$ 357.00	
Restoration	\$ 321.00	\$ 290.00
Utility/Energy	\$ 55.00	\$ 298.00
Votives	\$ 99.00	
Accent	\$ 50.00	\$ 10.00
Ascension	\$	
Peter's Pence/ Holy See	\$ 20.00	
Benedictine Appeal	\$ 120.00	



MOBILE MARKET

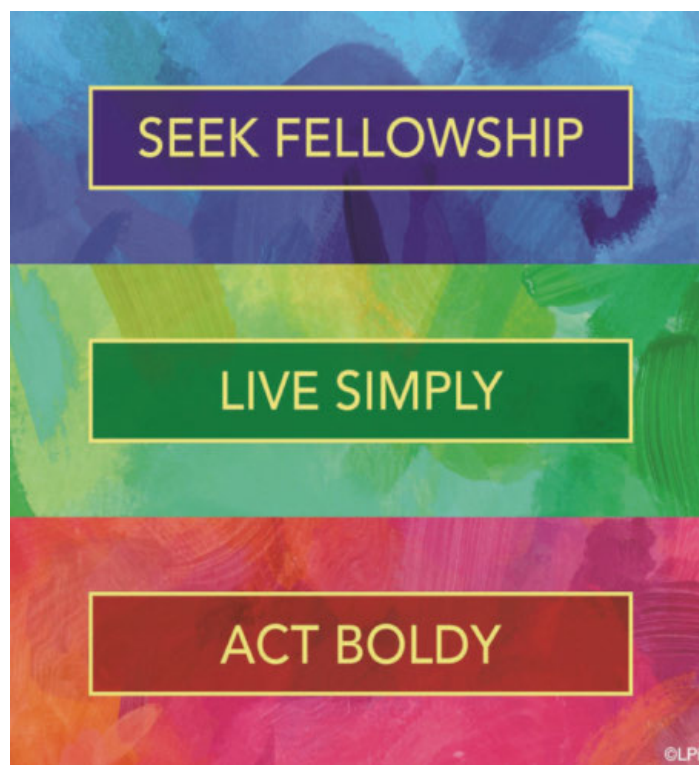
Due to a human services fair the Westmoreland Food Bank must attend utilizing the Mobile Market, the food distribution scheduled at St Gertrude parking lot on Thursday, July 18 is canceled. The next Mobile Market will be Thursday, August 15.

Christ the King Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE	
Tuesday, July 16 <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Mary Jacob <i>by Sister Jossy</i>
Thursday, July 18 <i>St. Camillus de Lellis</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Stephen Sherden <i>by Virginia and Kim</i>
Saturday, July 20 <i>St. Apollonaris</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Tom Defilippi <i>by Kitty Norton</i>
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:30 PM	For the Living and Deceased Members of Christ the King and St. Gertrude Parishes
Sunday, July 21	
9:30 AM	+ Florence Truffa <i>by Diane Chavara</i>

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
July 20 & 21	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5:30 PM	Pam Pativa	Don Marco	Chris Vigna
Sunday 9:30 AM	John Lucjak	Valerie Zanotti	Margie Stull

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	Envelopes July 6 & 7	Online Giving June 2024
Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,354.00	\$ 361.00
Monthly	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 195.00
Loose	\$ 359.00	
Votives	\$ 94.00	
Cemetery	\$ 333.00	
Accent	\$ 98.00	
Assumption	\$ 22.00	
Peter's Pence, Holy See	\$ 45.00	
Catholic University/ Schools	\$ 1.00	



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for more volunteers for our Church Cleaning Committee. Cleaning starts at 7:00 AM on Wednesdays and generally is finished between 8:00-8:15 AM. Current clearances are a must. Thank you.

A DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Join Carmelite friar Brother John-Mary Winter, OCD for a Day of Recollection titled *Lord, Teach Us to Pray* at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg, August 10, 10 AM - 3 PM. Learn more about the Divine Love Story that God has called us to, and deepen your prayer life. Br. John-Mary will help you along the path of reflective meditation and show you how to overcome obstacles and distractions in prayer.. Saturday daily mass will be offered, and lunch is provided. The cost is \$25. For more information or to register, visit www.DioceaseofGreensburg.org/carmelite-events.

BLOOD DRIVE

St. Gertrude Parish is sponsoring a blood drive in honor of two of our parishioners, Shelia Mendicino and Susan Kovalcik, on Thursday, July 25th from 1:30 to 7:00 PM in the church basement. Our hope is twofold; to help in the replenishment of the blood supply needed for future surgeries/transfusions/transplants, etc. and to bring awareness to organ donations.

To schedule an appointment to donate:

- * Go to vitalant.org and search with Account Code 100560102
- * Call 1-877-25VITAL.
- * Or scan code for a list of all available times

(Pre-registration is recommended but not required)

We value your support and appreciate your help in getting the word out.



MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions are available for **July and August** at both parishes. Please call the church office at (724) 845-8191 if you would like to schedule a Mass.



Youth Ministry Summer Events Grades 6-12

Volunteer Day at the Community Clothes Closet

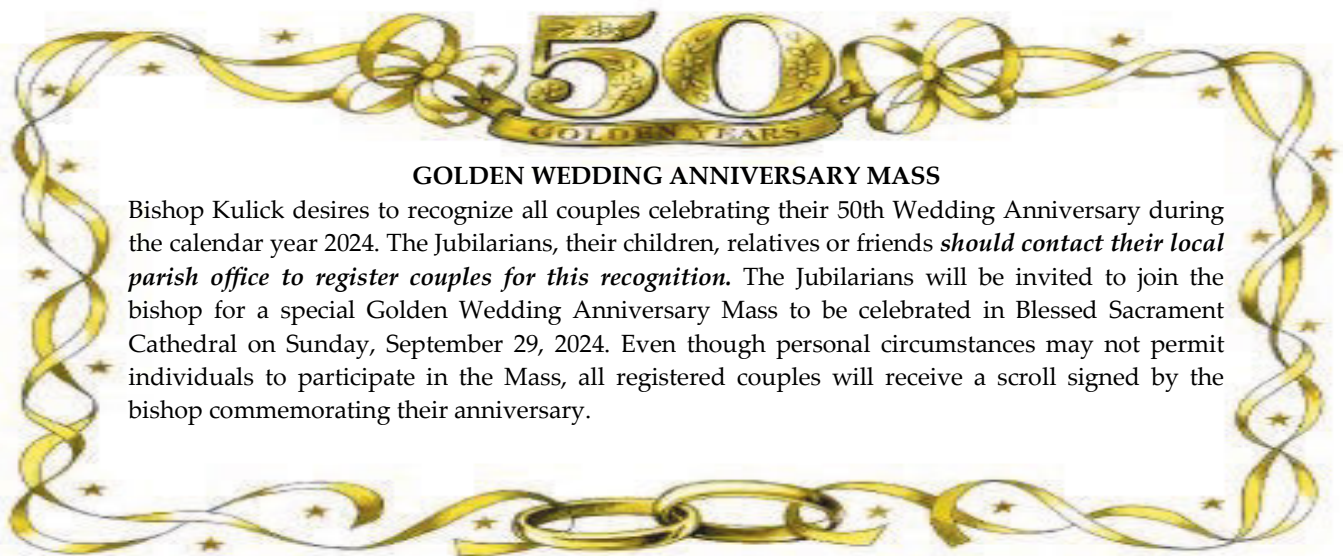
1129 Kenneth Ave, New Ken, PA 15068

Saturday, July 27: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Give back to the community by volunteering at the Community Clothes Closet. Youth group volunteers will help serve a hot dog lunch to CCC patrons and volunteers. It's a great way to earn service hours and put your faith into action!



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GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Kulick desires to recognize all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2024. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends **should contact their local parish office to register couples for this recognition.** The Jubilarians will be invited to join the bishop for a special Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on Sunday, September 29, 2024. Even though personal circumstances may not permit individuals to participate in the Mass, all registered couples will receive a scroll signed by the bishop commemorating their anniversary.

Note from the Pastor –

Clearance and training update: I just wanted to offer another word of “thanks” to our seminarian, Mario, and the office staff at the parishes who continue to assist people with their trainings and getting their clearances. I greatly appreciate the time, effort and energy that has gone into this process. “Thank you” as well to all who have stepped forward to update their file so that mission and ministry can continue in our parishes.

To be clear, not everyone has decided to complete the process. As a reminder, if anyone does not complete the process, you are not permitted to volunteer. I have asked that trainings and clearances be completed by 3:00pm on Friday, July 19. This is so that I can get an accurate assessment of our volunteers, and complete my portion of the audit on the files. This deadline does not mean that trainings and clearances cannot be obtained beyond this date. Trainings and clearances can indeed be obtained beyond Friday, July 19, and new volunteers are encouraged to start the process at any time.

As I mentioned in my earlier presentation, I do not want to have to do ministry in the parishes alone. I really don't. That being said, adjustments may need to be made in some areas because of a lack of properly trained and cleared volunteers. I'll adjust as needed. To reiterate, ALL employees and ALL volunteers MUST have ALL trainings and clearances. This is non-negotiable. Again, for a list of the trainings and clearances, please go to the diocesan website and click on the “Higher Standards” icon to access all of the links to the trainings and clearances, or contact the office for assistance.

Regarding funerals: only those people who have their trainings and clearances completed are permitted to proclaim the Word of God or to serve at funerals. In addition, eulogies are not permitted to be given in church. Eulogies may be offered at the vigil service in the funeral home, at the time of parting prayers in the funeral home, at the conclusion of the committal service at the cemetery, or at the funeral luncheon.

Lastly, I would like to ask for your prayers for our seminarian. On Monday, Mario will be attending Catholic Day at Kennywood Park. On Tuesday, he will be preparing to travel with the diocese to Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. And, then, after coming back from the National Eucharistic Congress, Mario will be assisting at *Quo Vadis* Days at Christ Our Shepherd Center here in the diocese. *Quo Vadis* Days is a time of inquiry and prayer for those who might be discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Please continue to pray for all of our seminarians and for an increase to vocations to the priesthood, the permanent diaconate and to consecrated religious life for men and women. Thank you.

ATTENTION: PARISHIONERS OF CHRIST THE KING AND ST. GERTRUDE CHURCHES

The American Heart Association-Adult & Child CPR Anytime is a course designed for community or school-based training of large groups of 10-20. It covers CPR, AED (Automatic External Defibrillator), and some Basic First Aid. This course will be offered to our partnered parishes on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at the St. Gertrude Church Hall from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Each person in attendance will receive a Certificate of Participation. There is no cost or fee for taking this course. However, Healthcare Professional cards are available at the cost of \$5.00 per person.

Anyone interested in attending this training is requested to complete the bottom portion of this announcement, and deposit it in the Sunday collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office during normal business hours to ensure a count of those planning to attend.

Any questions, please call/text Tony Buyny at 724-972-6018.

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Parishioner at _____ Christ The King _____ St. Gertrude

_____ Please check if you are requesting a Healthcare Professional card. The \$5.00 fee per card is payable to the instructor on the day of the course.

From the Pastor -

The Surrender Novena is being prayed in honor of seminarian Mario Porreca's discernment of priestly ministry for the Diocese of Greensburg, and for our continued spiritual growth in doing the will of God.

"Day Five" -

+ *In the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen. (pause in silence)*

Fr. Ruotolo imagines the Lord saying: *"And then I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you; I will carry you in my arms; I will let you find yourself, like children who have fallen asleep in their mother's arms. What troubles you and hurts you immensely are your reason, your thoughts, your worry, and your desire at all costs to deal with what afflicts you by yourself. Instead, surrender it all to me."*

Repeat the surrender refrain 10 times.

"O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything!"

A prayer from Servant of God Fr. Dolindo Ruotolo:

"Mary, Mother of God, I am yours now and forever. Through you and with you, I always want to belong completely to Jesus."

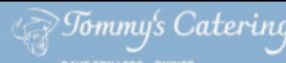
+ *In the name of Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.*

"Jesus, you take care of it."



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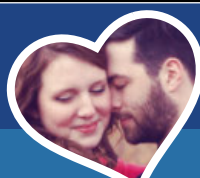
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