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AUGUST 11, 2024

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”
- Jn 6:48-50

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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)

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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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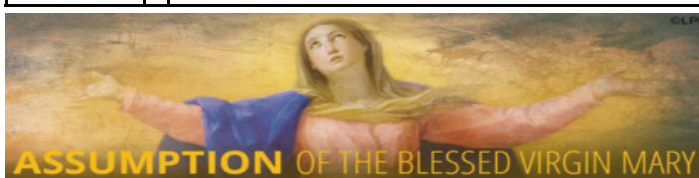
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OF OUR PARISHES.**



St. Gertrude Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 12		<i>St. Jean Frances de Chantal</i>	
8:30 AM		+ M/M Pete Pugliese & M/M Vic Martier <i>by Vince Milito</i>	
Wednesday, August 14		<i>St. Maximilian Kolbe</i>	
8:30 AM		+ George Schmiech <i>by Helen and Children</i>	
6:00 PM Assumption Vigil Mass		For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Gertrude and Christ the King Parishes	
Thursday, August 15 at Christ the King Church Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary			
8:30 AM		+ Anna and John Zubay <i>by Troya Family</i>	
Friday, August 16		<i>St. Stephen of Hungary</i>	
8:30 AM		+ Orlando and Kay Capretto <i>by Addie Beighley</i>	
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday, August 17			
4:00 PM		+ Ron Groholski <i>by Joann Pomatto</i>	
Sunday, August 18			
8:00 AM		For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Gertrude and Christ the King Parishes	
10:30 AM		+ Donna and Donald McIntyre <i>by Lisa and Lauren</i>	



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 17 & 18	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00 PM	Sheila Tilson	Gail Lightner	Nick Pityk
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Tammie Amendola	Nico Enciso
Sunday 10:30 AM	Gerri Michela	Rebecca Borland	Dom Dellemonache

WEEKLY COLLECTION (STG)

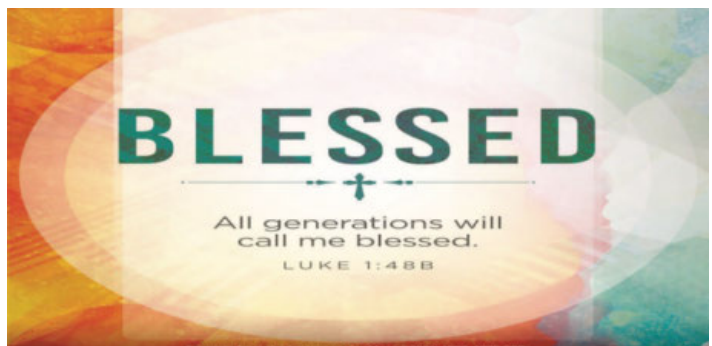
	Envelopes August 3 & 4	Online Giving July 2024
Weekly Offertory	\$ 5,285.00	\$ 2,897.00
Loose	\$ 347.00	
Restoration	\$ 304.00	\$ 290.00
Utility/Energy	\$ 54.00	\$ 303.00
Votives	\$ 103.00	
Accent	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.00
Assumption	\$ 83.00	
Catholic University/Schools	\$ 20.00	
Benedictine Appeal	\$ 10.00	

FOOD BANK MOBILE MARKET

On Thursday, August 15 from 11 AM to noon, the Westmoreland Food Bank Mobile Market will be at Saint Gertrude's parking lot between the church and school. The fresh food giveaway is free to all and no ID, registration, or proof of income is required. The Mobile Market provides a healthy resource to our neighbors in need and is sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul conference.

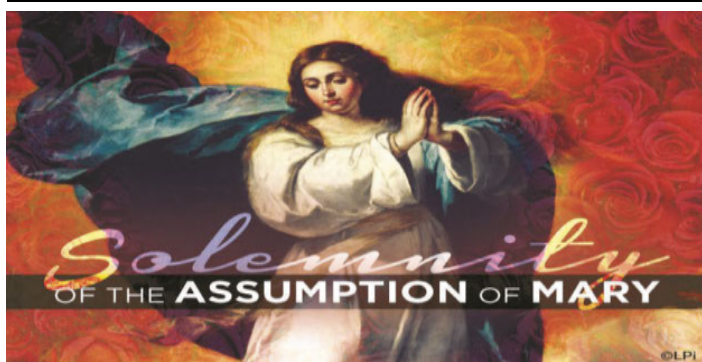
OBLATES OF ST. BENEDICT

The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sunday, Aug. 18, from 3-4:15 PM in Brownfield Room 202 at Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe. Benedictine Father Justin Matro will speak on "Liturgy of the Hours." Attendees may also attend vespers at 5 PM in the archabbey basilica and supper at 5:35 PM in the Eichstätt Dining Room. Those planning to have supper should call Benedictine Father Donald Raila at 724-805-2291.



Christ the King Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE	
Tuesday, August 13 Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus	
8:30 AM	+Tom Defilippi <i>by Kurt Szymanski</i>
Wednesday, August 14 at St. Gertrude Church Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	
6:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Gertrude and Christ the King Parishes
Thursday, August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:30 AM	+ Anna and John Zubay <i>by Troya Family</i>
Saturday, August 17	
8:30 AM	Eli <i>by Friends</i>
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:30 PM	For the Living and Deceased Members of Christ the King and St. Gertrude Parishes
Sunday, August 18	
9:30 AM	+ Marie Antoniono <i>by Joyful Praise Choir</i>



MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
August 17 & 18	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5:30 PM	Pam Pastiva	Valerie Zanotti	Chris Vigna
Sunday 9:30 AM	Andy & Kathy Balbo	Don Marco	Sisters of Mary Immaculate

WEEKLY COLLECTION		
	Envelopes August 3 & 4	Online Giving July 2024
Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,240.00	\$ 448.00
Monthly	\$ 1,115.00	\$ 315.00
Loose	\$ 442.00	
Votives	\$ 76.00	
Cemetery	\$ 237.00	
Assumption	\$ 20.00	
Catholic University/Schools	\$ 20.00	



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.

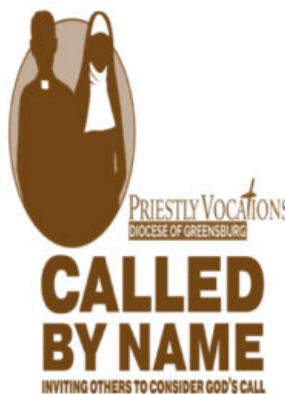
OFFICE OF PRIESTLY VOCATIONS CALL TO CANDIDACY

With joy and thanksgiving to God, the Diocese of Greensburg announces that Bishop Larry J. Kulick has called Mr. Tyler Randolph to be admitted to Candidacy for Holy Orders. Bishop Kulick will confer the Rite of Admission to Candidacy within Mass at **1:00 PM** on Sunday, August 18, 2024, at Immaculate Conception Church, Irwin.

IDENTIFYING FAITHFUL YOUNG LEADERS

Do you know when you see a young Catholic and think, "Wow, he would be a great priest!" or "She would make a great sister!" Now you can let the Vocations Office know by submitting a form on the website.

GreensburgPriest.org/Called



What happens when you submit a name?

1. Father Bandura will send them a letter of encouragement.
2. The Vocation Office will invite them to events.
3. The Vocation Office will offer gentle support as they discern their vocation.

Thank you for being the voice of Christ!

SILVER ROSE SERVICE

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Silver Rose Service at Christ the King after the 5:30 PM Mass on Saturday, August 17th.



Silver Rose Program

Join thousands of Catholics across North America in asking for Our Lady of Guadalupe's intercession through the Silver Rose program.

In 1960, the Columbian Squires, a youth organization of the Knights of Columbus, came up with the idea of running a rose to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Monterrey, Mexico, to honor Our Lady. The rose was chosen to commemorate Saint Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses.

Today, eight roses travel along different North American routes that include Canada, the United States and Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage is a rosary-centered occasion to pray for respect for life, the spiritual renewal of each nation, and the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Your participation in the Silver Rose program, especially your prayers and pledge for life, are a crucial part of our mission to defend and support life in every stage and condition.

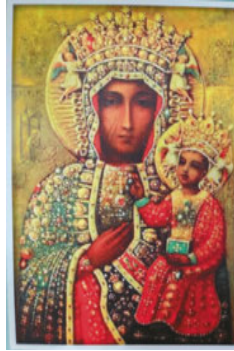


Our Lady of Guadalupe is the Patroness of the unborn, the Americas, and the Knights of Columbus.



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FEAST OF ST. MARY OF CZESTOCHOWA



We welcome your presence and participation in the celebration of St. Mary of Czestochowa. The Holy Name Society of St. Mary of Czestochowa is celebrating the feast of their parish patron saint.

This glorious celebration will begin at 6:00 PM at St. Mary of Czestochowa church on Monday, August 26, 2024. The mass will be spoken and sung in Polish/English and highlighting a procession of the Polish Icon. There will be an ice cream social at the conclusion of the mass.

Veneration of the Icon will be held at St. Mary's on Tuesday, August 27th thru Thursday, August 29th from 6:00 – 8:00 PM and on Friday after mass at 9:30 AM.

This is a once in a lifetime celebration, so we encourage all to mark their calendars.

May the Lord bless you and protect you.



Diocese of Greensburg

**WASHINGTON D.C. PILGRIMAGE
SATURDAY - SEPTEMBER 21 - 2024**

The Joy of Joseph To Jesus through Mary



Join Bishop Larry Kulick on a very special pilgrimage to the beautiful Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC, where participants will honor Jesus Our Lord, his mother Mary, the patroness of the Diocese of Greensburg; and his foster father Joseph, to whose protection and guardianship the Diocese of Greensburg has been dedicated.



FOR MORE INFORMATION
AND TO REGISTER
GO TO THE LINK BELOW
OR SCAN THE QR CODE

DioceseofGreensburg.org/National-Shrine-Pilgrimage



Pilgrimage Itinerary II (with relief drivers)

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| AM | 6:30 | Depart pick-up point |
| | 8:30 | Rest/breakfast stop |
| | 9:00 | Depart stop |
| | 11:15 | Arrive at shrine |
| | 11:30 | Greeting by Bishop Kulick |
| | 11:45 | Overview orientation by Shrine staff |
| | 12:15 | Begin free time for optional activities:
personal touring, grounds, lunch, gift shop, devotions |
| PM | 1:15 | Detailed tour by shrine staff |
| | 1:30 | Confessions begin in the crypt church |
| | 2:00 | Rosary (moving from dedicated shrine to shrine) |
| | 3:00 | Devotions to St. Joseph with benediction |
| | 3:15 | Prelude choral music |
| | 3:30 | Mass, including a general blessing of religious articles before the final blessing |
| | 3:00 | Depart Shrine |
| | 6:45 | Dinner stop, Hagerstown Md |
| | 8:00 | Depart dinner stop |
| | 10:45 | Return home |

A note from the Pastor –

It's hard to believe that this weekend, our seminarian, Mario, will finish his summer assignment with us. Mario has been a wonderful blessing to myself and to our faith communities over the past ten weeks. This weekend is also the final installment of the *Surrender Novena*. As you will recall, we have been praying this novena for Mario and his continued discernment toward priestly ministry. We have also been offering this novena for ourselves, that we all can surrender ourselves to a deeper and more profound service to God and to one another. Please continue to pray for Mario and all of our seminarians. If you would like to send Mario a message of encouragement as he continues his journey, you can contact him at Mr. Mario J. Porreca, 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe PA 15650, or at www.mporreca@dioceseofgreensburg.org, or through his other social media platforms. Thank you Mario and all the best to you as you head back to seminary.

To all Parishioners, Staff, and Volunteers of Christ the King and St. Gertrude Parishes:

They say that “parting is such sweet sorrow,” and while I’ve always thought that was a fancy way of saying goodbye, I now realize it’s pretty spot-on. Parting is indeed bittersweet—sweet because of the wonderful memories we’ve made, and sorrowful because it’s time to say farewell.

Reflecting on my time here, I think of the Israelites crossing through the parted sea into the desert to begin their journey to the Promised Land. They experienced the sweetness of God’s deliverance and the sorrow of leaving behind the familiar, even when it was not ideal. Much like them, we’ve had our moments of joy and challenges, all part of a journey I will cherish forever.

As my 10-week summer assignment comes to a close, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you. My time here has been transformative, thanks to your warm welcome and unwavering support. The most sorrowful part of this assignment is having to say goodbye, while the past 10 weeks have been sweeter than the delicious nut rolls which are made with love here at the parish.

Throughout my stay, I have been blessed to witness the vibrant faith and deep sense of community that permeates both parishes. Whether it was participating in Mass, engaging in parish activities like the spaghetti dinner (where I think I ate at least a dozen meatballs), working through clearances (a true test of patience!), or simply sharing conversations, your kindness and encouragement have deeply touched me.

To Father Alan, Father Mike, and the entire parish staff, thank you for your guidance and mentorship. Your dedication to serving our faith community is truly inspiring, and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn from such devoted and Christlike leaders.

To all the parishioners, thank you for your hospitality and for making me feel like part of your family. Your prayers, support, and friendship have strengthened my vocation and have been a source of great joy and encouragement.

As I return to my studies at St. Vincent Seminary for the Diocese of Greensburg, I will carry with me the memories and lessons learned during my time at both Christ the King and St. Gertrude. Please continue to pray for me, as I will for all of you.

May God bless you abundantly and may our paths cross again in the future. Until then, I will see you at the Eucharist—and hopefully at another spaghetti dinner!

In Christ,

Mario Porreca
Seminarian, Diocese of Greensburg

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 Nine" -

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

Fr. Ruotolo imagines the Lord saying: *"Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance, and of love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, 'Jesus, you take care of it.' Do not be afraid, I will take care of things and you will bless my name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender, remember this well."*

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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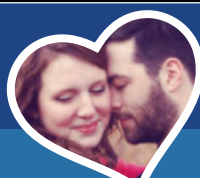
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