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AUGUST 4, 2024

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." - Jn 6:32-33

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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.



St. Gertrude

OFFERTORY AND CONTRIBUTIONS

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

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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.

TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD CLPI

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.



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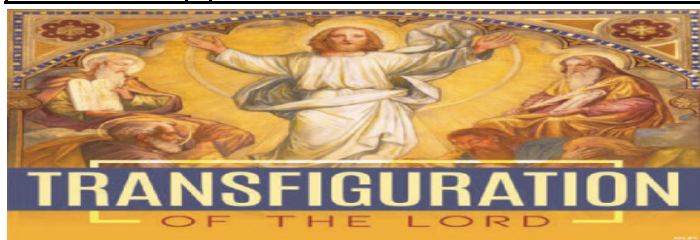
St. Gertrude Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, August 5 Mass will be celebrated at Christ the King Church	
8:30 AM	+ Benjamin Zanolli <i>by Wife and Family</i>
Wednesday, August 6 <i>St. Sixtus & Companions /St. Cajetan</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Perry A. and Mary Pinto <i>by Perry M. Pinto</i>
Friday, August 8 <i>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Connie Blanciak <i>by Larry</i>

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 9	
4:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased Members of St. Gertrude and Christ the King Parishes
Sunday, August 10	
8:00 AM	+ Ernie Pomatto and Tina <i>by Joan Pomatto</i>
10:30 AM	+ Perry A. and Mary Pinto <i>by Perry M. Pinto</i>



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 10,11 & 14	Eucharistic Minister	Lector	Altar Server
Saturday 4:00 PM	Gerri Michela	Sue Iagnemma	Nick Pityk
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Margaret Summerville	Nico Enciso
Sunday 10:30 AM	Margaret Summerville	Sheila Tilson	Mario Porecca
Wednesday 6:00 PM	Linda Ambrose	Tammie Amendola	Art Ambrose

WEEKLY COLLECTION

July 27 & July 28	
Weekly Offertory	\$ 4,134.00
Loose	\$ 334.00
Restoration	\$ 118.00
Votives	\$ 149.00
Energy	\$ 63.00
Accent	\$ 20.00
Benedictine Appeal	\$ 60.00
Assumption	\$ 5.00
Catholic University/Schools	\$ 60.00

CDA OFFICER'S PICNIC/MEETING

The CDA will be holding the Officers' Picnic/ Meeting on August 6th at 6:00 PM at the Bari Club, 329 Sycamore Street, Vandergrift, PA 15690. Please RSVP to Joann @ 724-568-3011.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

The St. Gertrude's Men's Club will meet at 6:30 PM on Monday, August 5th in the church hall.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL CONFERENCE

St. Vincent de Paul Conference of St Gertrude will meet at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, August 6th in the church hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

THANK YOU

The Society of St Vincent DePaul would like to thank our parishioners who supported their recent fundraiser at the Valley Dairy Restaurant on 7/10/24.

We had a total of pretax food and beverage sales of \$713, and gift card sales of \$155. Valley Dairy will be processing a check of \$155, to help our friends in need in the Vandergrift and Allegheny Township areas. Thank you for your kindness and participation in this event. Please remember our ministry in your prayers, as we endeavor to assist our neighbors in need.

Christ the King Parish

WEEKLY MASS SCHEULE	
Monday, August 5	
8:30 AM	+ Benjamin Zanolli <i>by Wife and Family</i>
Tuesday, August 6 <i>Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
8:30 AM	No Intention
Thursday, August 8 <i>St. Dominic</i>	
8:30 AM	No Intention
Saturday, August 10 <i>St. Lawrence</i>	
8:30 AM	+ Tom Defilippi <i>by Patty Hughes and Krissy Marhefka</i>
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
5:30 PM	+ James McGee <i>by Family</i>
Sunday, August 11	
9:30 AM	No Intention

MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
August 10,11,15	Hospitality	Lector	Eucharistic Minister
Saturday 5:30 PM		Kathleen Uncapher	Pam Pastiva
Sunday 9:30 AM	Andy & Kathy Balbo	Margie Stull	Carol Ferretti
Thursday 8:30 AM		Weekday Lector	Debby Vargo

WEEKLY COLLECTION	
July 27 & July 28	
Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,535.00
Monthly	\$ 555.00
Loose	\$ 309.00
Votives	\$ 121.00
Cemetery	\$ 145.00
Accent	\$ 5.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00

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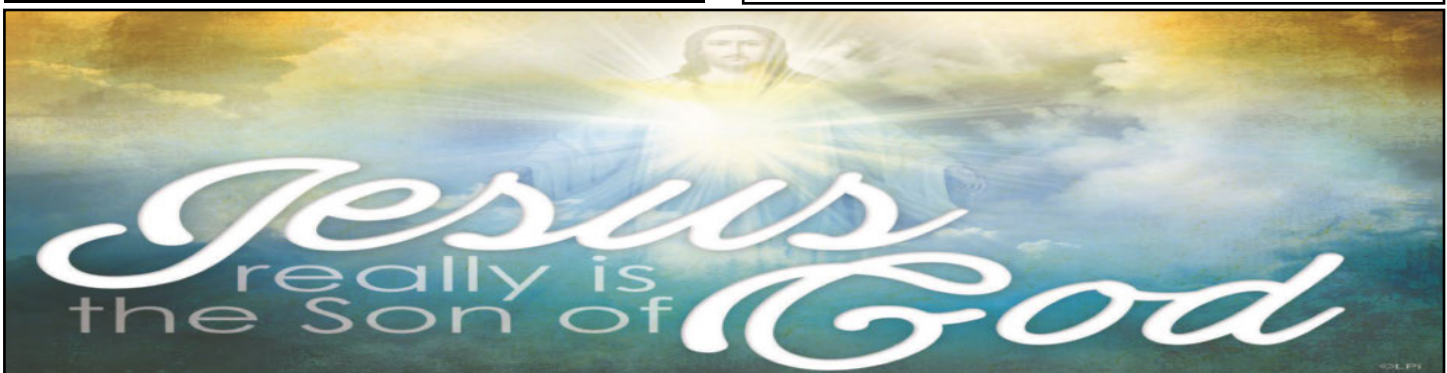


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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

On Monday, August fifth, everyone is invited to attend the morning Mass at 8:30am at Christ the King. On this day we will observe the twelfth anniversary of the dedication of the church. Again, the morning Mass on Monday, August fifth will be celebrated at Christ the King. The morning Mass schedule for the rest of the week will be as normal.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY REQUEST

The Society of St Vincent DePaul is requesting donations of nonperishable food for their pantry. The items most needed are: spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned beef stew, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, fruit juice, Hamburger Helper and Tuna Helper. If you would like to donate an item or two to help our neighbors in need, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be collection boxes placed in the entrances of both parishes. Thank you so much for your generosity.

THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL BLOOD DRIVE

We would like to thank the parishioners from both parishes and the community for the help and support they gave toward the Blood Drive on July 25th. The Blood Drive was a success per Vitalant- 40 units of blood collected enabling 120 people to be helped in our local area. We were also able to share valuable information on organ donations. Susan Kovalcik and Sheila Mendicino are grateful to the organizers, Father Alan, Father Mike, Bill St. Clair, Sharon Robson, Melissa Anderson, volunteers, and all support for the Blood Drive. They especially thank those who participated. Susan and Sheila appreciate continued prayers for their medical needs.

BUS TRIP TO OHIO SHRINES

Saint Margaret Mary Parish in Lower Burrell invites you to join us on Tuesday, August 27 for a tour of religious shrines in Ohio. We will be visiting the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine, the Mother Angelica Museum and the Rhoda Wise Shrine. The cost of the trip is \$90.00. Registration is required by Monday, August 7. Please call the Saint Margaret Mary Parish office at (724) 335-2336 or visit the parish website at www.smmlb.org for more information.

2024 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

Registration is now open for the Diocesan pilgrimage to the magnificent Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, Sept. 21, led by Bishop Larry J. Kulick. Parish groups and individual parishioners are encouraged to participate in what promises to be a very special experience. For information or to register, visit www.DioceaseofGreensburg.org and click on the Events tab.

40-HOUR EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

St. Mary, Mother of God Parish, Freeport, will celebrate the 175th anniversary of the church building with a 40-hour Eucharistic Devotion beginning with Mass Tuesday, Sept. 3, at 6 PM and concluding with a procession and Benediction Thursday, Sept. 5, at 6 PM with Bishop Larry J. Kulick as celebrant and homilist. All are welcome. To register for personal devotional time and for more information, visit www.st.maryfreeport.com or call 724-295-2281.

"SPIRITED" WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Rejoice Always!" 1 Thessalonians 5:16

Save the date: The 2024 "Spirited" Women's Conference will be held Nov. 9. All women are invited to be renewed and refreshed by the teachings of Dr. Mary Healy and Jackie Francois Angel. Bring your daughters, mothers and sisters to experience the love of the Father. For more information contact Carolyn Cannizzaro, conference chairwoman, at ccannizzaro@DioceseofGreensburg.org.

**Join us for a celebration of vocations in
the Armstrong County Faith Community!**

Hearts for the Mission

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick, Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt, our newest seminarian Eli Halutick, Father Eric J. Dinga, Father Andrew J. Hamilton, and Director of Vocations Father Tyler J. Bandura for Mass, blessing of a new vocations chapel, and a pizza party in honor of the many recent vocations to the priesthood from Armstrong County. Eli and these priests have hearts for the mission of our Church. They need your support!

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church

101 West High Street, Kittanning, PA 16201

6:00 PM - Mass (fulfilling the Feast of Assumption obligation)

7:00 PM - Blessing of the new Vocations Chapel

**7:30 PM - Pizza Party in the social hall featuring wine and beer
from Wooden Door Winery & All Saints Brewing Company**

Tickets are free and include food and drink passes. Registration is required.
All ages welcome. Must be 21 to receive a drink pass. ID required at event.



Register now at DioceseofGreensburg.org/ArmstrongPriests

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 Eight” -

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

Fr. Ruotolo imagines the Lord saying: *“Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of my grace. Close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you by my love that if you say, ‘You take care of it,’ I will take care of it all. I will console you, liberate you and guide you.”*

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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