



Saint Gertrude Parish

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March 17, 2019

The Second Sunday of Lent

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Baptisms
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

Marriage Arrangements must be made at least 8 months in advance. No marriage dates will be given until meeting with the priest and all preparation is ready.

Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

See Bulletin for daily Mass Schedule
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. During School Year
Holy Day Mass Schedule
Holy Day ~ 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Office Hours
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00
Friday- Closed
Confessions Saturday ~ 3:15-3:45pm or by Appointment

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

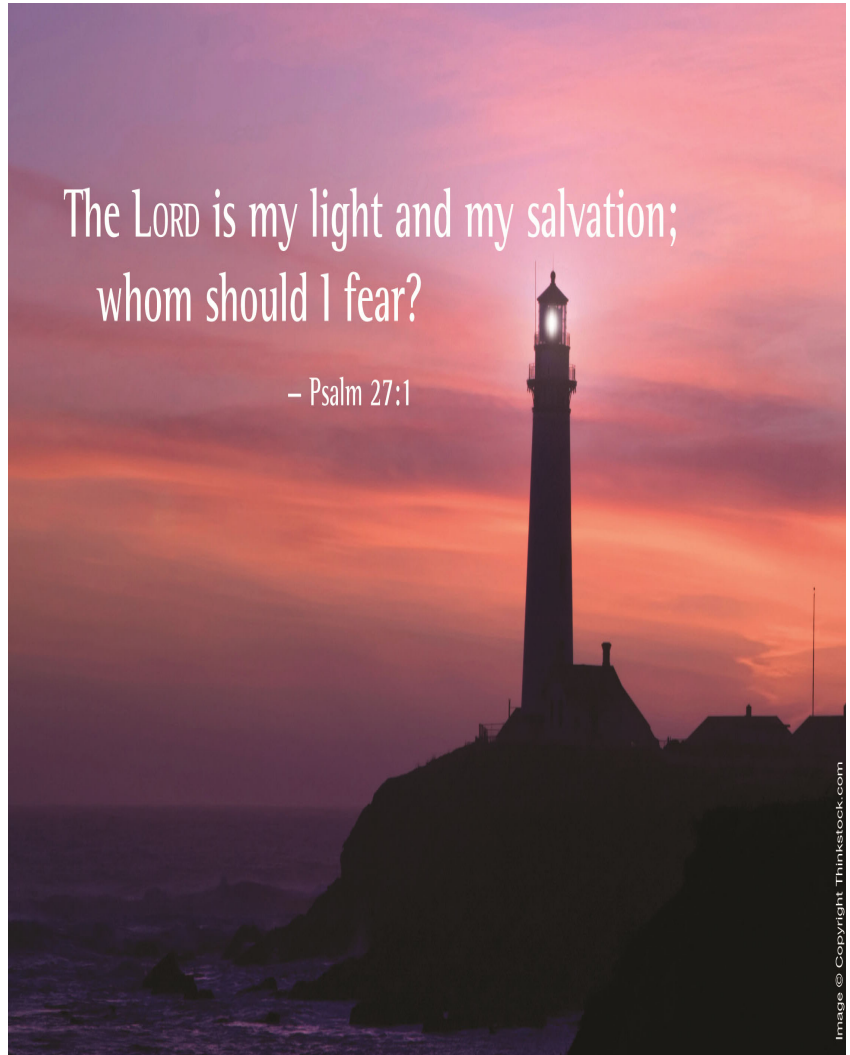


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Pastoral Council Mission Statement

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 multi-cultural 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

Treasures from Our Tradition

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to give something up for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway. What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: What are you taking on for Easter?

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The LORD made a covenant with Abram (Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18)

Psalm -- The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

Second Reading -- Our citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:17 -- 4:1 [3:20 -- 4:1]).

Gospel -- Atop a mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Luke 9:28b-36).

Living Stations

The Youth Ministry at St. Ferdinand Parish, Cranberry Twp., will be presenting **Living Stations at Christ the King Church, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, on Sunday, March 17th at 7:30 PM.** The youth ministry consists of teens in 8th through 12th grades. They travel to different churches on Sunday's throughout the Len-

ten season with their presentation. Please make plans to join us for their very inspiring depiction of the passion, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Stand Firm in the Lord

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ (3:20). He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body (3:21). Note that he says body rather than bodies. He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So stand firm in the Lord (4:1).



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Sanctuary Lamp
Velma Petrarca
By
Kousins Klub

Memorial Candle
Robert Foreman
by
The Foreman Family

Memorial Candle
Marlene Dawkins
By Tom

March 17th & 18th

4:00p.m. ~ Maria Safranyos
Domenic Dellemonache

8:00a.m. ~ Kyle & Peter
Poremski

10:30a.m. ~ Derek & Zachary
Hald

Collection March 9th & 10th

Envelopes ~ \$4,664.00
Children's ~ \$5.00
Loose ~ \$336.44
Church Restoration ~ \$32.00
Utilities ~ \$37.00

Ash Wednesday

Envelopes ~ \$1202.00

Home Mission Appeal

Envelopes ~ \$447.00
Loose ~ 262.00

Electronic Funding

January ~ \$2205
February ~ \$1525

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the March 28 Spaghetti Dinner: Eucharistic Ministers & First Catholic Slovak Lades Association—Branch 262.

Christ the King

Christ the King Parish, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, will be selling nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls for \$11.50 each, and Paska bread (round or braided/with or without raisins) for \$6.50 each. Deadline for roll orders is Monday, March 25th; deadline for Paska bread orders is Monday, April 1st. To order, call 724-842-0623 or 724-845-8615.

Mount Saint Peter Parish

Fish fry Fridays March 8 to April 12th. Eat in or Take out. 11:00 to 6:00. Take out orders call 724-335-1458. Call in orders accepted from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Orders must be picked up by 6:00pm. Credit/Debit cards accepted for payment for all orders. Allow a minimum of 45 to 60 minutes for order prep before pick up.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

“open your heart to HOPE,” the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal. Helps HOPE grow. In our communities, the Church seeks to be a place of spiritual growth. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video that shows how DLA donations ensure that people like Jennifer Henry, a 20-year old student at Seton Hill University, are able to explore God’s calling. Jennifer is a theology major and a student in the Certificate in Pastoral Ministry Program who plans to work in parish religious educa-

tion after graduation. To make an online donation visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

Regional Penance Service Schedule

Thursday, April 4: Our Lady, Queen of Peace, East Vandergrift, 7:00pm.

Tuesday, April 9; St. Joseph Church, New Kensington, 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 10; Christ the King Leechburg, 7:00pm.

Thursday, April 11; St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell, 7:00pm.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas

ATTENTION CD of A Members: We can complete our Spiritual Circle of Love by attending the Living Stations of the Cross as a group at Christ the King Church in Leechburg on March 17, 2019 at 7 pm. If possible try to sit together in church.

Eucharistic Miracles of the World

The partner parishes of St. Paul and St. Bruno in Greensburg are hosting the Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibition in March. It will be at St. Bruno Parish March 17, noon-4 p.m.; March 17-19, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.; March 21, 2-8 p.m.; March 22, 8:30 a.m.-9 pm.; March 23, noon-7 p.m. and March 24, Holy Hour, noon-1 p.m.

XLT--Adoration of Our Lord is this Sunday, March 10th from 6:00-7:30 PM at St. James the Greater. We have music from our worship band, an inspiring talk, a time for silent adoration, Benediction and Confession. We will not be having a reception afterwards. The speaker is Jamie Dillon; Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation at Mount Saint Peter's Parish, New Kensington. The topic is "When the Body Fails Can Faith Prevail?: Addressing all types of illness (physical, mental, emotional)." Bring a friend! All are welcome!

Faith Formation section:

Calendar of Faith Formation Sessions (Grades K-5) for March/April (6:00-7:30 PM) at St. James

March 10th—Pancake dinner before Faith Formation for those who registered and XLT after dinner (for parents and 6th-12th graders) & March 17th

April 7th & 14th—Seder Dinner at Christ the King replaces the session

Be sure to check KDKA-TV for snow cancellations.

FUSED 4 ~ March/April LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

(EDGE: Grades 6th-8th/LIFETEEN: grades 9th 12th ~ St. James Parish Underground/Upper Rooms ~ 6:00-7:30 PM)

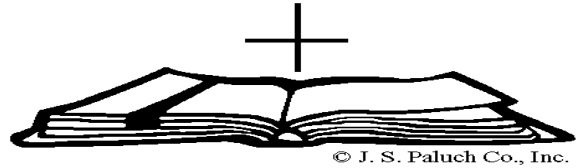
March: 10th—Pancake dinner/XLT ~ 17th—NO SESSION (see note below) ~ 24th—Youth Mass ~ 31st—Session
Extra activities: March 14th—Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Spaghetti Dinner, March 17th—Living Stations at Christ the King (in place of EDGE/LIFETEEN), March 28th—Kiski's musical, "The Sound of Music"

April: 7th—No EDGE/LIFETEEN (see note below) ~ 14th—No EDGE/LIFETEEN (see note below) ~ 21st—NO EDGE/LIFETEEN ~ 28th—Youth Mass at 5:00 PM at St. James with AMP to follow in the parish hall
Extra Activities: April 7th—Tajci Lenten Service at St. James (in place of EDGE/LIFETEEN), 14th—Seder Dinner at Christ the King

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The deadline for the National Catholic Youth Conference has been extended. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office as soon as possible if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Don't miss out on this life-changing experience!

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 16, Vigil The Second Sunday of Lent
4:00p.m. †Paul & Dora Butera

Sunday, March 17, The Second Sunday of Lent
8:00a.m. †Virginia Loperfido
10:30a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

Monday, March 18 Lenten Weekday
8:30a.m. †Jeanne Printy

Tuesday, March 19, St. Joseph
8:30a.m. †Dorothy Lee

Wednesday, March 20, Lenten Weekday
9:00a.m. †Ellen Porter

Thursday, March 21, Lenten Weekday
8:30a.m. †Donald Lee

Friday, March 22, Lenten Weekday
8:30a.m. †Lori Rosensteel
12:10p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Gertrude
6:30p.m. Stations of the Cross at Christ the King

Saturday, March 23, Saturday Lenten Weekday
8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

Saturday, March 23, Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent
4:00p.m. †Marlene Dawkins

Sunday March 24, Third Sunday of Lent
8:00a.m. †Joseph & Henrietta Martier
10:30a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish