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Christ the King Sunday

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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.

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday, through Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 9:15 a.m. School Mass
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

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SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead and ruler of the kings of the earth.
To him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

~ Revelation 1:5, 6



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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 PARISH

*Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
All Veterans
By
The Pomatto Family*

Treasures from Our Tradition

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too. Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season.

The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all!

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 -- 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Today's Readings

First Reading -- One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

Psalms -- The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

Second Reading -- Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

Gospel -- For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

Christ is King

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the

feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now. By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)--one people united in love and peace for all

*Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 25, 2018
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and ruler of the kings of the
earth.
-- Revelation 1:5ternity.*


St. Gertrude
CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 2018

December 1st & 2nd

4:00p.m. ~ Derek & Zachary
Hald

8:00a.m. ~ Nicholas & Joey
DiFilippio

10:30a.m. ~ Domenic
Dellemonache
Lauren Paullet

Bethlehem Project

The Bethlehem Project, a ministry of Blessed Sacrament Cathedral (BSC), will hold a “Home for the Holidays” Raffle on Sunday, December 16, 2018. The Bethlehem Project helps those facing homelessness in Central Westmoreland County. Two types of tickets are available: a Sports and Leisure raffle ticket with a chance to win Penguins Tickets, Steeler Tickets or a wine and liquor basket; and a Basket Raffle ticket with a chance to win one of many prizes. A \$10 donation is suggested. For tickets or more information on the raffle or Bethlehem Project contact Katie Zuzik, at BSC at 724-834-3710 ext. 11 or kzuzik@dioceseofgreensburgh.org

Santa Shoebox Project

The St. Gertrude Conference of St. Vincent dePaul thanks those from St. Gertrude and Christ the King who participated in the recent Santa Shoebox Project. Fifty-three shoeboxes (27 female, 19 male, 7 baby) and

\$162 in cash donations will be sent to Appalachian Outreach to be distributed to needy individuals in Southern West Virginia and Kentucky.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide desert and/or work at the November 29 Spaghetti Dinner—Youth ministry and Lectors.

Catholic Daughters of America

The CDofA Court 1008 Annual Christmas Party is December 4th at 6:00 PM in the Church Social Hall. Cost is \$18.00 per Guests. Guests of members are welcome. For reservations call Elaine 724-568-3310 or place reservation in collection basket marked CD of A Christmas Party. Reservations are due in by November 30th.

Angel Tree

This Christmas parishioners of St Gertrude Church will again be helping those in need, with our angel trees. The angels will be available starting the weekend of November 24-25th, and we ask that the wrapped gifts be returned by December 16th. We thank you for your continued support of this important project.

Theology on Tap in the A-K Valley

Calling ALL young adults (single, married, parents, etc.)! Join us for Theology on Tap in the AK Valley on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Mogie’s Irish Pub/

Magill’s Grill (3210 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068). The topic of the evening is “Living Faithfully in a Sinful World.” Food will be provided, and babies in carriers are welcome. Invite a friend! For further information, please contact Ariel at ASchroeder@dioceseofgreensburg.org or Katie at KTylin-ski@dioceseofgreensburg.org or find us on Facebook at Theology on Tap in the AK Valley (@akvalleytot). No need to RSVP, just show up!

Diocesan Pilgrimage Blog

Bishop Malesic continues to lead the diocesan pilgrimage through the Holy Land. You are invited to follow this journey of faith on a diocesan blog. The blog includes photos, videos and explanations of the holy sites on the pilgrimage. You can access the blog directly through the link below. <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/blogs/the-holy-land-pilgrimage/default.aspx>
You can also ‘Like Us’ on Facebook and view pilgrimage photos and videos there: <https://www.facebook.com/dioceseofgreensburg/>

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.

Region 2 Faith Formation Calendar of Sessions for Fall 2018
(6:00-7:30 PM at the former St. James School) for grades K-5

December: 2nd & 16th

Parents are invited to attend the Faith Formation (Grades K-5) Christmas party on December 16th. The Christmas party will take place during the second half of the evening at 6:45 PM and anyone interested in bringing snacks for the party: not just cookies but healthy snacks too would be greatly appreciated. The snacks can be brought at 6:00 PM when you bring your child(ren).

FUSED 4 ~ November/December LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

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

November: 25th—Youth Mass at 5:00 PM with After Mass Party (AMP) to follow in the hall ~ 29th—Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Spaghetti dinner (EDGE/LIFETEEN)

December: 2nd—GOLDEN AGERS--NO LIFETEEN/ NO EDGE SESSION ~ 9th— *Session* (EDGE Movie Night Note the time difference for EDGE: 6:00-8:15 PM) ~ 16th—EDGE/LIFETEEN Christmas Party at CTK/Caroling at Bishop Morrow ~ 23rd—NO Youth Mass ~ 30th—NO SESSION

Other: Golden Agers Setup—Saturday, December 1st and Golden Agers Lunch—Sunday, December 2nd at St. James Parish Center

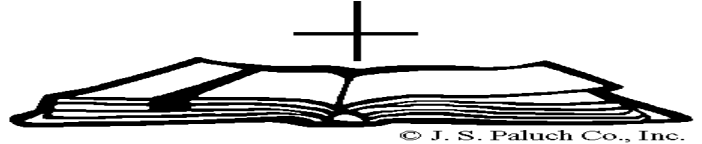
Sunday at the After Mass Party we will be assembling mugs for the Angel Tree lunch as well as making Christmas cards for shut ins.

We are looking for 6th-12th grade volunteers to help with the Golden Agers Dinner setup, event and cleanup. We will be setting up on Saturday, December 1st at St. James Hall from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM (before the 4:30 PM Mass). On Sunday, December 2nd you can come help at St. James Hall after the 9:30 AM Mass or at 10:00 AM. We will also need help with cleanup. We will finish up around 1:00 PM. Youth are asked to bring a dessert! It's a lot of fun! Please RSVP by this Monday, November 26th.

Youth in EDGE are asked to attend their session from 6:00-8:15 PM on Sunday, December 2nd.

On December 16th EDGE and LIFETEEN will be going to go Christmas Caroling at Bishop Morrow as well as have their Christmas Party at Christ the King. Permission slips are needed if you haven't completed one yet. Please meet at the Christ the King hall at 5:40 PM and we will finish up at 8:00 PM.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 24, Vigil Christ the King Sunday
4:00p.m. †Stanley "Stush" Souchock

Sunday, November 25, Christ the King Sunday
8:00a.m. †Regina Wisniewski
10:30a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

Monday, November 26, Weekday
8:30a.m. †Frank W. Billock

Tuesday, November 27, Weekday
8:30a.m. †Frank & Kathy Bruno

Wednesday, November 28, Weekday
9:00a.m. †Eugene Milie

Thursday, November 29, Weekday
8:30a.m. †Poor Souls

Friday, November 30, St. Andrew
8:30a.m. †Richard Kardos

Saturday, December 1, Weekday
8:30a.m. †Mass At Christ the King
1:00p.m. Wedding of Joseph George and
Denise Lewandowski

Saturday, December 1, Vigil, First Sunday of Advent
4:00p.m. †Donald Toy

Sunday, December 2, First Sunday of Advent
8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish
10:30a.m. †John Golembiewski

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