



Saturday, January 9, Baptism of the Lord

4:00 p.m. †Mary DelGrosso

Sunday, January 10, The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 a.m. †Mr. & Mrs. Benny Trozzi

10:30 a.m. For the Parish

Monday, January 11, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Antonette Dudzik (An.)

Tuesday, January 12, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Salvatore S. Fasano

Wednesday, January 13, Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Living & Deceased of Cristello

Thursday, January 14, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Marie (Sunday) Amaranto

Friday, January 15, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Joan Filo

Saturday, January 16, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Edna Scroggins

4:00 p.m. St. Gertrude Rosary Society

Sunday, Jan. 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Anthony Chelko



January 16 & 17

4:00 p.m. ~ Zachary Jones, Dylan Ruffner,
Michael DePanicis

8:00 a.m. ~ Kaitlyn Sciallo, Marissa Molnar,
Jordan Kiebler

10:30 a.m.~ Dominique Carino, Frank Poydence
Zach Maritz

This Week at
Saint Gertrude Parish
 Sunday, January 10
 ~ Bingo ~ 7 p.m.

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our Parish family mourns the loss of Parishioners; Angela Palermo, Richard DelleDonne and Dorothy Klugh, sister of Helen Schmiech. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed find peace with our Heavenly Father.

SUNDAY OFFERING



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January 1, 2010

Solemnity of Mary Offering.....\$2,385.00

Loose Collection.....360.50

January 3, 2010

Offertory Collection.....\$5,198.00

Children's Collection.....3.00

Loose Collection.....183.00

God bless all of you for your support of Saint Gertrude Parish!!

Notes: The 2010 Mass book is full. We can no longer accept Masses to be said here at St. Gertrude, we will still accept Masses, and forward them to St. Vincent to be said there.

The Vandergrift Festa Italiana committee will be meeting on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7 p.m. Bari Social Hall. Officers and committee people are requested to please attend. We are planning the August 15, 2010 Big Day of Celebration ~ our 7th year.

Need Extra Money? The US Census will hire hundreds of employees in your area. Most jobs are where you live and pay \$11 to \$15 an hour plus mileage.

Great for extra money. Hours are flexible and full-time or part-time. Please call our Greensburg office directly at 724-858-2150 or 1-866-861-2010 to schedule yourself for a simple test of basic skills. Consults the website at <http://2010,Census.gov> for complete information and a practice test.

dear Padre

January 10, 2010

Why did Jesus need to be baptized?

I was taught that Jesus was born without original sin. Since the whole point of baptism is to take away original sin, why did John need to baptize Jesus?

Dan

Dear Dan,

Jesus' baptism and ours are two different realities. You are right: Jesus was sinless, original sin never touched him. Jesus' baptism was actually the baptism of John. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Luke 3:3 to teach us that John's baptism was "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins" (535). It was more like receiving ashes on Ash Wednesday than the sacrament of baptism you and I received.

The sacrament of baptism removes original sin by joining us to the sinless life of Jesus. Life in him is death to all sin, especially original sin. "We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Romans 6:4).

What, then, was the point of John's baptizing Jesus? It was to express Jesus' oneness with all the people who confessed their sinfulness by seeking John's baptism. Jesus was saying by his baptism that he was one of them, and one of us, sinners all. This humility so pleased his Father that a voice was heard from heaven: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). And it has also saved us by making us children of God in Jesus, the Son of God.

John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Barry & Leo Lekavich by Richard & Dorothy Kardos

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of Lou Cocco by Brian & Paolette May
In memory of Francis Szalsky by Mom, Dad & Brother

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: and all the sick who need our prayers.

BAPTISM

With the joy of Baptism we welcome into the families of God: Braydon Edward Dunmire, son of Kevin & Chelsea (Grimm) Dunmire, Ashley Rose Dudzik, daughter of Stephen & Dayna (Helman) Dudzik, Clara Rose Boland, daughter of Joseph & Sara (Salvaterra) Boland. We offer our love and best wishes to the children and to the families.

Thank You to anyone who helped in any way during the holiday season and throughout the year. God bless you for all your efforts in giving in the true Christian Spirit.

ROSETTES will attend 10:30 Mass together on Sunday, January 17. Meet in the church hall at 10:20 a.m. Meeting following in the church hall. New members are always welcome.

Scripture Verse ~ After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Lk 3:21-22a



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SUNDAY

Church Hall ~ Doors open 5:15 p.m.

Jackpot ~ 56 no's

Bring a friend or two along and enjoy an evening out!

The Diocese of Greensburg Presents:**The 2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration**

“We have set our hope on the Living God!!”

Who: All Youth of the Diocese in Grades 9-12

When: February 6, 2010 12:30-9 p.m.

Where: Greensburg Central Catholic High School

Cost: \$15. includes Dinner, Snack & T-shirts

Our Special Keynote Speaker for the 2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration

Mike Patin

Mike Patin uses energy, humor and stories to affirm the goodness of God's presence among us while inviting others to take the “next step” in our journey with God.

With Liturgy celebrated by

Bishop Lawrence E. Brandt, Bishop of Greensburg

For more information or to register contact your parish youth ministry leader or parish office. Registration forms can also be found at

www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/youthministry

“Pray For Life” with Greensburg (DCCW) Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women on Friday, January 22, Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg. Noon Mass in the Chapel with Monsignor Donald Mondello, followed with Exposition of the Bless Sacrament:

1 p.m. ~ Rosary For Life

2 p.m. ~ Pro-Life Stations of the Cross

3 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:45 p.m. ~ Litany For Life

4:30 p.m. Closing Prayers and Benediction

All are welcome. Please encourage others who are not attending the March For Life, in Washington, D. C. to come and pray with us.

Magnificat Breakfast ~ The Magnificat Greensburg Chapter is holding a Breakfast at Four Point Sheraton, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg on Saturday, January 30 from 9—12 Noon. The inspirational speaker will be Malinda Cecchini Sherid who will share her personal testimony about the death of her daughter through a car accident and how the world of transplant opened her eyes and her heart. Cost is \$18. To register, please call Jeanie at 724-733-0614 or Kathy at 724-832-1701 or visit www.magnificatgreensburg.com.

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