

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
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**303 Franklin Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690**
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**JANUARY 15, 2012
2ND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

MASSES

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
at 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 8:30 a.m. outside of school time,
9:00 a.m. during the school year.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. or by appointment
(724) 568-2331, Fax: (724) 568-2030

PARISH STAFF

Fr. James Loew, O.S.B.
Pastor

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Director of Music

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REGIONAL SCHOOL

Cardinal Maida Academy
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Ms. Patrice Majeran
Principal

We're introduced this week to an unknown disciple in John's Gospel. Two disciples are followers of John the Baptist. When Jesus walks by, John points him out to them and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." These two go and follow Jesus and spend the day with him. We find out in today's Gospel that one of the two was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, who then goes and gets Simon Peter and brings him to Jesus as well. So now there are three who will follow Jesus: Peter, Andrew, and this unknown disciple. As we'll discover in John's Gospel during Lent and the Easter season, this third person is the beloved disciple, the Gospel writer's stand-in for every Christian who follows Christ.

John wrote into his Gospel the beloved disciple to highlight the fact that every believer encounters Christ. His presence among us is not some past event. Christ is with us now, and we meet him in the breaking of the bread, in the poor at our door, and in the neighbor we encounter. And Christ is present in the word of God, the Scriptures.

There is a tried-and-true method of biblical prayer that capitalizes on this understanding of the presence of Christ. Take a Gospel story and place yourself in it as one of the characters. Read it and reflect on it as though you were in the setting. For example, with today's Gospel you could imagine that you are Andrew. You are chatting with John the Baptist when he points out Jesus. There is something about that man that immediately attracts you. What is it? Can you imagine that in your prayer? You and your friend go and spend the day with him. Imagine what took place. What entranced you that you had to go and find your brother, Simon, and bring him to Jesus? Let your prayer unfold, and see where it leads you.

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SACRAMENTS

Confessions: Saturday **3:15 - 3:45 p.m.**

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 & all preparation is ready.



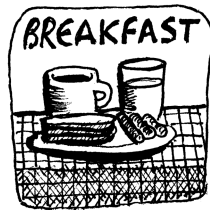
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ST. GERTRUDE MEN'S CLUB ~ 2012 dues (\$5.) for the Men's Club can be placed in the collection basket at Mass. Please

mark the envelope as "Men's Club Dues" and include your name, address, and phone number with the payment. You can also pay the dues in care of Greg Poydence, the new Treasure of the Men's Club.

PHONE TREE FOR PRAYERS, we have parish members who have joined us in our chain of prayers and we will pray for your needs. They will be praying always in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. If you have a request for special prayers, you can begin the "Phone Tree for Prayers" by calling Fran Milie 412-780-0164 or Josephine Moliterno 724-567-7359.

HIGH SCHOOL juniors or seniors and their families are invited to a Get Acquainted Day Open House at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, on Saturday, January 21. Buffet breakfast and registration is from 8 to 9 a.m. followed by an introduction to Saint Vincent College and a student panel. The day will conclude at noon. Find out more about this top-ranked Catholic, Benedictine, liberal arts college. Listen to financial aid and admission presentations, meet faculty, administrators and coaches and take a campus tour. For information or reservation, phone 1-800-782-5549, e-mail admission@stvincent.edu, or register online at www.stvincent.edu.



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MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

The Magnificat Greensburg Chapter is holding a Breakfast at the Four Point Sheraton, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg on Saturday, January 28 from 9—12 Noon. The special guest speaker will be Jennifer Antkowiak, award winning newscaster on KDKA-TV, who will share her personal testimony. Cost is \$18. To register, please call Judy at 724-420-5000 or Kathy at 724-832-1701 or visit www.magnificatgreensburg.com to read Jennifer's biography or to download a registration form.

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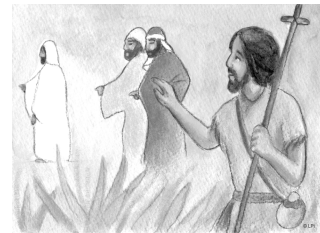
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VERSE

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" - which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

- Jn 1:38-39a



Readings for the Week of January 15, 2012

Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

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BINGO

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**Sunday: Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
BINGO at 7 p.m.
Bring a friend or two along and
enjoy an evening out!**

dear Padre

January 15, 2012

Do non-Christians go to heaven?

A woman in my parish insists that non-Christians can't go to heaven. That's not true, is it?

Rebekah

Dear Rebekah,

Of course not. The Catholic Church insists that God wills the salvation of each and every human being. Jesus says this to us and all his flock: "It is not the will of your heavenly Father that one of these little ones be lost" (Matthew 18:14). Quoting a document from the Council of Quiercy, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says, "The Church, following the apostles, teaches that Christ died for all men without exception: There is not, never has been, and never will be a single human being for whom Christ did not suffer" (605).

The Letter to the Hebrews says that it's the lot of every human being once to die and then be judged (9:27). This leaves open a broad field of play when it teaches that "anyone who approaches God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him" (11:6). On Good Friday, the Church prays long prayers for all manner of believers and unbelievers, including those who do not believe in God.

Modeling ourselves on our Mother the Church, let us leave judgment to God and give ourselves to praying for everyone's peace and salvation. As it says in the Letter to the Hebrews, we pilgrims are to go "keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith" 12:2).

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PRAY for our PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS who are ill: Please notify the parish office if a family member or a parishioner is in the hospital confined at home or in a rest home.

"Pray for Life" with The Greensburg Diocesan Council of the National Council of Catholic Women on Monday, January 23, Bishop Connare Center, Greensburg. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. with The Nuptial Rosary.

12:00 p.m.~ Mass followed with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

1:00 p.m. ~ Rosary for Life

2:00 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross for Life

3:00 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:45 p.m. ~ Litany for Life

4:30 p.m. ~ Closing Prayer 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.



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Spaghetti Dinner ~ January 19
Church Hall 4—7 p.m.

Anointing Mass, January 19 at 12:10 p.m.
Christ the King Church
Leechburg

Mass Intentions For The Week



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Saturday, January 14, Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Mary Duriancik (An.)

Sunday, January 15, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Adele Romito

Monday, January 16, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Edith Yansky

Tuesday, January 17, Saint Anthony, Abbot

8:30 a.m. †Julia & Tony Ferrante

Wednesday, January 18, Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Lenora Martier

Thursday, January 19, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Leonard Rock

12:10 p.m. Anointing Mass ~ Christ the King Parish

Friday, January 20, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Rose Colantonio

9-10 a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 21, St. Agnes, Virgin & Martyr

4:00 p.m. †Benny & Margaret Trozzi

Sunday, January 22, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Frank Bruno

EVERY FRIDAY, after the morning Mass there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 9 - 10 a.m. Sign up sheets are located on the table in the narthex.

January 21 & 22

4:00 p.m. ~ Josh Reynolds,

: Marissa Molnar, Deana Callipare

8:00 a.m. ~ Austin Feydt,

Angelo Principe, Kaitlyn Sciallo

10:30 a.m. ~ Luke Poydence,

Gina Beneccio, Adam Ferraccio



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