

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 22, 2012
**3RD 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

Patti Donghia-Albert
Director of Music

Ms. Kate Larko
Pastoral Minister

Mr. James Peterman

Coordinator of Religious Formation
(for St. Gertrude Parish & Christ the King Parish)
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REGIONAL SCHOOL

Cardinal Maida Academy
(724) 568-3304 • Fax: (724) 567-1900

Ms. Patrice Majeran
Principal

For seven seasons the Discovery Channel's highly rated show *Deadliest Catch* has wowed viewers with the real life tales of extreme fishermen in the Bering Sea off the coast of Alaska. They are after crab, with hopes for a big payday if they're successful. But the challenges of weather, luck, and crew can leave a captain without a large enough catch and finally without a job. Viewers can watch from the comfort of their homes, settled back in an easy chair while a crew fights ice, high seas, equipment failure, and frayed nerves. What is entertainment for those watching the television is daily life on the boat for those who work at sea.

In the Gospel today, Jesus meets up with some fishermen. Simon and Andrew, James and John were casting their nets, probably not very far from shore. While the Sea of Galilee cannot compare to the Bering Sea, we know from the Gospels that storms can be violent on that body of water as well. Certainly at the time of Jesus fishing was as dangerous a job as it is today. So when Jesus called the two sets of brothers to follow him, were they looking for a safer job?

Unlikely! Fishing for men and women is a lot more difficult than fishing for fish. The disciples answered the call to follow Jesus. It is a call that he continues to issue today. Whether in the priesthood, the religious life, the married state, or the committed single life, Jesus is asking people to follow him, not in a job, but in a way of life. Just as the crew of a boat on the Bering Sea doesn't punch out after eight hours, the life of a Christian is more than a full-time job. Following Jesus forms the basis for our lives. We do it all day, every day. That is the call he gives.

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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 "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 Treasurer of the Men's Club.

DONATE YOUR OLD CAR—HELP NEEDY—RECEIVE TAX DEDUCTION OF \$500+

Cars For Help, a 501 © 3 not-for-profit charity, is working to strengthen individual churches and various Catholic charities through vehicle donations. The process is fast, easy, and requires just a phone call or visit to our website. If you would like to donate a vehicle in any condition, even severely broken or crashed, or just have questions, please call us directly at (630) 595-9272. You can also donate your vehicle at www.CarsForHelp.co. **With mention of this bulletin, 25% of your vehicle donation proceeds will go directly to our church.**

FESTA ITALIANA DI VANDERGRIFT presents Festa Italiana Valentines Day Italian Buffet, Sunday, February 12 from 4-8 p.m. Primo Event Hall, Vandergrift. Donation: \$15. for adult, 10 years and under \$7. Pre-school: Free. Assorted homemade pastas made by our members. Italian Dinner Music. Tickets are available from any Festa Italiana member, or at Tommy's Catering, George's Plumbing and Tees-N-Tops or www.FestaItaliana.US.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ~ Christians throughout Pittsburgh are invited to take part in the national 40Days for Life effort that runs during Lent, from February 22 through April 1. This ecumenical 40 day campaign to end abortion, which consists of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil...will kick-off on Sunday, February 19 at 6 p.m. in the beautiful sanctuary of First Presbyterian Church, 320 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh. Come! Join with other Christians for a meaningful time of praise and worship...music by the inspiring and talented band *Intent* and many motivating speakers! The event will close with a candle lit procession to the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic for pray and hymns. *Bring your spouse, your family, your pastor and your friends!*

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Earnest & Eva Marie Supansic by daughter & grandchildren

MEMORIAL CANDLES

*In memory of Jerry Stokes by grandchildren
In memory of Donald Ravicchio by his mother
Olga*

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Maria Dettore, a former parishioner and for the repose of the soul of Sara Fasano, granddaughter of Frances Fasano. Pray, too, for their families and friends.



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The **SOCIETY of ST. VINCENT de PAUL** thanks everyone who helped make our Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions successful.

We distributed 48 baskets Thanksgiving week which in turn helped 81 adults and 96 children. A voucher for one of the local grocery stores accompanied each basket enabling the recipients to purchase other items needed for their holiday dinner. Likewise, during the week of Christmas, we prepared for 61 households helping 96 adults and 95 children. These baskets also included a food voucher. We could not have done these projects without your help of food, paper products and monetary donations. God bless each of you.

Knights of Columbus, Kiski Valley Council #3174 will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 24, church hall at 7 p.m. All officers and members are requested to please attend.



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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 22, 2012

Do we hurt the poor with our “help”?

My sister’s family is poor but always has money for cigarettes, alcohol, and cell phones because they get help from the government and charities. Maybe they’d make more of an effort to find and keep jobs if they couldn’t afford those things. Christ said we should help the poor, but is this “help” actually perpetuating the problem?

Sophie

Dear Sophie,

When I was growing up with seven siblings, my mother amazed me. Working with a limited budget—and at times receiving help—she shopped sales and cut coupons. We ate chicken when it was on sale. We didn’t eat it when it wasn’t. She also bought powdered milk—yuk!

We have rules to keep people from doing things like using food stamps to buy cigarettes or beer. But, as you point out, some people either find ways around the rules or spend the money the food stamps free up on nonessentials instead of saving it for a rainy day.

So what should we do? We’re called to help each other have basic necessities: food, shelter, clothing, and medical care. We must do what we can to be sure the money we give is used wisely, but there’s always the possibility that it won’t be.

Bottom line: We’re called to help those in need, and those in need are called to use our help wisely. But even when they don’t, we can take comfort in the peace of mind and soul that comes from knowing we’re modeling Jesus when we try our best to help.

Patrick Keyes, CSsR
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Cardinal Maida Academy Cash Bash, Saturday, February 18. Doors open at 6 p.m. West Leechburg Firehall. Call for tickets ~ 724-568-3304.



January 14 & 15
 Offertory Envelopes ~
 \$4,812.00
 Children’s Collection ~
 \$17.00
 Loose Collection ~
 \$382.50

Our Thanks to Each of you who faithfully support our parish each week and so generously contribute whenever asked. God Bless each one of you!

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.

NIGHT AT THE RACES ~ Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m. St. Vincent Grove ~ Benefits Youth Group. Buy a horse for \$20, name your horse, and receive 2 admission tickets. If your horse wins, you get a \$50. cash prize. Tickets at the door will be \$15. All food and beverages are complimentary.

“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

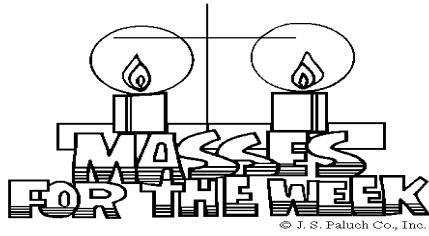
3:00 p.m. ~ Divine Mercy Chaplet

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.

Diocesan High School Youth Ministry Retreat ~ all youth of the Diocese in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for the Diocesan High School Youth Ministry Retreat sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg Office for Evangelization and Faith Formation. Come and be “Full-Filled” on February 24-26 at Jumonville Retreat and Conference Center. The deadline to register is February 8. For more info visit www.full-filled.org.



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

Monday, January 23, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Lucy Facchine

Tuesday, January 24, St. Francis de Sales, Bishop

8:30 a.m. †Nancy Arteritano

Wed., Jan. 25, Conversion of St. Paul The Apostle

9:00 a.m. †Matilda "Tillie" Stonevice

Thurs., January 26, Sts Timothy & Titus, Bishops

8:30 a.m. †James G. Marsinetti

Friday, January 27, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Anthony Marchionna

9-10 a.m. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, January 28, St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest

4:00 p.m. †Earnest & Eva Marie Supansic

Sunday, January 29, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Silvio Fasano

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 28 & 29

4:00 p.m. ~ Luke Poydence,

: Gina Beneccio, Adam Ferraccio

8:00 a.m. ~ Josh Reynolds,

Marissa Molnar, Deana Callipare

10:30 a.m. ~ Austin Feydt,

Angelo Principe, Kaitlyn Sciuolo

