



Saturday, January 23, Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Michael A. Antenucci (An.)

Sunday, Jan. 24, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Nancy Arteritano

Monday, January 25, Conversion of Saint Paul

8:30 a.m. †Domenick & Josephine Fasano Fam.

Tuesday, January 26, Saints Timothy & Titus

8:30 a.m. †Rose Albini

Wednesday, January 27, Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Joe, Joseph & Dennis Linkes

Thursday, January 28, Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:30 a.m. †Christy DeSalvo

Friday, January 29, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Edna Scroggins

Saturday, January 30, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Francis Romagni

4:00 p.m. †Robert Reilly

Sunday, Jan. 31, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †John & Mary Golembiewski



**Altar
Servers**

January 30 & 31

4:00 p.m. ~ Nicole & Julie Shannon, Austin Feydt

8:00 a.m. ~ Zachary Jones, Grace & Luke Larko

10:30 a.m. ~ Deana Callipare, Joey Caporali,
Kaitlyn Lewandowski

*This Week at
Saint Gertrude Parish*

Sunday, January 24

CLW ~ 10:30 Mass ~ Bingo ~ 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 26

Knights of Columbus Mtg. ~ 7 p.m.

Friday, January 29

9 - 12 N. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, January 31

Pancake Breakfast to benefit CMA, after all Mass

The Family of Richard E. DelleDonne, a loving Husband, Father & Son, would like to express their sincerest thanks to the following: Fr. Leo Rothrauff, O.S.B., Fr. Michael Sciberras, the Saint Gertrude Resurrection Choir, the Senior Men's Altar Servers at the Mass, the relatives, the outpouring of friends, Spiritual Masses, many monetary contributions, flowers and food. All these many acts of kindness helped us all to ease our sorrow. God's Blessings to all.

SUNDAY OFFERING



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January 16 & 17

Offertory Collection.....\$5,867.00

Children's Collection.....7.00

Loose Collection.....422.00

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



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Pancake & Sausage Breakfast ~ Cardinal Maida Academy is sponsoring a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 31, after all Masses in the church hall. Adults: \$4.50, Children (6 to 12 yrs.) \$2.50. Under 6 yrs eat free. Tickets will be available at the door. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

HEALING MASS ~ at the Saint Paul Parish, 820 Carbon Rd, Greensburg on Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m. Praise and worship will start at 6:45 p.m. and individual prayer will be available following the Mass. For more information, call the Parish Office at 724-834-6880.

GOOD NEWS

January 24, 2010

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Luke seems anxious to tell his audience he's done his homework.

Luke's is the only Gospel that has this sort of beginning. Paul's letters often have standard greetings. With Luke, it's tempting to zip past these little literary openers to get to the good stuff. Let's start the story. Let's hear what Jesus said and did. Luke steps outside the narrative, drawing attention to the fact that it's a story he's researched. Maybe people will wonder how reliable it is. Is this all just made up stuff? Does that matter? As long as the story is inspiring, does it matter if it's rooted in real events?

Luke admits he's addressing matters he didn't experience. What he writes about was "handed...down to us." Who started the process? Luke tells Theophilus he investigated the material available. He wants to present what came from eyewitnesses.

Today, debates fly in radio and cable-television shows, popular books and magazines, and libraries and classrooms about how reliable the Gospels are. Viewpoints span a wide range. If we claim God stepped into history through Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we should be willing to study our sources historically.

Other views are clearly historically silly. Some claim we don't know if Jesus ever lived or at least that we cannot know what he taught or did.

The time and energy spent on technical study of such questions is worth the effort. But let's look at the text closely for Luke's simple statement and concern. Who was close to these events? What did they say?

We make a mistake if we think the Gospels can be treated as twenty-first century historical textbooks. We make a worse mistake if we ignore their value as first-century witnesses to God's action in history.

Dan Finucane/ Sunday bulletins@liguori.org

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Louis Cocco by his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of Paul Pavelek by his wife Jennia
In memory of Ralph & Theresa Zaccagnini by the family

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

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose souls of Mildred Kaminski, who was buried on Wednesday, Mary Margherio, who was buried on Friday and Mary "Giotto" Cuffia, sister of Patsy Giotto and Lena Trozzi. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed find peace with our Heavenly Family.

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**2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT REQUESTS**

This year, we are mailing contributions records to those who request their 2009 contribution statement. If you wish a record of your financial statements, please fill out this form and return to the Sunday collection basket or at the church office. You must fill out this request if you wish to receive a statement.

**2009 Contribution Statement**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

BUDGET # \_\_\_\_\_

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SECOND COLLECTION TODAY ~ our church mourns the terrible suffering of our brothers and sisters in Haiti. It has destroyed countless homes, churches, seminaries, schools and other buildings and has left millions without the most basic necessities of life. Your help and the help of the Catholic people of the United States are urgently needed. Please open your heart and give generously to this appeal. Please keep the people of Haiti and the relief workers in your prayers.

NOTICE to all Rosary Society Members ~ time to pay up your 2009 and your 2010 dues. Simply put \$6. per year into an envelope with your first and last name along with Rosary Society and drop into the church collection. Thank you.

The Kiski Valley, Knights of Columbus, Council #3174 will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 26 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. All officers and members are requested to please attend..

Festa Italiana Valentine's Day Celebration, Sunday, February 14 at the Primo Event Hall, Vandergrift, from 4-7 p.m. Lots of Italian food & desserts. Music provided. BYOB. Tickets available at Tommy's Catering & George's Plumbing. Tickets: adult \$10.00, children 10 and under \$5.00. For more information call 724-568-9145.

"He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." Jesus said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." -Lk 4:18b-19,21



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SUNDAY

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

Jackpot ~ 58 no's

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

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