



Sign-ups have been completed for our pictorial directory. Any additional appointments must be made through Olan Mills at 1-800-866-2263. Please give St. Gertrude's phone number (724-568-2331) for identification and or any questions, please call Alexandra Wolfgang 724-845-1239.

Natural Family Planning Instruction ~ CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective NFP method that can be used to avoid, postpone or plan pregnancy. The next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning Session is scheduled for Saturday, March 14, at 10 a.m. at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. PRE-registration is required. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, ext 658 for additional information or to register for this or an upcoming class.

Providing Contact Person for Child Sexual Abuse ~ if you have a concern about sexual abuse of a child or young person by anyone in a parish or diocesan position—clergy, volunteer or paid staff— please contact Bishop Brandt's delegate for matters of sexual misconduct. He may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 221.

Readings for the Week of February 1, 2009

Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28
 Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Mk 5:21-43
 Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Mk 6:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Mk 6:7-13
 Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Mk 6:14-29
 Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Mk 6:30-34
 Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

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All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee. - Mk 1:27-28

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dear Padre

February 1, 2009

Why don't parishes make changes during flu season?

Every year during flu season, someone with a terrible cold or cough wants to shake my hand or hug me at the sign of peace, and people who are sick drink from the Communion cup. Why can't parishes ban the cup and the sign of peace during flu season?

Edward

Dear Edward,

Many people share your concern. As a priest, I'm hugged by an entire congregation throughout flu season. If I'm sick, I warn people as they approach. Some are grateful for the warning, but others want a hug anyway. For many, community fellowship trumps prudence.

As far as receiving the precious Blood, obviously it would be best if those who are sick don't drink from the cup. But even if they do, receiving the precious Blood is more important to me than the slight risk of illness.

However, if it bothers you that much, there's nothing wrong with refusing the precious Blood for health reasons. And instead of shaking hands and hugging at the sign of peace, try nodding and waving. If people just don't get it and push for more, a simple, "Don't want to pass on the flu" should stop them.

In today's society, far too many things keep us physically apart. I refuse to casually surrender anything that brings us together in love and fellowship except in dire circumstances and, for me, a normal flu season doesn't qualify.

Rick Potts, C.S.S.R.

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OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD January 24 & 25

Offertory Collection.....	\$5,813.50
Children's Collection.....	7.00
Loose Collection.....	309.05
Utilities.....	264.00

May the Lord bless you for your financial sacrifice to your Parish.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

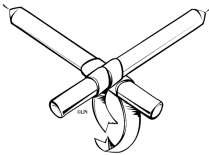
In memory of **Eva M. Supansic by Charleen & Courtney Polka**

In memory of **Richard & Fred Massari by their sister Rita**

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of **Eva M. Supansic by Tim Polka, Jr.**

BLESSING OF THROATS: on Tuesday, February 3, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Blasé with the annual blessing of throats. Throats will be blessed after the 8:30 a.m. Mass.



In your charity, please pray for the souls of Bonnie Akins, mother of Jon Akins and Fr. James Nasil, retired priest of the Diocese of Greensburg, who died on January 24. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: Louis Cocco, Joan Kuco, Bill Macino, Mary Frances Moehring, Eugene Luczak, Philomena Collini, Don Cole, Patricia Stefanik and all the sick who need our prayers.

The ST. GERTRUDE MEN'S CLUB will meet in the church hall at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 2. All members please try to attend.

The CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA COURT #1008, meeting on Tuesday, February 3 at 7 p.m. in the church hall. 2009 dues are due.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY meeting on Wednesday, February 4 at 7 p.m. in the church hall.

Rosary Society Members ~ reminder to all our members to pay their 2009 dues of \$6. Please put your name on the envelope and drop it into the Sunday collection.



Our Lady, Queen of Peace is sponsoring a fish fry on February 6th in the Social Hall—3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Dinner \$7. Sandwich \$6. Eat in or take out.

TODAY THE SECOND COLLECTION will be for Central and Eastern Europe Collection. Please be generous in today's Collection. Believe in the power of the Spirit of Love.

MARCH 7, ~ "NIGHT at the RACES" the St. Gertrude Men's Club will be sponsoring "Night at the Races", church hall. Price: \$10.00 ~ includes: beverages, buffet and a horse.

**NO BINGO ~
SUPER BOWL
NEXT BINGO,
FEBRUARY 8, 2009**

**"FAITH in EVERY STUDENT"**

Cardinal Maida Academy is starting a Pre School program. Classes will be on Tuesday's from 9 until 11:30 a.m. starting February 10. The cost is \$30. per month. Children must be 3 years old in order to attend. We need a minimum of 9 students for the program. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 724-568-3304 for an application.

YOGA CLASSES for beginners is now being held in **CARDINAL MAIDA ACADEMY'S GYM** on Tuesday's from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$28.00/month, 1st class is free. Bring a mat, towel and water bottle. Everyone is welcome. For more info, please contact jodyptmt@comcast.net or call 724-882-6385.

SPAGHETTI ~ many thanks to all who labored so hard and donated so much time to our spaghetti dinners. You are a blessing to your parish. Our next spaghetti is on **Thursday, February 5. The organization will be Rosary-Altar Society.**





Saturday, January 31, John Bosco, priest

4:00 p.m. †Margaret "Sis" Azzarone

Sunday, February 1, 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Pauline Matarrese (An.)

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday, Feb. 2, The Presentation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. †Nancy L. Graziano (An.)

Tuesday, February 3, St. Blaise

8:30 a.m. †Charles L. Kunkle, Jr.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS AFTER 8:30 MASS

Wednesday, February 4, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †George Schmiech (An.)

Thursday, February 5, Agatha, virgin

8:30 a.m. †Orlando Medice (An.)

First Friday, February 6, Paul Miki, matyr

9:00 a.m. †Ralph Scanga (An.)

10-12 N. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, February 7, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †John Naccarato (An.)

4:00 p.m. †Leo Stoltz (An.)

Sunday, February 8, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. †Charles Golembiesky/Parish

10:30 a.m. †William O. Naccarato (An.)

February 7 & 8

SERVER'S SCHEDULE

4:00 p.m. -Ashley & Aaron Waner

8:00 a.m. -J. Reynolds & A. Pullet

10:30 a.m. -Joey Caporali & D. Carino