



Saturday, February 20, Lenten Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Angelo & Rosa Moliterno (An.)
& Patrice “Moliterno” Sharp

Sunday, February 21, First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the Parish
10:30 a.m. †Chester & Mary Rukas

Monday, February 22, The Chair of Saint Peter

8:30 a.m. †Antonette Varano

Tuesday, February 23, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Caroline Michela (An.)

Wednesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Frank Ondras (An.)

Thursday, February 25, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Thomas Ceraso

Friday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Annie Rainelli (An.)
12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Our Lady Queen
of Peace, East Vandergrift

Saturday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Dorothy Kovalcik (An.)
4:00 p.m. †Dorothy & Joseph Arteritano

Sunday, February 28, Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the Parish
10:30 a.m. †John Naccarato (An.)



February 27 & 28

4:00 p.m.~ Lacy Emmerson, Emma & Anna Lloyd,
8:00 a.m.~ Kaitly Sciuillo, Aaron Waner, Marissa
Molnar
10:30 a.m.~ Luke & Grace Larko, Tyler Maritz,

*This Week at
Saint Gertrude Parish*

Sunday, February 21, YM ~ 5:30—8 p.m. at CMA
Bingo ~ 7 p.m.

Monday, February 22, TCTH Leadership Team ~
church hall ~ 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 23 ~ Knights of Columbus
meeting 7 p.m.

Friday, February 26

12:30 p.m. ~ Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Our Lady Queen
of Peace



February 13 & 14

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God Bless all of you for your

support of Saint Gertrude Parish!!

Our Prayers and Sympathy are extended to the family and friends of Pearl Karawsky who was buried from our Parish on Tuesday, February 16. May she rest in Peace.

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 Monday, March 8, at 6 p.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.



Cardinal Maida

Academy is starting a girls basketball team for grades 4-8. If you are a practicing Catholic and would like to begin practicing during our open gym—please

come to Cardinal Maida's gym on: Sunday, February 28, Grades 4-6 at 3 p.m. Grades 7-8, 4:15 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus, Kiski Valley Council #3174 ~ meeting on Tuesday, February 23, at 7 p.m. in the church hall. All officers and members are requested to please attend.

dear Padre

February 21, 2010

When can people become Catholic?

Can people convert to Catholicism only during Lent and Easter?

Maureen

Dear Maureen,

People can convert to Catholicism at any time, but Lent and Easter are especially associated with the journey of believers into our communion.

If a person is in danger of imminent death, reception into the Church can happen in a matter of moments at any time during the year. However, most people who want to join the Church needn't rush. The Church can gradually tutor them in the life and faith of the community over the course of a year or more. Adult converts normally do this through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which helps move people from a stage of curiosity and inquiry into fully conscious and active participation in the faith and life of the Church. It does this while attending to the rhythm of the Church's liturgical year.

Lent plays a key role in the RCIA as a season of intense spiritual preparation for those who will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The Easter season is the traditional time for new converts to engage in the period of mystagogy—when they explore with the faith community the significance of the mysteries they're now living in their baptism, confirmation, and celebration of the Eucharist.

Matthew Allman, C.Ss.R.

Saint Vincent Basilica Parish in Latrobe is hosting a three-part Lenten Series on Prayer. Tuesday evening: March 9, 16 and 23 from 7—8:30 p.m. in the Parish Assembly Room. Dr. Susan Muto Ph.D. will open the series with her presentation "Prayer in the Light of the Passion Narratives of Jesus Christ." Fr. Donald Raila, Oblate Director, will explore the use of the "Liturgy of the Hours" as daily prayer and Mrs. Karen Fetter will focus on using the process of Journaling as prayer. No reservations required. All adults are welcome.

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Bertha Hines by Fran Magee

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of Mary Yandura by her Grandson
Jeffery Yandura

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BAPTISM

We welcome Owen Kristopher Geltz into the Christian Community at St. Gertrude Parish. He is the son of Kristopher Daniel & Candice Maria (Stripling) Geltz.

Scripture Verse ~ The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me." Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written. You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve."

Lk 4:6a, 7-8

**Readings for the Week of February 21, 2010**

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17---4:1 or
3:20---4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

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Saint Faustina and The Message of "The Divine Mercy" The Church of the Seven Dolors, Yukon, will host Sr. M. Wendy and Sr. M. Grace of the Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Sunday, February 28 at 1 p.m. The Sisters will present the Message of Divine Mercy as given by Our Lord to St. Faustina. Following the devotion there will be the opportunity to venerate a First Class Relic of Saint Faustina. Light refreshments will be available after the devotions. The Church is located at 102 Center Street, Yukon.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY ~ will be for the Home Missions of the Americas'. Your donation to the Missions of the Americas' on the First Sunday of Lent, can be an expression of your faith as we begin the holy season of Lent.

Christ the King Parish is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, March 6, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Gilpin Hall (Rt. 66 North of Leechburg). Advance tickets: Child \$4. Adult \$6. At the door Child \$5. Adult \$7. For more info call 724-845-6593.

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The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be distributing Easter food baskets again this year, **BUT** we need your help. We are asking for non-perishable food items, paper products, and/or toiletries, which can be placed in the boxes at each door. We thank you in advance for your continued generosity. You will make Easter a better time for a lot of families. Our Christmas baskets helped 44 families; we hope to do the same for Easter.

BINGO
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SUNDAY

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

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

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