

# ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg  
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**AUGUST 1, 2010**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN**  
**ORDINARY TIME**

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## **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  
& Saturday** at 8:30 a.m.

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

### **Holy Day Mass Schedule**

**Eve of Holy Day** 4:00 p.m.

**Holy Day** 9:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

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## **OFFICE HOURS**

### **Monday–Friday**

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

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## **PARISH STAFF**

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

**Patti Donghia-Albert**  
Director of Music

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Pastoral Minister

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## **REGIONAL SCHOOL**

Cardinal Maida Academy  
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If you grew up in a family with another sibling, it is likely that at some point you or a brother or sister went to mom or dad and said something like, "Tell [put your sibling's name here] to share [toy, cake, cookie, TV-fill in the blank]." We've all done it, even if we're an only child and used the line on a school teacher or aunt or uncle when playing with a cousin. Most of us have an innate sense of fairness and justice. We want to be treated equitably. We grow up with aphorisms like "Fair is fair," "Take turns," and "Play by the rules." We appeal to authority (Mom, Dad, teacher, referee, judge) when we think we're being taken advantage of. Our expectation is that justice will prevail.

Civil trials often involve that quest for justice. An aggrieved party seeks an equitable outcome through a judgment against an offender. But justice alone does not guarantee solace. How many times have we heard in the news about a plaintiff who explains that it was not the court judgment that brought peace and resolution. Inevitably, they explain how they have found peace when they were able to bring themselves to forgive the offender. Many describe how the anger or pain in their hearts continued to interfere with their lives until they could put it aside by being reconciled.

The words of Jesus in the Gospel that "one's life does not consist of possessions" reflect this understanding. While compensatory and punitive damages help relieve an injustice, they do not resolve a situation completely. Only movement toward forgiveness and reconciliation can bring that about. It is not easy to do that, but our Christian experience acknowledges that it can be done, even if it takes years to accomplish. The hope is that we will be "rich in what matters to God" (Lk 12:21).

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## **SACRAMENTS**

**Confessions:** Saturday after 8:30 a.m. Mass.

**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.



# dear Padre

August 1, 2010

## Is the pope a bishop?

Why is the pope called the Bishop of Rome?

Katie

Dear Katie,

Many people mistakenly believe that cardinals and popes have been promoted and are no longer bishops. But that's not true: Bishop is the highest level of ordained ministry.

A cardinal is a bishop who has been appointed to the College of Cardinals by the pope. Members of the College of Cardinals are the pope's chief advisors; when the pope dies, members under the age of eighty elect one of their own to succeed him as Bishop of Rome. There are usually no more than 120 voting members of the College at one time.

According to the Code of Canon Law, the Bishop of Rome is pope and head of the Catholic Church. Saint Peter was the first Bishop of Rome, and whoever follows him as Bishop of Rome also follows him as the head of the Church (331).

In Matthew 16:18, Jesus singled out Peter. "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." This is the foundation of the tradition that nowadays sees Benedict XVI, current Bishop of Rome, as pope of the Catholic Church. Not all Christians believe he is the head of the Church by God's design, but no one else makes a serious claim to be the 264th successor of Saint Peter.

By the way, St. Peter's Basilica isn't the cathedral of St. Peter. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome.

John Hamrogue, C.Ss.R.



**NEWLY BAPTIZED** ~ our parish family welcomes Tanner Sutton Wilks, Owen Gary Saxion, Kenley Shea Hepler and Carson Daniel Smith, they were baptized here at St. Gertrude Parish. We congratulate the proud Parents, Grandparents and Godparents on this joyful occasion.

## SANCTUARY LAMP

*In memory of Anne Ramaley by Becky Woods & family*

Second collection today is for Benedictine Annual Appeal. **TODAY WE WELCOME**

**Fr. Thomas More from Saint Vincent to speak on the Benedictine Annual Appeal. Please be generous.**

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS who are ill:** Please notify the Parish Office (724-568-2331), if a family member or parishioner is in the hospital, confined to home or in a rest home.



Bishop Brandt invites all couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary during the calendar year 2010 to participate in a special Golden Jubilee Mass to be held at Our Lady of Grace Parish on Sunday, September 26, 2010 at 3 p.m. The Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their local parish office (724-568-2331) to register couples for this celebration. Even though they may not be able to attend the Mass, they will receive a scroll signed by the Bishop commemorating their anniversary.



## CARDINAL MAIDA ACADEMY

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

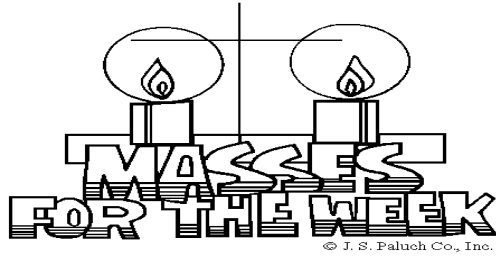
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**Saturday, July 31, Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

4:00 p.m. †Nicholas & Norma Troilo (An.)

**Sunday, August 1, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Joseph Nemitz

**Monday, August 2, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Paul J. Tallarom

**Tuesday, August 3, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Ralph Scanga

**Wednesday, August 4, Saint John Mary Vianney**

8:30 a.m. †Sam & Mary Ferrara

**Thursday, August 5, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Jeffrey Cocco

**FIRST Fri., Aug. 6, The Transfiguration the Lord**

8:30 a.m. †Edward J. Luczak

**Saturday, August 7, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Antonio & Antoinette Petrarca

4:00 p.m. †Dec'd of Savastano Family (An.)

**Sunday, August 8, 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Antonio, Antonette & Frank

Locorotondo



**August 7 & 8**

4:00 p.m. ~ (Cross) Jordan Kiebler

(Servers) Zach Maritz, Marissa Molnar

8:00 a.m. ~ (Cross) Kaitly Sciuillo

(Servers) Luke & Frank Poydence

10:30 a.m. ~ (Cross) John Paul

(Servers) Luke & Grace Larko