

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

*A Parish of the Diocese of Greensburg
A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

**303 Franklin Ave.
Vandergrift, PA 15690**
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AUGUST 22, 2010
**TWENTY-FIRST 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

& 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.

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

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(for St. Gertrude Parish & Christ the King Parish)

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Cardinal Maida Academy

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In my travels I've visited cities like Washington, New York, and Chicago. And while I'm mostly a country person at heart, there is a certain vibrancy in city life. I like walking down the crowded streets of a shopping or entertainment district and watching the people. I suppose I enjoy it, because it is so different from the country road that I usually walk down in the early morning. If I'm taking an evening walk in the city, I'm always intrigued by the long lines that form outside certain clubs. You can hear the thumping of the music, and see the flashing of the lights. As I walk by, the waiting crowd is often trying to convince the bouncers guarding the doors that they know someone on the inside who would surely let them in if the person only knew they were out on the sidewalk. From my cursory observance, the pleading patrons are almost never admitted.

It is probably not fair to compare the kingdom of heaven to the big city club scene, even though people come from the east and the west, the north and the south, to get in on a Saturday night. Like the clubs, the kingdom of God does have an exclusive clientele, and you do have to know someone to get in-and he has to know you.

We get to know Jesus by spending time with him through prayer and by reading the Bible. We get to know him even better by our communion with him when we receive the Eucharist. And we get to know Jesus when we discover him in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the stranger, the sick, and the imprisoned. There's not a line stretching around the corner to meet these kinds of people. But maybe there should be. If we want to get in to the best place ever, then we're going to have to line up to help these least ones.

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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.

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH FAMILY extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families of Edith Yansky., Dolores Waros and Ralph Carricato. May God grant Edith, Dolores and Ralph eternal rest and peace and bring comfort to their families.

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. It provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. **Next week is the National Collection of The Catholic University of America.** Every dollar given directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

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 INSTRUCTION Session is scheduled for Monday, September 13 at 6 p.m. at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. PRE-registration for this instruction 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.

Saint Vincent Camerata Announces Open Auditions ~ all interested singers are warmly invited to join the Saint Vincent Camerata, a mixed choir of 50 friendly and generous people from in and around our diocese. Season highlights for the Fall and Christmas programs include the "Gloria" of Vivaldi, and "Magnificat" of S. Bach. Non-judgmental will be held on August 28 (Noon—4:30 p.m.) For more info, please contact Fr. Stephen Concordia, O.S.B.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Cabot, ~ Annual Fall Festival on Sunday, September 12 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please join us for: Our Famous Dinners! Our Raffle Drawings! And Other Attractions! Family Fun for Everyone!

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***This Week at Saint Gertrude Parish
Sunday, August 22, Last night of Bingo
for CMA ~***

August 14 & 15

Offertory Collection

~ \$4,394.00

Loose Collection

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Utilities

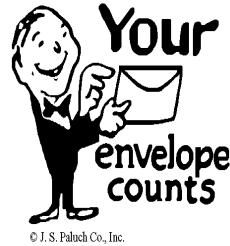
~ \$218.00

Assumption

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Church Restoration

~ \$47.00



THANK YOU & GOD BLESS all of you for your support to Saint Gertrude Parish.

THERE WILL BE NO MISSION AT ST. GERTRUDE CHURCH WITH FR. JAMES SICHKO, (SATURDAY, AUGUST 28 THRU WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1) BECAUSE OF SOME CONFLICT WITH ANOTHER ASSIGNMENT.

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, will only a few people be saved?" He answered them, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate."



Readings for the Week of August 22, 2010

Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday: 2 Th 1:1-5, 11-12/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51
Wednesday: 2 Th 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

GOOD NEWS

August 22, 2010

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21 * Heb 12:5—7, 11-13 * Lk 13:22-30

The disciples ask Jesus if many will be saved. He responds that many will not come into the kingdom. He later describes how people will come from north and south, from east and west, from everywhere, to eat at the great banquet of God. Jesus doesn't say how many will make it. He describes the path they will take.

Christ calls us to see the connection of discipline and love. Are we able to walk this path?

We know already what it is to strive for a goal. An athlete may love her sport but be exhausted from practice. Training eyes and hands to react consistently and to place the ball in a small target will mean sweat and fatigue, even blisters and failures along the way. But love of the game will keep her on the path.

Musicians know that hours of rehearsal can grow tedious. Fingers ache after repeating the same patterns. They cramp and quit. But love of music draws the musician to return again and again to practice.

The beauty of a dancer's seemingly effortless steps—the graceful image that brings music and light and movement into harmony—come after years of discipline.

We know that what is worth achieving takes effort, practice, and discipline. What our heart wants most deeply will eventually require what is deepest in us. It may be painful to bring our deepest love out into the air and light.

Could we be happy, could we be fulfilled, settling for less? The kingdom of God is calling what is deepest in us.

My son, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord or lose heart when reproved by him; for whom the Lord loves, he disciplines.

Dan Finucane
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NOON ON MONDAY**

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In memory of Elsie Quarato by her sisters
MEMORIAL CANDLES*

*For the Health and Welfare of Walter Hepler by
his friend Paul & family*

*For the Health and Welfare of Tom McDermott by
friends & family*

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS who are ill: Patricia Hoffman (sister of Carlo Fantuzzo). 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.



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David Szostak & Kara Kinsella

This is the LAST night for

BINGO

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**Cardinal Maida Academy
Church Hall 7 p.m.**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

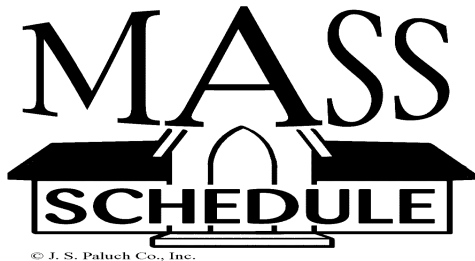
Jackpot MUST GO !!!

Proceeds benefit the School

Knights of Columbus, Kiski Valley Council #3174 meeting on Tuesday, August 24, in the church hall at 7 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul meeting on Wednesday, August 25, in the church hall at 6:30 p.m.

MERCY LUNCH COMMITTEE ~ A Mercy Lunch Committee (volunteer group) was established in our parish to provide our parishioners the opportunity to have their family funeral luncheon in their home parish hall where the surroundings are comfortable, convenient and familiar. When the need occurs you may call the Rectory at 724-568-2331 or for further information, you may call Committee Chairperson, Ida Lucas at 724-334-8984.



Saturday, August 21, Saint Pius X, pope

4:00 p.m. †Marie (Milie) Pugliese

Sunday, August 22, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Paul Breznican & Paulette McGuire

Monday, August 23, Saint Rose of Lima, virgin

8:30 a.m. †Elizabeth Powlak

Tuesday, August 24, Saint Bartholomew, apostle

8:30 a.m. †Theresa Zaccagnini

Wednesday, August 25, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Frank Peterson

Thursday, August 26, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Isabel Rendek

Friday, August 27, Saint Monica

8:30 a.m. †Edward Medice

Saturday, August 28, Saint Augustine, bishop

8:30 a.m. †Aldo Gorelli

1:30 p.m. (Wedding) David Szostak & Kara
Kinsella

4:00 p.m. St. Gertrude Rosary Society

Sunday, August 29, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Mary & Harry Scalzott (An.)



August 28 & 29

4:00 p.m. ~ (Cross) Casey Tomiczak
(Servers) Kaitlyn Lewandowski, Jordan Kiebler

8:00 a.m. ~ (Cross) Nichole Shannon
(Servers) Julie Shannon, Zach Maritz

10:30 a.m. ~ (Cross) Aaron Waner
(Servers) Emma & Anna Lloyd