

# ST. GERTRUDE PARISH

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

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**AUGUST 29, 2010**  
**TWENTY-SECOND 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**  
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## REGIONAL SCHOOL

Cardinal Maida Academy  
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Are you planning a cookout next weekend? Many people use the Labor Day holiday as an opportunity for an end of the summer celebration. The grocery stores will have special sales this week in an effort to entice people to stock up for the holiday weekend. Are you a union member who will be going to a large labor picnic? Or will it just be the family getting together, maybe at the beach or a lake cottage for a final summer plunge in the water? In any event, we all probably have a pretty good idea of who will be at our tables. It's unlikely that there will be uninvited guests—except for the ants or mosquitoes that seem to plague any outdoor event this time of year.

In the Gospel today Jesus lays down the challenge of who should be invited to the banquet. The poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind are the ones that are on his guest list. These were the individuals who were often excluded from society in Jesus' time. They were the folks that were on the fringe. Today, there are righteous people who have made a point of welcoming the unwanted. They've taken literally the message of the Gospel, and have gone out of their way to invite to dinner the homeless or the poor.

There are many who exercise a very concrete response to Jesus' call through their support of a meal program or food pantry, whether they donate food, or their time, or cash to support the good work. We tend to think of the poor at Thanksgiving or Christmas, times when we're often more generous toward those in need. But with back-to-school costs right now, many families are suffering. It may not be possible to invite someone who is hungry or poor to your cookout next weekend, but you can still help them through a gift to a charity that feeds the hungry

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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.

Today's **SECOND COLLECTION** is for The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, located in Washington, D.C. CUA provides an academically rigorous education guided by Catholic intellectual tradition to 6,000 students every year. Every dollar we give directly supports financial aid for students from dioceses across the country, including ours. Please be generous.

The **St. Gertrude Conference of ST. VINCENT de PAUL** will meet on Wednesday, September 1, at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

**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.



### St. Gertrude's 1st Annual Picnic

Sunday, September 12

12 Noon Mass

Northmoreland Park ~ Pavilion #8

Highlights: Family Games & Prizes

Fellowship, Food, Entertainment

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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*This Week at Saint Gertrude Parish*  
**Monday, August 30 ~ St. Gertrude CLW Minister meeting, 7 p.m. church hall**  
**Wednesday, September 1 ~ St. Vincent de Paul meeting, 6:30 p.m. church hall**  
**Thursday, September 2 ~ Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 p.m.**

### August 21 & 22 Offertory Collection

~ \$5,062.00

**Loose Collection**

~ \$359.00

**Utilities**

~ \$138.00

**Assumption**

~ \$98.00

**Church Restoration**

~ \$169.00



**OURS THANKS TO EACH** of you who faithfully support our parish each week and so generously contribute whenever asked. **God Bless you!**

**St. Gertrude Parish** family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families of William McGinley, a former parishioner and Frances Nemitz, who was buried from church on Tuesday. May God grant William and Frances eternal rest and peace and bring comfort to their families.

**Saint James, New Alexandria** ~ Cash Bash & Theme Baskets ~ September 11, at 5:30 p.m. Buffet dinner and cash drawings ~ Donation \$20. For tickets call 724-668-2621, 724-668-2069 or 724-668-7436.

### Scripture Verse

*“When you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, My friend, move up to a higher position. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”*

### Readings for the Week of August 29, 2010

**Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

# GOOD NEWS

August 29, 2010

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

What sort of people make you nervous? Powerful people? Weak people? Odd people? People you don't know or understand? Who intrigues you?

Movies, short stories, situation comedies, dramatic plays and reality shows throw together people who don't know each other to see how they'll get along. Do you ever wonder how you'd do in those situations? Whom would you like to be stuck with on an elevator? Whom would you not want to be stuck with? Whom would you hope to meet on a remote island?

Let's draw this back home now. Why are in-laws the subject matter of both humor and stress? After falling in love with one person, you get to spend a substantial part of the rest of your life with a bunch of people you didn't pick. From their point of view, something different has happened too. You are now their in-law.

Whom would you like to be stuck sitting next to at a wedding reception? Think about this for a minute. This banquet scene runs regularly through Scripture and the preaching of Jesus as an image of what is going to happen in heaven. Are there going to be oddballs at that table?

The Church, here and now, is where we get to practice being together later at the banquet of the Lamb. I know a theology teacher who after looking at the Church's triumphs and embarrassments, saints and sinners, ends his course on Church history by suggesting two rules for practicing ecclesiology:

1. Try to stay calm.
2. We're all in this together.

One final thought: Rule 2 makes you nervous, return to Rule 1.

**Dan Finucane**  
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## SANCTUARY LAMP

*In memory of Caroline Micheletto by Mary Fassio*  
**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

*In memory of Jerry Stokes by his wife & children*  
*In memory of Edith Yansky by St. Gertrude Rosary Society*

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS who are ill:** Ron Rollinger, Cecilia Milie and Anthony DePanicis. 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.

**PLEASE NOTE!!!** Beginning on Wednesday, September 1 and every Wednesday when school is in session, the **MASS WILL BE AT 9 A.M.** This is the Children's Liturgy.

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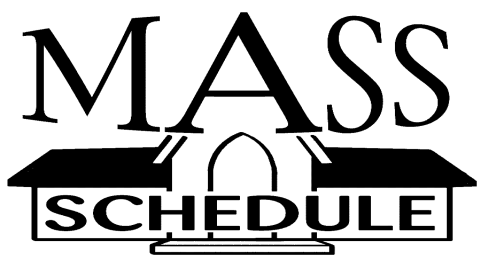
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**MERCY LUNCH COMMITTEE** ~ A Mercy Lunch Committee (volunteer group) was established in our parish to provide our parishioners the opportunity to have their family funeral luncheon in their home parish hall where the surroundings are comfortable, 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.

**Tri-City Life Center's Baby Bottle Campaign** with our church has ended. We *thank you* much for your participation and generosity! A total of \$471.76 has been raised and 403 of 500 bottles have been returned. Please return any bottle you may have, full or empty, to the church or Tri-City Life Center as soon as possible. Again, thank you for your kindness in giving to those in need.

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# MASS



## SCHEDULE

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### **Saturday, August 28, Saint Augustine, bishop**

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.)

### **Monday, August 30, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Vito & Linda Miccolis

### **Tuesday, August 31, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Joseph, Mary, & Donald Pisarcik

### **Wednesday, September 1, Weekday**

9:00 a.m. †James Geno Marsinetti

### **Thursday, September 2, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Guido "Guy" Scalzott

### **First Friday, September 3, Saint Gregory the Great**

8:30 a.m. †Richard DelleDonne

### **Saturday, September 4, Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †John & Stella Amaranto (An.)

1:30 p.m. Wedding: Matthew P. Kiebler &  
Meghan M. Kennerdell

4:00 p.m. †Joanne Adams (An.)

### **Sunday, September 5, 23rd Sunday in Ord. Time**

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Lillian Donniss

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**Altar Servers**

### **September 4 & 5**

4:00 p.m. ~ (Cross) Zachary McClamon  
(Servers) Luke & Frank Poydence

8:00 a.m. ~ (Cross) Alex Pullet  
(Servers) Zack Pullet, Madison Porter

10:30 a.m. ~ (Cross) Eric Bennardo  
(Servers) Joshua Reynolds, Marissa Molnar