

Saturday, November 21, Presentation of the BVM

4:00 p.m. †Joseph Tarosky

Sunday, Nov. 22, Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parishioners

10:30 a.m. St. Gertrude Rosary Society

Monday, November 23, Weekday

8:30 a.m.. †Rocco T. Pugliese

Tuesday, November 24, Andrew Dung-Lac, priest

8:30 a.m. †All Souls

Wednesday, November 25, Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Rocco Cappel (An.)

Thursday, November 26, THANKSGIVING DAY

8:30 a.m. †David & Hilda Votaskovic

Friday, November 27, Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Albert DeMichele

11:00 a.m. †Richard Tarosky ~ Memorial Mass

9:00– 10:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, November 28, Weekday

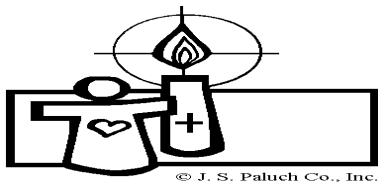
8:30 a.m. †Eugene Milie (An.)

4:00 p.m. †Vincent Putignano

Sunday, Nov. 29, First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

10:30 a.m. †Francis & Eleanor Raymond



Servers Schedule

November 28 & 29

4:00 p.m. -A. Bennardo, D. Ruffner, K. Sciullo

8:00 a.m. -D. Carino, K,Lewandowski, A.Feydt

10:30 a.m. -A. Principe, J.Shannon, N.Shannon

*This Week at
Saint Gertrude Parish*

Sunday, November 22

C. C. D-9:15 a.m.~ ~ Bingo-7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 24

Knights of Columbus meeting ~ 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 26

Office Closed ~ Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 27

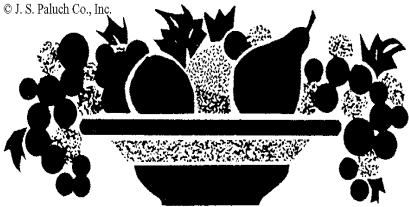
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9 a.m.-10:30 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, November 28

Confession ~ 9 a.m.

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Giving Thanks! Fr. James would like to have a food procession during the offertory at Mass on November 26, Thanksgiving Day. Please bring non perishable food items for St. Vincent DePaul Society. During the offertory, we will process to the altar and place our items there. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

2010 CALENDARS ~ Religious art calendars are available again this year through the courtesy of Mr. James A. Kunkle of the Brady-Curran Funeral Home. The calendars can be picked up at the front and side doors of the church.. We are most grateful for his kindness in providing them for our parish. When you visit the Funeral Home, be sure to thank him personally for his thoughtfulness.

Catholic Daughters Annual Christmas Dinner:

On Tuesday, December 1 at 6 p.m. in the church hall, catered by Starr Catering at a cost of \$15. Reservation by calling Ellen Odasso at 724- 845-3051 or Josephine Moliterno 724-567-7359. Payment can be made the night of the dinner.



THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26 & 27.

ST. GERTRUDE ROSARY SOCIETY

Christmas Cookie Sale ~ bakers are needed, if you can help, please contact Jeanne Dawson at 724-448-8298. Cookies need to be ready on December 12 by 9 a.m.

Christmas Party ~ will be on Tuesday, December 15 at 5:30 p.m. in the church hall, catering by Tommy's, price \$12. Please make your pre-paid reservation by December 7. Please note the date change due to the holy day on December 8.

Operation Reindeer ~ we are collecting unwrapped gifts for the residents of Torrence Hospital until December 1.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast ~ after that big Thanksgiving meal, are you tired of cooking? Got the grandkids for breakfast and want to try something different? Are you heading out to hunt at the crack-of-dawn, or are you a "hunter's widow"? Join us at Christ the King Parish, Leechburg for a "Hunter's Pancake & Sausage Breakfast", Monday, November 30, the first day of buck, beginning at 4 a.m. and continuing until Noon, at the parish hall in Gilpin Township. Price: \$6.00.

KISKI VALLEY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #3174 ~ will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 7 p.m. in the church hall. Installation of officers will take place. All officers and members are requested to please attend.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ross & Eleanor Butch who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Monday, November 16, 2009.

**Tithing: God's Plan for Giving:
November 14 & 15**

Sunday Offertory.....\$4,725.00
Loose Collection.....510.32
Children.....3.00

*God bless and
Thank you for your generous support!*

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Grace Curtis by the family

MEMORIAL CANDLES

In memory of Edith Maffeo by Adelaide, Rosemary & Gabi

In memory of Eugene Milie from his wife Fran

REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the souls of Mary Louise Garzone and Rose Arduino, they were buried from our parish on Saturday, November 14. May they rest in peace.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home: Caroline Smith and all the sick who need our prayers.

dear Padre

November 22, 2009

When did Advent start?

When did the Church start celebrating Advent?

Oliver

Dear Oliver,

It's a little complicated. Our Western Church's celebration of Advent grew up over time in different areas of Europe rather than beginning all at once in one particular spot. Some of the earliest references we have to special pre-Christmas practices for Christians come from Spain and Gaul (modern France) in the fourth and fifth centuries, but we also have evidence of a pre-Christmas fast at the end of the fourth century in Rome.

The shape and flavor of these local Advent celebrations were different, with some running as long as six weeks and some being much shorter. And in Gaul they emphasized penance and the final coming of Christ in judgment at the end of time, while in Rome there was more of an emphasis on the coming celebration of Jesus' birth.

The Roman four-week Advent eventually carried the day and shaped the rhythm of our Church's calendar. But if you pay attention to the readings and prayers offered in our Advent Masses, you'll see elements of both the Roman and Gallican Advents in our modern-day celebrations.

In general, during the earlier days of Advent we emphasized the final coming of Christ in judgment. Then we turn to focus more closely on the commemoration of his birth at Bethlehem.

Patrick Keyes, C.Ss.R.

TODAY ~ Second Collection ~ these days it is not hard to imagine having to choose between rent or health care, food or transportation, household bills or clothing for your children. For many Americans, these choices are forced by a recent layoff, pay freeze, or retirement food decrease. For 37 million Americans who live below the poverty line, the options are only diminishing. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) makes a difference in low-income communities by funding programs that address the root causes of poverty. More than ever, CCHD needs your support in today's Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

The ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY will be preparing Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy in our community, but we need your help!! Please place any non perishable food and/or paper products in the boxes at the entrances to the church. We will be making the baskets Thanksgiving week. And as always, monetary donations will also be accepted for turkey vouchers. Thank you for your continued support.

The Office for Clergy Vocations of the Diocese of Greensburg will be offering an Advent vocation awareness program entitled "Preparing the Way for Christ", an Advent evening of discernment on Thursday, December 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Bishop William G. Connare Center. The evening is open to any single Catholic male between the age of 14 and 40. The evening will include prayer, presentations, open discussions and a question and answer session. It will begin with dinner and conclude with evening prayer. There is no charge for this event. Reservations may be made through Monday, December 7 by contacting Fr. Larry J. Kulick at The Office for Clergy Vocations: 724-837-0901, ext 332 or lkulick@dioceseofgreensburg.org



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SUNDAY

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

Jackpot 60 no's

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