



Saturday, December 5, Advent Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Kathy “Vetere” & Louis Pisone

Sunday, December 6, Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. For Parish & †George & Mary Napoli

10:30 a.m. †Salvatore Amendola

Monday, December 7, Ambrose, bishop & doctor

8:30 a.m.. †Carmine DeBiasio (An.)

Vigil: IMMACULATE CONCEPTION B.V.M.

4:00 p.m. †Donald L. Toy

Tuesday, Dec. 8, Immaculate Conception B.V.M

9:00 a.m. For the Parish

6:30 p.m. †Ann Medice (An.)

Wednesday, December 9, Advent Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Salvatore & Mary Palattella (An.)

Thursday, December 10, Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Carmeline DiBiasio (An.)

Friday, December 11, Damasus, pope

8:30 a.m. †Joseph Ressani (An.)

9:00 – 12 N. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, December 12, Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30 a.m. †Stanley Hoffman

4:00 p.m. †James & Mary Fiorina

Sunday, December 13, Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. †Josephine Jancaro (An.)

10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of our Parish

*This Week at
Saint Gertrude Parish*

Sunday, December 6

C.C.D. ~ 9:15 a.m. ~ Meet the Rosettes after the
10:30 a.m. Mass ~ Coffee & Donuts for everyone
Bingo ~ 7 p.m.

Monday, December 7

Vigil Mass ~ 4 p.m. Immaculate Conception of
Mary

Tuesday, December 8

Mass at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Office Closed

Thursday, December 10

First Penance ~ St. Gertrude ~ 6:30 p.m.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY ~ a Holy Day of
Obligation: Vigil ~ Monday, December 7, at 4 p.m.
Tuesday, December 8: at 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.**

Religious Tours Scheduled: February, 2010 there is a tour to the Holy Land "In the Footsteps of Jesus." In March, 2010, there will be pilgrimage to Fatima, Portugal where the Blessed Mother appeared to the three children. For a packet of detailed information on any tour, call 724-722-3141 or write: Seven Dolors Church, PO Box 308, Yukon, PA 15698.

**Sacrificial Giving
November 21 & 22**

Offertory\$5,487.25
Children's.....7.00
Loose collection.....313.05
C.C.H.D......834.93

November 28 & 29

Offertory\$4,940.00
Children's.....1.05
Loose collection.....381.00
Thanksgiving Offertory.....372.00

*Thank you to each of you for your continued
sacrifice and support for our parish.*

God Bless!

**THE OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday,
December 8 ~ a Holy Day of Obligation
Immaculate Conception of Mary.**

ST. GERTRUDE ROSARY SOCIETY

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.



GIVING TREE

Tis' the season of giving!
Please help us in making someone's Christmas a little brighter by taking an angel tag from the giving trees in back of the church. We ask that the wrapped gift be returned with your angel tag attached no later than noon

on Sunday, December 20. Also, if you are purchasing merchandise in which the retailer offers a gift receipt please enclose it with your gift. There are numerous adults listed this year, which include those that have various special needs and handicaps. Those agencies we are helping this year include: Alle-Kiski HOPE Center, Tri-City Life Center, Seton Hill Child Services, West-N-Arms, and Kiski Valley Opportunities Unlimited.

THE BENEDICTINE NUNS OF ST. EMMA MONASTERY, Greensburg, invite single women, ages 16-40, to experience an Advent Weekend through the tradition of monastic prayer, December 11-13. During these days, join the nuns in chanting the Divine Office, silence, and personal prayer. Please contact Sr. Mary Clare at 724-834-3060 or email vocations@stemma.org for additional information or to register.

Saint Joseph High School is hiring a Full and Part-time Maintenance/Janitorial positions. Please send resumes to Saint Joseph High School, Attn: Kate, 800 Montana Ave., Natrona Heights, PA 15065.

SANCTUARY LAMP

In memory of Nancy Arteritano by Dom, Mark, Lauren, Dorothy, & Ron

MEMORIAL CANDLES

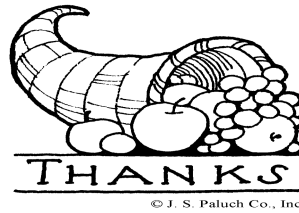
In memory of Rita DeSantis by the family
In memory of Nancy Arteritano by Rita & family

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

MAY GOD GRANT ETERNAL REST to Faye Romagni and Catherine Maietto members of our Parish, they were buried this past week. May they Rest in Peace.

The St. Gertrude Men's Club will meet in the church hall at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7. All members please try to attend.

St. Florian, United, Choir will present "Sleep, Little Baby, Sleep" a special holiday concert consisting of classical and modern holiday music on Sunday, December 13. The program, under the direction of Dr. Stephen J. Whisdosh, will begin at 3 p.m. in St. Florian Church. Please come and join the choir in ushering in the Christmas Season.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society, St. Gertrude, thanks everyone for their generosity. We were able to assemble and distribute 32 Thanksgiving food baskets for the needy of our community. In addition to the baskets, food vouchers were also included for perishable items. We will be giving out Christmas baskets as well this year. So, if you are able, please continue your donations. Thank you and God bless, SVdP Society.

Oblates of Saint Benedict ~ a series of monthly classes on Benedictine spirituality will continue on Sunday, December 20 from 3 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic will be "Poverty and Simplicity in Benedictine Spirituality," and Fr. Thomas Hart, O.S.B., Chairman of the Theology Department of Saint Vincent College will be the presenter.

The Oblates of Saint Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet at 6:45 p.m. on Sunday, December 20 in Brownfield Room 202 of Saint Vincent Seminary. The topic of discussion will be Chapter 12, entitled "Making Life a Unity," from the book *The Path of Life*, with emphasis on the call to pursue holiness at all times. Those wishing to pray Vespers with the monks at 5 p.m. and then stay for supper should contact Fr. Donald at 724-805-2291 in advance.



TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP WITH THE SPAGHETTI DINNERS



THANKS TO OUR ADVERTISERS



SUNDAY

Church Hall ~ Doors open 5:15 p.m.
Jackpot ~ 51 no's

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

December 7, Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. ~ Grace & Luke Larko & Zachary Jones

December 8, Immaculate Conception

9 a.m. ~ Alex Pullet, Kaitlyn Lewandowski & Michael DePanis
6:30 p.m. ~ Lacy Emmerson, Colton Robb, & Casey Tomiczek

December 12 & 13

4:00 p.m. ~ Brianna DelleDonne, Luke Poydence, & Frank Poydence
8:00 a.m. ~ Joshua Reynolds, Bill Johnson, & Tim Johnson
10:30 a.m. ~ Alex Pullet, Zack Pullet, & Deana Callipare