



Saint Gertrude Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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August 11, 2019

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 and all preparation is ready.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

See Bulletin for daily Mass Schedule

Holy Day Mass Schedule

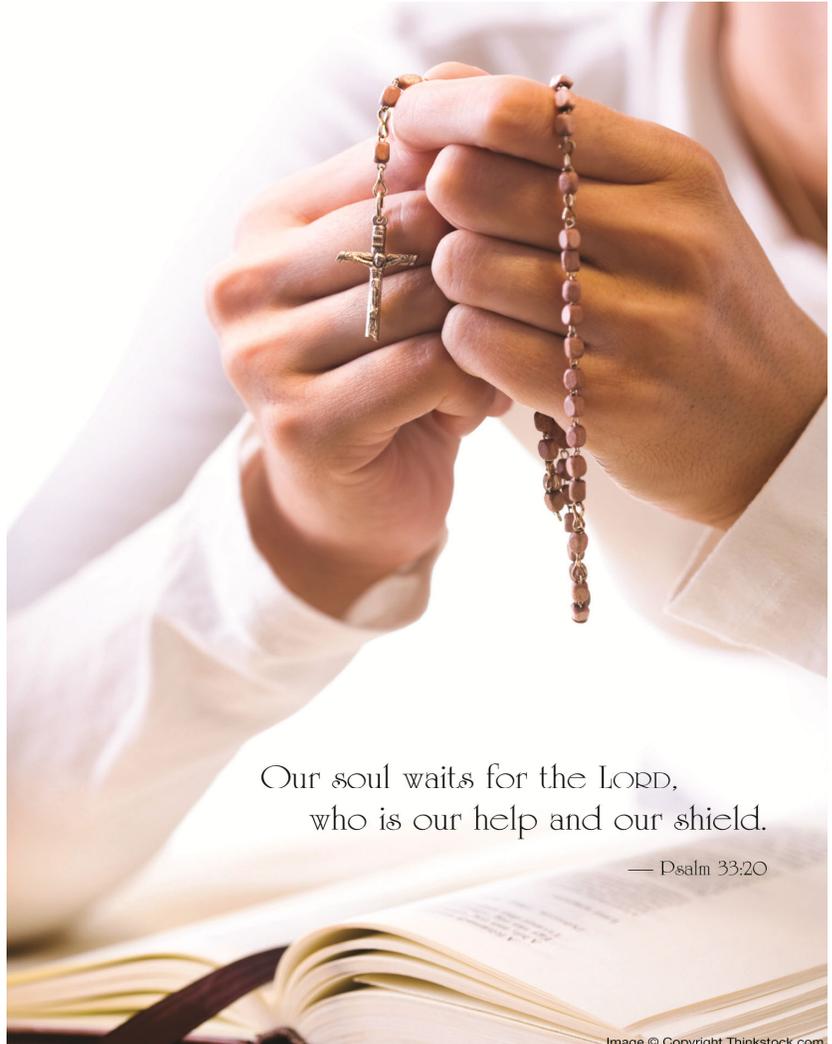
Holy Day ~ 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00

Friday- Closed

Confessions Saturday ~ 3:15-3:45pm or by Appointment



Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our shield.

— Psalm 33:20

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Pastoral Council Mission Statement

We, the partnered parish communities of St. Gertrude and Christ the King, are faith-filled Catholics who have been called by our Baptism and empowered by the Good News of Jesus Christ to be Church for all. Although made up of multi-cultural faith communities we are ever united by our common faith.

We are committed to "building up the Body of Christ" through Word, Worship, Evangelization, Leadership, Service, Stewardship, and Fellowship. Dedicated to deepening our love of Christ and one another, together we strive to become a living reflection of Christ for our region.

We willingly accept our obligation to be the "Light of the World" for others and in that spirit we promise to use our resources to practice gospel justice, to heal divisive wounds among God's People and to join with all people of good will in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of all.

ST. GERTRUDE

Treasures from Our Tradition

When Pope Pius XII died in 1958, there was the usual buzz of speculation about likely successors. Cardinal Agajanian, Patriarch of the Armenians, was highly thought of as a likely choice. This took many Catholics by surprise, since he had never celebrated the same liturgy as Pope Pius, but followed ancient Armenian customs according to the Eastern Church, which veils the Eucharistic liturgy from sight by a series of curtains, and in which the priest kneels while the people stand for Communion. In the years that followed, the Second Vatican Council would affirm the dignity and independence of the Eastern Churches, in complete union with Rome, yet different in patterns of life and worship. We have the same faith, the same sacraments, and the same pope. Yet everywhere in the world our separate Churches are combined into families held together by the ministry of bishops. All of this serves as warning: If you ever say, But we have always done it this way, you are on very thin ice indeed!

Readings for the Week

Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 **Day:** Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-

2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

Psalm -- Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

Second Reading -- By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

Gospel -- You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

Faith Formation

Got life questions? Looking for peace? Needing hope? Feeling God's love? If you (or someone you know) would like to hear more about Jesus, we invite you to contact Mr. James Peterman, Assistant to the Regional Director of Faith Formation at 724-845-8191 for information regarding inquiry process. During the inquiry process you do not assume a commitment. Those who have not been baptized into any faith denomination, those who have been baptized into a non-Catholic faith denomination, or those who are baptized Catholics contemplating also receiving the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, are invited. The inquiry process is designed for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search

for ways to grow in their relationship with God. Inquirers are invited to attend Inquiry sessions until they make a decision to become a fully initiated member of the Roman Catholic Faith. Next, they are then invited to enter the process called the Rite of Initiation of Adults (RCIA). This process will lead to their reception of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism (for those who have not been baptized), Confirmation and Eucharist.

Caring for our Parish Community

Do you have some time during your week or month to give these VIP's (Very Important Parishioners) to grocery shop, drive to the doctor or physical therapy, take to the beauty shop, even just out for an ice cream or to visit with a smiling face and sympathetic ear. If you think you would like to help our V.I.P's, Call Open Your Heart to a Senior today at 724-205-6282.

St. Gertrude Church & Vandergrift Fire Dept. No #1

St. Gertrude Church & Vandergrift Fire Dept. No #1 will be hosting a Chicken & Biscuit Dinner on Saturday September 21 from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. St. Gertrude Church hall. Dinner includes: mashed potatoes, corn, beverage, and dessert. Dine in or take out \$10.00 per person. Children meals eat in only (ages 5 to 12) \$6.00. For Tickets call Fran 412-780-0164 or the church office 724-568-2331.

*Memorial Candle
Jim Centorcelli
By Amelia*

*Memorial Candle
Gene Iagnemma
By the Iagnemma Family*

August 17th & 18th

- 4:00p.m. ~ Renee Tomiczek
- 8:00a.m. ~ Lauren Pullet & Maria Safranyos
- 10:30a.m. ~ Joseph Collini
Ashley Scanga

Collection July 20th & 21st

- Envelopes ~ \$4,309.10
- Loose ~ \$371.00
- Church Restoration ~ \$248.00
- Utilities ~ \$42.00

Knights of Columbus 6715

Be sure to stop and visit us at our booth at the Festa Italiana Celebration. We will be selling Chicken Parmigiana Sandwiches and Pasta Fagioli Soup. Our annual Family Picnic will be this Friday, August 16th at Kunkle Park. All are welcome so come and join us for a nice evening. - Pine Run Road is open to the Kunkle Park entrance.

Catholic Divorce Support Group

Saint Vincent Basilica Parish in Latrobe will hold a 12 session Catholic Divorce Support Group on Wednesdays from 7-9

p.m. beginning September 18 for individuals who are currently going through a divorce or already divorced. The support group will be using *Surviving Divorce* videos and workbooks from Ascension Press, a trusted Catholic publisher. Some topics covered include how to deal with depression, anger, money, family, forgiveness as well as church teachings on dating, annulment and remarriage. A modest registration fee covers all materials. Find help and hope through hearing from and sharing with others in similar circumstances. For more information or to register, please contact Teri Pomerleau at 724-539-8629, ext. 15 or tpomerleau@stvincent.edu.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the August 22 Spaghetti Dinner: Offertory Counters, & Knights of Columbus.

Bishop Edward C. Malesic

Bishop Edward C. Malesic of the Diocese of Greensburg announces a Day of Prayer throughout the Diocese of Greensburg on Wednesday, August 14, 2019. All parish churches in the Diocese of Greensburg will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for private prayer with a special intention for those who have been abused and for the healing of the Church. On August 14, 2018, the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on Clergy Abuse was released to

the public. This Day of Prayer is part of many efforts to try to help survivors, their families and our parishioners get through this time of suffering.

ChristLife

When Jesus called His first disciples, He said "Come follow me." We receive this call ourselves today. God is calling us to Himself to become followers. When you think about becoming better in any area of your life, you know that it will take effort on your part. It takes discipline. As we strive to live the Christian life, we have the best coach in the world: Jesus Christ! We are encouraged to make the effort to follow Him and lean into the grace of God, so I am inviting you to join me in Season II of ChristLife. "Following Christ" will give you the opportunity to grow and be transformed by the grace of God.

Sept. 22 - Nov. 3
Sundays 3 PM - 5 PM
St. Gertrude's Social Hall#

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone # : _____

This year FUSED 4 Youth Ministry and Region 2 Faith Formation will be held at the St. Gertrude's Parish Center (formerly Cardinal Maida Academy). Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you did not receive the recent mailing. Our first Faith Formation, LIFETEEN and EDGE session will be held on Sunday, September 15th. Looking forward to another great year!

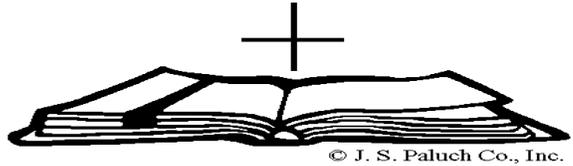
If your child is a second grader who is enrolled in Catholic School or is home schooled, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 724-212-6740 to let us know that your child would like to receive their First Communion this Spring and to obtain more information.

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Looking for ways to help pay for activities/conferences/retreats? We are excited about an upcoming year-round fundraising opportunity! We are looking for parents to volunteer to help with BINGO roughly once a month at Our Lady Queen of Peace for a few hours on a Sunday. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you are interested in being put on the schedule. This is a great and fun way to earn money towards youth events.

Save the date: Join us for a mandatory Confirmation meeting for 8th graders and their parents on Sunday, September 8th at the St. James Parish Center. Please refer to mailing for more information. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact Katie Tylinski at 724-212-6740 ASAP.

Mass Intentions



**Saturday, August 10, Vigil The Nineteenth Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Robert Querio

**Sunday, August 11, The Nineteenth Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of our Parish

10:30a.m. †Deceased members of the
Festa Italia Committee

Monday, August 12, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Nick & Mary Demichele

Tuesday, August 13, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Orenzo, Elvira, Carmela Trionfo

Wednesday, August 14, St. Maximilian

8:30a.m. †Special Intention

**Thursday, August 15, Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

6:00p.m. †Mark Pacuch

Friday, August 16, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Steve Marhefka

Saturday, August 17, Weekday

8:30a.m. Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, August 17, Vigil, The Twentieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Margaret & Alphonse Yucas

**Sunday, August 18, The Twentieth Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

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

10:30a.m. †Orlando & Kay Capretto