



# Saint Gertrude Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

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*August 18, 2019*

*The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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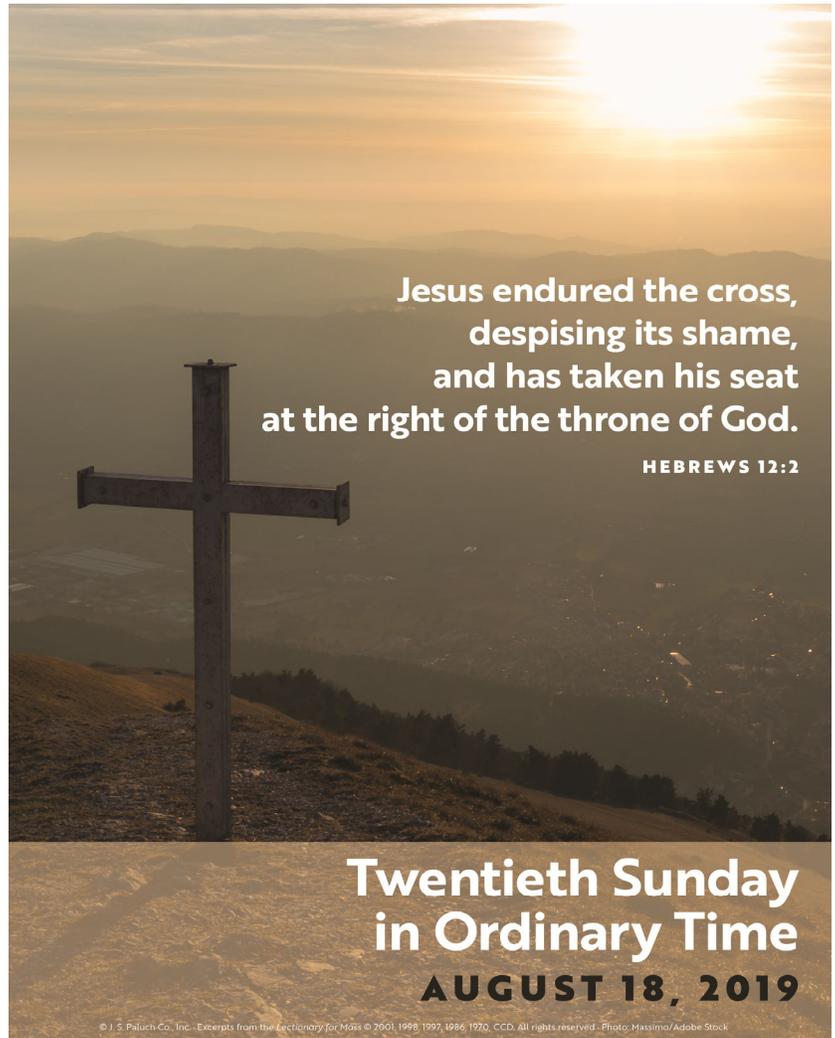
**Baptisms**  
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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 ~ 8:30am, 6:00 pm

**Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00  
Friday- Closed  
Confessions Saturday ~ 3:15-3:45pm or by Appointment



Jesus endured the cross,  
despising its shame,  
and has taken his seat  
at the right of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

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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

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### Treasures from Our Tradition

In recent weeks, we have reviewed how the Churches of East and West have enriched one another, and this past Thursday's solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary was born in the Eastern Church. It is a gift from the ancient Church of Jerusalem, a commemoration of the death of Mary, and a feast charged with a deep sense of the Resurrection. Mary, the first disciple, is the first to share fully in Christ's victory over death. In the tradition of the East, August 15 is the

Dormition of the Theotokos, or the Falling Asleep of the God-bearer. There is no shadow of death or gloom in the theology, since this is seen as a transformation of Mary's life into a heavenly and immortal existence. There is a sense in the tradition that she who made earth heavenly and exalted the human race by her faithfulness is glorified today. A persistent legend among Orthodox Christians tells how all the disciples, except Thomas, who was preaching in India, were present at Mary's death and burial, and sat by the tomb for three days. On the third day, Thomas saw Mary's body rising to heaven. She greeted him as my friend, and he was escorted by angels to proclaim her assumption to the others, who then realized her tomb was empty. Thus Thomas, the one who expressed doubt at the resurrection of Christ, received a gift

from Mary: the chance to proclaim resurrection faith to the disciples.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

**Sunday:** Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- They took Jeremiah and threw him into the cistern (Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10).

**Psalms** -- Lord, come to my aid! (Psalm 40).

**Second Reading** -- Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith (Hebrews 12:1-4).

**Gospel** -- I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing (Luke 12:49-53).

### 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 Re-

gional 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.

*Sanctuary Lamp*  
*Guido & Carmela DePaul*  
*By the Hollingers*

*Memorial Candle*  
*Ed Riley*  
*by Wife Rosalind*

*Memorial Candle*  
*Margaret Gabelli*  
*By Dorothy*

**August 24th & 25th**

4:00p.m. ~ Lauren Pullet  
                  Maria Safranyos

8:00a.m. ~ Nicholas & Joey  
                  DiFilippio

10:30a.m. ~ Derek & Zachary  
  Hald

**Collection August 10th & 11th**

Envelopes ~ \$4,978.59  
Loose ~ \$966.00  
Church Restoration ~ \$58.00  
Utilities ~ \$104.00

**Second Collection**

Next weekend a collection will be taken to support Catholic education both locally and nationally. In the Diocese of Greensburg this collection is combined with a collection for the Catholic University of America. The Catholic University is unique among the Catholic institutions of higher education as the national university for the Catholic Church in the United States. It is the only higher education institution founded by the American bishops and chartered by the Vatican. This year fifty percent of this collection will go to support The Catholic University and fifty percent will be used to aid the Catholic schools here in

our own Diocese. Our Catholic schools are an asset that prepare future leaders for the Church and the nation

**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.

**Chicken 'n Biscuit Dinner**

A Chicken n Biscuit Dinner sponsored by St. Gertrude Parish and the Vandergrift Fire Dept. #1 is

planned for Saturday, September 21 from 4:30 to 7pm in St. Gertrude's Social Hall. Dinner will include mashed potatoes, corn, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, take out available; children 5 to 12 eat only meals \$6. For Tickets call Fran at 412-780-0164 or the church office at 724-568-2331.

**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#

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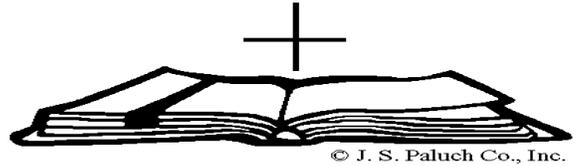
This year FUSED 4 Youth Ministry and Region 2 Faith Formation will be held at the St. Gertrude's Parish Center (formerly Cardinal Maida Academy). Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you did not receive the recent mailing. Our first Faith Formation, LIFETEEN and EDGE session will be held on Sunday,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

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 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 and Deceased of our Parish

10:30a.m. †Orlando & Kay Capretto

**Monday, August 19, Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Victoria Calizzi

**Tuesday, August 20, St. Bernard**

8:30a.m. †Br. Leo, O.S.B.

**Wednesday, August 21, St. Pius**

8:30a.m. †Frank & Kathy Bruno

**Thursday, August 22, Queenship of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary**

8:30a.m. †Armand Policicchio

**Friday, August 23, Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Br. Steve, O.S.B.

**Saturday, August 24, Weekday**

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

**Saturday, August 24, Vigil, The Twenty ~ First  
Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Michael & Dorothy Zemba

**Sunday, August 25, The Twenty-First Sunday In  
Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Deceased Memers of the Yucas Family

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