



Saint Gertrude Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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The Twenty-First 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



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

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later. Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day. An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17; Mk 6:17-29
Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem (Isaiah 66:18-21).

Psalms -- Go out to all the world and tell the Good News (Psalm 117).

Second Reading -- Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13).

Gospel -- People from east and west, north and south recline at table in the kingdom of God (Luke 13:22-30).

Faith Formation

Have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of

Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Jim Peterman at 724-845-8191, or jpeterman@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Welcome the Stranger

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD.

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to strive to enter through the narrow gate into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.



With the joy of Baptism we welcome into the family of God:

Olivia Margaret Eckert daughter of **Justin Robert Eckert & Tammy Lee Bowen**. We offer our love and best wishes to this child and her family.

Sanctuary Lamp
Guido & Carmela DePaul
By the Hollingers

Memorial Candle
Ed Riley
by Wife Rosalind

Memorial Candle
Margaret Gabelli
By Dorothy

August 31st & September 1st

4:00p.m. ~ Rylie Hoch
Domenic Dellemonache

8:00a.m. ~ Derek & Zachary
Hald

10:30a.m. ~ Joseph Collini
Ashley Scanga

Collection August 10th & 11th

Envelopes ~ \$3,535.10
Loose ~ \$414.00
Church Restoration ~ \$6.50
Utilities ~ \$155.50

Assumption of Mary

Envelopes ~ \$805.00
Loose ~ 452.00

Second Collection

This 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

Super Bingo

Yes! Christ the King is planning another SUPER BINGO! It will be held on Saturday, November 9th at the Oklahoma School House Hall, 171 Thorn Street, Apollo - so mark your calendars NOW and make plans to attend! More information will follow in the coming months.

2019 Rummage Sale

2019 Christ the King Rummage Sale will be held September 11th through the 14th! Get a jump on your spring cleaning THIS FALL! Don't forget to mark the following dates on your calendar!

Drop off Dates:

Friday, Sept. 6th : Noon - 5 PM
Saturday, Sept. 7th : 9 AM - 3 PM
Monday, Sept. 9th : Noon - 7 PM
Tuesday, Sept. 10th : 9 AM - 4 PM
Please do not drop off TV's, Computers, Printers, Large Furniture, Large Exercise Equipment.

Knights of Columbus

Reminder to all members the next regular monthly meeting of our council will be this Wednesday, August 28th at 7:00 pm at Christ the King Hall. Please make every effort to attend.

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#

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.

K-5th Grade Faith Formation Schedule (6:00-7:30 PM at St. Gertrude's Parish Center) September 15th, September 29th, October 13th, October 27th, November 10th, November 24th December 8th *This does not include event or Sacramental prep dates.

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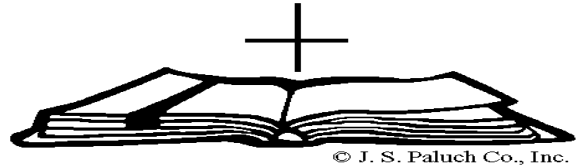
Looking for ways to help pay for activities/conferences/retreats? We are excited about an upcoming year-round fundraising opportunity! We are looking for parents to volunteer to help

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.

Service Opportunities! Great way to earn community service hours! Please help with the St. Gertrude's Spaghetti dinner on Thursday, September 26th from 3:45 to 6:30 PM. Please sign up to help by Wednesday, September 18th. Also, please help with St. Gertrude's Chicken 'n Biscuit dinner on Saturday, September 21st from 4:30-7:00 PM. Please sign up to help by Sunday, September 15th. FUSED 4 ~ September/October LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

(EDGE: Grades 6th-8th/LIFETEEN: grades 9th 12th ~ St. Gertrude's Parish Center ~ 6:00-7:30 PM) September: 15th—Session ~ 22nd—NO SESSION ~ 29th—Session October: 6th—Session ~ 13th—Session ~20th—Session ~ 27th—Session Extra activities: September 21st—Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Chicken 'n Biscuit dinner ~ September 26th--Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Spaghetti Dinner

Mass Intentions



**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 of the Yucas Family

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

Monday, August 26, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Larry Dudzik

Tuesday, August 27, St. Monica

8:30a.m. †Debby Linkes

Wednesday, August 28, St. Augustine

8:30a.m. Joan & Rudy Kuco

50th Wedding Anniversary

Thursday, August 29, The Passion of St. John the Baptist

8:30a.m. †Nellie Kuruc

Friday, August 30, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Larry Dudzik

Saturday, August 31, Weekday

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

**Saturday, August 31, Vigil Twenty-Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Matthew John Taroski

**Sunday, September 1, Twenty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Eugene Iagnemma

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