



Saint Gertrude Parish

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August 4, 2019

The Eighteenth 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

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Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

~Psalm 90:14



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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

Apart from the period from Thanksgiving through Christmas, the summer is a favored time for family reunions. We trace family trees and recall our origins. Worship has a family tree as well, and the way we celebrate today has been influenced by various styles and customs through the centuries. We are Western Christians of the Latin Rite. By far, we are the most numerous Western Christians, but there are other ritual families as well. The Archdiocese of Milan in Italy follows the Ambrosian Rite, Toledo in Spain preserves the Mozarabic Rite and the Arab language, and Lyons in France is home to the Gallican Rite. Other liturgical families, such as the Celtic in Ireland and the Sarum in England, faded away after the Reformation. Until recent times, members of some ancient religious orders such as Carmelites and Trappists followed a pattern of Mass that varied slightly from the plan observed in Latin Rite parishes. Isn't the Catholic Church the same everywhere? Not at all. It never has been! The existence of so many liturgical families in the West reminds us that unity, not uniformity, is what the Church seeks to achieve among her children. We are united in faith, but wonderfully diverse in rituals, ceremonies, languages, customs, and spirituality.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-

7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Nm 20:1-13; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]; Lk 12:32-48 [35-40]

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23).

Psalms -- If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts (Psalm 90).

Second Reading -- You too will appear with Christ your life in glory (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11).

Gospel -- For though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions (Luke 12:13-21).

Help for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

St. Cecilia Parish, Whitney, will host "Help for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren" at the parish hall Aug. 13 at 5:30 p.m. to help grandparents and other people near retirement who have unexpectedly become the primary caregivers for their grandchildren. The evening is designed to share ideas and resources that address the emotional, legal, financial and daily living challenges of grandparents who are now raising a second family. A speaker will provide information about preparing children for the start of the School year and drawings will be held for backpacks filled with school supplies. Childcare will be available. Call 724-423-3777. A second gathering will be held Sept. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, Latrobe. The program is

sponsored by St. Cecilia Parish and Sacred Heart Parish, Youngstown, and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran.

Using your time Wisely

A jar of honey lasts practically forever. The oldest jar of honey ever discovered was over five thousand years old. Honey is quite different from market-fresh produce, then; because most fruits and vegetables last only a few days, we treat them carefully. At this time of summer, we rush to find recipes for cherries and cucumbers so we won't waste a single one. We wouldn't feel that same urgency about honey. In our own way, we are as delightful and fragile as ripe produce. Today's readings urge us not to spoil, but to make good use of our limited time on earth. Ecclesiastes reminds us that because God provides for us now and always, we can manage our daily affairs without anxiety. Saint Paul encourages the Colossians to keep thoughts of heaven in everything they do, and Jesus himself asks us to treasure not earthly wealth, but God alone.

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
In Memory Of
Jenny Locorotondo
By Albert & Sylvia Fiorina*

*Memorial Candle
Armand Policicchio
By
Paul & Patricia Hollinger*

*Memorial Candle
James Pomatto, Jr. &
Andy Pomatto Sr.
By The Pomatto Family*

August 10th & 11th

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

8:00a.m. ~ Derek Zachary Hald

10:30a.m. ~ **All Servers**
Festa Mass

Collection July 20th & 21st

Envelopes ~ \$4,342.10
Loose ~ \$452.25
Church Restoration ~ \$38.00
Utilities ~ \$179.00

Knights of Columbus 6715

We at Council 6715 would like to extend a special "Thank You" to all who participated in our recent Baby Bottle Campaign. With your generous donations we were able to raise a total of \$3,342.98 as of last Sunday. There are a few more bottles to be counted, and all of the proceeds will go to the Try-Life pregnancy support center in Lower Burrell. Try-Life is a pro-life organization serving the Alle-Kiski Valley. We at the Knights of Columbus sincerely thank you for supporting our pro-life program.

The date has been set -- Our annual Family Picnic will be held on Friday, August 16th at Kunkle Park in Washington Township. It will start at 6:00 pm and it is open to all parishioners, so members bring your family and friends and enjoy the evening.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1008

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court 1008 Picnic Meeting for members will be held in the Church Social Hall, August 6th @ 6:00 P M.

To all C D of A Members: Please remember to bring Items for Veterans to the picnic on August 6th. Thank you.

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.

Saint Margaret Mary Festival of Friendship

3055 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, PA. August 16 and 17. Food booths open at 4 p.m., rides and games open at 6 p.m. on Friday, 5 p.m. on Saturday. Featuring delicious food by local restaurants and caterers, DJ and karaoke, kiddie rides, games, bingo, and baskets. This year, 1/3 of all Festival profits will be donated to the Lower Burrell Volunteer Fire Departments. RAIN OR SHINE. No pets permitted on festival grounds. (Please note: the Saint Margaret Mary Saturday evening Mass on August 17 is scheduled for 4 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. because of the festival.)

St. Vincent DePaul

The St. Gertrude Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will meet on Wednesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. Carol R. will be collecting scratch-off Lottery tickets for the Chinese Auction at the September 22 Convocation Mass and Dinner. All members are urged to attend.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the August 8 Spaghetti Dinner; Catholic Daughters of America, Mercy Lunch and First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association—Junior Branch 126.

You will be receiving a mailing and registration form for our Regional 2 Faith Formation soon. This year Region 2 Faith Formation and FUSED 4 Youth Ministry will be held at the St. Gertrude's Parish Center (formerly Cardinal Maida Academy). Looking forward to another great year!

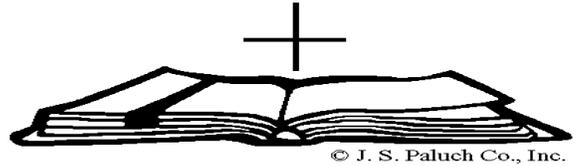
If your child is a second grader who is enrolled in Catholic School or is home schooled, please contact the Faith Formation Office at 724-212-6740 to let us know that your child would like to receive their First Communion this Spring and to obtain more information.

Open to those entering 6th-12th grades: Our Youth Ministry has a fundraising opportunity at Festa Italiana on August 11th. We will be selling fried dough and fried dough sandwiches. Please sign up to help by this Monday, August 5th.

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. You will be receiving a mailing and registration form for Youth Ministry soon. 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). Looking forward to another great year!

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

Mass Intentions



**Saturday, August 3, Vigil The Eighteenth Sunday In
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4:00p.m. †Ellen Porter

**Sunday, August 4, The Eighteenth Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Ann Vergari

10:30a.m. †Ralph Scanga

Monday, August 5, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Benjamin Zanolli

Tuesday, August 6, Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30a.m. †Gloria J. Scalzott

Wednesday, August 7, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Mark Maszgay

Thursday, August 8, St Dominic

8:30a.m. †Dennis Klaric

10:30a.m. Anointing Mass at Christ The King

Friday, August 9, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Armand Policicchio

Saturday, August 10, St. Lawrence

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

**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 & Deceased of our Parish

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