



# Saint Gertrude Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

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*July 28, 2019*

*The Seventeenth 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

You were buried with him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised with him  
through faith in the power of God,  
who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12



#### *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.*

**Treasures from Our Tradition**

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized. In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12  
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

**Caring for our Parish Community**

Those that you used to see at Mass are no longer there; have you noticed? Or, have you heard that someone has had surgery or is recovering from an illness? Aging and illnesses play a large part of the reason they are not attending Mass; but, that in no way means that they cease to be a vital part of our parish.

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.

**Today's Readings**

First Reading -- Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).  
Psalm -- Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).  
Second Reading -- You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ (Colossians 2:12-14).  
Gospel -- Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds (Luke 11:1-13).

**Asking for Help**

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things. Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers.

*Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory Of  
Edith Kamenski  
by Kousin's Club*

*Memorial Candle  
Vicki Filo  
From Kenny Tardivo*

*Memorial Candle  
Troiano Young  
By Red & Dee Tardivo*

### **August 3rd & 4th**

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

8:00a.m. ~ Kyle & Peter  
Poremski

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

### **Collection July 20th & 21st**

Envelopes ~ \$3,355.00  
Loose ~ \$396.00  
Children's \$11.00  
Church Restoration ~ \$57.00  
Utilities ~ \$64.00

### **Knights of Columbus 6715**

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.

### **Golden Wedding Anniversary**

Bishop Malesic invites all couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2019 to participate in the Golden Jubilee Mass at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Sept. 22 at 3 p.m. Jubilarians, their children, relatives or friends should contact their parish office to register couples for this celebration. All registered couples, even those unable to attend the Mass, will receive a scroll signed by the bishop to commemorate this anniversary.

### **Altoona Curve**

On Sunday, August 18th we will be going to cheer on the Altoona Curve baseball team. We will join FUSED 4 Youth Ministry and the active St. Gertrude's/Christ the King altar servers at the game. Cost is \$20.00 for St. Gertrude's Men's Club members and active St. Gertrude's and CtK servers are free. 6th-12th graders--see Youth Ministry section for more information. Meet at St. Gertrude's at 3:00 PM and we will return around 11:30 PM.

### **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. Cost is \$5.00 per person. For Reservations, call Rosemary Ferrante, 724-567-7667. Reservations due by July 29th.

### **Feast of the Assumption**

Bishop Malesic will lead a celebration of the diocese's patronal feast, the Feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15 at the Christ Our Shepherd Center near Greensburg. The bishop will celebrate Mass at 7 p.m. in St. Joseph Chapel then lead an outdoor candlelight procession with recitation of the rosary in multiple languages.

### **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.

Parishioners are welcome to join us for our baseball trip to the Altoona Curve. Please see information below. Cost is \$20.

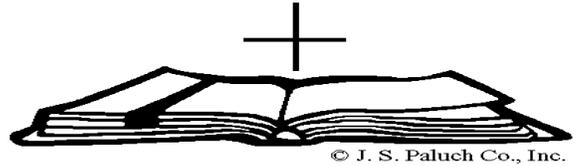
The St. Gertrude's Men's Club/St. Gertrude's Active Altar Servers

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Please check out the opportunities to be involved in Youth Ministry this summer for those who are entering 6th-12th grades in the fall and recent high school grads! Lots of fun!

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 Monday, August 5th.

# Mass Intentions



**Saturday, July 27, Vigil The Seventeenth Sunday In  
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Daniel L. Bartoe

**Sunday, July 28, The Seventeenth Sunday In  
Ordinary Time**

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

10:30a.m. †Buck & Norma Troilo

**Monday, July 29, St. Martha**

8:30a.m. †Special Intention

**Tuesday, July 30, Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Pete & Betty Kasanicky

**Wednesday, July 31, St. Ignatius**

8:30a.m. †Jack Kanas

**Thursday, August 1, St. Alphonsus**

8:30a.m. †Joe & Joey Donghia

**Friday, August 2, Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Homebound Parishioners of  
St. Gertrude

**Saturday, August 3, Weekday**

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

**Saturday, August 3, Vigil, The Eighteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Ellen Porter

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

**Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Ann Vergari

10:30a.m. †Ralph Scanga