



Saint Gertrude Parish

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July 21, 2019

The Sixteenth 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

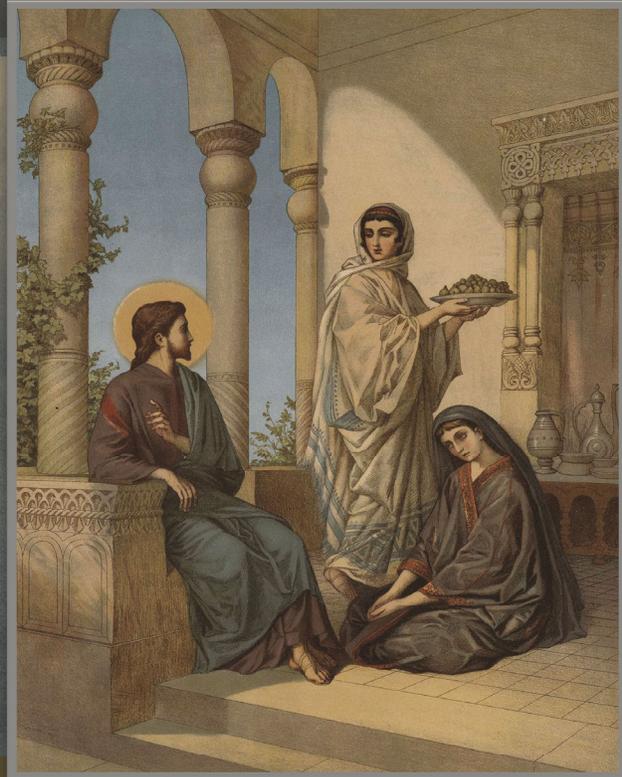
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00

Friday- Closed

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 21, 2019



Mary sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

LUKE 10:39

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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.

Treasures from Our Tradition

There is a different pace to a summer Sunday, especially on those days when we dream of air conditioning and wave any available paper to stir the air. Yet we persist in gathering, even with so many breaks from the usual routines. We distance ourselves not only from routines, but from schedules and familiar well-worn paths. These are playful days and contemplative days. We see long-lost friends and visit almost-forgotten places. We have more leisure than any people before in the history of the world, and we need it because our lives are so careworn and tiring. More of us walk barefoot and look up at the stars or dip our toes in the lake or sea, sing around campfires, read novels on the beach, and eat comfort food with our fingers. We see how beautiful life can be, and are more aware than usual of how God is always breaking in with signs of love. In Genesis today, Abraham and Sarah practice hospitality to their visitors, who turn out to be God dropping in. During the summer months, God practices hospitality in return, inviting us into a season of celebration. Keeping Sunday holy is a good habit to cultivate in these days when our spirits are especially receptive to God's deep desire for us to know divine love.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Tuesday: Ex 14:21 -- 15:1; Ex 15:8-10, 12, 17; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

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 shows hospitality to three visitors (Genesis 18:1-10a).

Psalm -- He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord (Psalm 15).

Second Reading -- The mystery hidden from generations past has been manifested; it is Christ in you, the hope for glory (Colossians 1:24-28).

Gospel -- Jesus converses with Martha and Mary about service and contemplation (Luke 10:38-42).

A Mindset of Service

There is a lot of traveling, delivering, and visiting going on in our readings today. In Genesis Abraham cares for the needs of three mysterious travelers. The psalm responds, celebrating the kind of righteousness that Abraham practices. Then, in his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul describes his own ministry as almost like a delivery service: he, God's steward, brings the word of God to their community. Finally, Luke's Gospel shares the well-known story of Mary and Martha, and the different ways they welcome Jesus into their home. Amid all this coming and going, we are invited to pay attention to the ways we tend to the needs of others. Each of us can ask, How am I present to God and others in my life?

*Sanctuary Lamp
In memory of Joe Civitillo
By
The Hollingers*

*Memorial Candle
John Lucas
By Ida*

*Memorial Candle
Saverio & Terassa Ravicchio
By Angie*

July 27th & 28th

4:00p.m. ~ Renee & Casey
Tomiczek

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

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

Collection July 13th & 14th

Envelopes ~ \$4,382.00
Loose ~ \$261.00
Children's \$5.00
Church Restoration ~ \$15.00
Utilities ~ \$5.00

Benedictine Annual Appeal

Envelopes ~ \$2,225.00
Loose ~ \$758.60

Knights of Columbus News

Our annual picnic and business meeting will be this coming Wednesday, July 24th at 6:00 pm at Christ the King picnic grounds. All members are welcome. Please plan to join us for a fun evening and get to know your brother knights a little better.

August 11th -- Festa Italiana. We will be selling soup and sandwiches once again this year at the Festa Italiana in Vandergrift. We will need members to work the booth in 2-hour shifts throughout the day.

August -- Annual Family Picnic at Kunkle Park in Washington Twp. -- Date to be announced. FOR MORE INFORMATION -- Call Mike at (724) 845-2583.

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.

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

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.

St. Vincent Basilica Parish

St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, will hold its annual festival July 27-28 at the Grove. Grounds are open 5-9 p.m. July 27 and 12-8 p.m. July 28. Car show and chicken dinner on Sunday. Basket auction, bake sale, kids' games, Peddler's Village and more. For information, call 724-539-8629.

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.

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!

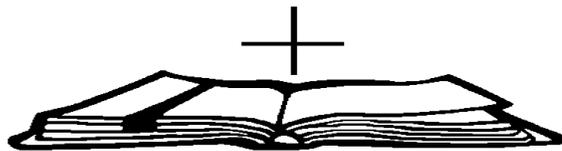
Save the date for a service opportunity! We are looking for volunteers to help with the Fresh Express (food distribution for the poor) at St. Gertrude's parking lot Monday, July 15th from 3:00-5:00 PM. Please sign up by calling the Youth Ministry Office by Monday, July 8th. Pizza will be provided after. Help those in need!

Open to those entering 6th-12th grades: Please join us for the Wave Pool at Boyce Park on Thursday, July 18th. Meet at St. James at 12:15 PM and we will return to St. James around 6:30 PM or 7:00 PM. Only \$8. Cash is preferred. A pizza dinner is included. Money and permission slips are due no later than Monday, July 8th. Bring a friend!

Open to those entering 6th-12th grades: Save the date! Our Youth Ministry has a fundraising opportunity at Festa Italiana on August 11th. We will be selling fried dough and fried dough sandwiches.

Open to those entering 6th-12th grades: Save the date: On Sunday, August 18th we will be going to cheer on the Altoona Curve baseball team. This trip is also open to St. Gertrude's and Christ the King active altar servers who will attend for free. The St. Gertrude's Men's Club will also be joining us on their own bus. Cost is only \$15 for youth in grades 6th-12th (unless you are an active server at St. Gertrude's or CtK.) Meet at St. Gertrude's at 3:00 PM and we will return around 11:30 PM. Bring a friend!

Mass Intentions



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**Saturday, July 20, Vigil The Sixteenth Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Joe & Julia Dupal

**Sunday, July 21, The Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary
Time**

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

10:30a.m. †Emily Firek

Monday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene

8:30a.m. †Eugene Milie

Tuesday, July 23, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Ann Ferrara

Wednesday, July 24, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Mary & John Koscinski

Thursday, July 25, St James

8:30a.m. †Marlene Dawkins

Friday, July 26, St. Joachim & Anne

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

Saturday, July 27, Weekday

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

**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