



Saint Gertrude Parish

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The Most Holy Trinity

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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

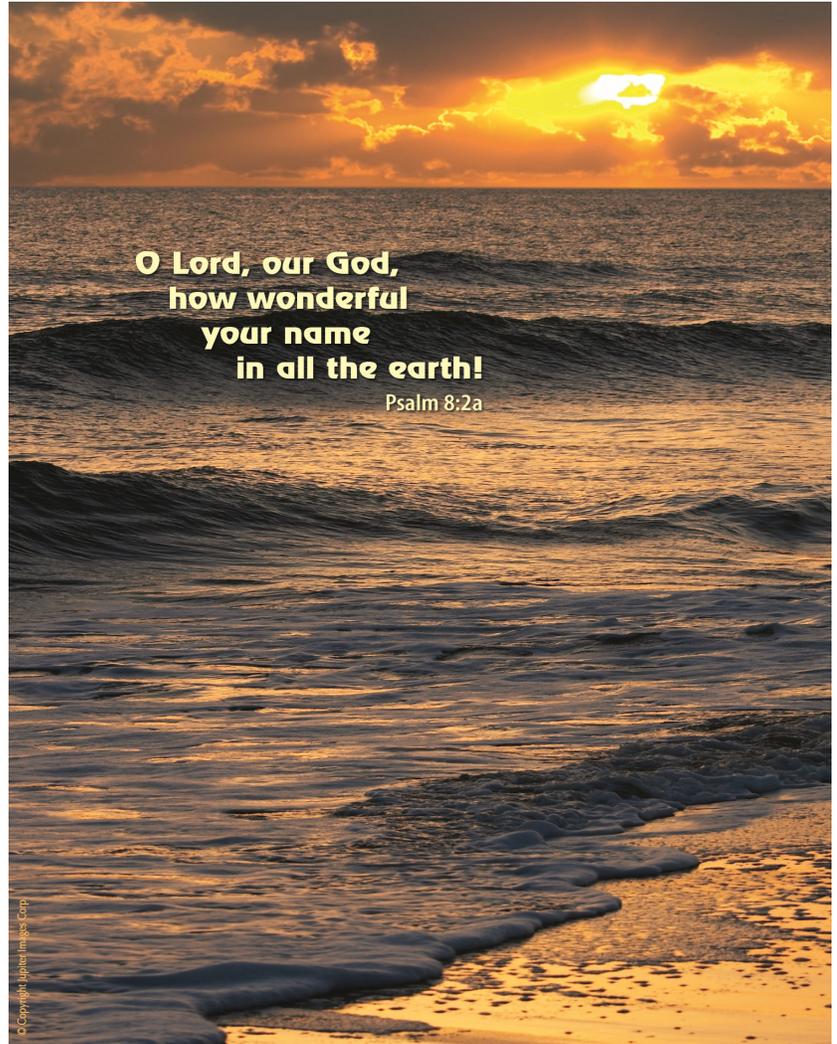
Holy Day ~ 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00

Friday- Closed

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



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

Today's feast, extending a dimension of Easter joy into Ordinary Time, reminds us that every aspect of worship centers on the mystery of God in three persons. At baptism, we are initiated into Christ and the Spirit. The Creed we recite at Mass every Sunday has its roots in the ancient celebration of baptism, when a new believer was questioned at the edge of the waters of the font with three questions: Do you believe in God, the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit? Three questions, three affirmations, three immersions into the saving waters. Because every liturgy abounds with references to the Trinity, not only in words but in blessings by the sign of the cross, this feast was not easily accepted into the calendar. Pope Alexander in the eleventh century remarked that the liturgy is so laden with praise of the Trinity that there was no need for a special feast. Two hundred years later, while in exile in France, Pope John XXII proclaimed the feast, but it was not until 1911 that Pope St. Pius X gave it status as a solemnity. A favorite image in art for today is the Icon of the Trinity, showing three glorious winged men seated at a table laden with bread and a cup of wine. It recalls Abraham's hospitality to angels and gives expression to the inner life of God, a life lived in relationship, a life poured out in abundance whenever Christians gather at the table of

the Eucharist to give praise to the Father, in Christ, in the embrace of the Spirit

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 6:1-10; Ps 98:1, 2b, 3-4; Mt 5:38-42
Tuesday: 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1bc-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: 2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1b-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15
Friday: 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7; Mt 6:19-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 12:1-10; Ps 34:8-13; Mt 6:24-34
Sunday: Gn 14:18-20; Ps 110:1-4; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11b-17

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The wisdom of God played on the surface of God's earth, finding delight in the human race (Proverbs 8:22-31).

Psalm -- O Lord, our God, how wonderful you name in all the earth! (Psalm 8).

Second Reading -- The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:1-15).

Gospel -- The Spirit of truth will guide you to all truth (John 16:12-15).

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This Is the Holy Trinity

Today we celebrate the Holy Trinity, one of the most confounding mysteries of our faith. Through this mystery we experience our relationship to God: Creator, Savior, and Holy Spirit.

This relationship is not easy to understand or to describe. It does not become clearer through analysis. Its complexity mirrors the complexity of all our relationships. We understand our relationships with our spouses, our children, our parents, and our friends only through daily give-and-take, annual rituals, and the life-changing moments we share. We understand our relationships only as we live them. The relationships we have with those we love, and who love us, sustain us through an uncertain and difficult life. This is the Holy Trinity. What is striking about today's readings is that each is incomplete. What they do offer is a description of a moment in our relationship, a memory of a time and an event when our relationship made sense even though that sense may be beyond our ability to describe fully. Often that is all that our faith offers, that is, a memory of what is possible, what is promised, what has been given. A memory of eternity, of love beyond understanding is to be cherished and nurtured even if not fully understood. This is the Holy Trinity.

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, School or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

*Sanctuary Lamp
Carmela DePaul
by the Hollingers*

*Memorial Candle
Anthony DePanis
by Loving Wife & Family*

*Memorial Candle
Dennis DeCapite
By Spaghetti Crew*

June 22nd & 23rd

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

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

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

Collection June 8th & 9th

Envelopes ~ \$4,678.00
Children ~ \$8.00
Loose ~ \$394.10
Church Restoration ~ \$129.00
Utilities ~ \$145

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the June 27th Spaghetti Dinner: Eucharistic Ministers and Prayer Chain.

Charlie Batch June 20 at GCC

Former quarterback Charlie Batch is scheduled to be at the Pittsburgh Steelers youth football mini-camp at Greensburg Central Catholic June 20 from

10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cosponsored by the Westmoreland Saints, the non-contact camp is open to boys and girls ages 6-14 and will feature six drill stations. The cost is \$60 and includes a T-shirt, water bottle and more. For information, go to steelers.com/youthfootballcamp. Click on REGISTER NOW, click on "2019 Youth Mini-Camps" at the top of the page, then go to the "Greensburg (Central Catholic)" link to register.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Congratulations we have now met our Diocesan Lenten appeal. All money now donated will go towards the parish portion of the goal which is an upgraded sound system. Thank you again for your generosity.

GCC Soccer Camp

Does your child enjoy soccer? Would he/she like to learn new soccer skills? This **Wednesday, June 19th**, the Greensburg Central Catholic Girls Soccer team will be hosting a one day soccer camp for children entering 1st - 6th grade at the GCC stadium on the school campus from **9:00 a.m - 1:00 p.m.** The cost is \$40. For more information and registration, contact Jeff Ward at patxwards@zoominternet.net

"The Accent On-Air" on WTAE-TV

Don't take a vacation from your faith! If you are a late night TV watcher, "The Accent On-Air," which features the diocesan summer event guide, airs at 2:08 a.m.

on WTAE-TV on June 17, 19, 24 and 28. It can also be viewed any time at TheAccentOnline.org.

Summer Festivals for young adults

St. Agnes Parish, North Huntingdon, will host REV316 Summer Festivals for young adults ages 18-39 from 4-10 p.m. June 29, July 27 and Aug. 24. The evenings include sports, fellowship, food and an inspiring talk. The events are free, but a free will offering will be taken to offset the cost of food. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite sports items, a lawn chair, and food, snacks or drinks to share. RSVP at Rev316.catholic@gmail.com.

Summer Preview Day

La Roche University, a Catholic, coeducational institution in Pittsburgh's North Hills, invites high school juniors and seniors and transfer students to learn more about the university at its Summer Preview Day July 13 from 8:15 a.m.-1 p.m. A campus tour, refreshments and lunch are included. Register at www.laroche.edu (Preview Day is under Upcoming Events). Questions: admissions@LaRoche.edu or call 412-536-1272.



Congratulations to
Tammy & Dan Waner
Who celebrated their 35th
wedding anniversary on June
9th!

Please return the registration and volunteer form for our Regional Vacation Bible School by this Monday, June 10th. Attention recent high school grads and those entering 6th-12th grades: The last VBS Paint Party is Tuesday, June 11th at Christ the King at 6:00 PM in the St. Joseph Room. Permission slips (if you haven't yet completed one for this year) and release waiver along with money for our Youth Ministry kayaking trip need to be turned no later than the VBS Paint Party which is being held this Monday, June 11^t

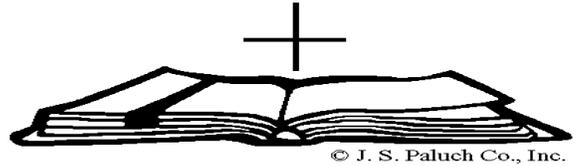
Region 2 Faith Formation invites children of all ages to explore where God's power can take you at To Mars and Beyond Vacation Bible School! This space adventure includes exciting new music, amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories that will help children experience God's amazing power. The adventure runs from June 17th-21st from 9:00-Noon at Christ the King. There will not be a Vacation Bible School at St. James this year. Explore To Mars and Beyond VBS by calling Katie Tylinski at 724-212-6740 or Beth Kendle at 724-727-3240. Flyers and registration forms are available in the back of the church. See the flyer for more information. Please return the registration and volunteer form by this Monday, June 10th! Volunteers with clearances are needed!

Join us for Kayaking on Thursday, June 20th. We will meet at Christ the King Hall at noon for a pizza party and then we will carpool to the kayaking place. We will return to Christ the King between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. Cost is only \$10 for those who volunteer the Regional VBS and \$15 for everyone else. Permission slips, Monday, June 11th. Please visit the Saltsburg River and Trail website to print the necessary release waiver for all kayakers. <http://saltsburgriverandtrail.com/> Permission slips and the release waivers will also be available at the Paint parties. If you have a financial hardship, please let us know. Wear swimsuits (no bikinis) and shorts and a t-shirt. Bring a towel.

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!

We are looking forward to Vacation Bible School which will be held at Christ the King Parish during June 17th-21st from 9:00 AM-Noon. The last VBS Paint Party is June 11th at Christ the King at 6:00 PM in the St. Joseph Room. All levels of artistic ability are welcome

Mass Intentions



Saturday, June 15, Vigil The Most Holy Trinity

4:00p.m. †Lekavich & Trentin Families

Sunday, June 16, The Most Holy Trinity

8:00a.m. †Dom Caratelli

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

Monday, June 17, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Jack John Tarosky

Tuesday, June 18, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Patrick Dawson

Wednesday, June 19, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Joe & Mary Stonevice

Thursday, June 20, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Armand Policicchio

Friday, June 21, St. Aloysius

8:30a.m. †Albert & Helen Pacuch

Saturday, June 22, Weekday

8:30a.m. NO Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, June 22, Vigil The Most Holy Body &
Blood of Christ**

4:00p.m. †Mario & Theresa Massetto

**Sunday, June 23, The Most Holy Body &
Blood of Christ**

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

10:30a.m. †Mr. & Mrs. Paul Linkes