



Saint Gertrude Parish

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June 30, 2019

The Thirteenth 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

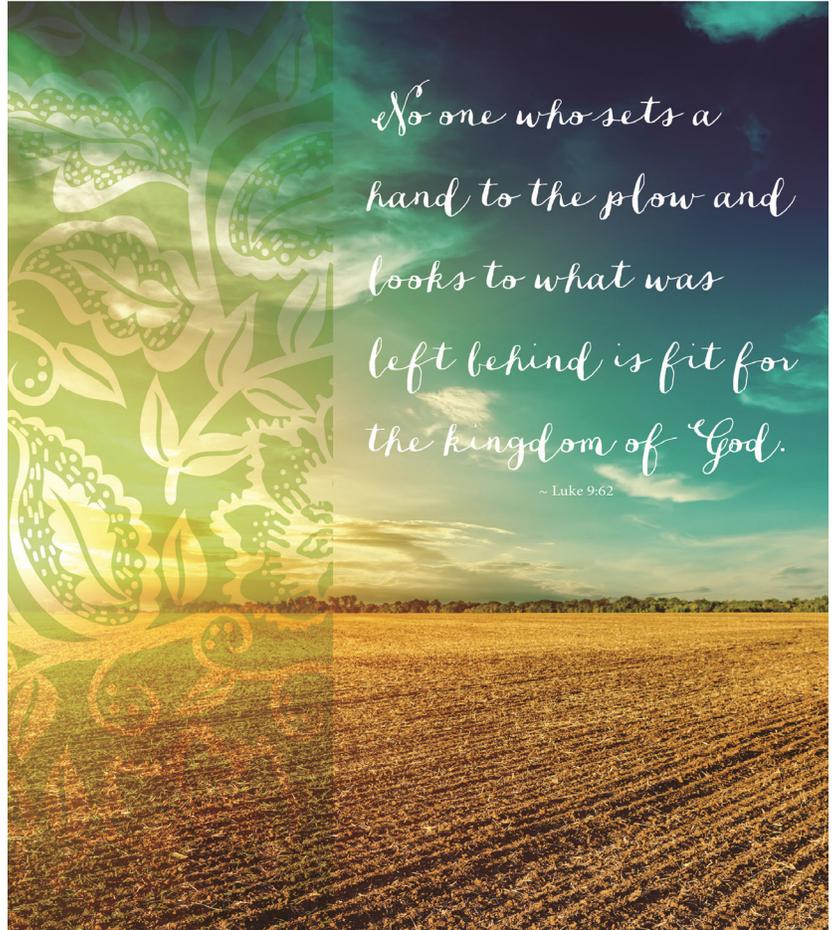
Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00

Friday- Closed

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

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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.

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Treasures from Our Tradition

Processions are life's journey distilled. We move with companions, aware that Christ accompanies us, as we move to the altar for Communion or to the font for baptism, or carry a loved one to a place of rest. In Europe, the season of pilgrimage is beginning now, and tens of thousands of people are moving by foot on well-worn paths. Some take as long as six weeks to walk the last few hundred miles of the medieval pilgrimage route to the Shrine of St. James the Apostle in Compostella, in northern Spain. Those who make the journey by foot, hiking, or by bicycle, have a kind of passport stamped at villages and monasteries on the road. When they present this document at the cathedral, they are given the emblem of a pilgrim, the scallop shell of St. James. High over their heads at Mass, a huge botafumero twirls clouds of sweet incense through the cathedral. Cynics say it is to mask the odor of smelly feet. The pilgrims know better. Seeing through the clouds the happy faces of those they met along the road, they recognize a foretaste of the welcome into heaven, and the joy of meeting loved ones in the Kingdom of God.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 18:16-33; Ps 103:1b-4, 8-11; Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27

Wednesday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29

Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8; or, for Independence Day, any readings from the Mass For the Country or a City, nos. 882-886, or For Peace and Justice, nos. 887-891

Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13

Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17

Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20;

Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 [10:1-9]

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Psalm -- You are my inheritance, O Lord (Psalm 16).

Second Reading -- Beware that you are not consumed by one another (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Gospel -- Go and proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 9:51-62).

Radical Transformation

On this Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, the readings describe anything but an ordinary time. They are disturbing and they leave us disturbed. The Old Testament reading recounts a young man's radical break with the past to follow a new path. The Gospel describes how life as we know it is abruptly changed if we

follow the call of Christ. The psalm and Paul assure us that such life-altering change is possible only because of the power of God's love. We are presented with a stark choice. To love as God loves, we must leave our old lives behind. We must leave behind not just the bad, the selfish, and the evil but the ordinary, our daily work, and the important, our families, our lives. Loving as God loves requires a radical transformation, not a smooth transition.

Memorial Mass July 30

The annual Miscarriage, Infant or Child Loss Memorial Mass will be celebrated July 30 at 6 p.m. at Holy Family Parish, Latrobe. A keepsake rosebud will be given to all families that attend, and refreshments will be served after Mass. Please RSVP and register your child's name by contacting Debbie Vanden Berk at 878-295-7665 or debdvd@yahoo.com.

St. Rita Parish Street

St. Rita Parish, Connellsville, will hold its annual Street Fair July 11-13 from 5:30-10 each evening on the parish grounds. The festival features Italian food, fried dough, a bake sale, basket raffle/Chinese auction, 50/50 drawing, live entertainment and more.

Benedictine Annual Appeal

A Collection in response to the Benedictine Annual Appeal will be taken up at all Masses on Saturday and Sunday two weeks from now. The purpose of the collection is to help meet the community's educational and health care needs.

*Sanctuary Lamp
Mike & Pearl Venturini
By Angie*

*Memorial Candle
John & Alexandra Vida
By Angie*

*Memorial Candle
Rita Staney & Terry Vida
By Angie*

July 6th & 7th

4:00p.m. ~ Derek & Zachary
Hald

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

10:30a.m. ~ Renee & Casey
Tomiczek

Summer Vacation

Many of our parish families are planning to get away from some summer fun and relaxation in the next few months. We pray that your vacation time will be safe and a source of many happy memories. However, please don't take your parish offering with you. Sunday offerings decrease significantly in the summer months. Please consider electronic giving through your bank.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Congratulations we have now met our Diocesan Lenten appeal. All money now donated will go towards the parish por-

tion of the goal which is an upgraded sound system. Thank you again for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus News

Upcoming Events:

July ~ Member's Picnic
August ~ Family Picnic and our booth at Festa Italia

The St. Gertrude's Men's Club

The St. Gertrude's Men's Club— Save the date-- On Sunday, August 18th we will be going to cheer on the Altoona Curve baseball team. We will be traveling via coach bus. We will join FUSED 4 Youth Ministry .and the active St. Gertrude's/Christ the King altar servers at the game. More details forthcoming.

St. James

St. James Monthly Vendor Fair
2nd Saturday of each month starting July 13th from 8am-2pm in the St. James Parish Hall All vendors needed With electric \$20/table Without Electric \$15/table Please call Linda Grimm at 724-882-8776 to register
All shoppers welcome!

MAGNIFICAT BREAKFAST

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat-A Ministry to Catholic Women is holding a Breakfast at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg on Saturday, July

27, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Guest speaker will be Bonnie Engstrom, whose son's stillbirth and miraculous recovery is the miracle accepted by the Vatican for Venerable Fulton Sheen's canonization. Cost is \$20.00, student rate \$15.00. To register, please call Brenda by July 22 at 724-836-2094 or visit www.magnificatgreensburg.com to download a registration form. Please note that there is no online registration.

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.

Virtus

A Virtus Session is being offered at St. Florian Church on Saturday, July 13th at 9:00 to 11:30 am. Please call the parish office to register at 724-423-4431.

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!

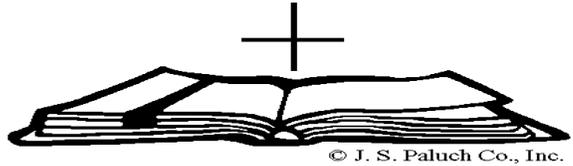
Save the date for a service opportunity! We are looking for volunteers to help with the Fresh Express (food distribution for the poor) at St. Gertrude's parking lot Monday, July 15th from 3:00-5:00 PM. Please sign up by calling the Youth Ministry Office by Monday, July 8th. Pizza will be provided after.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

Mass Intentions



**Saturday, June 29, The Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary
Time**

4:00p.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

**Sunday, June 30, The Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary
Time**

8:00a.m. †Joseph & Irene Boland

10:30a.m. †Frances Petrarca

Monday, July 1, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Velma Petrarca

Tuesday, July 2, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Pete DeFilippi

Wednesday, July 3, St. Thomas

8:30a.m. †Frank & Kathy Bruno

Thursday, July 4, Weekday

8:30a.m. †NO MASS

Friday, July 5, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Frank & Eleanor Pacuch

Saturday, July 6, Weekday

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

**Saturday, July 6, Vigil, The Fourteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Zigmund & Rose Majeran

**Sunday, July 7, The Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary
Time**

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

10:30a.m. †Salvatore & Mary Palattella