



Saint Gertrude Parish

A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust

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September 1, 2019

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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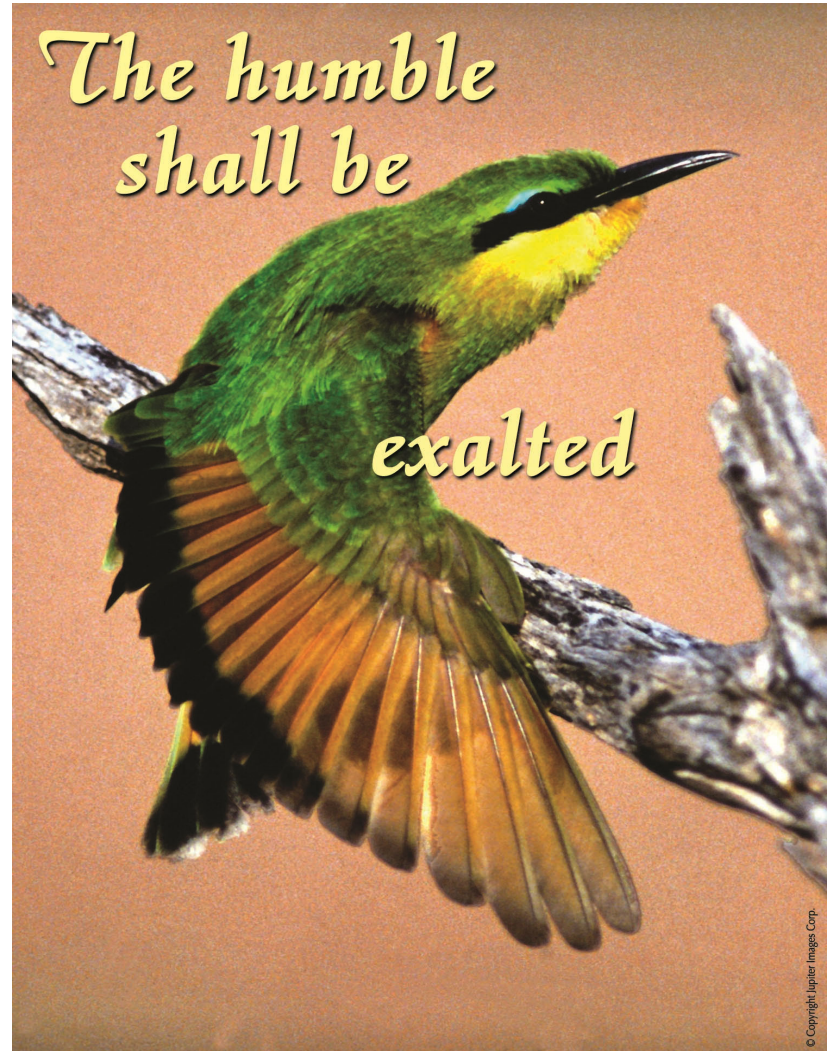
Baptisms
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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 ~ 8:30am, 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

The readings today center on mindfulness, awareness of where we stand in God's plan. The mountain of Sinai carries a message of the majesty and distance of God, while Jesus' presence as host of the banquet speaks of intimacy and mystery. September's shadow calls us all to mindfulness as we prepare to return to life outside of summer. The Christian life holds these two places of knowledge of God in careful balance. Even in the accounts of the Passion we see the table of the upper room in balance with the Mount of Olives. Altar means high place, yet it is also a table. The former liturgy of the Latin Rite began with the priest bowing at the foot of the altar's three steps, chanting *Introibo ad altare Dei*, or "I will go to the altar of God," followed by the altar servers' response, "The God who gives joy to my youth. Many parishioners can recall and recite this scene by heart. As with so many things in liturgy, there are layers of meaning in our worship. The altar table evokes memories of the high places once reserved for encounter with the holy, and the intimacy of the table where hospitality draws us to share food and drink.

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4,

6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-6, 12-17;
Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Conduct your affairs with humility (Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29).

Psalm -- God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor (Psalm 68).

Second Reading -- You have approached the city of the living God (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a).

Gospel -- Those who humble themselves will be exalted (Luke 14:1, 7-14).

Faith Formation

Have a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information please contact Jim Peterman at 724-845-8191, or jpeterman@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work September

12 Spaghetti Dinner: Lectors and Men's club

Humility

Humility is a virtue we don't see much in our times. It seems that bragging, swaggering, and arrogance dominate our fashion for everything and our Internet conversations. Who hasn't been irritated by the trolls who try (usually with bad grammar and poor spelling) to start an online fight with those whose opinions do not align with theirs? Our stores, catalogs, and online shopping sites are full of useless items geared in use and price to the very rich, as ordinary, useful things seem to fade off the sales scene. As the rich get richer, the poor get poorer and the middle class is fading away. What is the antidote to this? Humility is a good place to start. Devotion to God is worth more than riches.

The father of orphans and the defender of widows is God in his holy dwelling. God gives a home to the forsaken; [God] leads forth prisoners to prosperity.



With the joy of Baptism we welcome into the family of God:

Olivia Kaia Rodriguez & Blake Deegan Rodriguez daughter and son of **Caitlin Gonzalez & Mitchel Rodriguez**. We offer our love and best wishes to these children and their families.

Sanctuary Lamp
Victoria Calizzi
By *Amelia Centorcelli*

Memorial Candle
Pearl Snyder
By
Debby & Patty

Memorial Candle
Verna Rupert
By
David & Mary Ann Greenlee

September 7th & 8th

4:00p.m. ~ Renee Tomiczek

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

10:30a.m. ~ Lauren Pullett &
Maria Safranyos

Collection August 24th & 25th

Envelopes ~ \$3,698.10

Loose ~ \$381.00

Children's ~ \$4.00

Church Restoration ~ \$49.50

Utilities ~ \$20.00

2019 Rummage Sale

2019 Christ the King Rummage Sale will be held September 11th through the 14th! Get a jump on your spring cleaning THIS FALL!

Don't forget to mark the following dates on your calendar!

Drop off Dates:

Friday, Sept. 6th : Noon - 5 PM

Saturday, Sept. 7th : 9 AM - 3 PM

Monday, Sept. 9th : Noon - 7 PM

Tuesday, Sept. 10th : 9 AM - 4 PM

Please do not drop

off TV's, Computers, Printers, Large Furniture, Large Exercise Equipment.

Save the Date

Halloween Dance at Christ the King on Saturday, October 25th. More information to follow.

Six Steps to Sanity

Six Steps to Sanity is a faith-based ministry and support group adapted from the bestselling book, *Setting Boundaries with Your Adult Children*, by Allison Bottke for people who are dealing with addiction in their families. The course is being offered at St. Margaret Mary Church beginning Tuesday, September 17, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the parish center, room B-1. Please register by calling Detective John Marhefka at 724-334-1403 ext. 2079 or email jmarhefka@lbpolice.org. You may view a brief video explaining the program at: <https://vimeo.com/138096408>.

Chicken 'n Biscuit Dinner

A Chicken n Biscuit Dinner sponsored by St. Gertrude Parish and the Vandergrift Fire Dept. #1 is planned for Saturday, September 21 from 4:30 to 7pm in St. Gertrude's Social Hall. Dinner will include mashed potatoes, corn, beverage and dessert. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, take out available; children 5 to 12 eat only meals \$6. For Tickets call Fran at 412-780-0164 or

the church office at 724-568-2331.

Catholic Daughters of America

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1008, will meet Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 P M in the Church Social Hall. All members urged to attend. Items for Veterans are still being accepted.

ChristLife

When Jesus called His first disciples, He said "Come follow me." We receive this call ourselves today. God is calling us to Himself to become followers. When you think about becoming better in any area of your life, you know that it will take effort on your part. It takes discipline. As we strive to live the Christian life, we have the best coach in the world: Jesus Christ! We are encouraged to make the effort to follow Him and lean into the grace of God, so I am inviting you to join me in Season II of ChristLife. "Following Christ" will give you the opportunity to grow and be transformed by the grace of God.

Sept. 22 - Nov. 3
Sundays 3 PM - 5 PM
St. Gertrude's Social Hall#

Name:

Address:

Phone # :

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). Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you did not receive the recent mailing. Our first Faith Formation, LIFETEEN and EDGE session will be held on Sunday, September 15th. 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.

K-5th Grade Faith Formation Schedule (6:00-7:30 PM at St. Gertrude's Parish Center) September 15th, September 29th, October 13th, October 27th, November 10th, November 24th December 8th *This does not include event or Sacramental prep dates.

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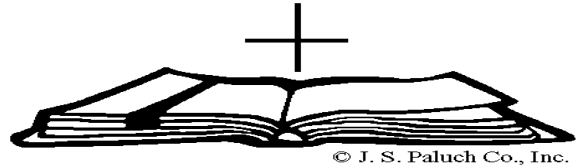
Looking for ways to help pay for activities/conferences/retreats? We are excited about an upcoming year-round fundraising opportunity! We are looking for parents to volunteer to help

Save the date: Join us for a mandatory Confirmation meeting for 8th graders and their parents on Sunday, September 8th at the St. James Parish Center. Please refer to mailing for more information. If you did not receive the mailing, please contact Katie Tylinski at 724-212-6740 ASAP.

Service Opportunities! Great way to earn community service hours! Please help with the St. Gertrude's Spaghetti dinner on Thursday, September 26th from 3:45 to 6:30 PM. Please sign up to help by Wednesday, September 18th. Also, please help with St. Gertrude's Chicken 'n Biscuit dinner on Saturday, September 21st from 4:30-7:00 PM. Please sign up to help by Sunday, September 15th. FUSED 4 ~ September/October LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

(EDGE: Grades 6th-8th/LIFETEEN: grades 9th 12th ~ St. Gertrude's Parish Center ~ 6:00-7:30 PM) September: 15th—Session ~ 22nd—NO SESSION ~ 29th—Session October: 6th—Session ~ 13th—Session ~20th—Session ~ 27th—Session Extra activities: September 21st—Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Chicken 'n Biscuit dinner ~ September 26th--Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Spaghetti Dinner

Mass Intentions



**Saturday, August 31, Vigil The Twenty-Second
Sunday In Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Matthew John Tarosky

**Sunday, September 1, The Twenty-Second Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Eugene Iagnemma

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

Monday, September 2, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Joe & Joey Donghia

Tuesday, September 3, St Gregory the Great

8:30a.m. †Perry A. Pinto

Wednesday, September 4, Weekday

8:30a.m. Homebound parishioners of
St Gertrude Church

Thursday, September 5, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Lena Puglese

Friday, September 6, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Armand Policicchio

Saturday, September 7, Weekday

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

**Saturday, September 7, Vigil Twenty-Third Sunday In
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Nicholas & Margaret Dilick

**Sunday, September 8, Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Jenny Locorotondo

10:30a.m. †Living & Deceased of our Parish