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November 6, 2022

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The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever.

2 Maccabees 7:9

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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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All bulletin submissions must be and turned into the parish office by Monday, 12:00 noon.

Mass Times**Monday**

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Tuesday

8:30AM.....Christ the King

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8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

Thursday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King
Second Thursday of the month (Anointing Mass)
12:10 PM.....Christ the King

Friday

8:30 AM.....St. Gertrude
9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)

Saturday

8:30 AM.....Christ the King
9:00 AM – 10: 00AM (Holy Hour)
4:00 PM.....St. Gertrude
5:30 PM.....Christ the King

Sunday

8:00 AM.....St. Gertrude
9:30 AM.....Christ the King
10:30 AM.....St. Gertrude

CONFESSION / RECONCILIATION

Saturday, 3:15 PM-3:45 PM.....St. Gertrude
Saturday, 9:00 AM.....Christ the King
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance of the anticipated date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism Preparation Class
Second Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM at Christ the King. Must be scheduled in advance.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS OF OUR PARISHES.

**MATTERS OF SEXUAL MISCONDUCT INFORMATION**

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.

St. Gertrude Parish

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, November 7

8:30 AM Susan Molinaro

Wednesday, November 9

8:30 AM Deceased Monks of St. Vincent

Friday, November 11

St. Martin of Tours

8:30 AM Poor Souls

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 12 (Pizza Social following the Mass)

St. Josaphat

4:00 PM Bonnie Bober

Sunday, November 13 (Donut Social following the Masses)

8:00 AM For the Parish

10:30 AM Helen and Daniel McDonald
Carmine and Mary Policicchio



Sanctuary Candle
In Memory Of: Angelica Kasanicky
by Family

Memorial Candle
In Memory Of: Angie Tinelli
by Family

WE NEED YOUR HELP

St Gertrude Church has an active conference of the St Vincent dePaul Society. SVDP assists approximately 15 families per month in Vandergrift and Allegheny Twp. The organization provides food, clothing, utility and rental assistance, to needy families. The organization's primary source of funding is a monthly stipend from the SVDP Thrift Store located in Apollo. With the stressors of the present economy, SVDP is experiencing a critical need for additional funding.

IF YOU CAN HELP IN ANY WAY, A DONATION CAN BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE, MARKED SVDP, AND DROPPED IN THE OFFERTORY BASKET, OR PLACED IN THE POOR BOXES, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE vestibule and side entrances of St Gertrude Church. One hundred percent of the donations received will be used to aid needy children and adults in our community. Thank you for your kindness and generosity to this organization.

THANK YOU

The attendance at the recent three-evening mission at St. Gertrude conducted by Fr. Jim Sichko was heart warming. Thank you to all who donated cookies, pizza and beverages for the social following the conclusion. And also to those who 'pitched in' with the clean up after the social—your help was greatly appreciated! There were also enough refreshments for Fr. Dan Carr's informative Pro-Life presentation a few days later. Again, members of the parish continue to share their time and talent.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 12 & 13	(EM)	(L)	(AS)
Saturday 4:00 PM	Nick Pityk	Sheila Tilson	Ed Troilo
Sunday 8:00 AM	Stephanie Enciso	Fran Milie	Anthony Guerrera
Sunday 10:30 AM	Gerri Michela	Crystal Dellemonache	Dom Dellemonache

Weekly Collections

October 29 & October 30

Weekly Offertory	\$ 3,939.00
Loose	\$ 291.00
Restoration	\$ 10.00
Accent	\$ 65.00
All Saints	\$ 101.00
All Souls	\$ 164.00
Mission Sunday	\$ 85.00
Retired Religious	\$ 20.00
Votives	\$ 103.00

MERCY LUNCH COMMITTEE REVIVAL

In 2006 a group of St. Gertrude's women started the Mercy Lunch Committee. It was initiated to provide our parishioners with the opportunity of having their funeral luncheon in their home parish social hall. The family would hire a caterer to prepare the food and the Committee would arrange the guest tables, with tablecloths and center pieces. Also, setting individual tables for food, beverages, and desserts. The Committee would assist the caterer to make the funeral luncheon as nice as possible for the bereaved family.

Due to COVID restrictions and regulations, the last Mercy Luncheon was held in 2020.

We would like to revive this Committee and begin offering our parishioners the opportunity to have their funeral luncheon once again in their home parish hall. Anyone interested in joining this Committee can do so by calling Ida Lucas 724-882-6439. Thank you for your consideration.

Mass Intentions For The Week

Tuesday, November 8

8:30 AM All Souls

Thursday, November 10

8:30 AM Stan and Mary Tarosky
by Tom Tarosky

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, November 12

8:30 AM For the Parish

5:30 PM Joe Cader
by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Safranyos

Sunday, November 13

9:30 AM Bob Napoli and Jimmy Morgante
by Janet Morgante and Madeline Napoli

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the souls of the recently deceased
*Richard Odasso, Phyllis Mottillo, Richard Meyer,
May Ann Letterio*
May the consolation of the Lord be with their families.

NUT, POPPY SEED AND APRICOT ROLLS

\$12.50 each

PICK UP: November 9th & November 10th

NOON – 4:30 PM

CRESCENT ROLLS

\$6.50 a dozen

ORDER DEADLINE: Monday, November 7th

PICK UP: November 15th

NOON - 4:30 PM

CD OF A CANDY BAR SALE at CTK

The Catholic Daughters of America (CDA) will be selling Sarris candy bars (\$1 each) after 9:30 am Mass on 11/6 and 11/20. Please help to support this fundraiser.

Also if there are women over the age of 18 interested in joining the CDA, please call Kathy Policicchio at (724) 777-1220 or Adele Ameno at (724) 388-6500. We would love to have CTK women parishioners join our group.



Christ the King Parish will again be sponsoring a Giving Tree for children this Christmas season. Please watch for details in upcoming bulletins. Thank you!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 12 & 13	GREETERS	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINSTER
Saturday 5:30 PM		Valerie Zanotti	Mary Jane Gruber
Sunday 9:30 AM	Tony Buyny	Jack Billak	Don Marco

HOSPITALITY MINISTERS NEEDED

The Hospitality Ministry offers a unique opportunity to serve God through participation in Holy Mass, as well as service to others. There are many functions performed by Hospitality Ministers - among these are the following:

- Greeting parishioners before Mass and distributing bulletins after mass.
- Preparing the collection baskets for the offertory, taking up the collection and securing the offertory.
- Coordinating a family to bring the gifts to the altar.
- Ushering parishioners to receive the Eucharist and assisting parishioners who request assistance to receive the Eucharist.
- Maintaining a respectful and orderly environment during Mass and assisting with unplanned incidents that may occur.

We welcome (men, women and mature youth) and encourage you to prayerfully consider serving. Call or email Sharon at the church office if you are interested or have any questions.

Weekly Collections

October 29 & October 30

Adult	\$ 2,786.50
Monthly	\$ 275.00
Loose	\$ 193.00
Utilities	\$ 53.00
Votives	\$ 136.75
Cemetery	\$ 50.00
Accent	\$ 5.00
All Saints	\$ 40.00
All Souls	\$ 105.00
World Mission	\$ 20.00

Sincere thanks for your financial stewardship.
✱ Please remember your parish in your will. ✱

Fall 2022 Calendar

Please note that this is an updated calendar

Session Dates

Faith Formation:

November—6th, 20th

December—1st (Advent Walk Practice), 4th (Advent Walk), 18th

***Parents are expected to work with their child(ren) on assigned homework during the Parent-led week.*

First Reconciliation—Attention Parents of 2nd graders: For those registered in our Immediate Preparation program there is a First Reconciliation Parent meeting/workshop at the Divine Redeemer School and Christ Prince of Peace for the Christ the King/St. Gertrude/Christ Prince of Peace/St. Lawrence second graders and their parents on Saturday, December 10th, 2022 from 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Please arrive at the Divine Redeemer School by 10:00 AM to check in. First Reconciliation will take place at the Regional Penance Service on Thursday, December 15 at 7:00 PM.

Youth Ministry:

Every week until December 18th

Save the date: Confirmation parent/teen meeting for those registered in the Confirmation program. Tuesday, November 15th at 6:30 PM at St. Gertrude Hall.

***We are looking for volunteers for our annual Advent Walk; an intergenerational Advent meditative prayer service which will be held on Sunday, December 4th at Christ the King at 5:30 PM. Please contact the Faith Formation Office to register to help. The practice is scheduled for Thursday, December 1st at Christ the King at 6:00 PM.



TICKETS ON SALE AT WWW.CASINOTHEATER.ORG OR POMFRET'S PAINTS ON FARRAGUT AVENUE IN VANDERGRIFT, PA - ALL SEATS \$15.00
SHOW TIMES FOR NOVEMBER 25TH AND 26TH ARE 7:30 PM - NOVEMBER 27TH IS 2:00 PM
DOORS OPEN ONE HOUR BEFORE SHOW - SEATING WILL BE 30 MINUTES PRIOR TO SHOW

Have YOU
Thought About
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

Got life questions? Looking for peace? Needing hope? If you (or someone you know) would like to hear more about Jesus, we invite you to contact Katie Tylinski for information regarding inquiry process of the Rite of the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). During the inquiry process you do not assume a commitment. We look forward to chatting with any interested individuals.

SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS

Beginning December 1, 2022 Mass intentions may be scheduled **ONE MONTH PRIOR** to the month in which you would like a Mass said. For example: if you would like a Mass scheduled for any day in January 2023, the earliest you may do so is December 1 (one month prior to January).

Additionally, due to the limited number of weekend Masses, only **ONE weekend Mass a YEAR** for a deceased family member or special intention may be scheduled.

VOCAL PERFORMANCE

Hope Albert (cantor and organist at St. Gertrude) will be presenting her Senior Vocal Performance Recital on Friday, November 11 at 7:00 pm at the Seton Hill University Performing Arts Center in downtown Greensburg. The public is invited and admission is free.

SVC BENEDICTINE SCHOLARSHIP (ST. GERTRUDE PARISH)

Saint Vincent College is again offering a Benedictine Scholarship of \$2,000 per year for four years to students from our parish. This award will be in addition to other scholarship/grant aid from the College. The deadline to apply is January 1, 2023 with a letter of recommendation for the pastor. www.st.vincent.edu/apply

PRAYER AND PERFECT PAIRINGS

Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for Prayer and Perfect Pairings, a five-course dinner prepared by priests from the Diocese of Greensburg, Thursday, Nov. 10, at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Each course is paired with wine. Visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings for tickets or sponsor information. Proceeds will be used to support Eucharistic Revival efforts.

Joint Parish Super Bingo Basket Winners

Air Fryer	Tom Fedorchak
Wine Basket	Jeanie Smith
Halloween Basket	Fran Huskuliak
Cat/Pet Basket	Steph Perona
TV Gift Card Basket	Annette Barkley
Crystal Necklace	Ruth Sulava
Movie Basket	Dan Mancino
Candle Basket	Glena Rosbacki
Kate Spade Bag	Barbara Barton
Luggage Set	Carol Kardos
Mini Cooker	Darlene Camp
Gentlemen's Basket	Dan Hill
Kid's Toys Basket	Jane Danjo
Baby item Basket	Darlene Camp
Fall Tray Décor	Carol Ferretti
Happy Fall Sign	Patricia *****
Fall Tree	Sharon Robson
Firepit	Tammy Kepitz
Julie's Hair Salon Certificate	Diane Stankiewicz
Allusion Brewery Basket	Chris Blanciak
Amazon Gift Card	Sharon Robson
Beer and Hoodie Set	Becky Spiring
Home Accessories Basket	Anita Wilmot
Leanna Mane Designs Earrings Basket	Bernice Kukalis
Lottery Ticket Basket	Jim Skomo
Knights of Columbus	
Fire Pit and Gift Certificate	Carol Ferretti

OBLATES OF ST. BENEDICT

The Oblates of St. Benedict, Latrobe Deanery, will meet Sunday, Nov. 20, from 3-4:15 p.m. in Brownfield 202 at Saint Vincent Seminary. Benedictine Brother Romuald Duchene will speak on "Poverty and Simplicity of Life in Benedictine Spirituality." For reservations, call Benedictine Father Donald Raila, 724-805-2291. Attendees may also attend vespers at 5 p.m. in the nave of the basilica. Supper at 5:35 p.m. and additional sessions at 6:30 p.m. (discussion based on the "Study Guide for the Rule of St. Benedict") in Brownfield 202 are also available; call Father Donald a few days in advance to register for supper and evening events. Afternoon presentations may also be offered virtually.

TEEN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg is preparing for its annual Teen Christmas Program, which matches families in need with sponsors who provide gifts for children ages 13-18. Other community programs provide gifts for children 12 and under, but very few do for teens, which is why this program is important. If you would like to participate, please contact Donna Hagan at dhagan@dioceseofgreensburg.org or 724-837-1840, ext. 1661.



"Spirited," the first Diocesan Women's Conference, is set for Saturday, Nov. 12, from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The day will feature praise and worship, including Mass with Bishop Larry J. Kulick, plus speakers, witness testimonies, crafts, prizes and lunch. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited to register.

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Anyone who has filed for divorce or completed a divorce is welcome to attend a divorce support group hosted by St. Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe. The group meets Wednesdays from 7-9 p.m. at St. Vincent Grove through Dec. 14. Members accompany one another to find hope and healing from the grief, doubt, anger and stress brought about by the end of their marriage relationship. To register, visit divorcecare.org/groups/150150/registrations/new. For information, contact Teri Pomerleau at 724-539-8629, ext. 15, or tpomerleau@dioceseofgreensburg.org.



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2 Maccabees 7:9

BE STRONG IN FAITH

Today's readings present us with extreme examples of faithfulness and reliance on the promise of eternal life. Most of us will never be tortured because of our Christian faith, although people are martyred every year because of their commitment to Christ. While we may never face bodily harm as Christians, there are consequences to living as a disciple. We might be ridiculed or harassed. We might find it necessary to call out injustice in the workplace or our local city, and such witness may cost us our jobs and friendships. What are we prepared to do as followers of our Lord? Today, we are encouraged to be strong in faith, secure in the belief that when we endure in Christ, we may look forward to life in eternity with God.

THE APPLE OF GOD'S EYE

Any who have a relationship with a child—parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, special friends—know the power of love it is possible to feel for another. It is not that the child is incapable of doing wrong; we know they can and will. Rather, their mistakes do not change our love for them. In fact, the love makes us want what is best for them. Often, we can see their potential with greater perspective than they themselves can. They're the apple of our eye. We are the apple of God's eye, beloved children of our Lord. God knows (God really knows) that we can and will fail. We fall short of the potential that God is certain we have. Yet God does not cease to love us and to call us to live as God's own in the world.

HIDDEN IN THE SHADOW OF GOD'S WINGS

Certain that we are held closely by God frees us to live the challenge of the gospel, to give our lives for the sake of others. We will be tempted to take the easy route and ignore the voice of the Lord, listening instead to the call of wealth, power, acceptance, status, and earthly security. Today's readings remind us that we can face temptation, secure that we are hidden in the shadow of God's wings, strengthened and guarded from evil by our Lord Jesus Christ. What challenging thing are you called to do today as a follower of Jesus? About what must you take a stand? What might be the consequences of discipleship at this time in your life? "May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and the endurance of Christ."

TODAY'S READINGS

2 Maccabees 7:1–2, 9–14
Psalm 17:1, 5–6, 8, 15
2 Thessalonians 2:16 — 3:5
Luke 20:27–38

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