



Saint Gertrude Parish

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February 10, 2019

The Fifth 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.

Weekday Mass Schedule
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30 a.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. During School Year
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



JESUS SAID TO SIMON,
"PUT OUT INTO
DEEP WATER AND
LOWER YOUR NETS
FOR A CATCH."

Luke 5:4

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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.

ST. GERTRUDE

Treasures from Our Tradition

The Reign of God comes about because people commit to reversing their lives completely, to embracing new vision, new values. Many popular television shows exploit an unattractive side of human nature by pitting contestants against one another, even to the point of performing dangerous stunts or devious schemes, to gain money or favor. At the liturgy, we counter that impulse by committing ourselves to live generously. In response to Christ's total gift, we offer bread and wine as the emblems of our lives, our hopes, our joys and sorrows. The bread and wine carried to the altar contain our lives, and by offering our lives to God, we prepare to receive the gift of God's own life. We are to become what we receive: the body of Christ. On Sundays, this self-giving is often accompanied by a collection and procession of gifts for the poor and money for the upkeep of the parish. There are certainly other methods of collecting money, some perhaps more efficient. Yet the act of giving from our abundance, and attending to the needs of the poor, opens us up to participation in the changes the Reign of God requires.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 -- 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Isaiah is called to be a messenger for the Lord and responds, "Send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8)

Psalm -- In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord (Psalm 138).

Second Reading -- Paul reminds us of the gospel he preached through which we are saved, if we believe it (1 Corinthians 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]).

Gospel -- Jesus directs Simon to take his boat into deep water for a miraculous catch of fish. (Luke 5:1-11).

Gods Summons

Confronted with God's power and majesty, the first response of the prophet Isaiah was to acknowledge his sinfulness. "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips," he said aloud.

Likewise, with his empty fishing nets dramatically filled at Jesus' instruction, Peter fell to his knees and cried out,

"Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Next, Peter got up. He docked his boats then left to follow Jesus. Isai-

ah also had a dramatic change of heart. When he heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" Isaiah answered, "Here I am, send me." We are summoned daily by the Risen Lord. We are reminded of the saving power of the gospel and know in our heart of hearts that, as St. Paul wrote, believing in anything else won't lead to anything. What will it take for you to move past your sinfulness? What will it take for you to get off your knees? What will it take for you to bring to dock what is unimportant and to accept your call to be God's messenger?

Christ the King

The Youth Ministry at St. Ferdinand Parish, Cranberry Twp., will be presenting **Living Stations at Christ the King Church, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, on Sunday, March 17th at 7:30 PM.** The youth ministry consists of teens in 8th through 12th grades. They travel to different churches on Sunday's throughout the Lenten season with their presentation. Please make plans to join us for their very inspiring depiction of the passion, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ



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*Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory Of
Eugene Centorcelli
By
Amelia*

*Memorial Candle
Edward Riley
By
Rosalind*

February 16th & 17th

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

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

10:30a.m. ~ Domenic
Dellemonache
Rylie Hoch

Collection February 2nd & 3rd

Envelopes ~ \$6,216.20
Children's ~ \$4.00
Loose ~ \$318.30
Church Restoration ~ \$206.00
Utilities ~ \$80.00

Central and Eastern Europe

Envelopes ~ \$348.00
Loose ~ \$160.02

Saint Gertrude Men's Club

Anyone wishing to join the St. Gertrude's Men's Club should put their \$5 dues in an envelope and place it in the collection basket at mass. Please label the envelope "Men's Club Dues" and include your name, address, and phone number with the dues. Men's Club

meetings are the first Mondays of the month at 7 PM in the church hall. The next fund raising event will be the annual Night at the Races on March 23rd; if you would like to help please attend the next meetings on February 4th and March 4th.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the February 14, spaghetti dinner: Mercy Lunch and St. Vincent dePaul

ChristLife

The mission of the ChristLife series is to lead participants to a life-giving personal relationship with Jesus and the Church.



Entering into worship together with other believers and encountering the living person of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit is an essential part of that relationship. Once we, as Christians, define who we are in Jesus Christ, we are given authority to share Christ with others. You are cordially invited to join the ChristLife series at Christ the King Church. All gatherings will be on Sunday afternoons, from 3 PM to 5 PM. The series will start on February 24th and will run through April 7th. Come, grow a closer, more intimate relationship with God! Registration forms can be found in the back of the church.

CD of A March Madness

March Madness tickets are now available. The price per ticket is \$5.00. This ticket is good for the entire month of March. Each ticket has two numbers. Winners are determined by the daily 7:00pm first drawing of the 3 digit number. Contact Mary Daldoss at (724) 568-9145 or tickets or any CD of A member.

Theology on Tap

Come join us for *Theology on Tap*, a program for young adults who want to explore the role of faith in their daily lives. In this casual atmosphere, you'll hear straight talk and honest answers to your deepest questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. *Theology on Tap* provides an opportunity to learn about your faith, meet like-minded people, make new friends and enjoy an evening out. *Theology on Tap* is open to all young adults in their 20's, 30's and 40's, singles and couples, regardless of religious affiliation. Speaker **Jacob Williamson** will begin the evening followed by an open discussion. Join us on Thursday, February 7th at 7:00 P.M., at Cooper Station on Route 356 where we will explore "*Sex and the City: The Truth About Men, Women and What God Really Intended.*" Appetizers will be provided with dinner and drinks available for purchase. Please contact Chris at: cmwhite929@gmail.com, Natalie at: kolishn@gmail.com, or Gen at: gennifersvitek@comcast.net with any questions! We hope to see you there!

Calendar of Faith Formation Sessions (Grades K-5) for February (6:00-7:30 PM) at St. James February 10th & 17th

Be sure to check KDKA-TV for snow cancellations.

Faith Formation makeup session for grades Kindergarten – 5th will take place on Sunday, February 24th from 6:15-7:30 PM.

FUSED 4 ~ February LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

(EDGE: Grades 6th-8th/LIFETEEN: grades 9th 12th ~ St. James Parish Underground/Upper Rooms ~ 6:00-7:30 PM)

February: 3rd—No Session ~ 10—Session ~ 17—Session ~ 24—Youth Mass

Extra activities: **February 2nd—Snow tubing at Hidden Valley (in place of EDGE/LIFETEEN), February 15th—Winter Jam**

The deadline for the National Catholic Youth Conference has been extended. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office as soon as possible if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Don't miss out on this life-changing experience!

Attention 6th-12th graders: Winter Jam (Christian music's largest annual tour) at PPG Paints Arena will take place on Friday, February 15th. Cost is only \$10 (we will pay for the remaining \$5). Please let us know that you are coming and permission slips and cash are due by Sunday, February 10th. We will meet at St. James Church parking lot at 5:00 PM and will carpool. Chaperones with clearances needed.

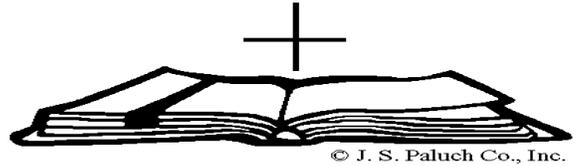
You can earn money towards Youth Ministry events by volunteering at BINGO at Our Lady Queen of Peace on a Youth Ministry Sunday. First come-first served.

Starting Sunday, January 28th text notifications will be ending for Verizon Wireless customers who use Remind.com. To get messages, you'll need to turn on smartphone or email notifications instead. Instructions: <https://help.remind.com/hc/en-us/articles/360002396740>
Please help us to spread the word!

Attention 6th-12th graders: Thursday, March 28th– Kiski High School Musical, "The Sound of Music". Please register no later than this Thursday, February 28th. *Cost: FREE!* Location: Kiski Area High School. The show begins at 7:30 PM. Please meet at the Hyde Park King's parking lot promptly at 6:45PM. Permission slips are required when you register if you have not yet completed one. We will contact you before we leave Kiski Area High School so that you know when to pick up your child at King's. If we reserve a ticket for you and you cancel, then you will owe the church the cost of the ticket. Hope that you can join us! Chaperones with clearances are needed.

Service opportunity! Volunteers in grades 9th-12th are needed to help with the Spaghetti Dinner at St. Gertrude's on Thursday, March 14th from 3:45 PM-6:30 PM. Please sign up by Wednesday, March 6th.

Mass Intentions



**Saturday, February 9, Vigil The Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Steve Pasterick

**Sunday, February 10, The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

8:00a.m. †Rich & Angie Loperfita

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

Monday, February 11, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Samuel Galando, Jr.

Tuesday, February 12, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Emily Poydence

Wednesday, February 13, Weekday

9:00a.m. †Vicky Filo

Thursday, February 14, Sts. Cyril, And Methodius

8:30a.m. †Eugene Milie

12:10p.m. Anointing Mass at Christ the King

Friday, February 15, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Steve Pasterick

Saturday, February 16, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, February 16, Vigil, Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Mark Maszgay

Sunday February 17, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30a.m. †Louis & Mary Ann Scanga