



# Saint Gertrude Parish

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*February 17, 2019*

*The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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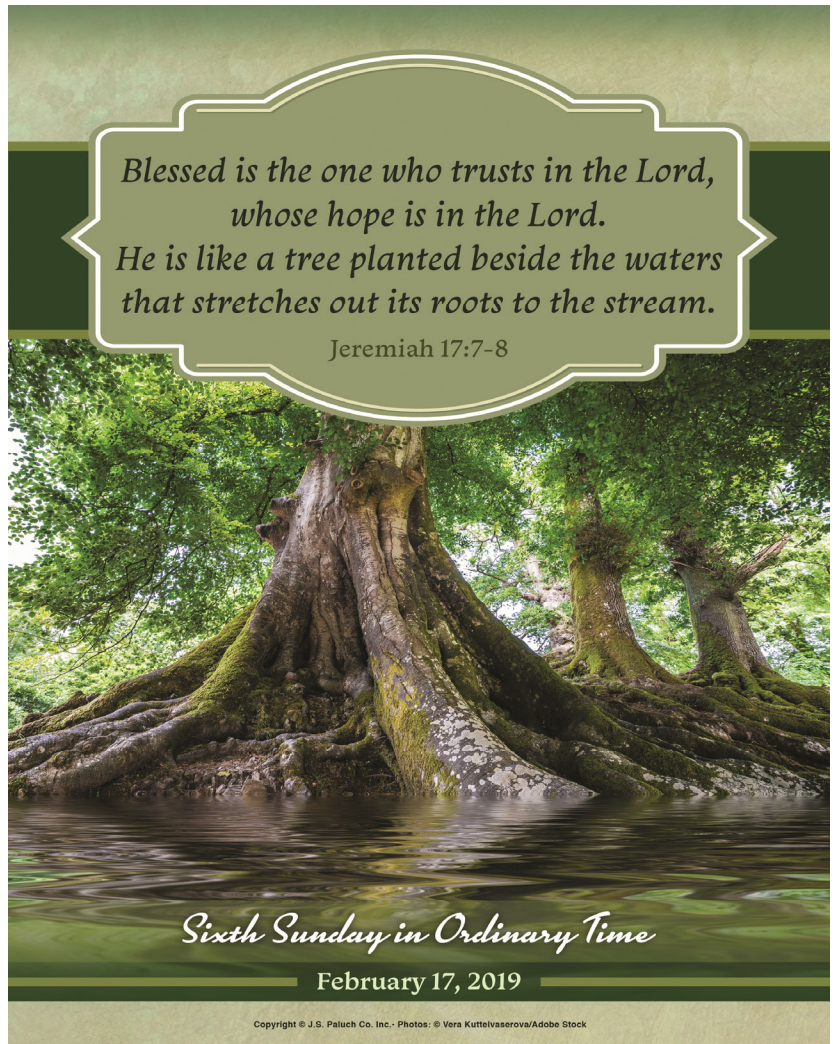
**Baptisms**  
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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  
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 or by Appointment



*Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord,  
whose hope is in the Lord.  
He is like a tree planted beside the waters  
that stretches out its roots to the stream.*

Jeremiah 17:7-8

*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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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

In recent years, there has been remarkable progress in drawing persons with disabilities into full celebration. Now it is generally accepted that worship places need accommodations such as ramps or elevators, large-print materials for those who are sight-impaired, and perhaps even an assisted hearing system or signing in American Sign Language. American Sign Language is not merely English translated into movement, but a distinct language with its own grammar, syntax (word order), and vocabulary. For this reason, the American Catholic bishops have approved American Sign Language (ASL) as an official language of the liturgy. Celebrating liturgy in our own language (the vernacular) means that liturgy must be accessible to all languages and cultures. The fact that Mass is celebrated this weekend in some places in total silence, but with the full participation of deaf people praising God in the movements of their hands, and sometimes even with a priest who is deaf, is nothing less than the Church being faithful to the image of Jesus, who made the deaf hear and the mute speak. Remember too that deafness is an invisible disability, and that there may well be people in your parish who are quietly yearning for Mass to be signed for them in ASL.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-26; Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21,

29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13

**Sunday:** 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- The one who trusts in the LORD is like a tree planted beside the waters (Jeremiah 17:5-8).

**Psalm** -- Blessed are they who hope in the Lord (Psalm 1).

**Second Reading** -- Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep (1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20).

**Gospel** -- Blessed are you who are poor, hungry, weeping. Woe to you who are rich, filled, laughing (Luke 6:17, 20-26).

### Blessed

When we think of the word Beatitude we think of today's discourse from Luke's Gospel, or the more familiar one from Matthew (which begins Blessed are the poor in spirit . . . ). Actually, beatitudes occur throughout the prophets and Gospels. Today in Jeremiah (with an echo in the psalm) we hear, Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord (Jeremiah 17:7). Following his resurrection in John's Gospel, Christ proclaims, Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed (John 20:29). The evangelists placed these sayings throughout the Gospels as short reminders about the characteristics that one will find in a follower of Christ, characteristics that will help spread the Good News in this life and lead to eternal blessings in the next. In Latin, the saints are called the Beati,

the Blessed, for they are the ones who lived the blessed life as described by Jesus throughout the Gospels. How blest are we, when we also strive to make our own days a living beatitude!

### Saint James New-Alexandria

Sock Hop Saturday, February 23rd at 6:00P.M. Saint James Social Hall - \$20.00 Adult / \$10.00 Children under 13 (Checks made out to Saint James Rosary Altar Society). DJ Spinning the hits of the 50's, All you can eat buffet of authentic meal of the 50's and so much more! Prize for the Best Dressed in 50's style, 50's Trivia Game Prizes, Drag races—Bet on your favorite driver. Reservations are requested by Sunday February 17, 2019. Please contact the Parish office at (724)668-2829 to make your reservation. Sock Hop sponsored by the Saint James Rosary Altar Society.

### Living Stations

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

*Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory Of  
Debbie Linkes  
by Fran*

*Memorial Candle  
Eugene Milie  
By  
Frances*

### **February 23rd & 24th**

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

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

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

### **Collection February 9th & 10th**

Envelopes ~ \$4,212.00

Children's ~ \$6.00

Loose ~ \$312.00

Church Restoration ~ \$82.00

Utilities ~ \$20.00

### **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.

### **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.

### **The Well**

The diocese's Men's Ministry Team will host THE WELL Men's Conference on March 30 at Greensburg Central Catholic. The event includes workshops, open discussions, the sacrament of reconciliation and adoration, and it concludes with Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic. The keynote speaker will be Mike McCoy, an Erie native who is a former Notre Dame and NFL star. Register at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/THEWELL).

### **Salt and Light Awards**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host the 21st annual Communities of Salt and Light Awards Dinner April 25 at 6 p.m. at Stratigos Banquet Centre, North Huntingdon. Bishop Malesic will present three awards — humanitarian, philanthropy and outstanding human service organization. All net proceeds benefit people in need in the diocese's four counties. Contact Heather Rady, director of community relations and special events, at 724-837-1840 for sponsorship and ticket information.

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

Be sure to check KDKA-TV for snow cancellations.

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

**FUSED 4 ~ February LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR**

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

**February:** 3<sup>rd</sup>—No Session ~ 10—Session ~ 17—Session ~ 24—Youth

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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: Winter Jam (Christian music's largest annual tour) at PPG Paints Arena will take place on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at St. James Church parking lot at 5:00 PM and will carpool. Chaperones with clearances needed.

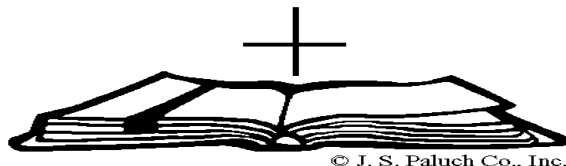
You can earn money towards Youth Ministry events by volunteering at BINGO at Our Lady Queen of Peace on a Youth Ministry Sunday. First come-first served.

Starting Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> text notifications will be ending for Verizon Wireless customers who use [Remind.com](https://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 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>– Kiski High School Musical, "The Sound of Music". Please register no later than this Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. *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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are needed to help with the Spaghetti Dinner at St. Gertrude's on Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 PM-6:30 PM. Please sign up by Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.

# Mass Intentions



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

4:00p.m. †Mark Maszgay

**Sunday, February 17, The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time**

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

10:30a.m. †Louis & Mary Ann Scanga

**Monday, February 18, Weekday**

8:30a.m. †George Schmeich.

**Tuesday, February 19, Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Adeline Marsinetti

**Wednesday, February 20, Weekday**

9:00a.m. †Debby Linkes

**Thursday, February 21, Weekday**

8:30a.m. †John Dettore

**Friday, February 22, The Chair of St. Peter**

8:30a.m. †Marlene Dawkins

**Saturday, February 23, St. Polycarp**

8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, February 23, Vigil, Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday February 24, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Edward Medice, Jr.

10:30a.m. †Joseph Misho