



# Saint Gertrude Parish

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*January 20, 2019*

*The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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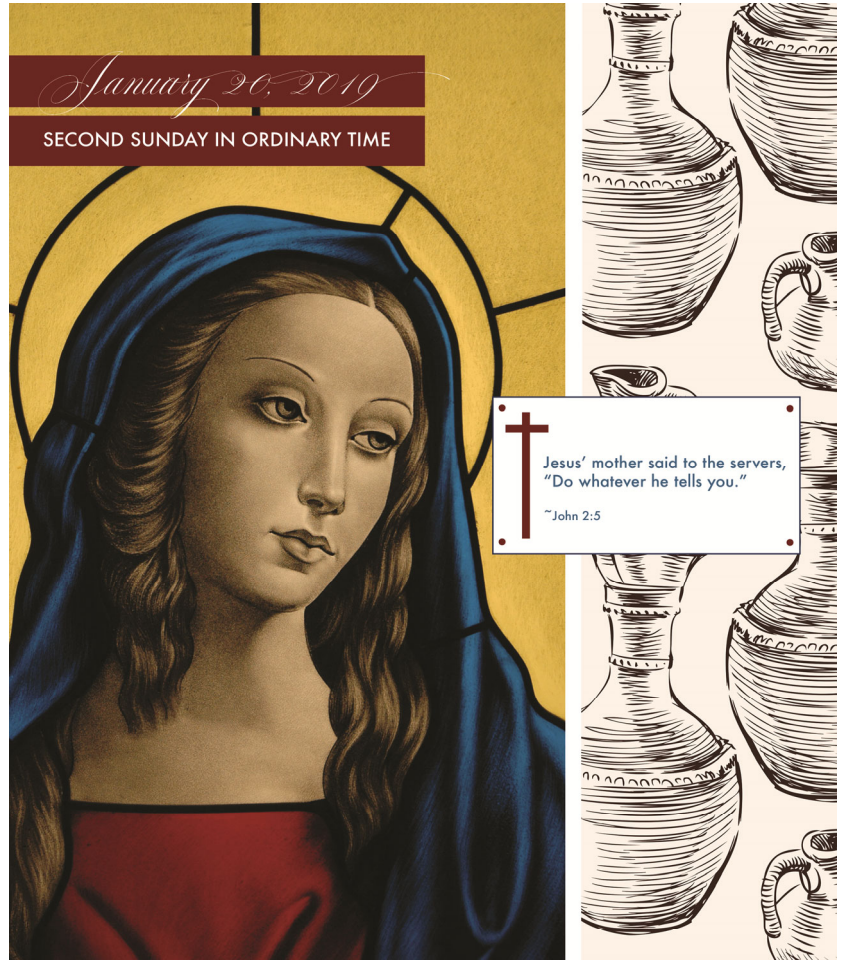
**Baptisms**  
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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.

**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 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.*

## ST. GERTRUDE

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### Treasures from Our Tradition

The cause of church unity is commended to Christians for prayer and action every year around this time. This week is not so much to focus on the many divisions within the Christian family, but on bonds of faith and mission. Even though Christians have always shown an inclination to fracture, spin off, and mutate into new expressions, recent history shows some new points of convergence and agreement. Catholics are more firmly rooted in the word of God, for example, and many Protestants are more likely to celebrate Communion than in years past. Some denominations are merging and pooling resources, and people from various traditions are collaborating on projects. The call of this week is to be mindful of the diversity of our traditions and customs while treasuring what we hold in common. The old advice to *lighten up* is good medicine, because sometimes our differences are delightful and amusing. If someone says, *Let us pray*, a Catholic might close the eyes, bow the head and fold hands; a Protestant reach out and clasp hands with the person in the next chair; and someone belonging to an Orthodox tradition might stand up with eyes wide open. Each has taken a different path, but the goal is always the same. This is a week not for focusing on the well-worn paths of divergence, but for mutual delight in a common goal.

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25 -- 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18  
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21  
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

**Psalms** -- Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

**Second Reading** -- All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

**Gospel** -- Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

### Knights of Columbus

The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be on Wednesday, January 23rd at St. Gertrude Hall.

### Thank You

Thank you to all who helped beautify the church for the

coming of our King Jesus Christ. The Church was magnificently adorned for his joyful birth. Thank you for all your time, your help, your talents, and teamwork, and a joyful heart. With gratitude to all of you:

Jamie Amendola, Justin Amendola, Linda Ambrose, Pinky Ameno, Anthony Guerra, Patsy & Ron Majeran, Mike Mendicino, Ted Opalka, Kathy Policicchio, Greg Poydence, Bill St Clair.

### Christmas Decoration Removal

#### ***St. Gertrude Cemetery***

If you wish to retain your Christmas decorations from your loved ones graves, please remove the decorations by March 15. **Anything left in the cemetery past March 15, as a courtesy to you, will be discarded** by cemetery staff. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Evening for homeschool families with Bishop Malesic

The Office of Faith, Family, and Discipleship invites homeschool families from the diocese to an evening of prayer, faith, spirituality and fellowship with Bishop Malesic Feb. 20 at St. Bruno Parish from 6-9 p.m. Mass is at 6 p.m. and will be followed by a potluck reception. Register at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/EFHF](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/EFHF).

Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
Mark Maszgay  
By Goddaughter Rachel

### January 26th & 27th

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

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

10:30a.m. ~ Derek & Zachary  
Hald

### Collection January 19th & 20th

Envelopes ~ \$3,794.00

Children's ~ \$4.00

Loose ~ \$303.00

Church Restoration ~ \$98.00

Utilities ~ \$89.00

### Cardinal Maida Academy

Cardinal Maida Academy is hosting a pancake breakfast to kick-off Catholic schools week on January 27th from 9 to 12:00 at St Gertrude's Hall. The cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children 4-12 and children under 3 are free.

### Christ the King Parish

Christ the King Parish, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, will be holding a "King of Hearts" COSMIC

**BINGO on February 10, 2019** in the parish hall. Jackpot is \$1,000! Minimum \$200 Bingo wins! Donation is \$30/card; extra cards are \$5 each - includes Bingo supplies, buffet and beverages. Doors open at 5:30 PM; Bingo starts at 7 PM. "Minute to Win It" Games, 50/50's, Instants and DJ Russ "Wild Man" Walker! Tickets are limited! Call Franci at 724-845-7360 or the parish office at 724-845-8191. *Must be 21 or older.*

### 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.

### Winter retreat

The annual winter retreat, "I Am Called," for diocesan high school students will be held March 1-3 at Laurelville Retreat Center in Mount Pleasant. Cost is \$120. Register at your parish. Information is at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/) winter retreat.

### National Catholic Youth Conference

The National Catholic Youth Conference, a biennial, three-day experience of prayer, com-

munity and empowerment for Catholic teenagers, will be held in Indianapolis Nov. 21-23 this year. Register for the diocesan trip at your parish by Jan. 30. Information is at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/) NCYC.

### 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.

  
St. Gertrude  
CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

## **Calendar of Faith Formation Session for Spring 2019**

**(6:00-7:30 PM)**

January 20<sup>th</sup>

February 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

March 10<sup>th</sup>—Mardi Gras Pancake breakfast before Faith Formation (includes 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) & 17<sup>th</sup>

April 7<sup>th</sup> & April 14<sup>th</sup>—Seder Dinner (includes 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

\*This does not include event dates

\*\*Occurs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays except for April

Be sure to check KDKA-TV for snow cancellations.

### **FUSED 4 ~ January/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)

**January:** 20<sup>th</sup>—Session ~ 27<sup>th</sup>--Youth Mass / **February:** 3—No Session ~ 10—Session ~ 17—Session ~ 24—Youth Mass

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

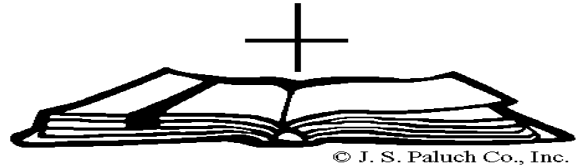
We will be going snow tubing at Hidden Valley on Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet at St. James at 4:00 PM and return around 10:30 PM. Cost is \$25 for snow tubing (includes dinner). If you volunteered with the Golden Agers dinner, then your cost is only \$15. Money, permission slips and snow tubing release and waiver agreement (found in back of church) are due no later than Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Last chance! In order to register for the Winter retreat and/or the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) you must turn in your check payable to St. James by this Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. No refunds. See previous bulletins or the Youth Ministry Office for more information.

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. The next BINGO Youth Ministry Sunday is this Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. First come-first served.

# Mass Intentions



**Saturday, January 19, Vigil The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Stephen & Emma Dudzik

**Sunday, January 20, The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Virginia Loperfido

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

**Monday, January 21, St. Agnes**

8:30a.m. †Steve Pasterick

**Tuesday, January 22, Day of Prayer for Unborn Children**

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

**Wednesday, January 23, St. Vincent**

9:00a.m. †Marlene Dawkins

**Thursday, January 24, St. Francis**

8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

**Friday, January 25, The Conversion of St. Paul**

8:30a.m. †Vince Bianucci

**Saturday, January 26, St. Timothy & Titus**

8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, January 26, Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

**Sunday January 27, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Eugene Iagnemma

10:30a.m. †John Naccarato