



# Saint Gertrude Parish

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The Epiphany of the Lord

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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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
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*They opened their treasures  
and offered him gifts of  
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

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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 PARISH

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*In memory of  
Anthony N. "Coke" & Irene P.  
Adamik by Children*

*Memorial Candle  
John G. Dettore  
By  
Rick and Marlene Arduino*

### Treasures from Our Tradition

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called pontiffs were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named The Last Year of Confusion. The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years. Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France;

they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** 1 Jn 3:22 -- 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 4:19 -- 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday:** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! The Lord shines upon you (Isaiah 60:1-6).

**Psalms** -- Lord, every nation on earth will adore you (Psalm 72).

**Second Reading** -- The Gentiles are coheirs, copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel (Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6).

**Gospel** -- Magi from the east arrived, looking for the newborn king of the Jews (Matthew 2:1-12).

### Finding God

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us. We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route. We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

### Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at January 10 Spaghetti Dinner are Catholic Daughters of America and St. Gertrude Men's Club.

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### January 12th & 13th

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

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

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

### Collection December 22nd & 23rd

Envelopes ~ \$5,097.00  
Children's ~ \$1.00  
Loose ~ \$450.55  
Church Restoration ~ \$15.00  
Utilities ~ \$80.00  
Christmas Flowers ~ \$90.00

### December 24th & 25th

Envelopes ~ \$6,662  
Loose ~ \$1399.45

### Children & Family Services

Envelopes ~ \$758.00  
Loose ~ \$334.00

### Year-end charitable giving

As the end of the year approaches, there are ways you can make a gift to support your parish and the church and receive a tax benefit, even if you don't itemize deductions. If you are 70 ½ or older and required to take a minimum distribution from your IRA by the end of the year, present law allows use of an IRA charitable rollover without having to pay tax on the withdrawal for gifts

to specific charities. For information, contact your IRA administrator or The Catholic Foundation at 724-552-2504 or [jdimar-io@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:jdimar-io@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

### Catholic Daughters of America

The CD of A has five cookbooks left for sale. Maybe you didn't have a chance to get one earlier in the year. Well now is your chance! And they are reduced in price! They are only \$12.00 each. Maybe you still need a hostess gift or a gift for someone you will see for New Year's. This CD of A cookbook has had great reviews so get your copy now. Only 5 left so if you are interested please call Michele Jones at 724-567-3325 or Kathy Policicchio 724-777-1220.

### Home Blessing Kits

The feast of the Epiphany commemorates the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus. It is also the time the church traditionally blesses homes. As in the past, Epiphany home blessing "kits" are available in the back of the church. If you would like to bless your home, we invite you to pick one up. Please return the kit to the back of the church or parish office after you have blessed your home so that we may reassemble them for others to us.

### Magnificat Breakfast

The Greensburg Chapter of Magnificat-A Ministry to Catholic Women is holding a Breakfast at the Ramada Hotel and Convention Center, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg on Saturday, Jan.

26, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Guest speaker will be Carolyn Cannizzaro of Fayette City, whose story of faith and trust in God during some of life's most difficult trials will leave you inspired. Cost is \$20.00, student rate \$15.00. To register, please call Brenda by Jan. 20 at 724-836-2094 or visit [www.magnificatgreensburg.com](http://www.magnificatgreensburg.com) to download a registration form. Please note that there is no online registration.

### Natural Family Planning

Natural Family Planning CM-BBT instruction will be Feb. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Please call at least one week prior to the instruction date to preregister. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, ext. 1658 for additional information or to register for this or an upcoming class. For more information about Natural Family Planning and the CM-BBT method, visit [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) and link into Natural Family Planning under "Services."

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.

**Calendar of Faith Formation Session for December 2018/Spring**

**2019 (6:00-7:30 PM)**

December 30<sup>th</sup>—No class

January 13<sup>th</sup> & 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

You were e-mailed a calendar with these upcoming dates for the next semester.

Be sure to check KDKATV for snow cancellations.

**FUSED 4 ~ December & January 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)

**December:** ~ 30<sup>th</sup>—NO SESSION

**January:** 6<sup>th</sup>—No Session ~ 13—Session ~ 20—Session ~ 27—Youth

Mass

You were e-mailed a calendar with upcoming dates for the next semester.

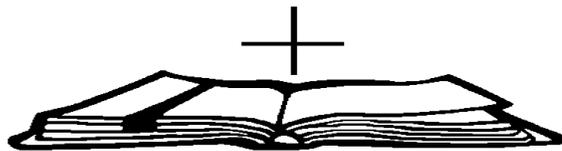
**6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders:** Please make sure that you are subscribing to our specific "LIFETEEN" or "EDGE" and "LIFETEEN AND EDGE" classes on remind.com. Not sure? Text Katie Tylinski at 724-212-6740 to find out. This is how we will let you know about snow cancellations. Be sure to check KDKATV for snow cancellations as well.

**Update: You can apply for Francis Funds for BOTH the Winter Retreat & NCYC. Francis Fund Application Deadlines: Winter Retreat 1/1 & NCYC-6/15. If applying for both you'll need to wait until June to apply for the NCYC Francis Funds. Winter Retreat \$30 & NCYC \$100 deposit due 1/20.**

**WINTER RETREAT**

All youth of the Diocese in grades 9-12 are invited to join us for the Diocesan High School Winter Retreat, *Fully Known*, sponsored by the Diocese of Greensburg. Come pray, share, learn, and take time to be with God. Join us March 1-3, 2019 at Laurelville Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant. Register now at the FUSED 4 Youth Ministry Office. The cost of the retreat is \$120. You may apply for Francis Funds in the amount of \$60. For more info about Francis Funds visit: <https://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/formation/Pages/franciscfund.aspx>. Applications must be submitted by **January 1, 2019**. Even if you are attending NCYC please apply for Francis Funds for the retreat. After \$60 from Francis Funds and \$30 from FUSED 4 Youth Ministry subsidization; your cost for the retreat is \$30. The cost includes all lodging, meals and supplies for the weekend. If you do not apply for Francis Funds you will be responsible for paying \$90. In order to register for the retreat, you must turn in your check payable to St. James. Please register for the retreat by Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. No refunds.

# Mass Intentions



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**Saturday, January 5, Vigil The Epiphany of the Lord**  
4:00p.m. †Angie Tinelli

**Sunday, January 6, The Epiphany of the Lord**  
8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish  
10:30a.m. †Chester & Mary Rukas

**Monday, January 7, Christmas Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †John Lucas

**Tuesday, January 8, Christmas Weekday**  
8:30a.m. Mass At Christ the King

**Wednesday, January 9, Christmas Weekday**  
9:00a.m. †Frank & Kathy Bruno

**Thursday, January 10, Christmas Weekday**  
10:30p.m. †Anointing Mass at Christ the King

**Friday, January 11, Christmas Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Irene Boland

**Saturday, January 12, Christmas Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, January 12, Vigil The Baptism of the Lord**  
4:00p.m. †Rudolph & Lucy Raschiatore

**Sunday January 13, Baptism of the Lord**  
8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish  
10:30a.m. †Mitchell and Caroline Abraham