



Saint Gertrude Parish

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March 3, 2019

The Eighth 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

MARCH 3, 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JESUS SAID:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

~ Luke 6:43 - 44

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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

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and clear the air by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year. Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-

8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 -- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

Today's Readings

First Reading -- One's speech shows the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he or she speaks (Sirach 27:4-7).

Psalm -- Lord, it is good to give thanks to you (Psalm 92).

Second Reading -- We are given victory over death through Jesus. In the Lord our labor is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:54-59).

Gospel -- A good person produces good, an evil person produces evil. The mouth speaks from the goodness of the heart (Luke 6:39-45).

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.

Mount Saint Peter Parish

Fish fry Fridays March 8 to April 12th. Eat in or Take out. 11:00 to 6:00. Take out orders call 724-335-1458. Call in orders accepted from 11:00am to 5:00pm. Orders must be picked up by 6:00pm. Credit/Debit cards accepted for payment for all orders. Allow a minimum of 45 to 60 minutes for order prep before pick up.

The Inside Shows

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us. Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws. And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh. By and by, the inside will show through.

*Memorial Candle
Velma Petrarca
By
Rita Massari*

March 9th & 10th

4:00p.m. ~ Maria Safranyos
Domenic Dellemonache

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

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

Collection February 23rd & 24th

Envelopes ~ \$4,100.75

Children's ~ \$1.00

Loose ~ \$369.00

Church Restoration ~ \$71.00

Utilities ~ \$127.00

St. Vincent DePaul

The St. Gertrude Conference of St. Vincent DePaul will meet on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. (note the time change) in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at March 14 Spaghetti Dinner: Youth Ministry & Lectors: and at the March 28 Spaghetti Dinner: Eucharistic Ministers & First Catholic Slovak Ladeis Association—Branch 262.

Christ the King

Christ the King Parish, 125 Park Road, Leechburg, will be selling nut, poppy seed and apricot rolls for \$11.50 each, and Paska bread (round or braided/with or without raisins) for \$6.50 each. Deadline for roll orders is Monday, March 25th; deadline for Paska bread orders is Monday, April 1st. **To order, call 724-842-0623 or 724-845-8615.**

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.

Second Collection

The Annual Catholic Home Missions Collection will be taken at Masses March 9 ~ 10. The theme is "Strengthening the Church at Home." and funds benefit dioceses in the United States that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. For more information about the collection, go to www.usccb.org/home-missions/collection.

Catholic Daughters of The Americas

Catholic Daughters of The Americas Court 1008 will meet Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 P M in the Church Social Hall. Guest speaker will be Attorney Shirley Makuta. Please remember to bring non-perishables for St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Women's retreat

"Discerning the Call" at St. Emma March 15-17. The Greensburg Religious Vocation Council will host a retreat for women ages 18-35, "Discerning the Call," March 15-17 at St. Emma Retreat House, Greensburg. The cost is \$30. Register at basmelko@scsh.org or by calling 724-454-8524.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

"Open your heart to HOPE," the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps parishes build HOPE. The DLA supports renovations and repairs in the parishes. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE for a video of Father William McGuirk, pastor of Holy Cross Parish, Youngwood, explaining how the parish received \$40,000 from the DLA last year. They used it to renovate the social hall and remodel its kitchen, making it a more pleasant gathering space for the parish community. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE

**Calendar of Faith Formation Sessions (Grades K-5) for February/
March (6:00-7:30 PM) at St. James**

*Faith Formation makeup session for grades Kindergarten – 5th will take place on Sunday, February 24th from 6:15-7:30 PM (note the time change).

March 10th—Pancake dinner before Faith Formation (includes 6th-12th graders) and XLT after dinner (for parents and 6th-12th graders) & March 17th

Save the date: Pancake dinner for Faith Formation families (grades K-12 and their parents) at 5:00 PM on Sunday, March 10th. Volunteers needed. Menu: pancakes, sausage links, potatoes, fruit and beverages. Free will offering to cover expenses. Please turn in your RSVP form by this Thursday, February 28th. Join us for a wonderful time of fellowship!

Be sure to check KDKA-TV for snow cancellations.

Youth Ministry Section:

FUSED 4 ~ February/March LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

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

February: 24th—Youth Mass

March: 3rd—EDGE Session/NO LIFETEEN ~ 10th—Pancake dinner/XLT ~ 17th—NO SESSION (see note below) ~ 24th—Youth Mass ~ 31st—Session

Extra activities: March 1st-3rd—Winter Retreat at Laurelville Retreat (in place of LIFETEEN session), March 14th—Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Spaghetti Dinner, March 17th—Living Stations at Christ the King (in place of EDGE/LIFETEEN), March 28th—Kiski's musical, "The Sound of Music"

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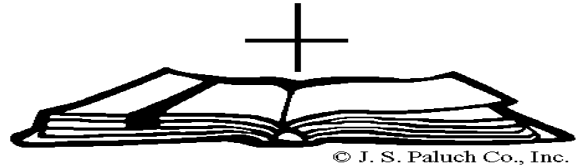
The deadline for the National Catholic Youth Conference has been extended. Please contact the Youth Ministry Office as soon as possible if you are interested in attending or would like more information. Don't miss out on this life-changing experience!

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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, March 2, Vigil The Eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Aurelio Ferraro

**Sunday, March 3, The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

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

10:30a.m. †Joseph & Henrietta Martier

Monday, March 4, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Eugene Iagnemma

Tuesday, March 5, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Rosemary Socolovitch

Wednesday, March 6, Ash Weekday

9:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

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

6:00p.m. †Louis & Mary Ann Scanga

Thursday, March 7, Thursday After Ash Wednesday

8:30a.m. †Edward Socolovitch

Friday, March 8, Friday After Ash Wednesday

8:30a.m. †Adeline Marsinetti

9:00a.m. ~ Noon Adoration

12:10p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Gertrude

6:30p.m. Stations of the Cross at Christ the King

Saturday, March 9, Saturday After Ash Wednesday

8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

Saturday, March 9, Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

4:00p.m. †Bill Mendicino

Sunday March 10, First Sunday of Lent

8:00a.m. †Mary Anuzik

10:30a.m. †Frank & Kathy Bruno