



Saint Gertrude Parish

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November 11, 2018

Thirty-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, through Friday 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday 9:15 a.m. School Mass

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 PARISH

*Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
The Dettore & Maglocchi Families
by the Family*

*Memorial Candle
In Memory of
Emily, Angela, Mary & Anthony
Scanga by the Scanga Family*

Treasures from Our Tradition

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures. Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church capella or "chapel," the cape became a

great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The widow of Zarephath had only a handful of flour and a little oil, but made a little cake for Elijah (1 Kings 17:10-16).
Psalm -- Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146).
Second Reading -- Christ will appear a second time to bring salvation to those who eagerly

await him (Hebrews 9:24-28).
Gospel -- This poor widow put in more than all the other contributors (Mark 12:38-44 [41-44]).

The Call to Discipleship

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need. In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They too give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

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.

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November 17 & 18

4:00p.m. ~ Domenic
Dellemonache
Lauren Paullet
Ashley Scanga

8:00a.m. ~ Maria Safranyos
Cara Walker

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

Collection November 3rd & 4th

Envelopes ~ \$5,430.60
Children's ~ \$5.00
Loose ~ \$261.20
Church Restoration ~ \$202.00
Utilities ~ \$49.00

All Saints

Envelopes ~ \$952.00
Loose ~ \$387.00

Catholic Relief Services

Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections, and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

Second Collection

Bishop Malesic has called for a second collection to be taken in all parishes of the Diocese of

Greensburg the weekend of November 10-11 to help individuals and families recover from the flooding that hit areas in the Greensburg Diocese on September 10, 2018. The proceeds from the collection will first go to Catholic Charities' relief efforts in that community, and any remaining contributions will be placed in a Diocesan Disaster Fund to help meet future needs. Over 10 homes were destroyed and many others were significantly damaged as a result of the storm. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and please pray for the people who have suffered losses. In my time as Bishop, the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese has constantly amazed me. I am confident that once again you will step up to the task and respond to your sisters and brothers in need.

Workshop about youth and young people for leaders in ministry

The diocese's Office of Faith, Family and Discipleship and the Center for Ministry Development will present a workshop with Tom East, "Accompanying Youth and Young People on their Journey of Faith and Discernment." The workshop is for leaders in faith formation and youth ministry, including catechists, volunteers and Catholic school principals and teachers. It will be held Nov. 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Christ Our Shepherd Center on Route 30 east of Greensburg. The workshop will be guided by the Synod on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discern-

ment. The cost is \$10 and includes resources and lunch. Register at www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Update on Our Higher Standards

Bishop Malesic asked that we keep you informed about the Diocese of Greensburg's higher standards for protecting children. He understands that survivors, parishioners and the public want to see proof that every diocese has taken sweeping, decisive and impactful action to make children safer. That is why 15,000 people in the last 15 years have been background checked and trained to recognize the signs of abuse in our Diocese. As you probably saw in the news, the Diocese received a subpoena from federal investigators. This was no surprise considering the horrific misconduct detailed in the statewide Grand Jury Report. The Diocese sees this as another opportunity to be transparent about the changes that have been made. The Diocese will fully cooperate with this federal subpoena and will provide all the information requested, including details about our zero tolerance policy for any violation of the Code of Pastoral Conduct. For more information about the Church's higher standards for protecting children, please visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

People of all ages are welcome to attend our Youth Mass on Sunday, November 25th at 5:00 PM at St. James. There is an After Mass Party (AMP) immediately following Mass in the church hall. Families with a last name beginning with (A-P) are asked to bring a side dish and last name beginning with (Q-Z) are asked to bring a dessert. We are looking for readers, altar servers, ushers and greeters in 6th-12th grades for the Youth Masses. We need volunteers for the AMP in order for it to continue. Please sign up ASAP.

Region 2 Faith Formation Calendar of Sessions for Fall 2018 (6:00-7:30 PM at the former St. James School) for grades K-5

November: 18th

December: 2nd & 16th

Attention Parents of 2nd graders:

Please save the dates for the following *mandatory* events:

November 17th, 2018—9:00 AM-Noon—First Penance Workshop at St. James Parish Center for parents and 2nd graders.

FUSED 4 ~ November/December LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

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

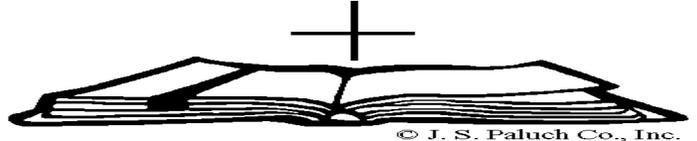
November: 11th ~ 8th graders, parents and sponsors—practice etc. at CTK @ 2:00 PM, NO EDGE, LIFETEEN—meet at King's during the session time ~ 16th—Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation (8th graders/sponsors) at 7:00 PM at CTK (arrival time TBA) ~ 18th—Session ~ 25th—Youth Mass at 5:00 PM with After Mass Party (AMP) to follow in the hall ~ 29th—Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Spaghetti dinner (EDGE/LIFETEEN)

December: 2nd—GOLDEN AGERS--NO LIFETEEN/ NO EDGE SESSION ~ 9th—*Session* (EDGE Movie Night Note the time difference for EDGE: 6:00-8:15 PM) ~ 16th—EDGE/LIFETEEN Christmas Party at CTK/Caroling at Bishop Morrow ~ 23rd—NO Youth Mass ~ 30th—NO SESSION
Other: Golden Agers Setup—Saturday, December 1st and Golden Agers Lunch—Sunday, December 2nd at St. James Parish Center

Volunteers in grades 9-12 are needed to help with the Spaghetti Dinner at St. Gertrude's on Thursday, November 29th from 3:45 PM-6:30 PM. Please sign up by Sunday, November 21st.

Looking for ways to help pay for activities/conferences/retreats? We are excited about an upcoming year-round fundraising opportunity! We are looking for parents to volunteer to help with BINGO roughly once a month at Our Lady Queen of Peace for a few hours on a Sunday. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you are interested in being put on the schedule. This is a great way to earn money towards youth events. **Please sign up ASAP. Volunteers are needed soon!**

Mass Intentions



Saturday, 10, Vigil Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
4:00p.m. †Mary Golembiewski

Sunday, November 11, Thirty-Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time
8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish
10:30a.m. †Dettore & Maglocchi Families

Monday, November 12, Weekday
8:30a.m. †Mark Mazgay

Tuesday, November 13, St. Frances
8:30a.m. †Frank & Kathy Bruno

Wednesday, November 14, Weekday
9:00a.m. †Pete & Ann Guerrera

Thursday, November 15, Weekday
8:30a.m. †Poor Souls

Friday, November 16, Weekday
8:30a.m. †James & Helen Loew

Saturday, November 17, St. Elizabeth
8:30a.m. †Mass At Christ the King

Saturday, November 17, Vigil, Thirty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
4:00p.m. †John Lucas

Sunday, November 18, Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish
10:30a.m. †Anthony & Emily Ball Calderazzo