



Saint Gertrude Parish

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November 18, 2018

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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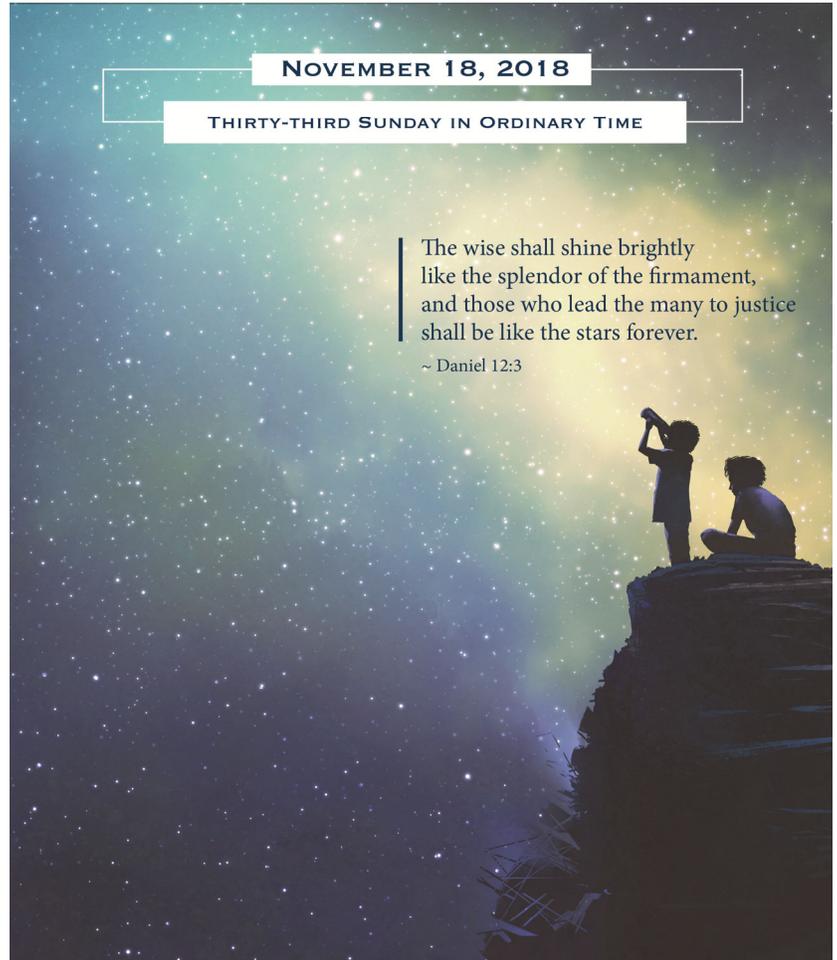
Baptisms
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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



NOVEMBER 18, 2018

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.

~ Daniel 12:3

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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
Sebastian (Busty) & Mary Giotto
By Joe & Marie Giotto*

*Memorial Candle
In Memory Of
Angie Tinelli
By Jane Barlak*

*Memorial Candle
In Memory of John Dettore
By Ann Krafick*

Treasures from Our Tradition

November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading. Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of

the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-

44 Thanksgiving Day--
Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever (Daniel 12:1-3).

Psalm -- You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Psalm 16).

Second Reading -- Where there

is forgiveness, there is no longer offering for sin (Hebrews 10:11-14, 18).

Gospel -- Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away (Mark 13:24-32).

Encouragement

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection. The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

Kiski Area Association of Churches

The Kiski area association of churches will be hosting a free Thanksgiving dinner at St. Gertrude Church social hall. On Monday November 19 at 6:00 pm. All are welcome.

Thirty ~Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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November 24th & 25th

4:00p.m. ~ Maria Safranyos
Cara Walker

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

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

Collection November 3rd & 4th

Envelopes ~ \$3,723.00

Children's ~ \$5.00

Loose ~ \$215.00

Church Restoration ~ \$72.00

Utilities ~ \$51.00

Flood Victims

Envelopes ~ \$130.00

Loose ~ \$626.12.00

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 ww.dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Santa Shoebox Project

The St. Gertrude Conference of St. Vincent dePaul thanks those from St. Gertrude and Christ the King who participated in the recent Santa Shoebox Project. Fifty-three shoeboxes (27 female, 19 male, 7 baby) and \$162 in cash donations will be sent to Appalachian Outreach to be distributed to needy individuals in Southern West Virginia and Kentucky.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide desert and/or work at the November 29 Spaghetti Dinner—Youth ministry and Lectors.

Catholic Daughters of America

The CDofA Court 1008 Annual Christmas Party is December 4th at 6:00 PM in the Church Social Hall. Cost is \$18.00 per Guests. Guests of members are welcome. For reservations call Elaine 724-

568-3310 or place reservation in collection basket marked CD of A Christmas Party. Reservations are due in by November 30th.

Angel Tree

This Christmas parishioners of St Gertrude Church will again be helping those in need, with our angel trees. The angels will be available starting the weekend of November 24-25th, and we ask that the wrapped gifts be returned by December 16th. We thank you for your continued support of this important project.

Theology on Tap in the A-K Valley

Calling ALL young adults (single, married, parents, etc.)! Join us for Theology on Tap in the AK Valley on Thursday, November 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Mogie's Irish Pub/Magill's Grill (3210 Leechburg Road, Lower Burrell, PA 15068). The topic of the evening is "Living Faithfully in a Sinful World." Food will be provided, and babies in carriers are welcome. Invite a friend! For further information, please contact Ariel at ASchroeder@dioceseofgreensburg.org or Katie at KTylin-ski@dioceseofgreensburg.org or find us on Facebook at Theology on Tap in the AK Valley (@akvalleytot). No need to RSVP, just show up!

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)

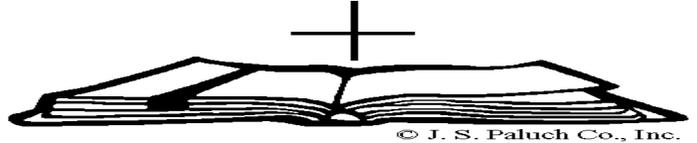
November: 11th ~ 8th graders, parents and sponsors—practice etc. at CTK @ 2:00 PM, NO EDGE, LIFETEEN—meet at King's during the session time ~ 16th—Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation (8th graders/sponsors) at 7:00 PM at CTK (arrival time TBA) ~ 18th—Session ~ 25th—Youth Mass at 5:00 PM with After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

Monday, November 19, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Marlene Dawkins

Tuesday, November 20, Weekday

8:30a.m. †James & Helen Loew

**Wednesday, November 21, Presentation of the Blessed
Virgin Mary**

9:00a.m. †Poor Souls

Thursday, November 22, St Cecilia

8:30a.m. †Louis & Mary Ann Scanga

Friday, November 23, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Dolores Dezzutti

Saturday, November 24, St. Andrew

8:30a.m. †Mass At Christ the King

Saturday, November 24, Vigil, Christ the King Sunday

4:00p.m. †Stanley "Stush" Souchock

Sunday, November 25, Christ the King Sunday

8:00a.m. †Regina Wisniewski

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