



# Saint Gertrude Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

303 Franklin Ave • Vandergrift, Pennsylvania 15690

*November 4, 2018*

*Thirty-First 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



You shall *love*  
your neighbor as yourself.

Mark 12:31

### **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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### Treasures from Our Tradition

Just two years ago, we engaged in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in "chapter" at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved. In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in "chapter" by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don't have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Phil 2:1-4; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday:** Phil 2:5-11; Ps 22:26b-30ab, 30e, 31-32; Lk 14:15-24  
**Wednesday:** Phil 2:12-18; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14:25-33  
**Thursday:** Phil 3:3-8a; Ps 105:2-7; Lk 15:1-10  
**Friday:** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22  
**Saturday:** Phil 4:10-19; Ps 112:1b-2, 5-6, 8a, 9; Lk 16:9-15  
**Sunday:** 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 [41-44]

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- The LORD, the God of your fathers, will give you a land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 6:2-6).

**Psalms** -- I love you, Lord, my strength (Psalm 18).

**Second Reading** -- Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him (Hebrews 7:23-28).

**Gospel** -- To love God with all your heart and to love your neighbor as yourself is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices (Mark 12:28b-34).

### Father Arnel

Father Arnel Aldave Estrella, who has served the Diocese of Greensburg in its International Priests Program since March of 2015, died Saturday, October 27, 2018,

at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, after an illness. He was 52 years old and had been a priest for 25 years. Born March 31, 1966, in the Philippines, he was a son of Delia (Aldave) Estrella of Camaligan, Philippines, and the late Jose T. Estrella. Father Arnel was educated at Holy Rosary Minor and Major Seminary in Naga City and ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Caceres June 15, 1993. He served as a parochial vicar and parish priest in the Philippines before coming to the Diocese of Greensburg. He served as a pro-tem parish priest in residence at St. Peter Parish, Brownsville, with parochial responsibilities at the partner parishes of St. Peter and St. Cecilia, Grindstone (June 2015), parochial vicar of St. Barbara Parish, Harrison City (2015-17) and Christ the King Parish, Leechburg, and St. Gertrude Parish, Vandergrift (2017-present). He also provided pastoral and sacramental ministry to Holy Family Parish, West Newton in 2017. Father Arnel was a soccer enthusiast, enjoyed basketball, wrestling, boxing, tennis, table tennis, reading, and was known for his great sense of humor. In addition to his father, Father Arnel was preceded in death by his brother, Jonathan Estrella; and his sister, Marilyn Estrella. He is survived by his mother Delia in the Philippines; siblings, Edgar Estrella of Camaligan, Philippines; Maria Zinnia (Elson) Pielago of South Elgin, IL; Jose (Suzette) Estrella, Jr. of Quezon City, Philippines; Daisy (Mario) Maala of Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, UK; Jeffrey (Joan) Estrella of Bacolod City, Philippines; and numerous nieces and nephews.

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**November 4th & 5th**

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

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

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

**Collection 27th & 28th**

Envelopes ~ \$4,257.10  
Children's ~ \$1.00  
Loose ~ \$257.00  
Church Restoration ~ \$28.00

**Second Collection**

Aging religious need your help. Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today's second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

**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 ef-

forts 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.

**Spaghetti Dinner**

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the November 8, Spaghetti Dinner are Cardinal Maida Academy and Offertory Counters.

**St. Vincent DePaul**

The St. Gertrude Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will meet on Wednesday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.

**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, in-

cluding 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 Discernment. The cost is \$10 and includes resources and lunch. Register at [www.dioceseofgreensburg.org](http://www.dioceseofgreensburg.org).

**Opportunity to Pray for Vocations**

The first full week of November is designated as National Vocation Awareness Week. Please join Catholics from around the diocese on Thursday, November 8 for an opportunity to pray for vocations. The Office for Priestly Vocations is sponsoring a Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations at St. Paul Church in Greensburg. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 11 AM and continue through the day, concluding at 6 PM with sung evening prayer and benediction. Please stop in throughout the day to pray for our seminarians and those discerning God's call.

**Thank You**

Father James would like to thank the Catholic Daughters of Americas court 1008, St. Gertrude Men's Club, and Kiski Valley Council Knights of Columbus for their generous donations towards the upgraded sound system in the church hall.

**Attention Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders:**

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

November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018—6:30-7:30 PM--Parent meeting for First Penance in the Upper Room at the St. James Parish Center (former school)

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

**FUSED 4 ~ November/December 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)

**November:** 4<sup>th</sup>—Session ~ 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 8<sup>th</sup> graders, parents and sponsors—practice etc. at CTK @ 2:00 PM, NO EDGE, LIFETEEN—meet at King's during the session time ~ 16<sup>th</sup>—Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation (8<sup>th</sup> graders/sponsors) at 7:00 PM at CTK (arrival time TBA) ~ 18<sup>th</sup>—Session ~ 25<sup>th</sup>—Youth Mass at 5:00 PM with After Mass Party (AMP) to follow in the hall ~ 29<sup>th</sup>—Volunteer at St. Gertrude's Spaghetti dinner (EDGE/LIFETEEN)

**December:** 2<sup>nd</sup>—GOLDEN AGERS--NO LIFETEEN/ NO EDGE SESSION ~ 9<sup>th</sup>— *Session* (EDGE Movie Night Note the time difference for EDGE: 6:00-8:15 PM) ~ 16<sup>th</sup>—EDGE/LIFETEEN Christmas Party at CTK/Caroling at Bishop Morrow ~ 23<sup>rd</sup>—NO Youth Mass ~ 30<sup>th</sup>—NO SESSION

Other: Golden Agers Setup—Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Golden Agers Lunch—Sunday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at St. James Parish Center

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are looking for parents with clearances to volunteer with our Shoebox Santa project on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, when the classes will assemble the shoeboxes. Donated items along with the shoeboxes will be distributed to people of need by the St. Vincent DePaul organization.

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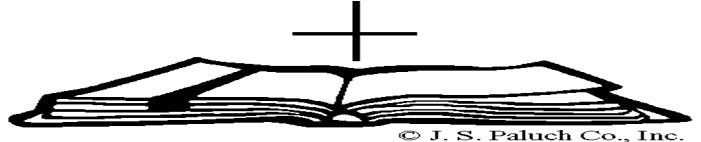
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# Mass Intentions



**Saturday, 3, Vigil Thirty-First Sunday**  
**in Ordinary Time**  
4:00p.m. †Mass at Christ the King

**Sunday, November 4, Thirty-First Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**  
8:00a.m. †William & Filamena Naccarato  
10:30a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

**Monday, November 5, Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Jack & Patricia Reilly

**Tuesday, November 6, Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †James and Helen Loew

**Wednesday, November 7, Weekday**  
9:00a.m. †Frank & Kathy Bruno

**Thursday, November 8, Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Poor Souls  
10:30a.m. Anointing Mass CTK

**Friday, November 9, Dedication of the**  
**Lateran Basilica**  
8:30a.m. †Margaret Gabelli

**Saturday, November 10, Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Mass At Christ the King

**Saturday, November 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