



Saint Gertrude Parish

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October 21, 2018

Twenty-Ninth 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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The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.
Mark 10:45

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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
Nick Loperfido*

*Memorial Candle
John Lucas
By Ida*

*Memorial Candle
Saveria & Domenic Gallo*

Treasures from Our Tradition

As election campaigns move into high gear, sometimes the phrase "the Catholic vote" is heard. It's an interesting concept, since Catholics started out in this country as a very fragile group: fewer than forty thousand of us at the time of the first census in 1790, and only about 2 percent of the population by 1830. It was a priestless church for all intents and purposes, lay-led clusters of Catholics waiting patiently for the occasional visit of a priest, sustained by gathering when they could on Sunday for devotional prayer like litanies and the rosary. They tried to hold on to their ancestral faith as best they could. Archbishop Jean-Louis Cheverus told one family in Maine to "every day say your prayers on your knees with affection, and every Sunday gather to hear the Gospel, to pray in common, and to quiz the children on the catechism." Inevitably, some became Protestant, but many more stayed Catholic from generation to generation, with very little encouragement or sacramental ministry from the clergy. Archbishop John Car

roll, the first American bishop, tried to make Church law flexible: shortening the length of the fast before Communion, easing the Lenten fast, and even relaxing the rule of Sabbath rest at harvest time. Catholicism in England had been quietly sustained in this way for two centuries, and the first American Catholics carried on as had their ancestors, providing a fertile soil for the unprecedented success and phenomenal growth of the Church in our country.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Today's Readings

First Reading -- My servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear (Isaiah 53:10-11).

Psalm -- Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading -- Let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and

to find grace for timely help (Hebrews 4:14-16).

Gospel -- Whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all (Mark 10:35-45 [42-45]).

Too Much Information

There is a common expression: "Too much information!" We usually use it when people tell us details about their lives that we don't want or need to know. Today, when James and John ask Jesus a simple question, making their request for places of honor in the kingdom, a simple answer might have been in order. Instead, as he often does, Jesus answers a question with a question; today it's about drinking the cup of suffering. Then, once the others are indignant over James and John's outrageous request, he proceeds to give them what may have been "too much information" for followers who were simply interested in the pursuit of glory. But this information, though it can sometimes seem "too much" for us, is essential for our lives as disciples. In Isaiah, in Hebrews, and in Mark today, we learn this information. It is in suffering, in weakness, in self-giving service to others, that we come to understand the kingdom. It is the information we need to find our place and come to be honored in the reign of God.

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October 27th & 28th

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

8:00a.m. ~ joey & Nicholas
DiFilippio

10:30a.m. ~ Joseph Collini
Domenic Dellemonache
Lauren Paullet

Collection 13th & 14th

Envelopes ~ \$3,899.00
Loose ~ \$292.00
Utilities ~ \$5.00
Church Restoration \$48.00

Catholic Daughters

CDofA monthly meeting will be held Thursday, November 1st. All members are asked to attend the 6:00 p.m. mass, followed by a memorial service for deceased CDofA members. Family and friends are invited to attend memorial service. November meeting will follow in the church social hall after memorial service.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the October 25 Spaghetti Dinner ~ Knights of Columbus, Prayer Chain and Contemporary Choir.

Theology on Tap

Calling ALL young adults (single, married, parents, etc.)! Join us or Theology on Tap in the A-K Valley on Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 p.m. at Garda's Res-

taurant (2033 State Route 66, Ford City, PA 16226). 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 KTylinski@dioceseofgreensburg.org or find us on Facebook at Theology on Tap in the A-k Valley (@akvalleytot). No need to RSVP, just show up!

Men's prayer gathering Oct. 30

Bishop Edward C. Malesic and men from the diocese will gather for "Transformation," a men's prayer gathering, to center their lives on Christ and help heal and renew the church Oct. 30 from 6:45-9 p.m. in the Saint Vincent Basilica Crypt. The evening will include prayer, adoration, small group discussion, reconciliation and leadership development. For information, email cmsmith@dioceseofgreensburg.org.

Rosary Rally

Bishop Edward C. Malesic will lead the annual Rosary Rally Oct. 27 at 11 a.m. in St. Joseph Chapel at the Christ Our Shepherd Center, Rte. 30 east of Greensburg. The day includes Mass at 9 a.m., adoration and the sacrament of reconciliation after Mass, with recitation of the rosary following. Organizations that plan to carry a banner at the Rosary Rally must register by calling 724-837-0901, ext. 1249.

Youth Minister and Coordinator of Catechesis Position

St. Joseph/St. Mary Churches, New Kensington are seeking a Youth Minister and Coordinator of Catechesis. This is a **part-time position** in which the candidate must be a practicing Catholic with a strong commitment to Catholic faith formation. Must be energetic and organized with excellent communication skills. Applicant must also be computer-literate (MS Office, email and social media). Candidate may possess a Bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in Religious Education and/or completed the Pathways Program. Applicant must be willing to acquire and/or continue necessary catechetical training. The position will be responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating all aspects of the religious education program (Catechesis of the Good Shepherd) and youth group.

Youth Mass

People of all ages are welcome to attend our Youth Mass on Sunday, October 28th at 5:00 PM at St. James. There is an After Mass Party (AMP) immediately following Mass in the church hall.



We are looking for readers, altar servers, ushers and greeters in 6th-12th grades for our Youth Mass on October 28th at 5:00 PM at St. James. This month the After Mass Party will have a unique and special twist! Please bring a favorite dish (dessert or side etc.) that helps you to remember a deceased relative. You are also invited to bring a memento (ie. picture etc.) to be placed on a special table to honor your deceased loved one. *Please don't bring anything irreplaceable.* We are looking forward to honoring our loved ones who have passed along the faith to us—the best gift that you can give. Speaking of that we are having a costume contest! Dress as your favorite saint! Get creative! Confirmation candidates—this is a great chance to dress like the saint that you chose for your Confirmation name!

Attention K-5th grades: After the AMP on October 28th we are having an “All Saints Day” celebration. We will have 4 stations setup upstairs with four saints that they can choose 2 or 3 of them to visit (15 min/each). There will be a lesson, craft or game and a story about each saint.

Attention K-5th grades: The Faith Formation classes in conjunction with the St. Vincent de Paul organization will participate in the Shoebox Santa service project. Please donate a few items from the lists that were e-mailed to you by Sunday, October 21st. All donated items will be organized by parent volunteers for the “Santa Shop.” We are looking for parents with clearances to volunteer. On Sunday, November 4th, 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. We take these “basic items” for granted, please be generous.

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

October: 21st

November: 4th & 18th

December: 2nd & 16th

FUSED 4 ~ October/November LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

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

October:

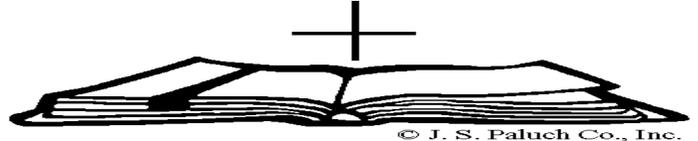
21st—Session ~ 28th—Youth Mass at 5:00 PM with After Mass Party (AMP) to follow in the hall

November:

4th—Session ~ 8th graders & sponsors—practice 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)

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, October 20, Vigil Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Trentin Family

**Sunday, October 21, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †Adeline Trozzi

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

Monday, October 22, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Mary Mottola

Tuesday, October 23, Weekday

8:30a.m. †James R. Loew

Wednesday, October 24, Weekday

9:00a.m. †Marlene Dawkins

Thursday, October 25, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Mary & Domenick Grandi

Friday, October 26, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Adam Sikora

Saturday, October 27, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, October 27, Vigil, Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Joseph Montarti

**Sunday, October 28, Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

8:00a.m. †David Guerrero

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