



Saint Gertrude Parish

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October 28, 2018

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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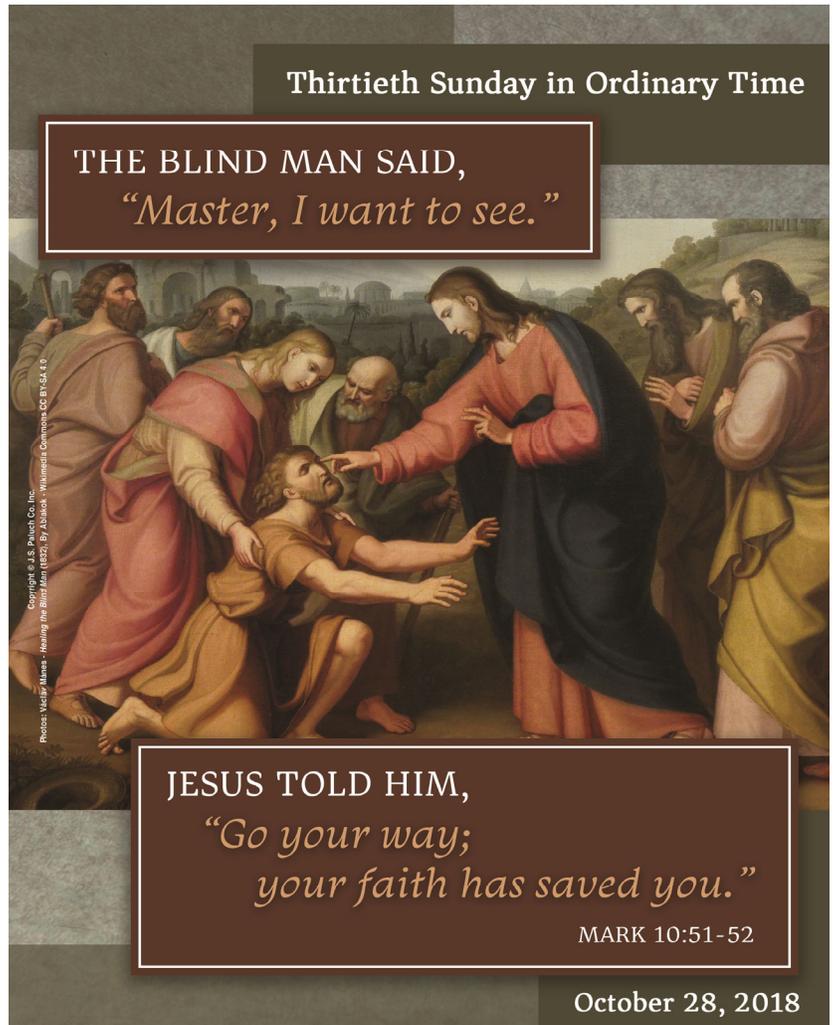
Baptisms
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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 BLIND MAN SAID,
“Master, I want to see.”

JESUS TOLD HIM,
*“Go your way;
your faith has saved you.”*

MARK 10:51-52

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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.

*Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of
Robert Querio
By
family*

Treasures from Our Tradition

Today is the feast of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales, the first representative body of many Catholics who died for their faith between 1535 and 1679 to be beatified or canonized. Almost all of them died at Tyburn, a place of public execution near today's Marble Arch in Hyde Park, London. The first to suffer were Carthusian monks who refused to swear an oath supporting Henry VIII as supreme head of the Church in England, and the last was Saint Oliver Plunkett, the Primate Archbishop of Ireland. The method of execution was particularly vile, since the condemned were hanged and their living bodies quartered to be displayed around London as a horrific warning. Today, the tree-like gallows provides the design of a religious symbol, the canopy over the altar of the martyrs in Tyburn Convent. There, at the heart of the bustling city, a monastic community of women practices contemplative prayer and "spiritual hospitality" in the Benedictine tradition. Oddly, the community is French in origin; it was expelled from France a century ago when

France outlawed contemplative monastic life. England, where the laws against Catholicism had been lifted, invited the community in. In gratitude to their new homeland, and in honor of those who gave their lives for the Catholic faith, the nuns came to Tyburn. In the public crypt, coats of arms stand for each of the 350 martyrs. A Web site visit is possible at www.tyburnconvent.org.uk.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Eph 4:32 -- 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33; Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14; Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Friday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead, nos. 1011-1016

Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, def; Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Today's Readings

First Reading -- I will lead the people to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble (Jeremiah 31:7-9).

Psalm -- The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading -- It was not Christ who glorified himself, but rather the one who said to

him: You are my son: this day I have begotten you (Hebrews 5:1-6).

Gospel -- Immediately the blind man received his sight and followed Jesus on the way (Mark 10:46-52).

The hope and promise of redemption

The prophet Jeremiah prophesies the end of the Babylonian exile. He describes how the weak and sorrowful people now return with joy. These are the scattered people of God: the blind and the lame, the mothers and pregnant women. They shall be led along an easy road so that no one will stumble. The Lord's kindness and mercy are on all these weak and broken people. Here and in Psalm 126 we find the most lovely poetic images of God's love and care for us. "Those that sow in tears / shall reap rejoicing. Although they go forth weeping, / carrying the seed to be sown, / they shall come back rejoicing, / carrying their sheaves" (Psalm 126:5-6). Although God had to punish Israel for their many sins, God never forgot them, scattered as they were, and brings them all back to the land of their ancestors, there to flourish and be joyful again. We can see in this the hope and the promise of our own redemption, gathered from the far corners of the earth into the great banquet of God.

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November 4th & 5th

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

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

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

Collection 20th & 21st

Envelopes ~ \$3,706.00

Children's ~ \$5.00

Loose ~ \$290.00

Church Restoration ~ \$13.00

World Mission

Envelopes ~ \$508.00

Loose ~ \$201.97

Santa Shoebox

Just a reminder that Santa Shoeboxes need to be returned no later than Sunday, November 4, and placed in the SVdP containers at the church entrances. Monetary donations can be placed in the offertory (checks payable to Appalachian Outreach) the envelope labeled Shoebox Project, SVdP. Any questions, call Fran at (412) 780-0164.

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 Sep-

tember 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.

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.

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.

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.

We are looking for parents with clearances to volunteer with our Shoebox Santa project on Sunday, November 4th, 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.

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: 4th & 18th

December: 2nd & 16th

Youth Ministry Section:

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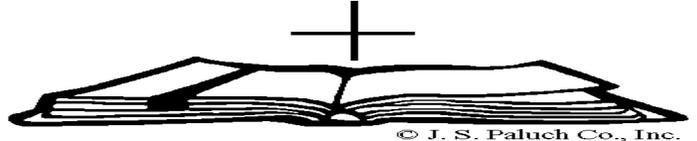
(EDGE: Grades 6th-8th/LIFETEEN: grades 9th 12th ~ St. James Parish Underground/Upper Rooms ~ 6:00 -7:30 PM)

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

November: 4th—Session ~11th -- 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 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

Monday, October 29, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Thelma L. Johnson

Tuesday, October 30, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Dolores Dezzutti

Wednesday, October 31, Weekday

9:00a.m. †James Federline

Wednesday, October 31, Vigil All Saints

6:00p.m. Christ the King

Thursday, November 1, All Saints Day

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

12:10p.m. Christ the King

6:00p.m. Sharon Ramaley Pacuch

Friday, November 2, All Souls

8:30a.m. †Poor Souls

10:00a.m. Cemetery Mass Poor Souls

Saturday, November 3, Weekday

8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, November 3, Vigil, Thirty-First Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:00p.m. †Cecil R. Stephenson

Sunday, November 4, Thirty-First Sunday

in Ordinary Time

8:00a.m. †William & Filamena Naccarato

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