



St. Gertrude Parish

6543 Miami Avenue • Cincinnati, OH 45243

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • **November 12, 2017**



MISSION STATEMENT

St. Gertrude is a Roman Catholic Parish in the Dominican heritage of prayer, preaching, and teaching. Under our Lady's mantle, gathered as the Body of Christ, we celebrate Him in Sacraments, Sacred Scripture and in Catholic education. Serving our brothers and sisters in the New Evangelization, we seek to grow in love as we journey with Jesus to God the Father.

PARISH STAFF

Dominican Friars	<i>Pastor:</i> Rev. André-Joseph LaCasse, O.P. <i>Prior:</i> Very Rev. Allen Moran, O.P.
Parochial Vicars	Rev. Gabriel Torretta, O.P. Rev. Clement Dickie, O.P.
In Residence	Rev. Paul J. Keller, O.P. Rev. Joseph Alobaidi, O.P. Rev. Giles Dimock, O.P. Rev. Michael Mary Dosch, O.P. (Novice Master)
Parish Office/561-5954	(parishoffice@stgertrude.org)
Receptionists	Susan Kane and Teri Forlini
Business Office	Mike Muse /ext 2102
Asst. Business Mgr. & Safe Environ./Child Protection	Mary Tappel/ext 2103
Music Director	Catherine Fishlock/ext 2116
Bulletin Coordinator	(bulletin@stgertrude.org) Gayle Bibisi
Office of Evangelization:	
Director of Adult Evangelization/Pastoral Services	Lawain McNeil/ext 1123
Director of Primary Youth Evangelization	Shari Siebert/561-8369
Director of Jr. High Youth Evangelization	Bryan Wells/ext 2110
Director of High School Youth Evangelization	Megan Dickert/ext 2109
Wedding/Bereavement Coordinator	AnnaMaria Spurgin/ext 1124
St. Gertrude School/561-8020	(stgertrudesch.org) Sr. Mary Aquinas, O.P.
Vocation Directors	
<i>Archdiocese of Cincinnati</i>	Fr. Dan Schmittmeyer/421-3131
<i>Dominican Friars</i>	Fr. Benedict Croell, O.P., DominicanFriars.org
<i>Nashville Dominican Sisters</i>	Sr. Peter Marie, O.P./615-256-5486

PARISH MINISTRIES

<i>Athletic Boosters/Sports Leaders</i>	Marc Gerwel/774-7779
<i>Baptism Coordinators</i>	Mike & Mary Clare Peck/497-4783
<i>Benedictine Oblate</i>	Clyde & Pat Dorn/791-0988
<i>Catholic Men's Fellowship</i>	Chris Nachtrab/312-7841
<i>Choir</i>	Catherine Fishlock/561-5954
<i>Cincinnati Frassati Fellowship</i>	John Dumas IV/ contact@cincinnatiassati.com
<i>Circle of Prayer</i>	Barbara Rose/ prayercirclesg@gmail.com
<i>Communion to the Sick</i>	Judy Hartmann/984-8003
<i>Dominican Laity: Bishop Fenwick</i>	Jonathan Ring/ ringjp@gmail.com
<i>Dominican Laity: Our Lady of Peace</i>	Patty Connelly/793-2246
<i>Ex. Ministers of Holy Communion</i>	Rob Lockwood/319-0543
<i>Familia</i>	Anita Pappalardo/248-8237
<i>Ferro Acuitur</i>	Rick Sammons/675-1122
<i>Finance Council</i>	Tim Paulin/248-0441
<i>Gertie Moms</i>	Leslie Stahlberger/250-8480/ jstahlbergerfam@att.net
<i>Holy Family Prayer Group</i>	Malissa Frohlich/519-5197
<i>Knights of Columbus</i>	Tom Hahn/702-9354
<i>Ladies of Charity</i>	Jean Wilkinson/498-5085
<i>Lectors</i>	Casey Huber/675-7375
<i>Little Flower Library</i>	Susan Santos/504-0205
<i>Mater Filius Queen City</i>	Maria Resendiz/260-8055
<i>Natural Family Planning</i>	Dave & Ann Stein/561-5751
<i>Parent/Teacher Organization</i>	Sarah Holt/677-2122
<i>Parish Health</i>	Jeanne Palcic/317-4123
<i>Pastoral Council</i>	Dwight Stephenson/351-1769
<i>Perpetual Adoration</i>	561-5954, ext. 2136
<i>Prayer Ministry for the Dying</i>	Pat Collins/265-1897
<i>R.C.I.A.</i>	Rev. Gabriel Torretta, O.P./561-5954
<i>Regina Veritatis Healing Prayer</i>	Cornelia Mechley/340-4586
<i>Respect Life</i>	Debbie Graham/984-4766
<i>Rosary Makers</i>	Larry Ball/646-8523
<i>School Advisory Council</i>	Leah Naumann/260-5441
<i>Scouts</i>	Jim Pappalardo/248-8237
<i>Soup Kitchen</i>	Andy Cordier/248-1005
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	Larry Ball/646-8523
<i>Stewardship Committee</i>	Brad Schueler/386-8935
<i>Ushers</i>	Douglas Postler/791-6298
<i>Website</i>	Sal Forlini/831-9265
<i>Women's Group</i>	Anne Marie Schmidt/859-486-3183
Pregnancy Center East (for all pregnancy needs)	321-3100

MASS, CONFESSION AND DEVOTION SCHEDULE

Monday, November 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (M)

7:00am	Jerome Teller/Dorothy Grant
8:00am	Thomas Dugan/Anne Collins
11:30am	Daniel LaCasse/Elaine & Jeff Parker
12:00pm	Midday Prayer
7:00pm	Healing Rosary

Tuesday, November 14, Weekday

7:00am	Bette Farrell/Hoctor Family
8:00am	James Finnegan/Dell 'Aira Family
11:30am	Deceased Members of the Order of Friars Preachers
12:00pm	Midday Prayer

Wednesday, November 15, St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (F)

7:00am	Rita Cucinotta/Lisa Miller
8:00am	Cherie Hardy/Pavloff Family
11:30am	Judie Taphorn/Ann Lukey
12:00pm	Midday Prayer
7:00pm	Vocations, Holy Hour, Confessions, & Benediction

Thursday, November 16, Solemnity of St. Gertrude, Virgin

7:00am	People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased
8:00am	People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased
11:30am	People of St. Gertrude, Living and Deceased
12:00pm	Midday Prayer
1:45pm	School Mass

Friday, November 17, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious (M)

7:00am	Barbara Carrillo/Elvira Carrillo
8:00am	Harry Riga/Rita Cucinotta
11:30am	Joseph Whitacre/Nancy DeBrunner
12:00pm	Midday Prayer

Saturday, November 18, The Dedication of the Basilicas of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

8:00am	Russell Smith/Dick Wenstrup
10:30am	Confessions
11:30am	Meg Crall/Kevin & Ann Lynch
3:30pm	Confessions

Nov. 18-19 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat. 4:30pm	John Collopy/Collopy Family
Sun. 8:00am	Mary Ann Stevenson/Dolores Brandstetter
9:30am	Cathy Holt/Andy & Sarah Holt
11:00am	George Kovach/Kovach Family
12:30pm	Kay Griewe/Jane Wright
6:00pm	Bette Farrell/Burandt Family

BULLETIN DEADLINE

November 26 bulletin • Wednesday, November 15 Noon

Please submit your Mass announcements and bulletin articles to: bulletin@stgertrude.org
6543 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45243
(513) 561-5954 • FAX (513) 561-7184 • www.stgertrude.org

Archdiocesan Capital Campaign: One Faith, One Hope, One Love. As I write this Pastor's column I am now engaged in the Silent Phase of this campaign. I beg your prayers as I meet with our generous donators in the next few weeks. Starting in January of 2018, I will be working with chairpersons of this campaign to recruit generous workers for the campaign. And finally pray that when we begin the public phase of this campaign in March of 2018, all will be generous as we ask you to prayerfully consider a five-year commitment to raise \$2.6M for this campaign. More information will be coming about all the good that is being done throughout the archdiocese through this campaign.



Mass Offerings: Part I

What it means to have a Mass "offered" for someone.

An individual may ask a priest to offer a Mass for a particular intention for several reasons: in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as an anniversary), or for the repose of the soul of someone who has died. This is the particular intention the priest brings to the Mass, but he brings other intentions as well, including those of everyone in attendance.

When a priest offers Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, he is guided by three intentions: (1) to offer the Mass reverently and validly as prescribed by the Church; (2) to offer the Mass in union with the entire Church and for the good of the whole Church; (3) to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died.

Whenever the Eucharist is celebrated, it embraces all mankind, both living and dead. It is not limited to one person or one intention.

The benefits of each Eucharist are infinite and include the whole world. Never forget the infinite graces that flow from the Sacrifice of the Mass which benefit one's soul! Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Mirae caritatis* (1902) describes this point eloquently, stressing the connection between the Mass and the communion of saints:

"Besides all this, the grace of mutual charity among the living, which derives from the Sacrament of the Eucharist so great an increase of strength, is further extended by virtue of the Sacrifice to all those who are numbered in the Communion of Saints. For the Communion of Saints, as everyone knows, is nothing but the mutual communication of help, expiation, prayers, blessings, among all the faithful, who, whether they have already attained to the heavenly country, or are detained in the purgatorial fire, or are yet exiles here on earth, all enjoy the common franchise of that city whereof Christ is the head, and the constitution is charity. For faith teaches us, that although the venerable Sacrifice may be lawfully offered to God alone, yet it may be celebrated in honor of the saints reigning in heaven with God who has crowned them, in order that we may gain for ourselves their patronage. And it may also be offered — in accordance with an apostolic tradition — for the purpose of expiating the sins of those of the brethren who, having died in the Lord, have not yet fully paid the penalty of their transgressions."

Pope Saint John Paul II said in his last encyclical, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, "In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant His children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ. In raising this prayer to the Father of lights, from whom comes every good endowment and every perfect gift, the Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice."

This tradition of offering Masses for others, particularly the dead, can be seen in the early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in second century Roman catacombs demonstrate this practice. For example, the epitaph on the tomb of Abercius (d. 180), Bishop of Hieropolis in Phrygia, begs for prayers for the repose of his soul. Tertullian (c. 200) attested to observing the anniversary of a spouse with prayers and sacrifices, viz., the sacrifice of the Mass: "Indeed she prays for his soul, and requests refreshment for him meanwhile, and fellowship with him in the first resurrection; and she offers her sacrifice on the anniversaries of his falling asleep" (*On Monogamy*, X). Hippolytus (c. 235) explicitly mentions the offering of prayers for the dead during the Mass. St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 386), in one of his many catechetical discourses, explained how at Mass both the living and dead are remembered, and how the Eucharistic Sacrifice of our Lord is of benefit to sinners, both living and deceased. St. Ambrose (d. 397) said, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." St. John Chrysostom (d. 407) preached, "Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them." St. Augustine (d. 430) remembers his mother's, St. Monica, final wishes as she was dying, "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be." Pope St. Gregory the Great (d. 604) stated, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

A Blessed Week to All,

Rev. André-Joseph LaCasse, O.P., Pastor

OFFERING

Offering for Sunday, November 5, 2017

Collection:	\$50,494.69
Year to Date (starting July 1):	\$686,638.21
Year to Date Budget:	\$687,000.00
Offering Deficit:	(\$361.79)
Children's Collection:	\$4.01
All Saints	\$4,914.00

The year to date totals include stock and other large donations.

PLEASE PRAY FOR ...

The Sick

Anthony Alvarez, Lisa Bertke, Lynne Blake, Mary Lou Brockman, Bettie Caudill, Frank Cianciolo, Marguerite Crema, Triset Defonseka, Agnes Dryer, Kathy Elsbernd, Peggy Eshman, Ronald Gunn, Joe Holly, Hummel Family, Erin Kelly, Peggy Kindt, Cecilia Lemming, Ann Lukey, Linda Merkley, Leo Napuri, Marlene Ney, Bill Quattrone, Therese Rieger, Jane Sansalone, Richard Seifert, Patricia Scherer, Joe Schirmer, Pegge Schuermann, George Sullivan, Judy Sullivan, John Sweeney

Those in the Armed Forces

Chris Babcock, Adam Benvie, Patrick Burke, Cole Foster, Dominic Geraci, Daniel Holian, Mike Huber, Aaron Jacobson, Jacob Kramb, John Kramb, John Oscar, Drew Pearson, Ian Tester

The Deceased

Daniel Shannon, Jr., husband of Pat

If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from the Prayer Column, please contact: bulletin@stgertrude.org.

Ladies of Charity Christmas Giving Tree Sign Ups

Annual Christmas Giving Tree sign ups are the weekends of November 18-19 and 25-26. Many families throughout our area have a very special Christmas because of our parishioners generosity. Please stop by the Christmas Giving Tree and pick a tag off the tree and help us fulfill the wishes of some very special people. Drop off for the gifts is December 2 and 3.

Men of St. Gertrude

You are invited to a new ministry for men over 18 that will build both spirit and body — FERRO ACUTUR. Our focus is to make small groups of multi-generation men in order to help each man grow spiritually, mentally and physically. Starting on November 16 (the Feast Day of St. Gertrude) and November 30, we will meet at 8:00pm in the school's lower level, for an hour of spiritual prayer, scripture, teachings and small group discussions, and at 9:00pm, move to the Parish Center for activities, including sports, competition, and team building, to strengthen our trust and relationship with each other. Starting in December we will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month. If you have any questions, contact Rick Sammons at 675-1122 or rightpathcfo@gmail.com.



In today's Gospel Jesus challenges us to "stay awake" by taking time to seriously look at ourselves, the priorities of our lives, and how we are growing spiritually. Ask yourself "What would Jesus Christ do?" and then put your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul poor box

so that those who are suffering will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving. Saint Vincent de Paul is an organization dedicated to helping those in our community who are less fortunate than ourselves. We accept donations of non-perishable food items in a blue barrel located inside the sacristy entrance. We also accept clothing donations in a large container in the school parking lot adjacent to the maintenance building.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE**Monday, November 13**

- 6:30pm Boy Scouts Leader Meeting: School Classroom
- 7:00pm Healing Rosary: Church
- 7:00pm RCIA: St. Dominic Lobby
- 7:00pm Holy Family Prayer Group: School Chapel
- 7:00pm Dominican Laity/Our Lady of Peace: School Cafeteria
- 7:00pm Core Team Meeting: School Classroom

Tuesday, November 14

- 12:30pm True Devotion: St. Dominic Lobby
- 3:00pm Children's Choir: PC Music Room
- 4:30pm Religious Ed: School Classroom
- 7:00pm Dominican Laity/Bishop Fenwick Chapter: St. Dominic Lobby
- 7:00pm Boy Scouts: School Cafeteria

Wednesday, November 15

- 8:30am First Penance Parent Meeting: School Cafeteria
- 8:30am Familia: PC Music Room
- 9:00am Prayer Shawl: St. Joseph Room
- 5:30pm Mater Filius Prayer Group: Church
- 6:00pm Den Meetings: School Classrooms
- 7:00pm Adult Choir Practice: PC Music Room
- 7:00pm First Penance Parent Meeting: School Cafeteria
- 7:30pm Rosary Makers: St. Dominic Lobby
- 7:30pm Library Book Club: St. Joseph Room

Thursday, November 16

- 8:45am Regina Veritatis Council Meeting: Divine Mercy Room
- 6:30pm Regina Veritatis Prayer Meeting: PC Music Room
- 6:30pm Parish Health Ministry/From Prescription to Addiction: School Cafeteria
- 7:00pm Cincinnati Frassati Fellowship: St. Dominic Lobby
- 8:00pm Ferro Acuitur: School Classroom

Friday, November 17

- 9:30am Familia/Year Two: St. Dominic Lobby
- 6:30pm Scouts Ad Altare Dei Meeting: School Classroom
- 7:30pm Communion & Liberation: St. Dominic Lobby

Saturday, November 18

- 8:00am Men's Familia: School Classroom
- 4:30pm Ladies of Charity Giving Tree Sign Ups: St. Dominic Lobby

Sunday, November 19

- 8:00am Religious Ed: School Classroom
- 8:00am Ladies of Charity Giving Tree Sign Ups: St. Dominic Lobby
- 9:00am Little Flower Library open until 12:30pm
- 1:00pm NFP Class: School Library
- 1:45pm Baptisms: Church
- 2:00pm Benedictine Oblate: St. Joseph Room
- 7:00pm Youth Night: School Cafeteria

Coffee and Donuts: This week the parish received several complaints about children not being supervised during Coffee & Donuts. We would like to remind all parents that you need to watch and monitor your children during Coffee & Donuts. Children should not be running around the gym out of control, they should never be behind the stage, and they should never be allowed to roam in and out of the gym, lobby and bathrooms, and outside without being supervised. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

Just in time for Advent

Book Reviews from the Little Flower Library

Of Bells and Cells: The World of Monks, Friars, Sisters and Nuns written by M. Cristina Borges. This informative book, written for young people and adults, explains the steps in discerning and following a vocation. Questions such as “What is a novice?” or “What do nuns do all day?” are addressed as well as descriptions of such words as postulant, novitiate, contemplative religious, vows, and many more. The history of some specific religious orders is also included in this beautifully illustrated book. Read this book for enjoyment, inspiration, and education.

Saint Nicholas and the Mouse of Myra is a graphic novel written and illustrated by Jay Stoeckl, OFS. Are the legends of St. Nicholas true? See St. Nicholas as he comes to life as never before, in this colorful graphic novel. Along with Cicero, the mouse, the only fictional character in the book, St. Nicholas encounters many adventures. As St. Nicholas travels throughout Asia Minor, Cicero often challenges Nicholas’ decisions, sometimes in a hilarious way. In the end, St. Nicholas learns and practices the generosity that led him to become the father of Christmas giving (St. Nick).



Academic Excellence in the Dominican Tradition



NURTURING INTELLIGENT & VIRTUOUS LEADERS

A loving and supportive environment, where traditional values and modern teaching foster critical thinking, curiosity and collaboration.

NOW ENROLLING FOR 2018-2019

Visit us to discover what makes St. Gertrude such a special place

Find out more at www.stgertrudesch.org or visit us on Facebook

6543 Miami Ave. Cincinnati, OH | 513.561.8020

Attention All Parents of Second Graders

First Penance Parent Meeting: This is an exciting time of sacramental preparation for your child. There will be an important meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at 8:30am and 7:00pm in the school cafeteria for parents of children who will be preparing to make their First Penance this year. Please plan to attend the session that best fits your schedule. It is an expectation that one parent attend from every family that has a child intending to receive the sacrament. At this gathering, Fr. André-Joseph, Sr. Immaculata Marie, and Miss Siebert, will be presenting information on the sacrament, sharing ideas for preparation at home, discussing our preparations in the classroom, and giving you details regarding the actual celebration. The meeting will last one hour. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the Youth Evangelization Office at 561-8369.



From Prescription to Addiction

On Thursday, November 16, from 7:00-8:30pm, St. Gertrude Health Ministry would like to welcome Charlie (Charles) Broussard, R.Ph., M.Ed., FAPhA for a presentation on our current drug crisis. Mr. Broussard is a Pharmacist for Mercy Health- Fairfield Hospital for over 30 years, is the Editor of the Pharmacist Recovery Network website and is a national educator, counselor and consultant in the field of chemical dependency. This program is a first-hand introduction to understanding drug use and misuse leading to the opioid epidemic. Mr. Broussard’s presentation will review opioids, their history and value in medicine, their abuse and current crisis, addiction and treatment, and paths to recovery. Addictions are a complex disorder of the brains reward system and continue to be a growing concern, touching many individuals, families, spanning generations, cultures and economy. The program will be held in the St. Gertrude School cafeteria. Attendance is free and open to the public. For information and registration, contact Judith Morey at jutkamorey@aol.com.



Mother/Daughter Ornament Exchange Party

We still have a few openings for the Mother/Daughter Ornament Exchange Party, Friday, December 8, \$20 per family Hosted by: Leah Naumann. If interested in attending, please contact Cathy at 290-3391.



October New Parishioners

Thien Cao, Bernice Flaherty, Michael & Lucy Gillespie, Patrick & Aisling Goff, Jeff & Laura Mackey, Carlos Martino, and Andrea Thomas.

Free Lily

Thank you for helping us “Free Lily-the cat!” Her new owners are very kind and she seems very happy when she’s with them. *Oakley Square Animal Hospital*

Catholic Men's Fellowship of Greater Cincinnati

The 2017 annual Catholic Men's Advent Retreat, sponsored by the St. Gertrude Men's Fellowship, will be Friday (12/1 evening) and Saturday (12/2) at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Avenue. Space is available on a "1st Come — 1st Served" basis.

Fr. Martin Martiny, O.P. will serve as our Retreat Master. Our theme is the miracle of "The REAL Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. Fr. Martin Martiny, O.P., a native of New Orleans, is a retired Naval Officer who served in the Vietnam war and Operation Desert Storm. He taught at the U.S. Naval Academy and served at the Department of State in Washington, DC. Following ordination, he was a missionary for 14 years in Eastern Africa and parish priest in Zanesville, OH and Louisville, KY. Fr. Martin is now Chaplain at the University of Louisville.



The full \$85.00 registration includes the Friday night sleeping room and three meals ("Day Tripper" charge is \$50.00 and includes all meals) and must be paid by November 27 to facilitate meal planning (no refunds for guaranteed meals after November 27).

Checks should be made out to St. Gertrude Church (note "Men's Retreat" in the Memo section). Send your payment to Stan Lloyd, 10489 Hopewell Hills Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45249, 513-289-5268.