



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A): Adults inquiring about the Catholic Faith and Sacraments, please call the rectory. 628-1113

BAPTISM: One Sunday each month at 1:00 PM. Prior parents interview with priest or Deacon and class are required. (Call the rectory.)

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSION: Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 PM and by appointment.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made in person with priest at least six (6) months in advance and prior to reception arrangements. Completion of Pre-Cana programs mandatory.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Last Sunday of the month after 12:30 Mass for those with serious illness. In an emergency, please call the rectory.

DEVOTIONS: Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Perpetual Help: Monday after 8:30 AM Mass and at 8:00 PM.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday 1 to 5PM

WEB SITE: www.stgerts.com — E-mail stgerts@AOL.com

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Every family in the parish should be registered Please call the parish office for registration, or when changing address or moving to another parish.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 2012

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls them by name.

-- Psalm 147:4



THE GOOD NEWS

Today's readings begin with a few verses from the book of Job. First, Job complains that his nights drag on endlessly. Then, worse yet, "My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle; / they come to an end without hope" (Job 7:6). Not exactly encouraging, these lamentations, not when taken alone.

Most of us have been there, though, and the antidote is the "good news" that Paul found so compelling that "an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it!" (1 Corinthians 9:16). Paul felt driven to announce the gospel to as many people as possible, "to save at least some" (9:22).

This good news is the mystery of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who lifted Simon Peter's mother-in-law from her sickbed with a mere touch of his hand. "The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons" (Mark 1:33-34)). Our woes and demons are as real as Job's, and Jesus is our savior.

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A BOOK TO READ

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.

--G. K. Chesterton

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The story of Job seems at first hearing to be an extension of February's gloom into the liturgy. The monumental suffering of a good man is so horrific that the laments of the front page of modern newspapers barely measure up. The whole story is not long to tell, but its resolution is of great comfort. We can trace in its plot the stirrings of a belief in an afterlife, and in God's great power to right every wrong and raise human beings from suffering.

In the Gospel, we see the fulfillment of these longings in the hand of Jesus, grasping an ill woman by the hand and raising her up to vibrant life. Peter's mother-in-law becomes her best self, attentive to her guests, providing hospitality, the warmth of her laughter, the delights of her kitchen. Last week, at Candlemas, candles were blessed, including baptismal candles for some not yet born. Today is a day to check the fragile flame of your own baptismal candle. Against February's customary lethargy, its background whines and ailments, the liturgy summons us to life, grasps us by the hand, and sends us to serve in Christ's name.

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HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

--John Henry Newman

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUNDAY 7:30 AM	February 5 Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Guild
9:30AM 11:30AM	Alfred & Margaret Peacock + Carmine & Grazia Frumiento +
MONDAY 8:30AM	February 6 Nicholas Pucciariello +
TUESDAY 8:30AM	February 7 Felicia Poveromo +
WEDNESDAY 8:30AM	February 8 Manuela Sabin +
THURSDAY 8:30AM	February 9 Richard & Kathleen Johnson Family living & deceased +
FRIDAY 8:30AM	February 10 Dominick Carbone + Mabel Rotola +
SATURDAY 8:30AM	February 11 Palmaro, Sobrino, Sabin Families + Joan Imhof +
5:00PM	Vigil Mass for Parishioners
SUNDAY 7:30 AM 9:30AM 11:30AM	February 12 Constance Esposito + Vincenzo & Rosa Daniello & Family + John Malangone +



WINE & COMMUNION HOSTS
THIS WEEK
In Memory of
Manuela Sabin
by
Nieves Sobrino

**Saturday & Sunday Religious Education
Class Masses**

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012 — 9:30AM

**BULLETIN NOTICES MUST BE IN
FRIDAY MORNING
FOR FOLLOWING WEEK**

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - Job spoke, saying: I have been assigned months of misery, and troubled nights have been allotted to me (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

Psalm -- Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

Second Reading -- I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

Gospel -- Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32; 1 Cor 10:31 -- 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Boy Scout Sunday
Monday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions
Wednesday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
Friday:	St. Scholastica
Saturday:	Our Lady of Lourdes; Blessed Virgin Mary; World Day of the Sick

MASS BOOK 2013

The Mass book for 2013 is now open
We will be accepting
mass requests for that year
Please note that the mass offering
will now be \$20 per mass.

WEIGHT WATCHERS meets in Parish Center
Tuesday's 6:30PM and Saturdays at 9:30AM.
Weekly meeting fee: \$13

Please pray for our sick

Eugene Bambrick
Edward Burgie
Carmella Castigliola
Christine DiMarco
Michael DiMarco
Joseph Doherty
Bette Dougherty
Joe Giralamo
Lynn Gormley

Alex Kiczek, SFO
Donald McGuiness
Louis Pappas
Jessie Petrafessa
Richard Qureni
Steven Varjian
Kenneth Veselak
Lynn Valentine

Please Pray for our Deceased
Anthony Cascione

*Please Pray for all in
Armed Forces*

Hosp. Medic. Matthew D. Perez
2nd Lt. Glenn Harvey
Lt. Travis J. Buffa ...Lt. Melissa Buffa
Sp. Trevor Tebaldi



Air Nat. G. John Angerame, Jr., Sp. Chase Tucker
Corp. Jason Roland, DC2 Michael Carbone, Jr.
Lt. Col. Sean Patak, USMC SFC. Sean Schenck,
Lt. Cmdr. Cynthia Keating Airman Bryan Mollitor,
M Sgt. Donald J. Tucker Pfc. Duncan Moskowitz,
Major James Nicholson, Lt. Terrance Thorgramson
Lt. Col. Paul J. LoBue SSgt. Sacha K. Mattia,
SSgt. James P. Mattia, Lt. Col. Nicholas Mattia
The Four LoRusso Brothers SA Kristina Peietrofere
Lt. Sean Riordan Lt. Chad Lennon, USMC
LCPL Matthew Ketcham, USMC Lt. Wesley John Pritchett



The two year old and three year old class were still working with winter animals, with the three year old class concentrating on the polar bear.

The four year old class continued their animal visits with the help of the parents. So far they have had visits from two of the children's pet dogs. They are learning about what a pet needs to live and how to take care of one. The children are looking forward to more visits next week.

**A SPECIAL INVITATION
FOR OUR
KINDERGARTEN
CHILDREN**



**COME
JOIN US**

**You are invited to come
to Church on
Friday, March 9
At 4:00PM.**

**This fun afternoon is
especially for you, our
kindergarten children!**

**Come and spend time with other
boys and girls from our parish.**

**We will sing and pray and work on
a Special activity together.
Come and be part of the fun!**

**Looking forward to
seeing you there!**

Mrs. Walsh

***Parents if you are interested in having your
child participate in this Kindergarten activity,
please call the Religious Ed office
At 628-2432 or email at stgertslwalsh@aol.com**



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Sunday, January 29 \$5,399

*Thank you for your support,
and for using your envelopes*

Reflection

Like St. Paul in the second reading, the good steward can say, "I do all that I do for the sake of the gospel in the hope of having a share in its blessings."

Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who use their gifts of healing and forgiveness to help repair relationships in families beset with divorce, death, dysfunction or abuse.

General Intercessions for Mass

That as compassionate stewards we may be instruments of God's love bringing comfort and healing to those in need, we pray to the Lord...

MEMORY OF OUR DEPARTED

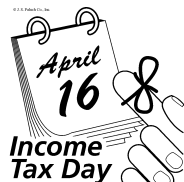
In addition to Masses for our beloved departed souls we have available, at the parish office, donation cards for the weekly wine and hosts which may be presented to the family of those remembered.

For details, please call the Parish Office.



INCOME TAX DAY IS COMING

Please call the Parish Office if you wish to receive a letter stating the amount of your financial gift to St. Gertrude's Parish for the year 2011.



ROSARY GUILD



IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!

The Rosary Guild is holding it's 13th ANNUAL ATTIC TREASURES AND CHILDREN'S WHITE ELEPHANT SALE on APRIL 21 AND APRIL 22 in the Parish Center.



We will accept your donations EXCEPT furniture, computers and adult clothing.

We will also have a table for new items — surely you have received gifts that you cannot use.

We need children's clothing, toys, books, etc.

All proceeds go to the Ida Barnao Pre-School Scholarship.

PLEASE NOTE: The Scholarship Committee awarded a child going into the 4 year old class, 2012 — 2013 school year in the amount of \$2,800. This is the 27th Scholarship since we started in 1995 bringing a total for \$48,198 in tuitions! *ONLY* with your continued support is this possible. We hope we can count on you again this year!

For further information please feel free to call either Catherine Carbone, 628-1441, Mary Ryan, 628-1270 or Barbara Savinetti, 676-5227 Barbara Serio, 628-2115

2021 PSAT/SAT EXAM PREP COURSE

For May 5th SAT Exam

Course will be held on the following Saturdays:

March 3, 17, 24, & 31

And April 21 and 28

9:00—11:30AM in Marian Hall

Course Fee: \$250.00 (includes textbook)

CONTACT: Mrs. Mascia 516-922-4888 x 5315

St. Dominic High School

**ST. GERTRUDE'S
PRAYER GROUP
PRAYER MEETING**



Tuesday, February 7

“Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

Whoever
believes in me
will never
thirst



John 4:14

6:30PM — Early Pray-overs

6:50PM — Rosary

7:00 PM — Worship & Praise

7:30PM — Scripture Sharing

8:30PM — Witnessing
Pray-overs continue

9:00PM — Closing Hymn

The men of the Prayer Group will introduce us to the springs of Living Water which will quench our thirst!

The word of God enables us to live and grow and be the people that the Father has called us to be!

**St. Ignatius Retreat House, Manhasset
HEALING MASS SCHEDULE**

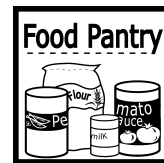
(across from Christopher Morley Park
(621-8300) 6:30 p.m. Rosary 7 p.m.

Healing Mass Schedule:

Tuesday, March 6 Tuesday, April 17

Tuesday, May 15 Tuesday, June 5

FOOD PANTRY:



Open Fridays. **8:45 to 9:30AM**
Baskets for the Food Pantry are at the
Doors of the Church.

You may bring items for the Basket
Whenever you come to Mass.

SOME NEEDED SUPPLIES ARE:

Rice Canned Fruit Snacks Coffee, Tea Cocoa
Cookies, Crackers, Spaghetti, Tomato Sauce,
Apple Juice, Red Beans, Black Beans, Parmalat
Milk, Mazzola Oil, Mac & Cheese, Cereal Tuna
Fish, Spam, Crackers, Canned Chicken, Snacks,
Canned Soups, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Baby
Wipes, Peanut Butter, Shampoo, Toothpaste
Canned Fruit & Vegetables Soap.

Thank you for your help.

ATTENTION: Twilight Fans!!!
Actor, Peter Facinelli (“Dr. Cullen”)

will be appearing at
Holy Trinity Diocesan High School
98 Cherry Lane

Hicksville, NY 11801

Saturday, Feb. 4

Noon – 3pm

Cash at the door:

\$15 for an autograph OR

\$20 for an autograph & photo (your camera)

*All proceeds to benefit Holy Trinity Diocesan
High School*

St. Gertrude's Teens preparing for the
Sacrament of Confirmation, offer to
parishioners who are elderly/sick or young
single parents, help with **snow shoveling** as part of
their community service.

If you are in need of snow shoveling call
Jean Marie, 628-8019 or
email Larry drlarryguerra@hotmail.com

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Celebrate your marriage and your love by
experiencing a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Week-
end. Make your good marriage truly great.

Next weekend is February 10 to 12, a great
Valentine's day gift!

Registration is limited. 866-499-6354 or email
Ron and Chris Morasse,

at ron@morassefamily.com, or 516-731-2055.