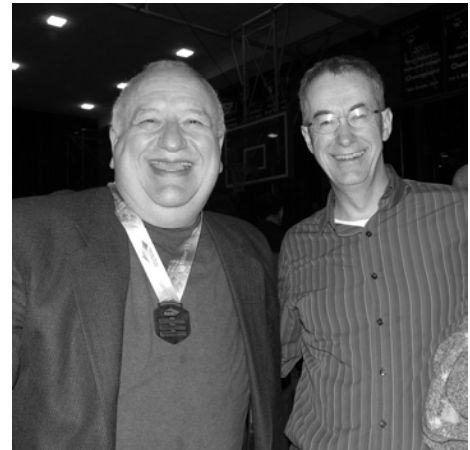


St. Gertrude

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time • August 8, 2010



Happy Birthday, Father Dom

Four years ago an anxious parish awaited the cardinal's decision as to who would become our new pastor. Today we wish happy birthday to a familiar friend, one whose enthusiasm, curiosity and genuine joy at being priest has put our anxiety to rest. Now we think fondly of Father Dom whenever we hear mention of GRalley or Bocce, Prayer Wall or Pray & Ponder, Sacred Seeds or papa's Italian grocery, Sambuca, Anisette or "Bumping into God!" Father Dom, we are grateful that you have bumped your way into our parish and hearts. May the Gospel you so diligently preach be the one that likewise fills you with joy and peace. ~ Love, Gertrude

From Father Grassi

Columbus Hospital on Lakeview was hot that August 8th way back in 1947. Of course there was no air-conditioning in those days. Labor had been going on for hours and was very painful. The mother refused any medications. She wanted to be completely awake for the birth of her child like she had been for the first four. But she was older now, and given how short she was (the doctor had jokingly told her that she was as wide as she was tall by the time she had reached the ninth month of her pregnancy), birth would not come easy. One of the contractions caused her to cry out in pain. The Italian nun who was the nurse said to her not too kindly, “You had your fun. Now be quiet and pay the price.” It was late in the hot afternoon when her fourth son was born. He was chubby, grumpy and loud – characteristics that would stay with him throughout his life. She was happy, but also a little disappointed. She was hoping for a girl, having lost her only daughter ten months before to polio. Given all had she had been through, it was no wonder it had been such a difficult pregnancy. She almost lost him a number of times. She told the doctor to do everything he could to save her baby’s life. He told her that while he hadn’t been able to save her daughter, he would save this one. She remembered seeing tears in the doctor’s eyes in the delivery room after she gave birth. She also remembered that Cardinal Stritch had blessed her a few months before and predicted that the child she was carrying would be a son and that he would become a priest. He was right. Years later that son would always bring his mother a dozen roses on his birthday thanking her for his birth and all she went through. He still does. Today, before I go to my brother’s house to celebrate my birthday, I’ll leave a dozen roses with her at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Thanks, Mom.

DJG



The theme of today’s readings is to put aside our fear and to trust in God, for He will fulfill his promises to us. To be honest, I, and perhaps others, have difficulties at times in relying on God. Perhaps, it’s because of the rugged individualism that is so much a part of our American culture. I feel I have to be in control of my destiny. If I have to rely on someone else, I feel powerless and my ego takes a hit.

So what can we do to always have faith that God will take care of our needs? As Jesus says in his parable, we must be vigilant and trust in God’s care. We need to pray and discern what our true needs are and trust that God will fulfill what we truly need. Easier said than done. Many people struggle to be vigilant with their faith. For some, having this faith takes a lifetime to acquire and nurture. We will have doubts about God’s care for us—that’s human nature - and our faith will waver. But God doesn’t want us to give up. He’s always there for us, pouring out his love for us so we can share in His kingdom. Like the servant in the parable, we must always be ready for the return of the master and put aside any doubt.

Jesus commands us to have that trust in God’s care and use our faith to serve others. God has given us a great responsibility, but also a great gift - to carry out His will and achieve the kingdom of Heaven on earth. With this faith, His will be done.

A lot has been entrusted to us at Saint Gertrude. Look at what’s going on in the parish—a vibrant liturgy, activity in the fight for justice for the poor and the downtrodden, community outreach like the GRalley. Truly, we are vigilant in waiting for the return of the master. With this faith, Saint Gertrude will continue to have the courage to do what God wants of all of us.

Steve Monti for *Growing in Faith*



**2010 GRalley Cash Raffle-
Get Your Tickets Now for a Chance to Win \$5,000!**

One lucky winner chosen at random at the 2010 GRalley will score the grand prize, but to win you need raffle tickets...lots of 'em. So buy early and often. Beginning next week (August 15th) you will be able to purchase your raffle tickets after mass. And please don't forget to tell anyone and everyone--friends, family, acquaintances--to visit www.edgewatergralley.com to buy their own. For more information, please contact our co-chairs Shalimar Beekman ~ 773-334-8900 and Megan Moran ~ 773-381-2376.



What's Happening? Take a Look!

Blood Drive - LifeSource will be conducting a blood drive in the social hall from 8am until 1pm this Sunday. Please consider dropping by to make a donation. It truly helps save lives.

Check out the Legion of Mary - by stopping their table after mass next weekend. The Legion was established to help its members grow in holiness and to minister to the Body of Christ. This is done mainly through devotion to Mary and by visiting and bringing communion to residents at nursing homes in the parish. For more details, call Martine Monney, 773-592-9210.

Market Day: The dedicated parishioners who staff our Market Day (our parish fundraiser to assist in the parish contribution for the school) will be hosting hospitality in the ministry center on Sunday, August 15 and to help kick off the new Market Day year.



Good Books: The next meeting is Monday, August 9, at 7:30 pm in the rectory for discussion of *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson. Take a virtual vacation with this account of walking the Appalachian Trail offering "a consistently comical account of a neophyte woodsman learning hard lessons about self-reliance." Questions? Contact Mary Grover at (773) 338-3564.



Poetry Pilgrims meet on Monday, August 16 at 7:30pm in the rectory to read poetry by the Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926), considered one of the greatest lyric poets of modern Germany. All are welcome. Contact Mary Grover at (773) 338-3564 for information.

Religious Education (CCD) resumes Sunday, October 3. Ensuring that your children know the essentials of our faith and helping them to develop their relationship with God is one of the most important things you can do as a parent! Classes for children in grades 1-8 are on Sunday mornings from 8:45 am to 9:45 am. For further information or to register, check the website or call Ann O'Connor at the rectory ~ (773) 764-3621.

Spiritual Nourishment. Community. The Word of God. Service ~ *These are the answers. Do you have the questions?* If you have found yourself asking questions for which you have no answers, consider joining others like you on a journey of faith called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. It uses Scripture, the tradition of the Catholic Church, prayer and service to help a person reflect on his or her own journey of faith. A new group is now forming. For further information, call Ann O'Connor at the rectory ~ (773) 764-3621.

New Parishioners

Jesse Keane

Baptisms

Maeve Eleanor Gray, daughter of Matthew Gray and Jennifer Saban

Madeleine Roberta Marceau, daughter of Cameron Marceau and Kathleen Fitzgerald



Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00am WOW mission trip
9:00am Unemployed of St. Gertrude

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

7:00am Regina Barr Harrington †
9:00am Mary E. Black †

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00am Julie Rickman †
9:00am Harry Mostyn †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00am *Communion Service* ~ Sylvia Melzer †
9:00am *Communion Service* ~ James P. Donnelly †

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00am Dolly and George Heintz †
9:00am Elsa Meehan †

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00am Thomas Schmitz †
5:00pm Carol Ann Maranto †

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00am Alberto Monti †
9:30am *St. Gertrude East (Sheridan and Granville)* ~
Rodney Irwin †
10:00am Marie "Cissy" O'Connor †
11:30am Consuelo Veray and Pedro Veray †

† Indicates Mass is being said in memory of the individual
Rosary: 8:40am Monday - Friday; 8:30am Saturday

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00pm Mary Lynn Skorski, Sofia Martin,
Anna Perona

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00am Andrew Dwyer, Ben Mulick, Sergio Ott
11:30am Kendall Elue, Lauren Elue, Randolph Cruz

Lectors

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Marian Shaw

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00am Mark Kollar, Sr. Kathryn Stimac
10:00am Michael Klinger, Heather Anichini
11:30am David O'Donnell, Michelle Kuehlhorn

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63;
Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: *Vigil:* 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2;
Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45;
1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wedding Banns

II Robert Gernhofer and Christy Ricker
I Richard McLawhorn and Brittany Moustis

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00pm Ann O'Brien, Chris Lincoln, Marian Shaw,
Tim and Joan Harrington

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Mary Stachura,
Ed and Ester Bugler, Mary Wyler,
Hallie Burhoe, Paula Rodriguez
10:00am Ruth Ott, Kathy Dunne, Laurie Hasbrook,
Linda Orellana, Justine Aten, Jim Mumaugh,
Mary Donlan
11:30am Troy McMillan, Claire O'Brien,
Molly O'Hara, Steve Monti, Anthony Long,
Mary Pat Hartung, Michelle Kuehlhorn

Greeters

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

5:00pm Eileen Schrager, Cathie Moorhous

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00am Glenn Sieverson, Barb Daly
10:00am Jeff Clennon, Lee Hubbell, Walter Pophin
11:30am Nancy Bujnowski

Financial Highlights

JULY 2010 GIVING

Sunday envelopes	\$27,674
On-line giving	\$16,289
Loose checks	<u>\$ 3,621</u>
Total	\$47,584
Budgeted	\$56,260
Actual	<u>\$47,584</u>
Difference	- \$ 8,676

Sunday giving always goes down a bit during summer with people traveling. Please consider using the summer vacation make-up envelope to help keep us on budget.



Only Two Kindergarten Spots Available

NCA's kindergarten has a maximum of 1 teacher to 18 students ratio. Our kindergarten is full day (starting at 8am and dismissing at 3:10pm) with optional extended care from 6:30am to 6pm. Along with our core curriculum, students attend music class twice per week, art class once per week, computer class once per week, Spanish language class twice per week, physical education class twice per week, library once per week, and students go outside for recess every day (weather permitting). There are an abundance of extracurricular activities from band, strings, guitar to all kinds of sports. NCA has a wonderful community and hosts a range of family activities from pot-lucks to family dances. Tuition is \$5,500 per year and scholarships are available. Please contact the school today if you'd like more information about our program.



ST. GERTRUDE PASTORAL SERVICES

STAFF

Rev. Dominic Grassi, Pastor
 Rev. Mike Bradley, Resident
 Rev. Bill Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
 Peter Buttitta, Director of Ministries
 Ann O'Connor, Faith Formation
 Mary Herbin-Horan, Liturgical Music
 Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director
 Mary Ann Collins, Social Services
 Marge Butzen, Business Manager
 Jayne Deiters, Parish Secretary

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM
 9:30 AM Gertrude East (at Sheridan & Rosemont)
 10:30 AM Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
 MONDAY through FRIDAY: 7:00 AM & 9:00 AM
 SATURDAY: 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM (Sunday Vigil)

RECTORY HOURS

Business Hours: Weekdays, 8:30am to 4:30pm
 Drop off/pick up: Monday - Wednesday, 4:30PM to 8PM
 Saturday 9AM to 6PM, Sunday, 9AM to 1PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 PM and by request
 Communal: Consult bulletin for specific times and dates.

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. A mandatory parent preparation meeting is held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. All arrangements should be made by calling the rectory.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements begin by setting up an appointment with the pastor. Preparations are to begin at least four (4) months prior to the desired date.

LOCATIONS:

RECTORY: 1420 W. Granville Ave. 60660- Phone 773-764-3621
 Fax 772-761-4164, E-mail stgertrude1420@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.stgertrudechicago.org>

MINISTRY CENTER: 6214 N. Glenwood Phone 773-973-5464

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the rectory to introduce yourself and register. And, you may register with one of the Greeters before or after any Mass."

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

We have an enriching program called the R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults). Contact the rectory for details

MINISTRY OF CARE AND COMMUNION

Trained ministers will gladly visit and bring communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please call the rectory to make arrangements.

COUNSELING, SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AND MESSAGE THERAPY

For information, consultation and referrals for counseling, psychotherapy, spiritual direction or message therapy, leave a confidential message.

COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY – 773-338-4334, Dr. John Neafsey

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION – 773-764-8884

Bob Backis, Marilyn Gehant, Jim Manzardo, Terra Solove

MESSAGE THERAPY –

Carol McRaith, 773-259-1268; Terra Solove, 773-358-8020

SUPPORT GROUPS ...

Al-Anon — Sundays at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center

Open AA - Gertie's Group - Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in the Ministry Center

Caris Pregnancy Center - Pregnancy Support, free pregnancy tests, and

post-abortion help, ~ 773-338-8311.

Gamblers Anonymous — Fridays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center.