

St. Gertrude

All Are Welcome

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bulletin for October 27, 2019

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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Marilynn Wagner
Gregory Wall
Mary Weck

From Father Rich

At the end of this week, we transition into November—the Month of the Dead, our Parish Feast Day weekend (November 15-17), and Thanksgiving. This Friday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 7:30 am and 7:00 pm. At our evening Mass this Friday, we will remember in a special way all those who have died this past year. I invite you to pray this month for all those who have died this past year. Everyone is invited to bring a small photo or other remembrance for the memorial altar in front of Mary’s shrine. At the end of the month, you can pick up whatever memorial items you have placed there.

There will be a lot more information about our parish Feast Day weekend in the coming weeks. An International Dinner will be on Friday, November 15 and the *All Are Welcome* concert will be in the evening on Saturday, November 16. Bishop Bartosic will be here to celebrate the 5:00 pm Mass on Saturday, November 16. We will celebrate the Anointing of the Sick at that Mass and all of the Masses on Sunday, November 17. It’s going to be a great Feast Day weekend!

Many thanks to all those who have filled out and returned their Commitment cards for our offertory collection! These are a great help in planning for the year.

Special thanks to all the talented performers at the Cabaret last Saturday and to all those who joined in the festivities and raised funds for our Heart to Heart ministry!

Today (Sunday) at the 10:30 am Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for the girls and boys preparing for their First Holy Communion. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they draw closer to the reception of these sacraments.

Don’t forget to nominate fellow parishioners for the Parish Service Awards which will be presented at our Thanksgiving Day Mass. The form for nominations is below. Please complete it and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the Rectory.

~ Father Rich

Parish Service Awards Nomination

Do you know someone whose ministry and service deserves recognition? On Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, at the 10:00 am Mass, we will recognize outstanding parishioners in six different areas:

- Youth
- Human Concerns
- Education
- Parish Life
- Prayer & Worship
- Lifetime Service

Please fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket, mail it, or bring it to the Rectory (1420 W. Granville). Nominations forms are also located on the homepage of our parish website, www.stgertrudechicago.org.

The deadline to submit nominations is Monday, October 28.

I nominate _____ for a St. Gertrude Parish Service Award in the category (circle one):

Prayer & Worship Education Human Concerns Youth Parish Life Lifetime

for the following reason(s): _____

Name: _____ Phone or email: _____

Growing in Faith

“Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.”
Leviticus 19:33-4

We're asked to find ourselves in the human flow this week as we remember those who have lived and died, those whom we admire, and the “saints” who predeceased us. We seek out the family stories to reflect on who we are: sons and daughters of people, often poor and desperate, who hungered for life enough to leave everything behind, cross the ocean or a national border to begin again. We hover over the happy stories of victory.

But we also need to remember those who didn't make it: those gassed in the camps, who died in a famine, or pogroms. Or those thrown overboard after dying in steerage, or whose water didn't last in the desert, and those shot in the back escaping from gangs. They didn't make it, but Sirach tells us their cries rise to the ear of the Lord. We believe they rejoice in the Lord's presence in what we call the

communion of saints. Is the “gulf” all that wide between them and us?

I suspect we all have a bit of the Pharisee in us: the spiritually blind leaders who can't talk to God, so they talk to themselves. They lack the courage to face their inner emptiness before the holiness of God.

But we are ALL empty before the abundant gift of the Lord's mercy. “When the just cry out, the Lord hears them.” We are in this communion of saints because the Lord has mercy, both on those who make it, and those who don't. Amen.

~ Ann White
for *Growing in Faith*



Parish Calendar

Sunday, October 27

- 10:30 am ~ Rite of Acceptance for First Reconciliation/First Communion
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Social Hall
- 3:00-5:30 pm ~ Commonweal Community in the Ministry Center

Monday, October 28

- Nomination deadline for Parish Service Awards

Wednesday, October 30

- Christmas Bazaar vendor application deadline

Friday, November 1 *All Saints Day*

- Holy Day of Obligation
- Mass at 7:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Saturday, November 2

9:00 am ~ Green Team clean-up

Sunday, November 3

- 8:00am -1:30 pm ~ Blood drive in the Social Hall
- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Social Hall

Monday, November 4

- Baptismal prep class (Registration is required.)

Saturday, November 9

- 6:00 pm ~ NCA Trivia Night at St. Margaret

Mary Activity Center, 7341 North Claremont Ave.

Sunday, November 10

- 12:00-3:00 pm ~ Donations for the Christmas Bazaar accepted in the Social Hall

Monday, November 11

- 7:30 pm ~ Good Books in the Ministry Center

Wednesday, November 13

7:00 pm ~ Knitters in the Ministry Center



St. Gertrude Feast Day Events

Friday, November 16
“International Night” Dinner

Saturday, November 16
“All are Welcome” Concert

Sunday, November 17
Anointing of the Sick at all Masses

Save the Date! Our Annual Christmas Bazaar is coming up!

Saturday, December 7
from 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, December 8
from 9:00 am-2:30 pm



Parish News

Children's Choir Forming: I would like to start a children's choir that would sing a couple of pieces for the All are Welcome concert on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 pm. It would also be nice to have the children's choir sing something at the monthly family Masses at 10:30 am in Church.

If your child or children are interested, please email me at mcbarker@stgertrudechicago.org. Rehearsals will be on Saturdays from 3:00-3:45 pm in Church. If you can't make this time on a regular basis, you should not consider being part of the children's choir. I will also need at least one parent present at every rehearsal, as Archdiocesan rules mandate the presence of two adults when in the company of children on church property.

~ Mary Clare Barker

Donations for the White Elephant Begin Today: Contributions for the White Elephant areas will be accepted on Sundays from 12:00-3:00 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave., beginning today, Sunday, October 27 through Sunday, December 1. Please note, no clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

November is the Month of Remembrance: In November, we will celebrate All Saints Day and All Souls Day. These Holy Days mark the start of a month-long celebration of remembrance. The Remembrance Altar will be available; everyone is invited to bring a picture or a memento of a loved

one to place on it. On All Saints Day, this Friday, November 1, a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass will be held at 7:30 am and 7:00 pm.

Upcoming Blood Drive: Vitalant will hold a blood drive on Sunday, November 3 from 8:00 am-1:30 pm in the Social Hall. To schedule an appointment, please visit donateblood.lifesource.org.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be Monday, November 4 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Registration is required. Sign up to reserve a space at 773.764.3621.

Good Books: On Monday, November 11, the book group will gather at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Contact Mary at mary@marsgrover.com with any questions.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, November 13 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Thank You for Supporting Father Mike's Run for Heart to Heart: As of Wednesday, October 23, more than 200 people have supported Father's Mike's marathon effort and raised \$15,553.97 for Heart to Heart! We are so grateful for your generosity.



Feast Day Celebrations

Feast of St. Gertrude, Our Patroness: We will celebrate the Feast of St. Gertrude with an International Night Dinner on Friday, November 15 and the All are Welcome Concert on Saturday, November 16. The feast day of St. Gertrude is on Sunday, November 17.

All are Welcome Concert is November 16: Please come to our annual All are Welcome concert on Saturday, November 16 at 7:30 pm in Church as we celebrate our parish Feast Day. This year's concert will address social justice issues and propose solutions through various choral songs by noted American composers. The center of our concert will focus on children and those with no political voice.

The Resounding Wayves will also perform a few pieces. While the concert is free, your freewill offering will go to support our music ministry programs.

Anointing of the Sick: The weekend of the Feast of St. Gertrude, November 16-17, we will offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at all Masses. This sacrament is for anyone suffering from any illness or condition, temporary or chronic, and even for those who simply are feeling the effects of aging. The Anointing has always been understood to be about comfort and healing of both body and spirit, and every kind of distress—physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, and psychological.

Christmas Bazaar Information

It's Our Annual Christmas Bazaar!

**Saturday, December 7
from 10:00 am-4:00 pm
Sunday, December 8
from 9:00 am-2:30 pm**

This annual event features handmade, fair-trade arts and crafts, plus a fabulous used book sale, Christmas greenery for sale, a White Elephant table, complimentary gift wrapping, and pictures with Santa. A pancake & sausage breakfast with music provided by St. Gertrude parishioners will be held on Sunday, December 8 from 8:30 am-1:00 pm.

Contributions for the White Elephant areas at the Christmas Bazaar are being accepted on Sundays until December 1 from 1:00-3:00 pm in the Social Hall, 1401 W. Granville Ave. No clothing, linens, or stuffed animals will be accepted.

Help is needed for our Christmas Bazaar! To volunteer, visit signupgenius.com. Click the search icon, then under *Search for a Sign Up*, type in events@stgertrudechicago.org and you can choose how you would like to help. Sign-up sheets are also available in the back of Church.

St. Gertrude's Annual Balsam Pine Sale

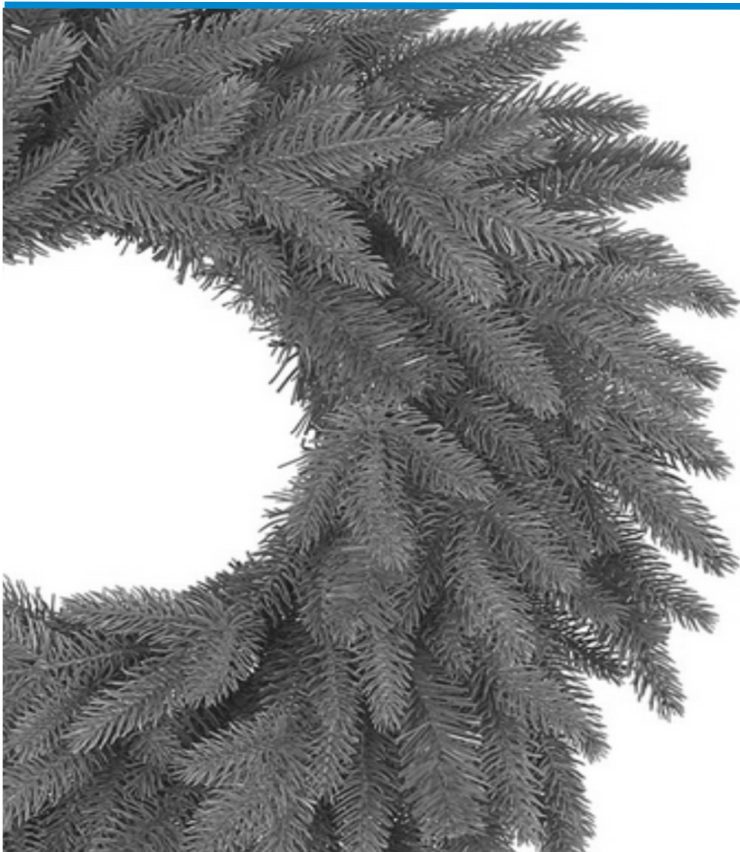
A limited number of trees, wreaths, and garland are available for sale, with proceeds benefiting St. Gertrude's ministries.

Advance orders must be placed by Sunday, December 1.

Items can be delivered or picked up at our St. Gertrude Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8

Items may be ordered via the forms available at the back of Church. Payment may be made with cash or check.

Or, to purchase online, go to stgertrudechicago.org and click on *GiveCentral* to be taken to the items for sale. Click *View More* for garland.



Thank You for Supporting Heart to Heart

Thank You to Supporters of our Cabaret! Last Saturday, October 19, Mike Tobin and Mary Clare Barker organized a cabaret to benefit St. Gertrude's Heart to Heart ministry. The evening showcased the amazing talents of many parishioners and raised \$2,336.00 in donations.

We are so thankful to Mary Clare and Mike, the performers, the volunteers, and for the generosity of attendees that came out to enjoy the music. Thanks for supporting the work of Heart to Heart!



TODAY—Commonweal Community

The Commonweal Community will meet today, Sunday, October 27 from 3:00-5:30 pm in the Ministry Center. We will discuss the following:

- What do you believe makes an excellent parish?
- What kind of engagement from parishioners is needed to support and nurture parish life and the spiritual growth of its members?

Email Denise DeBelle at ddebelle@gmail.com for a list of readings that will be referenced, or visit the parish home page at www.stgertrudechicago.com for the complete list with links.

Please read them before our gathering. It will make our discussion more enjoyable and worthwhile for all of us. Commonweal Community provides a place and time for thoughtful and civil conversation and fellowship too.

Please arrive around 3:00 pm for informal talk and refreshments. We will begin our formal discussion at 3:30 pm. Call Denise at 312.305.5499 with any questions or suggestions.

NCA Trivia Night



On Saturday, November 9 from 6:00-10:00 pm, NCA will host a trivia night at St. Margaret Mary Activity Center, 7341 North Claremont

Ave. Doors open at 6:00 pm, with a Queen of Hearts drawing at 6:30 pm and the first question asked at 7:00 pm.

This year, attendees have the choice of purchasing a regular admission ticket or a VIP ticket that includes admission, participation in Heads or Tails, Stump the Trivia Master (this is a Split the Pot game), and one drink ticket.

Cash prizes will be awarded to top three teams, along with a cash prize for best team table theme. Sign up individually or as part of a team, we recommend teams of 4-10 people. We can place people on teams if needed or requested.

There will be a cash bar available. Participants must be over 21. Visit www.northsidecatholic.org, click on *Calendar*, and scroll to November 9 to purchase tickets.

ECRA Thanksgiving

This year, the annual ECRA Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by the combined St. Ita and St. Thomas Church, 5500 N. Broadway, on Sunday, November 24 at 3:00 pm. The general theme is compassion and gratitude for all we have received. An ensemble of violins accompanying Bridget Dunne singing “We Sing for the Children” will represent the parish at the event.

All are welcome to attend the event. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods to the service which go to the food pantry at Care for Real.



Green Team Clean-up Planned

On Saturday, November 2, all are invited to help clean our walkways and streets while enjoying the autumn beauty of our neighborhood. We’ll meet in front of NCA, 6216 N. Glenwood Ave. at 9:00 am. Children are welcome.

Parish Stewardship

“The Lord is a God of justice, who knows no favorites. Though not unduly partial towards the weak, yet he hears the cry of the oppressed.”
~ Sirach 35:15-16

Since God hears the cry of the oppressed, then we, as God’s followers, must also hear their cries. And then, as God’s eyes and ears and hands on earth, we must act.

Collection October 19-20	\$7,213.31
Budgeted Collection	\$7,725.00
Underage	(-) \$511.69
Second Collection for World Mission Sunday	\$1,427.38

**Our Parish at Prayer for
October 28-November 3**

Monday, October 28

7:30 am Elsie Radtke †

Tuesday, October 29

7:30 am Matthew Huddlestun †
Greg Wall †

Wednesday, October 30

7:30 am Ann Ingram †

† Indicates person
listed is deceased.

Thursday, October 31

7:30 am Communion Service

Friday, November 1 All Saints Day

7:30 am Hilda Moore †
7:00 pm Deceased of St. Gertrude parish †

Saturday, November 2

7:30 am Deceased of the Nguyen family &
orphaned souls †
5:00 pm Marjorie DuVivier †

Sunday, November 3

8:00 am John Soltiz †
9:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude
10:30 am Tony Golden †
Deceased of the Strubbe-Galoney
family †
10:30 am Sarah Cunningham † (Gym Mass)

**Ministers of the Word
for November 2-3**

Saturday, November 2

5:00 pm Kathleen Dawson, Bob Backis

Sunday, November 3

8:00 am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, David Sullivan
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Rafael Melendez, Donna Whalley
10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

**How Do You Find & Contact Your
Elected Officials?**

Be a voice for change! Contact your elected officials and share your thoughts on gun control, immigration, and more. Visit usa.gov/elected-officials for a contact information for all of your elected officials, including your senators, U.S. representatives, governor, and state legislators.

**Readings for
October 28-November 3**

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6;
Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30; Ps 13:4-6; Lk 13:22-30
Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109:21-22, 26-27,
30-31; Lk 13:31-35
Friday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3;
Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or
6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40, or any readings f
rom no. 668 or from the Masses for
the Dead, nos. 1011-1016
Sunday: Wis 11:22 -- 12:2; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11,
13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 -- 2:2; Lk 19:1-10

**Eucharistic Ministers
for November 2-3**

Saturday, November 2

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Brad Koch, Candace Koch,
Bob Backis, Kathleen Dawson

Sunday, November 3

8:00 am Marty McDermott, Barb Daly, Sr.
Kathryn Stimac, Peter Morin, Brian
DeVarenne
9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward
10:30 am Sarah Millar, Carlos Barragan, Mary
Donlan, Rafael Melendez, Debra Novak,
Chris Lincoln, Gail Smith
10:30 am TBA (Gym Mass)

**Altar Servers
for November 2-3**

Saturday, November 2

5:00 pm Gabe Morrow, Josephine Stoltz, Isabel
Stoltz

Sunday, November 3

10:30 am June Rutzen, Owen Schindler, Katherine
Tentler

**Medical Items Needed for Heart to Heart
Lending Closet**

The Heart to Heart Lending Closet needs durable medical equipment, including wheelchairs, tub transfer benches, and walkers. Please contact Heart to Heart at 773.973.5464 to arrange a drop-off time.

Milestones



*Please Pray
for Our Parishioners
and Friends*

Walter Bradford
Ed & Ester Bugler
Maggie Callaway
Aida Calvopina
Geraldine Clark
Andrew Elwood
Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington
Maria Hertl

Bernice Kiedysz
Karey Myers
Don Piven
Dave Resch
Kyle Rutherford
Charley Scantlebury
Richard Seitz
Peggy Stoffel
Elinora E. Tolentino
Norma E. Viray



Baptisms

Henry Alamsyah,
son of Sean
& Rebecca Harvey



Rest in Peace

Elsie Radtke,
sister of Fr. Rich
Anthony Hernandez-
Cabrera
Joseph Nehrlinger

Parish Information

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Rev. Michael Gabriel, Associate Pastor (part-time)
Mary Clare Barker, Minister of Music
Art Blumberg, Director of Parish Management and Facilities
Jane Callahan-Moore, Director of Parish Social Services
Kevin Cheers, Pastoral Associate
Laurie Hasbrook, Office Staff
Jim Potthast, Youth and Family Minister
Tracy Shields, Minister of First Impressions/Communications
Sr. Judith Zonsius, Office Manager

OTHER PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael Bradley, Resident
Rev. Dominic Grassi, Retired Pastor
Rev. William Kenneally, Pastor Emeritus
Carol Beatty, St. Gertrude East Music Director

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am (The Gym Mass resumes on Sunday, September 8.)
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am (Thursday is a Communion Service.)
Saturday: 7:30 am and 5:00 pm (Sunday Vigil)

LOCATIONS:

Rectory: 1420 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660 Phone: 773.764.3621
Website: www.stgertrudechicago.org
E-mail: stgertrude1420@stgertrudechicago.org
Ministry Center: 6214 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago, IL 60660
Social Services Phone: 773.973.5464
Social Hall: 1401 W. Granville Ave., Chicago, IL 60660

RECTORY BUSINESS HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 am to 7:30 pm
Friday: 8:30 am to 4:45 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm

HEART TO HEART

Senior outreach and social services connection: 773.973.5464
Email: heart2heart@stgertrudechicago.org

PARISH SCHOOL

Northside Catholic Academy: 773.743.6277
www.northsidecatholic.org

BAPTISM

Baptisms take place on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. Additionally, baptisms will be incorporated into one of the weekend Masses each month, with a different Mass having a baptism each month. This schedule will change in the summer months. Call the Rectory to make arrangements to have a child baptized, and to RSVP to attend a parent preparation meeting, held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

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.

MARRIAGE

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

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.

NEW PARISHIONERS

You are most welcome and are invited to stop in at the Rectory to introduce yourself and register, or register with one of the greeters before or after any Mass. Registration is also available online at www.stgertrudechicago.org.

RECONCILIATION

Individual: Saturday from 4:15-4:45 pm and by request.

COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD AT ST. GERTRUDE

Al-Anon: Sundays at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center
Open AA: Tuesdays at 7:30 pm in the Ministry Center, and
Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the school cafeteria.
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