

St. Gertrude

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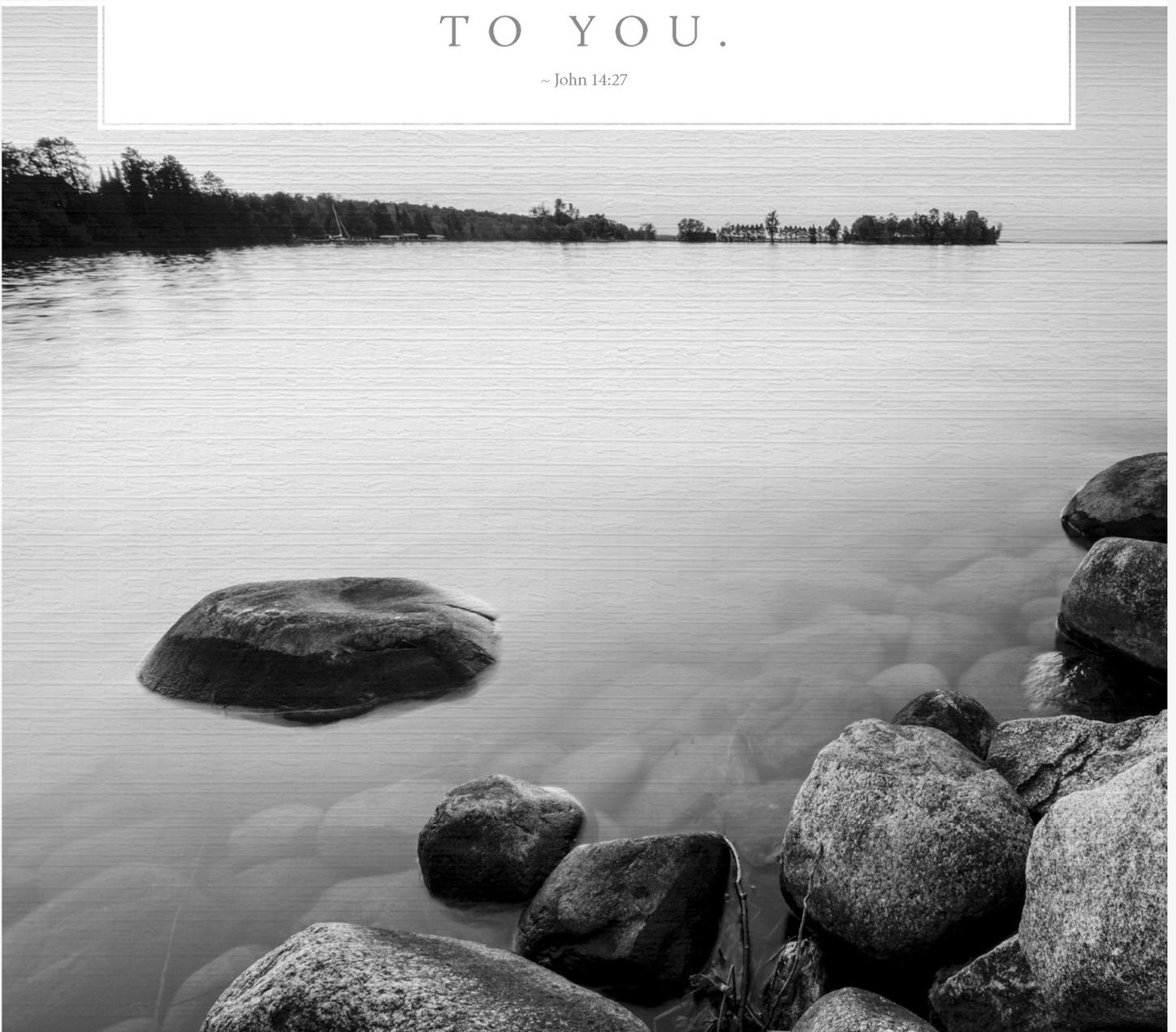
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Sixth Sunday of Easter • May 26, 2019

PEACE I LEAVE WITH
YOU; MY PEACE I GIVE
TO YOU.

~ John 14:27



From Father Rich

This is Memorial Day weekend! On Monday, May 27, Memorial Day, we will have morning Mass at 9:00 am. Please join us as we remember those who have served our country, especially those who gave their lives in service.

Today at the conclusion of the 10:00 Mass, we thank Sister Terri McKenzie, SHCJ, for all her ministry and service here at St. Gertrude Parish. At the end of this week, Sr. Terri is moving back to her motherhouse community, located outside of Philadelphia. Sr. Terri has been the driving force behind the Green Team’s development here at St. Gertrude Parish. She was the author of so many bulletin columns on Pope Francis’ encyclical, *Laudato Si’*, about care for our earthly home. Sr. Terri has been such a blessing to us, and we hate to have to say good-bye. May God bless you in your transition and in your new home, Sr. Terri!

This is the season of graduations. Congratulations to all our parish graduates from whatever level of education you have completed! Best wishes as you transition to your new responsibilities! We are proud of all of you!

For many years, our Parish Finance Council has not only helped draft an annual budget, review monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, and annual reports, offered guidance to the pastor and direction for our parish financial resources, it has also served in the capacity of Development Committee—helping determine our parish needs and then planning on how we can meet those needs—including developing capital campaigns and offertory campaigns. And they have done an excellent job! As we are now “catching our breath” with no new capital campaign on the horizon, and having recently completed the offertory increase campaign, it seems a good time to separate the two tasks of the Finance Committee—leaving them responsible for the management of the budget and the regular review of the various financial reports, and creating a new committee or council whose purpose would be to consider the development needs of the parish and how they can be met. This new Development Council would review all requests from parish and outside groups who would like to raise funds from the parishioners and determine which of these many requests reflect the parish vision and mission and deserve our attention, and which are not really appropriate for us at this time. The Development Council would also review the present and anticipated financial needs of the parish and how those can best be addressed (e.g. offertory programs, capital campaigns, parish fund-raisers, etc.)

If you are interested in this kind of ministry for St. Gertrude, or if you want to recommend someone you think would be a good candidate for the Development Council, please call the Rectory at 773.764.3621, email me at rprendergast@stgertrudechicago.org, or speak with me after Mass. If you would like to recommend yourself or another parishioner, you can also fill out the form below and turn it in to the Rectory or drop it in the collection basket. We’ll run this invitation for a few weeks and hope to be able to get people together this summer. Thanks for your consideration.

~ Father Rich

NOMINATION FOR PARISH DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

_____ I am interested in the newly forming Parish Development Council. Please contact me about this new ministry.

or

_____ I nominate _____ for the newly forming Parish Development Council. I (please circle one): have/have not spoken with this person about this nomination.

Your name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

(Please drop the completed form in the collection basket or drop it off at the Rectory.)

Growing in Faith: The Practice of Honoring & Remembrance

Memorial Day was set aside as a time of remembering those who lost their lives in war or in the service of their country. It is a true and unique American holiday. Originally it was called Decoration Day, celebrated on May 30 each year and came about as a healing tradition following the American Civil War. Families went to the cemetery to decorate the graves of their fallen loved ones—those who had given their lives for what many called the “greater good.”

As a child, my memories are vivid of grandparents, parents, and cousins taking care of family gravesites in May, cleaning, preparing and adorning them lovingly for Decoration Day. The idea originally came about to remember the sacrifice of veterans. Later, the tradition broadened to become a holiday of remembrance in which families honored all members of their family who had passed away, while still placing a special emphasis on those who lost their lives in service to the military.

In 1968, the U.S. Congress changed several holidays observed in the U.S. Code to be celebrated on a Monday holiday in order to create a longer weekend for federal employees. The last Monday in May was selected as Memorial Day, creating the Memorial Day Weekend.

This long weekend has morphed to include a tradition of family gatherings, parades, and of remembrance, celebrating and honoring family that have passed on, but also celebrating the family dear to our hearts.



~ Claire Conley
for *Growing in Faith*

Parish Calendar

Sunday, May 26

- Farewell to Sister Terri McKenzie, SHCJ, after the 10:00 am Mass in the back of Church

Monday, May 27

- Memorial Day
- Rectory closed
- 9:00 am ~ Mass (There is no 7:30 am Mass.)

Friday, May 31

- 7:00 pm ~ Women’s Club in the Ministry Center

Monday, June 3

- 7:00 pm ~ Baptismal prep class in the Rectory (Registration is required.)

Wednesday, June 5

- 7:00 pm ~ Refugee Ministry in the Ministry Center

Sunday, June 9

- Pentecost Sunday
- 10:30 am ~ Combined Mass (Held in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses.)

Sunday, June 9 *(continued)*

- 3:00–5:30 pm ~ Commonweal Community picnic in the garden adjoining the Rectory of St. Gertrude (In the event of rain, the picnic will be held in the Ministry Center.)

Wednesday, June 12

- 7:00 pm ~ Knitting group in the Ministry Center

Thursday, June 13

- 11:30 am ~ Women’s Friendship Club’s annual end-of-year ice cream social at Bernice Keidysz’s home (6257 N. Wayne Ave.)

Sunday, June 16

- Father’s Day
- 10:30 am ~ Last Gym Mass until September

Sunday, June 23

- Summer Combined Mass schedule begins (There will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses in Church.)

Parish News

T O D A Y — F a r e w e l l Celebration for Sister

Terri: Please join us for a farewell celebration for Sister Terri McKenzie, SHCJ, today, Sunday, May 26 at the conclusion of the 10:00 am Mass in the back of Church. Sister Terri is moving back to her motherhouse community in the Philadelphia area.



Rectory Closed on Memorial Day: The Rectory will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27 for the Memorial Day holiday. Morning Mass will be held at 9:00 am.

Women's Club: Women of the parish are invited to join us for a fun and stimulating discussion this Friday, May 31 from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. Our topic this month is Women's Life Stages: Sharing Stories and Experiences. There isn't a speaker this time, but if you have expertise in this area we would love to have you join us. Please bring a dish or a drink to share. Contact Laurie Jacob with questions at 773.262.6816.

Baptismal Preparation Class: The next class will be held on Monday, June 3 at 7:00 pm in the Rectory. Please call the Rectory office at 773.764.3621 to register for the class.

Refugee Ministry: The next meeting of the Refugee Ministry is Wednesday, June 5 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

Combined Mass Next Sunday, June 9: On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, there will be a 10:30 am Combined Mass in lieu of the 9:30 am St. Gertrude East, 10:00 am, 10:30 am Gym, and 11:30 am Masses.

Knitting Group: The Knitting Group invites all knitters and crocheters to join us for fun and blanket square-making! We'll meet on Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center and continue to gather on the second Wednesday of every month from 7:00-9:00 pm in the Ministry Center. No experience is necessary!

Women's Friendship Club: The St. Gertrude Women's Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, June 13 at 11:30 am for their annual end-of-year ice cream social. This year, the gathering will take place at the home of Bernice Keidysz at 6257 N. Wayne Ave. Please RSVP to Charlotte Sullivan at 773.743.5112.

Sunday, June 16 is the Last Gym Mass until September: Our 10:30 am Gym Mass will be on hiatus over the summer, resuming in September. Thank you to the coordinators of the Masses, and the many volunteers who make it so special!

Father's Day Cards: Father's Day cards for honoring living and deceased fathers during the Masses said on Father's Day, Sunday, June 16, and throughout the year are available at the doors of Church. Please complete the information on the large (outer) envelope, place your donation in the envelope, and drop it in the Sunday collection or at the Rectory. Take the card and envelope with you to give to your father or for your own remembrance.

Summer Combined Mass Schedule: As mentioned last fall, this year we will be experimenting with a summer Combined Mass schedule. Summer is generally a time of vacation for many of our parish families, and many of our helper priests are Jesuits from Loyola following an academic schedule. From June 23 to August 11, our Mass schedule will be:

- Saturday: 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 8:00 am
- Sunday: 9:30 am – Sheridan Road
- Sunday: 10:30 am – Combined Mass

The 10:30 am Combined Mass will be in lieu of the 10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses.

Requests for Hospital Visits: If you or a family member is hospitalized and wants a visit by a church staff member, please call the Heart to Heart office at 773.973.5464, as hospitals can no longer contact us with this information. Heart to Heart staff will then notify the Rectory.

Income/Expense Report

Below you will find the St. Gertrude income/expense report for Fiscal Year 2019 from July 2018 through April 2019. Since our offertory campaign began in October, Sunday contributions have increased by an average of \$1,029 per week. We thank you for your generosity. If you have made an increased offertory pledge, but not yet fulfilled it, we ask that you consider doing so at this time.

Unfortunately, we still project a deficit of around \$90,000 for this fiscal year. However, due to the increased offertory, we project that we will be able to cut the deficit to around \$50,000 in fiscal year 2020.

~ Art Blumberg,
Director of Parish Management and Facilities

St. Gertrude Actual Year to Date Income/Expense for FY 2019 and FY 2018 (July 2018-April 2019)

	FY 2019	FY 2018	+/-
Ordinary Income	\$ 715,254	\$ 698,399	\$ (16,855)
Ordinary Expense	<u>\$ 796,949</u>	<u>\$ 751,402</u>	<u>\$ 45,547</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (81,695)	\$ (53,003)	\$ (28,692)
Extraordinary Income	\$ 376,116	\$ 157,363	\$ 218,754
Extraordinary Expense	\$ 319,906	\$ 253,740	\$ 66,166
Net Extraordinary Expense	<u>\$ 56,210</u>	<u>\$ (96,378)</u>	<u>\$ (152,588)</u>
Net Income (Deficit) July - April 2019	\$ (25,485)	\$ (149,381)	\$ (123,896)

Comments: Income/Expense:

The offertory program has yielded increased Sunday collections. Our Sunday collection from the initial offertory weekend of October 21, 2018 through May 12, 2019 was \$361,981 compared to \$331,104 from the same time period last year for an increase of \$30,807 (an average increase of \$1,029 per week). If we can maintain this pace, we will realize an annual increase of \$53,521.

A Letter from Cardinal Cupich

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Blessings to you in this joyful season of Easter. In keeping with my pledge to update you on the Church's efforts regarding the safeguarding of children, I want to share an important step taken by Pope Francis. This past Friday he published an executive order mandating that all bishops implement a new universal law requiring all dioceses and religious orders to report the abuse of minors and vulnerable adults. The new law provides a process for investigating abuse by any member of the hierarchy, including cardinals, bishops, and priests as well as religious men and women. There is also a process for investigating the mishandling of such cases by bishops. Now, all bishops' conferences and religious congregations in every country around the world will have to meet more rigorous standards.

This unprecedented development comes less than three months after the Holy Father's meeting in Rome with all religious superiors and presidents of bishops' conferences from around the world. On that occasion, the Pope promised concrete action. The announcement today, along with the norms he published earlier for the Vatican City State, demonstrate his resolve to put an end to cover-ups and take decisive action to rid the Church of the scourge of abuse of minors. For your convenience, you can read the full statement the archdiocese released on the law. I invite you to share this information with your family members and friends. As I noted in that statement: "While this new law validates many of the procedures already in place in the Archdiocese of Chicago and in the United States, it provides a framework for the bishops in this country to adopt measures at our June meeting that will both implement the Pope's executive order and address the issue of holding everyone in the Church accountable."

As our auxiliary bishops and I prepare to attend that meeting in a few weeks, I pledge to you once again that I will do my best to see that our response in June, as well as our ongoing efforts in this regard, are marked by responsibility, accountability and transparency.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Thank You to Our Catechists

The Religious Education program and Kids Word for the 2018-2019 school year has ended. Both programs will resume in the fall.

Thank you to the men and women listed below who served as catechists and leaders for these two programs. We are very grateful for their time and their hard work with the children!

Religious Education Program

- Sharon Brown
- Emily Davis
- Tracy Shields
- Alice Abrego
- Suzanne Stryczek
- Steve Monti
- Sarah Buntin
- Elsa Shalaveyus

Kids Word Program

- Ann Regan
- Kathy Wall
- Rich Martin
- Michele Reynolds
- Emily Todor

Parish Stewardship

“Jesus said to his disciples ... ‘Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.’” ~ John 14:27

What does peace mean to you? What brings you peace? Is it something of this world? How long does this peace last? How grounded is it?

Jesus asks us to be at peace through him, a peace that lasts and is grounded in eternity. His peace is reaching out to us. Can we reach back out to him?

Sunday Collection May 18-19	\$6,756.79
Budgeted Collection	\$7,725.00
Underage	(-) \$ 968.21

Commonweal Community Picnic

It’s almost summer isn’t it? With hope for good weather, Commonweal Community will host a picnic on Sunday, June 9 from 3:00–5:30 pm in the garden adjoining the Rectory of St. Gertrude, 1420 West Granville. In case of rain, we will meet in the dining room of the Ministry Center.

Please join us for this informal summer event, even if you have not previously participated in our Commonweal Community. If convenient, please bring a dish or dessert or drinks to share.

To help us plan, please RSVP to Denise DeBelle, ddebelle@gmail.com, or John Williams, joolikar@gmail.com, the co-chairs of Commonweal Community.

Teen Summer Service Trip 2019

2019 Summer Service Trip for Teens in the Parish

Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota
July 26 - August 4, 2019

Join us for a jam-packed week of service, friendship, fun, and so much more!

Teens currently in 8th grade to high school seniors are eligible to participate!

Contact Jim Potthast for more information at jpotthast@stgertrudechicago.org.



Our Parish at Prayer

MONDAY, MAY 27

9:00 am Living & deceased members of the Armed Forces and their families

TUESDAY, MAY 28

7:30 am Purgatorial Society

✠ *Indicates person listed is deceased.*

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

7:30 am Joe Brennan ✠

THURSDAY, MAY 30

7:30 am Communion Service

FRIDAY, MAY 31

7:30 am Maria Binh T. Nguyen ✠

8:30 am James Nithman ✠ (NCA Mass)

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

7:30 am Maria Xuyen T. Nguyen ✠

5:00 pm Meredith Johns ✠

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 am Robert Nelson ✠

9:30 am Parishioners of St. Gertrude

10:00 am Jack Taylor ✠

10:30 am Billy Tobin ✠

11:30 am Hosna & Long family ✠

Ministers of the Word

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

5:00 pm Norm Bowers, Kathleen Dawson

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 am Sr. Kathryn Stimac, Rob Sierzega

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:00 am Jacklyn Meier, Rose Karasti

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Amanda Robertson, Victoria Healy

Altar Servers

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

5:00 pm Joey & Katie Dunning, Luke Kaufmann

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

10:00 am Jesse Devitt, Florence Szewczyk, Zoe Asnis

11:30 am Claire McCarthy, Isabella Brobbey, June Rutzen

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

5:00 pm Mary Cook, Kathleen Dawson, Roman Reyes, Kathy Wall, Patricia Norcik

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

8:00 am Hallie Burhoe, Rob Sierzega, Brian DeVarenne, William Mitchell, Sr. Kathryn Stimac

9:30 am Pat Riley, Barbara Rossi and Leon Ward

10:00 am Rose Marie Anichini, Brad Koch, Candace Koch, Nancy Merrill, Brad Mulick, Debra Novak, Patrick Robinson

10:30 am TBA

11:30 am Troy McMillan, Chris Lincoln, Karen Griebel, Sharon Brown, Lina Peon

Support the Archdiocese of Chicago Domestic Violence Outreach

Donations may be made at

<https://www.givecentral.org/location/132/event/12645>.

Milestones



Please Pray for Our Parishioners and Friends

Walter Bradford
Ed & Ester Bugler
Maggie Callaway
Geraldine Clark
Mary Ferguson
Mary Fitzgerald
Joan Harrington
Maria Hertl
Peggy Stoffel



Rest in Peace

Stephen Reardon



New Parishioners

Michael Mencarini
& Meghan Morrissy
Appolonia Chukwukelu



Baptisms

Noel Andres Salas
Julia Rose Thomson

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Richard J. Prendergast, Pastor
Brenda K. Arreola, Heart to Heart Office Staff
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
Amanda Kvasnica, 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, 10:00 am, 11:30 am
9:30 am St. Gertrude East (Sacred Heart School/Sheridan and Granville)
10:30 am Mass in the Gym (except summer months)
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 - Friday: 8:30 am to 7:30 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.
Caris Pregnancy Center, pregnancy support, free pregnancy
tests, and post-abortion help: 312.229.5700.
Makko ho (Japanese yoga): Saturdays at 10:00 am in the
Ministry Center