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Saturday, March 20, Lenten Weekday

4:00 p.m. †Mary Garzone

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Walter Wisniewski

Monday, March 22, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Jan & Paulina Cunderlik (An.)

Tuesday, March 23, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Edward J. Luczak (An.)

Wednesday, March 24, Lenten Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Mary Stefanik (An.)

Thursday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

8:30 a.m. †Paul Butera

Friday, March 26, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Josephine Jancaro

12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Our Lady Queen
of Peace, E. V.

Saturday, March 27, Lenten Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Gloria & Anthony Dettore

4:00 p.m. †Mr. & Mrs. Carmine Marinucci (An.)

Sun., Mar. 28, Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. For the Parish



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MARCH 27 & 28

4:00 p.m.~ Alex & Zack Poullet,

Jordan Reynolds

8:00 a.m.~ Lacy Emmerson, Jordan Kiebler,

Aaron Waner

10:30 a.m.~ Grace & Luke Larko,

Zack McClarnon,

CONGRATULATIONS and GOD'S BLESSINGS to our newest little Christians, Wyatt John & Bode Edward Karns, sons of Ralph Jr. and Sarah (Bazella) Karns, who were baptized here on February 21, 2010. May God continue to bless Wyatt and Bode and the family.

The 2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration

Because of the snow in early February, we have rescheduled our Diocesan Youth celebration. Don't miss the opportunity to celebrate together as the Young Church of Greensburg! New Registrations are welcome.

"We have set our hope on the Living God!"

Who: All Youth of the Diocese in Grades 9-12

When: April 24, 2010—12:30—9 p.m.

Where: Greensburg Central Catholic High School

Cost: \$15.00 includes Dinner, Snack & T-shirt

Our Special Keynote Speaker for the 2010 Diocesan Youth Celebration **Mike Patin**. For more info call 724-837-0901 ext 448.

Scripture Verse

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her"

Jn8:6b-7



Readings for the Week of March 21, 2010

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
 Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:12-20
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
 Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14---23:56 or 23:1-49

This Week at

Saint Gertrude Parish

Saturday, March 20, Confession, 3-3:45 p.m.

Here at St. Gertrude

Sunday, March 21, YM 5:30- 8 p.m. at CMA

Bingo - 7 p.m.

Monday, March 22, TCTH Leadership Team, Church hall, 6:30 p.m.

March 23, Communal Penance Service, 7 p.m.

Christ the King, Leechburg

March 24, Communal Penance Service, 7 p.m.

St. Mary, New Kensington

March 25, Communal Penance Service, 7 p.m.

St. James the Greater, Apollo

Friday, March 26, 12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at Our Lady Queen of Peace

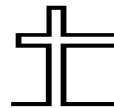
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Here at St. Gertrude

March 29, Communal Penance Service, 7 p.m.

St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell

Wednesday, March 31, Confession, 6-6:45 p.m. before Youth Ministry Living Last Supper, 7 p.m.



Sacrificial Giving

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March 13 & 14

Offertory Envelope\$5,772.00

Loose Collection.....321.25

Children's.....6.00

Easter Flowers.....587.00

Thank you ~ God Bless all of you for your support of Saint Gertrude Parish.

Natural Family Planning Instruction ~ CM-BBT is a medically based, highly effective NFP method that can be used to avoid, postpone or plan pregnancy. The next CM-BBT Method of Family Planning Session is scheduled for Saturday, April 10 at 10 a.m. at the Catholic Charities office in Greensburg. Participants are required to attend only one session. The instruction continued support and follow-up are provided by a medically certified CM-BBT Professional. PRE-registration is required. Contact Mary Ann Newhouse at Catholic Charities at 724-837-1840, ext 658 for additional information or to register for this or an upcoming class.

GOOD NEWS

March 21, 2010

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Is-43:16-21/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8::1-11

What did Jesus write on the ground? For centuries, readers of John's Gospel have speculated about what might be in the dust Jesus bent to. We see what happens to those gathered when Jesus speaks. Did they also see what Jesus wrote?

He was interrupted from his teaching by a woman's accusers. Jesus was put on the spot. The scribes and Pharisees, the ones whose responsibility it was to keep an eye on Jewish law, brought the woman to him. She was caught in the act of adultery. From their point of view, it was an open-and-shut case. What would Jesus say?

He didn't speak, though. Why did Jesus write? To buy time? Is pausing-writing-a strategy to give the atmosphere a chance to calm down? The tension only builds. Jesus waits. His challengers badger him even more. Is Jesus diverting attention, is he detached as he writes? Is Jesus giving them a chance to back down? They don't. Are they getting nervous now? Jesus doesn't act nervous or distracted. He's quite focused when he finally answers.

Who was Jesus writing to? Did he write something for the questioners to see? What he says makes them pause, shuffle uncomfortably, and walk away. He challenges them and they leave.

Then he starts to write again. Jesus' words slice between the woman's sin and the judgment of those who caught her. They are caught. Jesus' words echo inside them. They dare not condemn or judge the woman any more. And still Jesus writes. Who is reading now?

What does the woman see, her eyes averted, staring at the ground where Jesus works? We aren't told. But watch the woman. She stays. She remains close to Jesus, the writer who is the fulfillment of the law.

Wait here and see. Stay here with Me.

Dan Finucane

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CONDOLENCES: Please keep in your prayers the repose of the soul of Olga Steri, mother of Rosemarie Caratelli, Patricia Lucas and sister of Jean Tallarom. May God grant Olga eternal rest and peace and bring comfort to her family.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS who are hospitalized, invalids or seriously ill at home—and all the sick who need our prayers.



**St. Gertrude Church Hall
Sunday**

Doors open 5:15 p.m.

**Bring a friend or two along
and enjoy an evening out!!!!**

Cardinal Maida Academy Palms & Pancakes on Sunday, March 28, 8 a.m.—1 p.m. Church hall, Pancakes & Sausage or Breakfast Casserole, \$5.00—Adult; \$3.00—Children, 3 and under eat free. Also that morning Cardinal Maida Academy will be having a bake sale and displaying the baskets for their upcoming Gala.

MEMBERSHIP: We welcome new members. If you are a Catholic living in this area and are not registered as a parishioner, please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to include you on our roster. Also we ask that parishioners notify us of any change of address.

Knights of Columbus, Council #3174 will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 23, church hall at 7 p.m. All officers and members are requested to please attend.

ARE YOU GETTING MARRIED

Catholic Engaged Encounter is an opportunity for Christian couples to prepare for a lifetime commitment. If you desire a loving, faithful, permanent and life-giving marriage, consider attending a Catholic Engaged Encounter weekend. This marriage preparation program presents a comprehensive, up-close and personal look at marriage. For more information, please call George and Pat Ziringer at 724-335-4966. The next scheduled weekends will be held in Greensburg on April 23-25, and June 25-27 and November 5-7.