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**Mass Intentions for the week**



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**Saturday, April 17, Easter Weekday**

4:00 p.m. †Peter Guerrera

**Sunday, April 18, Third Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Louis Cocco

**Monday, April 19, Easter Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Jerry Stokes

**Tuesday, April 20, Easter Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Angela DiCola

**Wednesday, April 21, Easter Weekday**

9:00 a.m. †Amedio & Rose Pangrazi

**Thursday, April 22, Easter Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Thomas Ferrante (An.)

**Friday, April 23, Easter Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Mary Tarosky

**Saturday, April 24, Easter Weekday**

8:30 a.m. †Anthony Massari (An.)

4:00 p.m. †Leo Lekavich (An.)

**Sunday, April 25, Fourth Sunday of Easter**

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †John & Anna Mazurek & Family



**APRIL 24 & 25**

4:00 p.m. ~ (Cross) Aaron Waner

(Servers) Michael DePanicis, Deanna Callipara

8:00 a.m. ~ (Cross) Lacy Emmerson

(Servers) Nichole Shannon, Julie Shannon

10:30 a.m. ~ (Cross) Eric Bennardo

(Servers) Kaitlyn Sciullo, Colton Robb

# dear Padre

April 18, 2010

## Is TV Mass enough?

My son is divorced and remarried to a non-Catholic. His first marriage was never annulled. He says he watches Mass every Sunday on TV instead of going to church because he can't take Communion. I think he needs to be going to Mass in a church with other Catholics, not sitting home alone watching it on TV. What do you think?

Betty

Dear Betty,

It's a good sign that he's expressing his interest in the Catholic faith by watching Mass on television. Television Masses are a viable option for Catholics who are physically unable to attend Mass, but if your son is physically able it's a different matter. There's nothing like "being there" when it comes to worship, and by attending the liturgy with other Catholics every week and on holy days he'll fulfill his obligation by virtue of baptism in "fully conscious and active participation" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [Sacrosanctum Concilium], 14).

Keep encouraging your son to attend weekly Mass in person, and also encourage him to contact his priest about starting annulment proceedings. Once the annulment is granted and his present marriage is convalidated, he'll be able to receive the Eucharist.

While receiving Communion may be the privileged encounter with God, Mass is primarily for worshiping and giving thanks to God. By returning to Mass with other Catholics now and eventually taking Communion, your son's faith life will clearly be enriched.

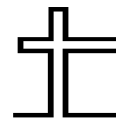
Bob Lindey. C/Ss.R.

### QUIET PLEASE.....

*Out of respect for those who come to pray before Mass begins, as well as for those who stay to pray after Mass has ended, we ask that all conversations be brief. Such thoughtfulness will lend itself to a more prayerful and reverent atmosphere in the Church.*

**Next Sunday, April 25, is designated as the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.**

*This Week at  
Saint Gertrude Parish  
Saturday & Sunday, April 17 & 18, after all  
Masses ~ Holy Land Gifts  
Sunday, April 18, after 8 & 10:30 Mass ~  
K. of C. Pancake Breakfast  
Sunday, April 18 ~ Bingo at 7 p.m.  
Monday, April 19 ~ TCTH Leadership Team  
~ church hall ~ 6:30 p.m.*



Sacrificial Giving

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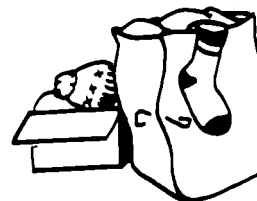
April 10 & 11

*Offertory Envelope .....\$5,973.00  
Loose Collection..... 461.25  
Easter Collection.....1,089.00  
Utilities.....249.00*

**THANK YOU & GOD BLESS all of you for your support of Saint Gertrude Parish.**

The St. Vincent de Paul Society thanks everyone who gave so generously to our Easter food drive. With monetary donations, we were able to give all the baskets a number of essential food items. The food and paper products were divided evenly among the 36 baskets we distributed to the needy of our community.

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**Clothing Drive**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Gertrude, will be taking a truck in late May to an area in West Virginia that desperately needs our help. Hopefully the truck will be loaded with clothing (clean and in good condition) and small household items, including towels, bedding, small appliances in working order, etc. If you have items to donate, please drop off in the church vestibule or call Fran at 412-780-0164 to arrange for pickup of large items or any questions.

**Greensburg ~ The Blessed Sacrament Cathedral Music Series** will present the Pittsburgh Gospel Choir in concert on Saturday April 24 at 8 p.m. The program is free and open to the public.

**FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 11 THRU 17  
SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In memory of Barry & Leo Lekavich by the  
family*

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

*In memory of Jerry Stokes by his wife &  
family*

*In memory of Mary Panza by Mary Aiello*

**FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18 THRU 24  
SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In memory of Louis Cocco by Fran Magee*

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

*In memory of Aunt Mildred & Uncle John  
Perry by Nieces: Eve, Evelyn, Rose & Joanne*

*In memory of Carmelina DiBiasio by Brian &  
Paolette May*

**ST. GERTRUDE PARISH FAMILY** extends its heartfelt sympathy to the families of Anthony Chianese, grandson of Anthony & Boots Chianese and Mildred Radebach, mother of Robin Stoltz. May God grant Anthony and Mildred eternal rest and peace and bring comfort to their families..

**Spring Breakfast, Bake Sale and Lottery Raffle** ~ Sunday, April 25, 9—12 Noon, at Saint James Social Hall, New Alexandria. Adults: \$6. Children: \$4. (ages 6-12) Under six: free

**Out of the Mouths of Babes**

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing, My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat, My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight people to collect all the money!"

**BULLETIN INFORMATION MUST BE PRINTED  
OR TYPED AND RECEIVED BY NOON ON  
MONDAY**

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



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We would like to thank all those who have responded to the Lenten Appeal. Many people have been kind enough to increase their gifts. If you have not made your donation/pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Your gifts make the work we do for the church possible.

**St. Benedict Rosary Altar Society** in Marguerite is sponsoring a Card & Board Game Party on Wednesday, April 28 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$6. No tickets sold at the door. For tickets call Sue 724-838-1682



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**Church Hall**

**Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo at 7 p.m.**

**Scripture Verse**

*Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Simon Peter answered him, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." - Jn 21:15*



**Readings for the Week of April 18, 2010**

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14  
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29  
Tuesday: Acts 7:51---8:1a/Jn 6:30-35  
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40  
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51  
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59  
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69  
Next Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

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