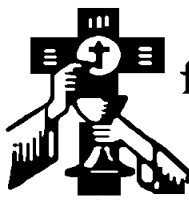

Mass Intentions for the week



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Saturday, April 24, Easter Weekday

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

Monday, April 26, Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Frank, Catherine, Dominic & Pat Maietta

Tuesday, April 27, Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Sebastian Giotto

Wednesday, April 28, Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. †William Zinchini

Thursday, April 29, Saint Catherine of Siera

8:30 a.m. †Pete, Angie & Jacint Anguilli

Friday, April 30, Saint Pius V, pope

8:30 a.m. †Joseph & Dorothy Arteritano

Saturday, May 1, Joseph the Worker

8:30 a.m. †Cecil Stephenson (An.)

4:00 p.m. †Mary M. Waros (An.)

Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Adeline & Charles Piperato



MAY 1 & 2

4:00 p.m. ~ (Cross) Tim Johnson,
(Servers) Billy Johnson, Dylan Ruffner

8:00 a.m. ~ (Cross) Michael DePanicis
(Servers) Kaitly Lewandowski, Zach Maritz

10:30 a.m. ~ (Cross) Dominique Carino
(Servers) Casey Tomiczek, Madison Porter

dear Padre

April 25, 2010

Why do we fast one hour before Communion?

My grandmother says Catholics used to fast from midnight until they received Communion. When did the fasting time change to only an hour, and why?

Ellen

Dear Ellen,

The ancient discipline of fasting before Communion became a universal practice by the fifth century. Until 1953, everyone refrained from consuming food, water, and medicine from midnight to the time of Communion. In 1953 and 1957, Pope Pius XII reduced the fast from food to three hours and from water for one hour (Christus Dominus and Sacramentum Communionem).

In 1966 Pope Paul VI further reduced the fast to one hour and allowed water and medicine at any time (Poenitemini). In 1973 he reduced the fast for the sick and elderly to fifteen minutes before Communion when one hour is prohibitive (Immensae Caritatis).

The loosening of the restrictions was in no way intended to lessen the reverence for the Eucharist. The changes were made to allow as many Catholics as possible to receive the Eucharist, which can be difficult when priests are in short supply. For the same reason, Immensae Caritatis also allowed the practice of having extraordinary ministers give Communion.

Despite the changes to the Communion fast, unity and uniformity have been maintained. Catholics are free to fast before Communion beyond the duration and degree currently prescribed.

Byron Miller, C.Ss.R.

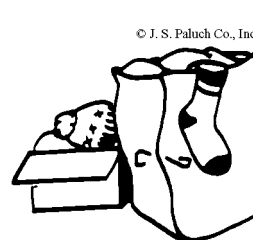
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*This Week at
Saint Gertrude Parish
Sunday, April 25 ~ Bingo at 7 p.m.
Monday, April 26 ~ TCTH Leadership Team ~
Church hall ~ 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 27 ~ Knights of Columbus meeting ~
Church hall ~ 7 p.m.
Saturday, May 1 ~ 4 p.m. Mass & Sunday, May 2 ~
10:30 a.m. Mass ~ Sacrament of the First Holy
Communion*



April 17 & 18

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Clothing Drive

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.

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

Adult leaders of Boy Scouts have the opportunity to earn their certification in order to work with Scouts seeking the POPE PIUS XII EMBLEM. The Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting for Boys will hold a Pope Pius XII Facilitator Training on Saturday, May 15, at the Bishop Connare Center in Greensburg. Training time is 9 a.m.—1 p.m. in the Parlor. Registration is required, please call Glenda at 724-446-5197. No cost for the training. Adults trained prior to 2005 must update their certification.

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In memory of Clark Robbins by Richard &
Dorothy Kardos*

MEMORIAL CANDLES

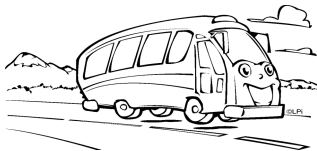
*In memory of Duclane Rybicki by John
Dettore*

*In memory of Joe, John & Michael Yandura
by Jeffrey Yandura*

ST. GERTRUDE PARISH FAMILY extends its heartfelt sympathy for the repose of the soul of Rev. John F. Murtha, O.S.B., a monk and priest of Saint Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, he served as the thirteenth president of Saint Vincent College, and died on Tuesday, April 13. May God grant him eternal rest and peace.

NOTICE: The Sacrament of FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ~ will be celebrated on Saturday, May 1 at the 4 p.m. Mass and on Sunday, May 2 at the 10:30 Mass. Please note: the 4 and 10:30 Mass may be overcrowded, please consider attending the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday.

YOUTH MINISTRY ~ meeting on Sunday, May 2, at 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Cardinal Maida Academy.



ST. GERTRUDE PARISH with the courtesy of the Men's Club and the Rosary Society will be providing bus transportation to St. Vincent Seminary on Saturday, May 29 to attend the ordination of Bro. Bonaventure to the priesthood. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. and the Mass at 10 a.m. Free lunch after Mass. Seating is limited. Please sign up early by calling 724-568-2331.

Knights of Columbus, Kiski Valley Council #3174 will be holding their monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 27 at 7 p.m. All officers and members are requested to please attend. **ALSO** they would like to thank all the dedicated parishioners and friends who supported their Pancake & Sausage Breakfast recently. It was a huge success!!!



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CONGRATULATIONS and GOD'S BLESSINGS to our newest little Christians: Kendyll Rae Pekarek, son of Blaine (Kathryn Geltz), Marrissa Danielle Heath, daughter of James (Mechelle Sellers) Alexander Ortman, son of Jonathan (Dana Urik) and Rylie Joan Hoch, daughter of Bryce (Danielle Dehnert) who were baptized here at St. Gertrude Parish. May God continue to bless them and their families and Godparents.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS who are ill: Pauline Rulis. Please notify the Parish Office (724-568-2331), if a family member or parishioner in the hospitalized or confined to home or in a rest home



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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. Your gifts make the work we do for the church possible.

Saint Vincent College is holding a summer computer day camp for girls entering grades 7 through 12. The camp will be on Monday, June 28 at Saint Vincent College, 9—4:30 p.m. and will cover computer animations using the Alice software. The cost is \$10. (which covers lunch at the college cafeteria). The deadline for signing up is June 23. Br. David Carlson, the camp coordinator, can be reached: 724-805-2416.



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Church Hall Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Bingo at 7 p.m.

Scripture Verse

Jesus said "My sheep hear my voice I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish" Jn 10:27-28a