

Mass Intentions for the week



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Saturday, May 1, Saint Joseph the Worker

4:00 p.m. †Mary M. Waros (An.)

First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 2, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

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

First Holy Communion

Monday, May 3, Sts Philip & James, apostles

8:30 a.m. †Nancy Johnson

Tuesday, May 4, Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Angelo & Mary Rudari

Wednesday, May 5, Easter Weekday

9:00 a.m. †Grace Curtis & Rose Zawacki

7:00 p.m. Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday, May 6, Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Frances Petrarca

FRIST Friday, May 7, Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. Rosary Society

Saturday, May 8, Easter Weekday

8:30 a.m. †Rocco & Maria Martone

4:00 p.m. †Louis Cocco

Sunday, May 9, Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:00 a.m. For the Parish

10:30 a.m. †Living & Deceased Mother's



MAY 8 & 9

4:00 p.m. ~ (Cross) Nichole Shannon

(Servers) Julie Shannon, Joey Caporali

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

(Servers) Deanna Callipare, Austin Feydt

10:30 a.m. ~ (Cross) Aaron Waner

(Servers) Dareon Horrell, Kaitlyn Lewandowski

GOOD NEWS

May 2, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 / Rv 21:1-5a / Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

After we'd lived in it for about seven years, our house was destroyed. Lightning hit it. We were eating dinner when the storm started. The kids were small, and we were playing that game where you count between the flash and the boom to see how close the lightning strike is. We had one flash where the sound came right with it.

Once safely outside, we watched the firefighters. The flames looked like they do in the movies, leaping out of the second-story windows. So this is what a real fire looks like—what your own house on fire looks like. Some emotions are predictable—shock, fear, sadness over lost belongings.

Some emotions were surprising—a sense of peace, even while wondering if any our stuff made it. We felt peace and gratitude we were all safe.

We had really good insurance. We had wonderful neighbors, friends, and fellow parishioners. We had a contractor who rebuilt the place as if he were going to live there himself. We remain friends a decade and a half later.

The whole experience was a jolt into a different way of looking at things. One of the oddest, lingering lessons for me: I still struggle to remember that possessions aren't that important. The shock can wear off.

But here's the deepest thing. The most overwhelming lesson of that night and the days that followed was how much people cared for us, especially when we were faced with something we couldn't predict and couldn't control.

Not being in control was a blessing. But then when are we ever really in control?

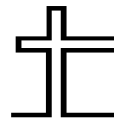
Some events let us see what's real more clearly. They help us recognize the disciples of Jesus, the ones who love one another—regular people, ordinary and amazing where Christ lives.

Dan Finucane

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*This Week at
Saint Gertrude Parish
Sunday, May 2 ~ Bingo at 7 p.m.
Monday, May 3~ TCTH Leadership Team ~ church hall ~ 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 6 ~ Spaghetti Dinner, 4-7 p.m., church hall*



Sacrificial Giving

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April 24 & 25

Offertory Envelope\$5,003.00

Loose Collection..... 363.00

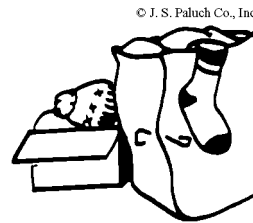
Utilities.....153.00

Children's.....1.00

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

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.



Clothing Drive

MERCY LUNCH COMMITTEE ~ a Mercy Lunch Committee (volunteer group) was established in our parish to provide our parishioners the opportunity to have their family funeral luncheon in their home parish hall where the surroundings are comfortable, convenient and familiar. When the need occurs you may call the Rectory at 724-568-2331 for further information, or you may call Committee Chairperson, Ida Lucas at 724-334-8984.

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

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In memory of Frank, Mary, Henry & Mildred
Duriancik, by the family*

MEMORIAL CANDLES

*In memory of Rose Ross and Jenny
Policicchio by the family*

In memory of Rena Defilippi by the family

St. Gertrude Parish Family extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family of Josephine Silvestri, a former parishioner. May God grant Josephine eternal rest and peace and bring comfort to her family.

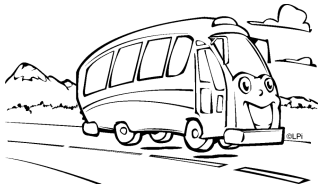
THE ST. GERTRUDE ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY invites all members of the parish, family and friends to the Living Rosary on Tuesday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. to recite the Living Rosary, and after process outside for the Crowning of Mary and conclude with light refreshments in the church hall.

ALSO

The Rosary Society will be having a Trash and Treasure Sale on June 25 and 26. As you do your Spring cleaning, set aside those items you wish to donate. More information later. Please, **NO CLOTHING.**

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

The ST. GERTRUDE CONFERENCE of ST. VINCENT de PAUL .will meet on Wednesday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at Fran Milie's home. All members are urged to attend.



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.



We welcome Bishop Lawrence Brandt, JCD, PhD, Bishop of Diocese of Greensburg, on Wednesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. who will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will receive the gift of God's Spirit.

Christoph James Bernas, Molly Marie **Teresa** Bruno, Ian Richard **Matthew** Chepkevich, Olivia Lauren **Mary** Chepkevich, **Ashley** Catherine Debich, Kaelee **Nikole** Koffler, Savannah **Rose** Krauth, Mario Alexander **Michael** Leonard, **William** Hunter McClarnon, Courtney Marie **Katherine** Moyer, **Alyssa** Kristine Poleski, **Ralph** Anthony Rauso, **Ashley** Noel Scanga, Meaghan Marie **Jessica** Walt, Aaleya Jennae **Gabriella** Williams, Taylor Marie **Elizabeth** Williams, **Zachary** Jacob Zambo.

Let us rejoice with these children and pray that the risen Lord will continue to lead them and guide them on their journey of faith. Congratulations!

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS and FRIENDS who are ill: Ralph Carricato and James Palmisano. Please notify the Parish Office (724-568-2331), if a family member or parishioner is in the hospital, confined to home or in a rest home



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



VOLUNTEERS

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Vandergrift Meals On Wheels, Inc ~ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ to help one day a week or to substitute when needed. Help is needed in these areas:

Cooks, Table helpers, Drivers, Deliverers. For more info or to sign-up to volunteer, please call 724-567-7893 or visit us at the Greek Orthodox Church, any morning during our work hours, Monday through Friday.