

*Christ
is
Risen!*

ST. GERTRUDE

Treasures from Our Tradition

Over the centuries, the Church has demonstrated a wonderful ability to adopt a culture's favorite symbols and customs and assign them new meaning. Easter eggs have a very ancient pedigree: nature's perfect package, emblem of new life, dyed and decorated and given as gifts in ancient Egypt, Rome, China, and Persia. Just as the long hard winter is over, the egg bursts with promise of life and nourishment. Long ago, Christians came to see the egg not as a symbol of spring's rebirth, but of ours, and as a sign of Christ's tomb. A Polish legend says that Mary, in compassion for the soldiers at the cross, gave them eggs, but that her tears stained their shells with brilliant color. Legends have their origin in tales told around a hearth, but they often contain a profound truth. The idea of Mary, the first Christian, engaged in a merciful act of forgiveness and tenderness even in the shadow of the cross, describes the age-old wish that Christ Easter in us.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps

16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1,

14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

Happy Easter

Happy Easter! Or as most other languages prefer: Blessed Pasch--Passover! Pasqua, Pascua, Páscoa, Pâques! Israel's Passover through the Red Sea to the Promised Land! Jesus' Passover through the Cross to resurrection! Our catechumens' Passover last night, and ours once upon a time, through Baptism's waters to our family's Eucharist! Welcome, everybody! As someone once said of the Catholic Church, "Here comes everybody!" So in this Jubilee of Mercy, we make our own Saint John Chrysostom's Easter welcome from fourteen hundred years ago: Let everyone enjoy this radiant feast! You who fasted from Lent's beginning, and you who didn't fast at all, rejoice! The table's richly set! Come, take from it, everybody, no worries, no embarrassment! All of you, taste the banquet of faith! Enjoy the feast of forgiveness! Let no one grieve for having sinned again and again: pardon has risen from the tomb! Happy Easter! Blessed Pasch! Welcome, everybody!

Today's Readings

First Reading -- Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm -- This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) **Second Reading** -- All who are baptized, set your hearts on heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) or

(2) **Second Reading** -- Christ our

Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel -- Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) or Luke 24:1-12 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

Knights of Columbus picnic

The Knights of Columbus Council 1480, Greensburg, invites Catholic men (18 and older) to a picnic dinner at the council hall on North Main St., Greensburg, May 15 at 6:30 p.m. to learn about the Knights of Columbus. Contact Jeff Peterinelli for reservations or information at 724-838-0869.

Christ the King Cornhole Tournament

Save the date: Sunday, May 19th ---- CORNHOLE TOURNEY fundraiser. We are in need of 4 more sets of boards (no bags). Contact the office ASAP if you have a set we could use. Thank you!

Spring breakfast/bake sale

Saint James Church, New Alexandria, will host a Spring Breakfast/Bake Sale on Sunday, April 28, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Menu includes: Ham, Sausage, Pancakes, Eggs, Potatoes, Juice, Coffee and Tea. Price is \$7.00 Adults/\$4.00 Child (Ages 6 to 12)/Children (Under 6 - Free).

Easter Sunday
April 21, 2019

Sanctuary Lamp
Patrice Moliterno Sharp
By Frank & Pat Moliterno

Memorial Candle
Armand Policicchio
By
St. Gertrude Men's Club

Memorial Candle
Taylor & Inez Troiano
By Frank & Pat Moliterno

April 27th & 28th

4:00p.m. ~ Lauren Paullet
Maria Safranyos

8:00a.m. ~ Derek & Zachary
Hald

10:30a.m. ~ Renee & Casey
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Collection Totals

Due to Early transmission of the bulletin collection totals will be published at a later date.

Winter Wonderland Ticket

Thank you to all who participated in our Winner Wonderland lottery ticket. Over 3 months we had 40 winners, our net profit was \$4,150.

Total eft for March \$1,725.00

Flea Market

St. Mary of Czestochowa Church will hold a giant Flea Market in Friendship Hall, 857 Kenneth Avenue, Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27, from 9 AM - 2 PM. Free admis-

sion. Hot dogs and baked goods will be available for purchase.

St. Anthony Prayer Novena

New this year, Mt. St. Peter Parish, New Kensington and the St. Anthony Guild, will offer nine consecutive weeks of Mass and Novena prayer, beginning Tuesday, April 23 at 7pm and continuing every week until June 18. June 11 will mark the installation of officers, and June 18 will close the Novena with Mass, bread distribution and a reception. Mt. St. Peter Parish and the St. Anthony Guild invite all parish neighbors, family and friends to attend evening Mass and offer prayer intentions to our beloved St. Anthony, a wonderful way to continue our joyous Easter celebration. For more information contact Anita Tuskan at 412-480-2271 or Kay Reano at 724-339-4925.

Bishop Malesic to lead Divine Mercy Sunday

Bishop Malesic will lead an outdoor service and eucharistic procession for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, at 3 p.m. in St. Clair Park on North Maple Avenue, Greensburg. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on North Main Street.

Catholic Daughters Court 1008

C D of A Court Vandergrift 1008 Annual Spring Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:00 P M in the Church Social Hall. Cost is \$18.00 per person. Guests of members are welcome. For reservations or information, call Helen @ 724-568-2326 or Francine @ 724-567-

6198. You may place reservation and check in collection basket marked C D of A Spring Banquet.

Diocesan Lenten Appeal

"Open your heart to HOPE," the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE abound. In our parishes, mission and ministries continue with the help of our International Priests Program. Go to dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE to see a video of Father Gregorio Soldevilla, one of the more than 20 international priests who will help ensure our Church is the center of prayer. He captures many prayerful moments on camera. To make an online donation visit www.dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE.

GCC presents 'Children of Eden'

Greensburg Central Catholic Junior-Senior High School will present 'Children of Eden' April 26 at 7 p.m. and April 27 at noon and 7 p.m. at the Greensburg Garden and Civic Center. The performance translates the first nine chapters of the Book of Genesis into a family musical for the 21st century. Tickets are \$10 and seating is general admission. For more information, call 724-834-0301.

Bishop Morrow Home

The Bishop Morrow Personal Care Home has 1 opening available. Please call (724)845-2828 for more information.

Faith Formation Sessions for Grades K-5 have concluded for the semester. We look forward to seeing you in the fall. Thank you for allowing us to work with you these past months as a partner in the faith formation of your child. Being a catechist is a privilege—and we do not take that privilege lightly. Everything we do is in support of what you do every day in the home. Your prayers and blessings, weekly Mass attendance, and conversations that you share with your child about God and Jesus are very critical to forming his/her faith as a Catholic Christian. All of that is reinforced by the things that that we share in Faith Formation. Although our regular teaching sessions have come to an end for the school year, religious formation in the home knows no season.

FUSED 4 ~ April/May LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR

(EDGE: Grades 6th-8th/LIFETEEN: grades 9th 12th ~ St. James Parish Underground/Upper Rooms ~ 6:00 -7:30 PM)

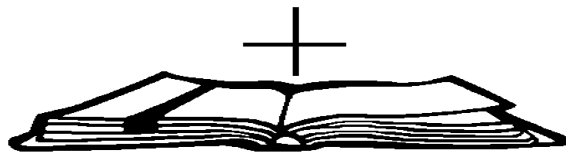
April: 21st—NO EDGE/LIFETEEN ~ 28th—Last Youth Mass at 5:00 PM at St. James with AMP to follow in the parish hall

May: 5th—End of Year Party (last session) ~ 12th—NO SESSION ~ 19th—NO SESSION ~ 26th—No Youth Mass

Stay tuned for our fun summer Youth Ministry calendar!

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.

Mass Intentions



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Saturday, April 20, Easter Vigil

9:00p.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

Sunday, April 21, Easter Sunday Resurrection of the Lord

8:00a.m. Special Intention
10:30a.m. †Wilmer & Raffelina Shaner
67th Wedding Anniversary

Monday, April 22, Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:30a.m. †Raymond Schrum

Tuesday, April 23, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:30a.m. †Special Intention

Wednesday, April 24, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

9:00a.m. †Anna Schrum

Thursday, April 25, Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:30a.m. Special Intention

Friday, April 26, Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:30a.m. †Eugene Milie

Saturday, April 27, Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:30a.m. Mass at Christ the King

Saturday, April 27, Vigil, Second Sunday of Easter

4:00p.m. †John & Anna Mazurek Family

Sunday, April 28, Second Sunday of Easter

8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish
10:30a.m. †Frank & Lina Cappo