



# Saint Gertrude Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

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*April 28, 2019*

*Second Sunday of Easter*

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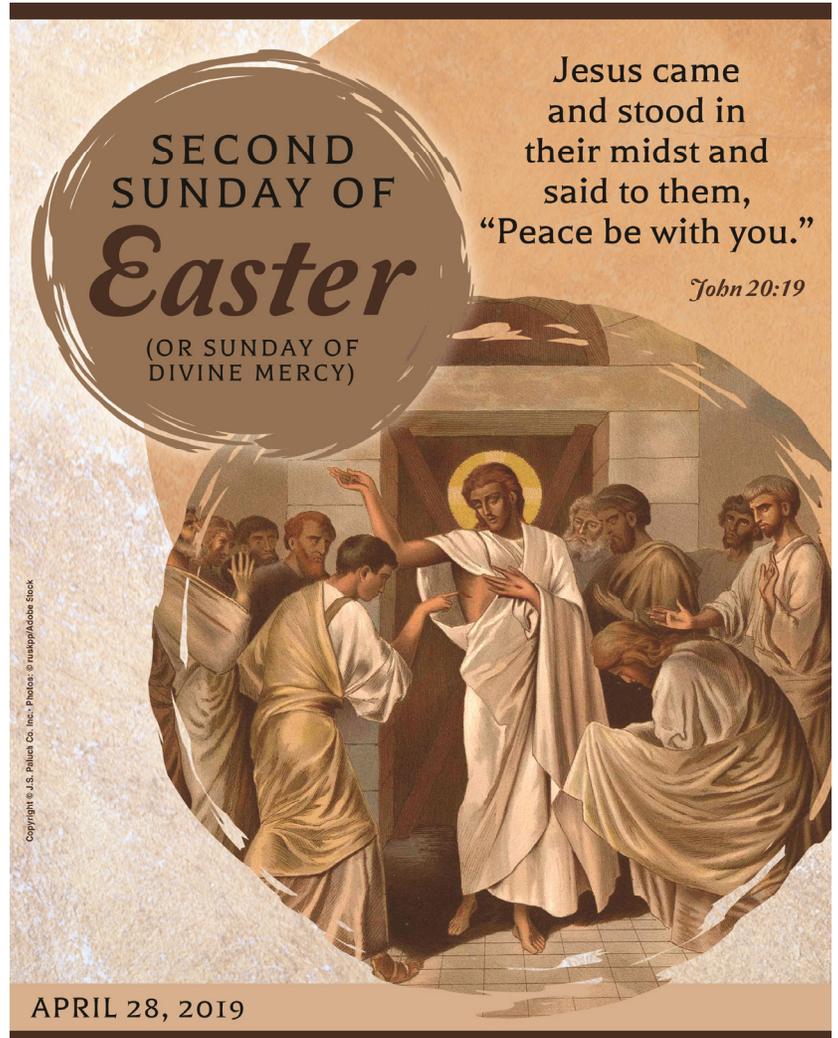
**Baptisms**  
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

Marriage Arrangements must be made at least 8 months in advance. No marriage dates will be given until meeting with the priest and all preparation is ready.

**Sunday Mass Schedule**  
Saturday Vigil 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

See Bulletin for daily Mass Schedule  
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. During School Year  
Holy Day Mass Schedule  
Holy Day ~ 9:00 am, 6:00 pm

**Office Hours**  
Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00  
Friday- Closed  
Confessions Saturday ~ 3:15-3:45pm or by Appointment



## *Pastoral Council Mission Statement*

*We, the partnered parish communities of St. Gertrude and Christ the King, are faith-filled Catholics who have been called by our Baptism and empowered by the Good News of Jesus Christ to be Church for all. Although made up of multi-cultural faith communities we are ever united by our common faith.*

*We are committed to "building up the Body of Christ" through Word, Worship, Evangelization, Leadership, Service, Stewardship, and Fellowship. Dedicated to deepening our love of Christ and one another, together we strive to become a living reflection of Christ for our region.*

*We willingly accept our obligation to be the "Light of the World" for others and in that spirit we promise to use our resources to practice gospel justice, to heal divisive wounds among God's People and to join with all people of good will in addressing the spiritual and physical needs of all.*

## ST. GERTRUDE

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### Treasures from Our Tradition

An ancient title for this Sunday is Dominica in Albis, or Sunday in White. During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist. In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed Quasimodo Sunday, or Low Sunday. In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing Low about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8

**Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

**Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26 -- 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24;

Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58

**Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14

**Saturday:** Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- A large number of people gathered, bringing the sick, and all were cured (Acts 5:12-16).

**Psalm** -- Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting (Psalm 118).

**Second Reading** -- Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives (Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19).

**Gospel** -- The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31).

### Seeing is Believing

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, Doubting Thomas could be our patron saint:

Unless I see, I will not believe! But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love doubters who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to under-

stand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that

Jesus is risen! but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, our brother John doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus life-giving words, Do not be afraid. Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

### 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.

### Corn Hole Tournament

Join the fun Sunday, May 19th for a Corn Hole Tourney at Christ the King Church Doors open at 11 AM for sign-up; tourney starts at 11:30. Entry fee of \$20/person Includes all day Food & Beverages. *Luck of the Draw*" partners. Each round is \$3/person - winners split round money 50/50. Questions? Call George at 724-393-6292 (leave message and get a call back).

Second Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2019

*Sanctuary Lamp*  
Henry Elefante & Mary Kasecky  
by Family

*Memorial Candle*  
John & Angelina Palatella  
By Mary, Vito & Rosalind

*Memorial Candle*  
Fedel & Elisa Mendicino  
By Ida

### May 4th & 5th

4:00p.m. ~ Rylie Hoch  
Domenic Dellemonache

8:00a.m. ~ Nicholas & Joey  
DiFilippio

10:30a.m. ~ Derek & Zachary  
Hald

### Collection April 13th & 14th

Envelopes ~ \$2,752.10  
Loose ~ \$548.00  
Church Restoration ~ \$10.00  
Utilities ~ \$595.00

**Palm Sunday ~ \$2,463.10**  
**Easter Flowers ~ \$227.00**

### Collection April 21st & 22nd

Envelopes ~ \$3,268.00  
Children's ~ \$5.00  
Loose ~ \$837.25  
Church Restoration ~ \$7.00  
Utilities ~ \$60.00

**Good Friday ~ \$256.00**

### 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.

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

Congratulations we have now met our Diocesan Lenten appeal. All money now donated will go towards the parish portion of the goal which is an upgraded sound system. Thank you again for your generosity.

### Catholic Daughters Court 1008

C D of A Court Vandergrift 1008 Annual Spring Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:00 PM 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.

### Notre Dame Donations

The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington has established a special site to accept donations to be used for the restoration of the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris: [www.SupportNotreDame.org](http://www.SupportNotreDame.org). The site takes credit card donations.

### Youth Mass

People of all ages are welcome to attend our Youth Mass on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM at St. James. There is an After Mass Party (AMP) immediately

following Mass in the church hall. Families are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert. This Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> will be our last Regional Youth Mass. This is due to the fact that canonically a pastor can only say three Masses a weekend and the Regional Youth Mass would exceed that limit. Youth are an important part of the parish liturgical life and we ask you to continue to serve in this way in the parish setting.

### 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.

*Sunday of Divine Mercy*  
*Once I was dead,*  
*but now I am alive forever and*  
*ever.*  
-- Revelation 1:18a

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 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. Join Bishop Malesic and families from all over the Diocese of Greensburg for FamilyFest 2019 at the Christ Our Shepherd Center on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>! FamilyFest promises to be a day to celebrate the family. The day kicks off with Sunday Liturgy celebrated by Bishop Malesic and joined by our newly formed Diocesan Youth Honors Choir. Parish and community group food vendors will be selling lunch that highlights the very best food that they have to offer. There will be activities for children, a teen café, bounce houses, face painting, a trackless train, a rock painting extravaganza, and Bingo to close out the day. We will meet at St. James the Greater at 9:45 AM to carpool and will return to St. James around 4:00 PM. Please sign up by Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup> by contacting Katie Tyliniski.

Save the dates: Regional Bible School ~ Christ the King Parish ~ June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> ~ 9:00 AM-Noon ~ Theme: To Mars and Beyond ~ Volunteers with clearances are needed!

**FUSED 4 ~ April/May LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR**

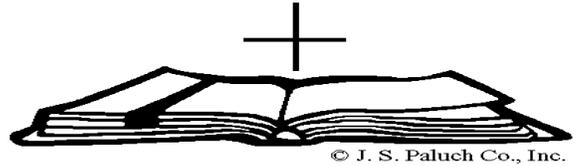
(EDGE: Grades 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>/LIFETEEN: grades 9<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> ~ St. James Parish Underground/Upper Rooms ~ 6:00-7:30 PM)

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

Stay tuned for our fun summer Youth Ministry calendar!

Please check out the bulletin for information regarding Vacation Bible School. Teen volunteers are needed! More information forthcoming.

# Mass Intentions



**Saturday, April 27, Vigil Second Sunday of Easter**  
4:00p.m. †John & Ann Mazurek Family

**Sunday, April 28, Second Sunday of Easter**  
8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish  
10:30a.m. †Frank & Lina Cappo

**Monday, April 29, St. Catherine of Siena**  
8:30a.m. †Jane Fedorek

**Tuesday, April 30, East Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Special Intention

**Wednesday, May 1, Easter Weekday**  
9:00a.m. †Angie Tinelli

**Thursday, May 2, St. Athanasius**  
8:30a.m. †Special Intention

**Friday, May 3, St. Philip & James**  
8:30a.m. †Angeline Vallosio

**Saturday, May 4, Easter Weekday**  
8:30a.m. Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, May 4, Vigil, Third Sunday of Easter**  
4:00p.m. †Edward Riley

**Sunday, May 5, Third Sunday of Easter**  
8:00a.m. †Deceased members of the Duriancik  
Family  
10:30a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish  
First Holy Communion Mass