



Saint Gertrude Parish

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May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

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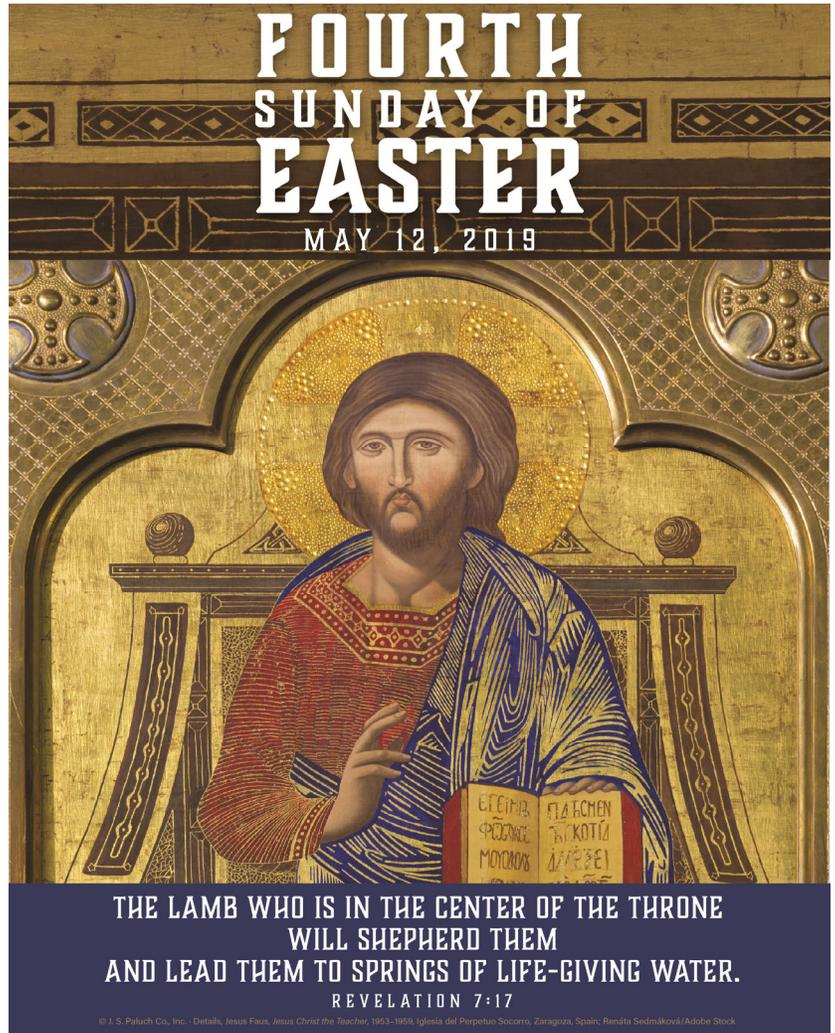
Baptisms
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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.

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Treasures from Our Tradition

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian.

Easter duty means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop. Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your Holy Mother Church is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days?

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 12:24 -- 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14

Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region (Acts 13:14, 43-52).

Psalms -- We are his people, the sheep of his flock (Psalm 100).

Second Reading -- I had a vision of a great multitude (Revelation 7:9, 14b-17).

Gospel -- My sheep hear my voice; I know them and give them eternal life (John 10:27-30).

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).

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the May 23 Spaghetti Dinner: Knights of Columbus & Offertory Counters.

Shepherds Like Jesus

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs.

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Sanctuary Lamp
Velma Petrarca
By Paul & Maria

Memorial Candle
Marlene Dawkins
By Tom

Memorial Candle
Dominick Caratelli
By Wife & Family

May 18th & 19th

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

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

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

Collection May 4th & 5th

Envelopes ~ \$4,277.10
Loose ~ \$604.01
Church Restoration ~ \$169.00
Utilities ~ \$20.00

Second Collection

Our Diocese will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) on May 18-19. By generously supporting this collection, you are spreading the Gospel and helping others encounter Christ every day. Your gifts not only support projects on a national and international scale but also here in our own diocese. Half of all the proceeds from this collection stay here in the Diocese of Greensburg to support our local com-

munications efforts, including *The Catholic Accent* newspaper and magazine, The Accent On-Air quarterly television show, the diocesan website and thru social media platforms. The remaining half of the proceeds from the collection support communications projects around the world. One example of the impact of your generosity occurred in the Philippines. The island of Samar is home to nearly two million people, about 90% of whom are Catholic. Many live in remote villages outside the reach of television and internet. Instead, radio is a critical source of information. The Catholic Church has provided the people of Samar with spiritual programming through a dedicated radio station for 20 years.

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.

FamilyFest

You are invited to a day of fun, games, food and faith at the diocese's second annual FamilyFest on Sunday, June 9, at the Christ Our Shepherd Center. The day will include parish food vendors, an evangelization project #FindJesusRocks, and activities for people of all ages, including an Indoor Bingo. The day begins with an outdoor Mass celebrated by Bishop Malesic at 11 a.m. with music provided by a Diocesan Youth Honors Choir. We

look forward to seeing you and your family there! For information and to register your child, go to FamilyFestGreensburg.org.

La Roche University

La Roche University, a Catholic, co-education institution in Pittsburgh, invites high school juniors and seniors and transfer students to summer visit evenings to learn more about the university. They will be held from 5-7 p.m. on June 3, June 11, June 19 and June 25. A campus tour and dinner are included. Admissions counselors will be present, and high school seniors can receive instant admission decisions. Register at www.laroche.edu. Questions: admissions@LaRoche.edu or call 412-536-1272.

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.

**2019 Tentative Summer LIFETEEN/EDGE
Calendar**

May:

5th—End of Year Party at St. James
13th—Outdoor Game Night at St. James

June:

4th—Paint Party at Christ the King for VBS
9th—Family Fest at Christ Our Shepherd Center
11th—Paint Party at Christ the King for VBS
13th—Volunteer at the Spaghetti Dinner at St.
Gertrude's
17th-21st—Vacation Bible School at Christ the
King
20th—Kayaking

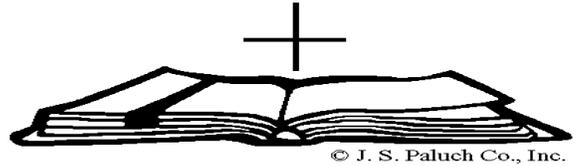
July:

15th—Operation Fresh Express at St. Ger-
trude's
19th—Pirate Game or Altoona Curve and Lake-
mont Park
28th—Christ the King/St. Gertrude Combined
Parish Picnic at CTK

August:

1st--Wave Pool at Boyce Park
4th—St. James/OLQOP Combined Parish Picnic
at Kunkle Park
11th—XLT at St. James (Also registration for
Faith Formation/LIFETEEN/EDGE?)

Mass Intentions



Saturday, May 11, Vigil Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00p.m. †John & Angelina Palatella

Sunday, May 12, Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

10:30a.m. †Velma Petrarca

Monday, May 13, Easter Weekday

8:30a.m. †Veronica & William Vicini

Tuesday, May 14, St. Matthias

8:30a.m. †Fr. Michael Scibberas

52nd Anniversary of Ordination

Wednesday, May 15, Easter Weekday

9:00a.m. †Marlene Dawkins

May Crowning Following Mass

Thursday, May 16, Easter Weekday

8:30a.m. †Giovanni, Emilio & Maria DiBiasio

Friday, May 17, Easter Weekday

8:30a.m. †Stephen A. Filipek

Saturday, May 18, Easter Weekday

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

Saturday, May 18, Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00p.m. †Cyril J. Pacuch

Sunday, May 19, Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00a.m. †Gene Iagnemma

10:30a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish