



# Saint Gertrude Parish

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*May 19, 2019*

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

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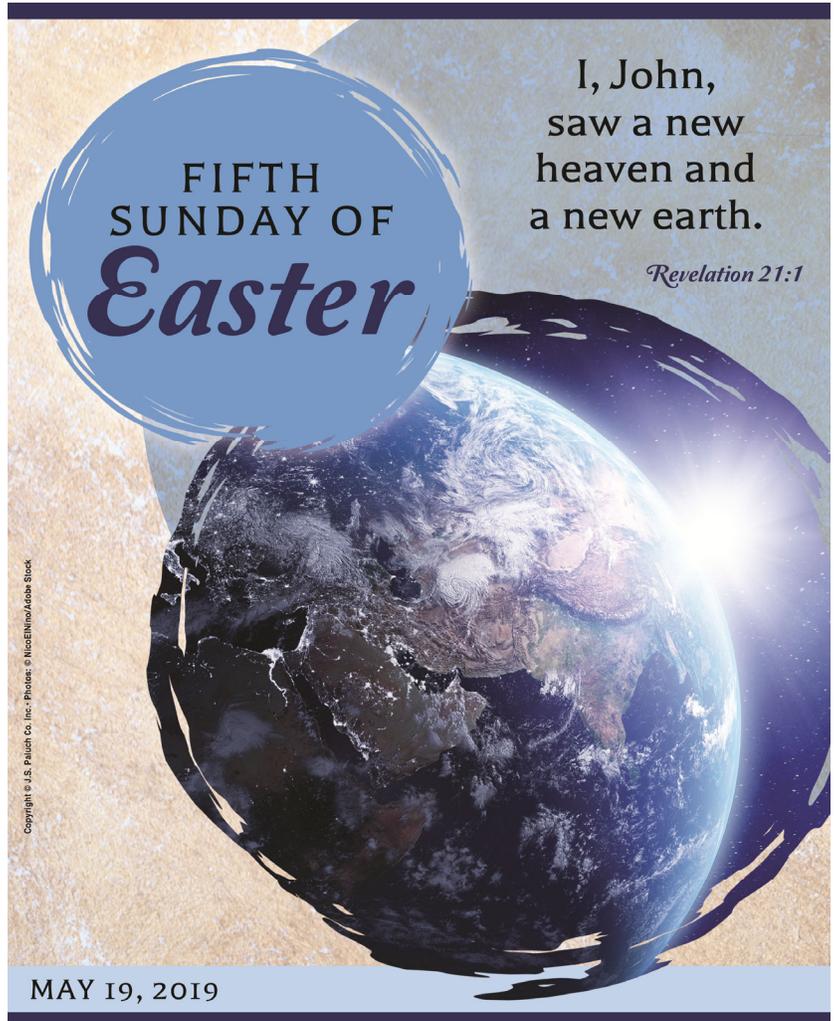
**Baptisms**  
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn't always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul's day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today's first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area. There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26  
**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a  
**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8  
**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11  
**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
**Sunday:** Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- Paul and Barnabas reported how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:21-27).

**Psalm** -- I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** -- God's dwelling is with the human race (Revelation 21:1-5a).

**Gospel** -- This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another (John 13:31-33a, 34-35).

### Spaghetti Dinner

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

### Missionaries of Mercy

Paul's back! After last week's violent abuse, opponents organized a lynch mob that beat Paul nearly to death. But call Paul the energizing evangelist, transforming deadly cruelty into life-giving zeal. Paul's past courage should inspire our commitment; Revelation's future new heaven, new earth should inspire our optimism. But Revelation's present assurance, Behold, God's dwelling is with the human race, should challenge us to become missionaries of mercy. Because Pope Francis declared that the Church's credibility is completely dependent on our showing unconditional mercy. Mercy, said Francis, makes the Church, the world, and everyone young again, reawakened to life's noblest virtues. Fittingly, in today's Gospel Jesus reinforces that theme: This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

### Gardening

Kind hearts are the garden,  
Kind thoughts are the root,  
Kind words are the blossoms,  
Kind deeds are the fruit.

--Anonymous

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*Sanctuary Lamp*  
*Robert & Josephine Querio*  
*By Angela DeSantis*

*Memorial Candle*  
*John & Josephine Querio*  
*By Angela DeSantis*

*Memorial Candle*  
*Dominick & Rose Bertino*  
*By Angela Desantis*

### May 25th & 26th

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

8:00a.m. ~ Domenic  
Dellemonache  
Rylie Hoch

10:30a.m. ~ Renee & Casey  
Tomiczek

### Collection May 4th & 5th

Envelopes ~ \$5,390.10  
Loose ~ \$549.00  
Church Restoration ~ \$87.00  
Utilities ~ \$42.00

### Second Collection

Today Our Diocese will take up the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC). 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 communications 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](http://FamilyFestGreensburg.org). or call 412-536-1272.

### First Holy Communion

On May 5<sup>th</sup> our second graders received their First Communion. Please pray for and the following children who belong to St. Gertrude Parish who received Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time:

Chase Burns  
Ella Jankowski  
Gianna Iagnemma  
Garet Gizler  
Grant Gizler  
Genevieve Smith

### Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities' 18th annual Paul R. Smiy Memorial Golf Outing will be held Aug. 9 at the Ligonier Country Club. Registration is 8:30 a.m., shotgun start at 10. \$150 per golfer includes food, prizes and dinner. Register online at [ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://ccharitiesgreensburg.org). For sponsorship packages and other information: Heather Rady, 724-837-1840 or [hrrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:hrrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

  
St. Gertrude  
CEMETERY & MAUSOLEUM

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 Tylinski.

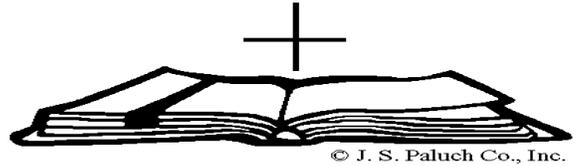
Save the dates: Regional Bible School ~ Christ the King Parish ~ June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> ~ 9:00 AM-Noon ~ Theme: To Mars and Beyond ~ Volunteers with clearances are needed!

We have now moved to our summer calendar for EDGE and LIFETEEN so therefore we will not be meeting every Sunday during the summer. Please check out the opportunities to be involved in Youth Ministry this summer! Lots of fun!

We are looking forward to Vacation Bible School which will be held at Christ the King Parish during June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 AM-Noon. VBS Paint Parties are June 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King at 6:00 PM in the St. Joseph Room. All levels of artistic ability are welcome.

Service Opportunity! Please help with the St. Gertrude's Spaghetti dinner on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:45 to 6:30 PM. Please sign up to help by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Join us for Kayaking on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at Christ the King Hall at noon for a pizza party and then we will carpool to the kayaking place. We will return to Christ the King between 6:00 and 6:30 PM. Cost is only \$10 for those who volunteer the Regional VBS and \$15 for everyone

# Mass Intentions



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## **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

## **Monday, May 20, Easter Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Velma Petrarca

## **Tuesday, May 21, Easter Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Jack John Tarosky

## **Wednesday, May 22, Easter Weekday**

9:00a.m. †Edward L. & Margaret Pacuch

## **Thursday, May 23, Easter Weekday**

8:30a.m. †William Wester

## **Friday, May 24, Easter Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Thomas & Ann Pacuch

## **Saturday, May 25, Easter Weekday**

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

## **Saturday, May 25, Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter**

4:00p.m. †Anthony Scanga

## **Sunday, May 26, Fifth Sunday of Easter**

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

10:30a.m. †Bill Rowe