



Saint Gertrude Parish

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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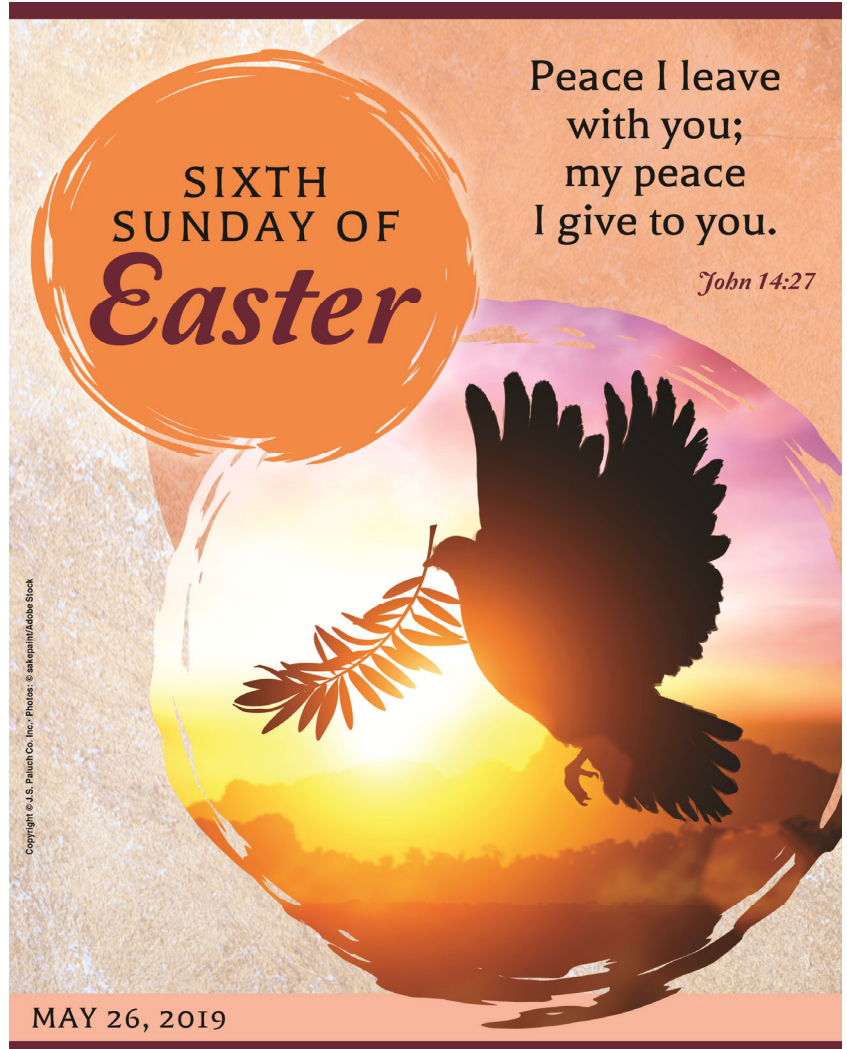
Baptisms
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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
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

Treasures from Our Tradition

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord's Day among our ancestors in the faith was The Eighth Day, meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy. These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That's why it is still Easter!

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 -- 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 -- 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16;

Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; or, for Ascension Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Today's Readings

First Reading -- The question of whether circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2, 22-29).

Psalm -- O God, let all the nations praise you! (Psalm 67)

Second Reading -- John envisions the holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) or Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel -- Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you (John 14:23-29) or John 17:20-26.

Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the June 13 Spaghetti Dinner: Youth Ministry, Lectors, and First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch 13.

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Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the June 27th Spaghetti Dinner: Eucharistic Ministers and Prayer Chain.

St. Vincent dePaul

The St. Gertrude Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will meet on Wednesday, June 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. All members are urged to attend.



With the joy of Baptism we welcome into the family of God:

Karleigh Ann Bier daughter of **Kevin L. Bier & Brandi S. Stawinski**. **Olivia Grace Encisco** daughter of **Derek A. Encisco & Stephanie L. Kiebler**. We offer our love and best wishes to these children and their families.

Mass Intentions

We are in need of May Mass Intentions. Please call the parish office (724-568-2331) if you would like to schedule a Mass.

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Sanctuary Lamp
Kaitlyn Liber & Luke Kopchak
By Rosalind

Memorial Candle
Bill Rowe
By Jean

Memorial Candle
Mike Pomatto
By the Pomatto Family

June 1st & June 2nd

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

8:00a.m. ~ Kyle & Peter
Poremski

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

Collection May 4th & 5th

Envelopes ~ \$3,530.10
Loose ~ \$431.00
Church Restoration ~ \$11.00
Utilities ~ \$81.00

Catholic Communication Campaign

Envelope ~ \$358.00
Loose ~ \$217.00

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.

First Holy Communion

On May 5th 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. For sponsorship packages and other information: Heather Rady, 724-837-1840 or hrady@dioceseofgreensburg.org

Catholic Daughters Court 1008

Due to Kiski Area Commencement Program on June 4th, the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1008 meeting has been changed to Thursday, June 6th at 7:00 P M in the Church Social Hall. All members urged to attend.

Immaculate Conception Parish

Immaculate Conception Parish, Connellsville, will host a street festival June 14-15 to help cele-

brate its 150th anniversary. Hours June 14 are from 4-10 p.m. and June 15 from noon-9 p.m. at the parish festival grounds, 212 East Crawford Ave. Mass at the church June 15 at 4 p.m. Live entertainment: June 14, Polka music by Father Dennis Bogusz, 5-8 p.m.; June 15, Abacus Jones, 5-8 p.m. Ethnic foods, gift baskets, bingo and children's games. Information: 724-880-5885.

Quo Vadis Days

Attention all Catholic young men entering grades 9-12! Do you know where your life is going? The Lord Jesus has a great plan for you! You are invited to the Quo Vadis Days Camp to spend time with other young men your age looking at the Lord's call in your life while having fun. QVD is led by priests and seminarians of the Dioceses of Greensburg and Erie and is supported by the Diocesan Office for Priestly Vocations. Quo Vadis Days will be held July 21-24 at St. Philip Catholic Church and Retreat Center, Linesville, Pa. Please visit gbgvocations.org for more information and registration.



Join Bishop Malesic and families from all over the Diocese of Greensburg for FamilyFest 2019 at the Christ Our Shepherd Center on Sunday, June 9th! 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 30th by contacting Katie Tylinski.

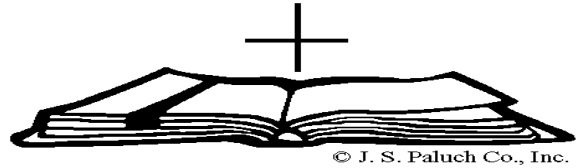
Save the dates: Regional Bible School ~ Christ the King Parish ~ June 17th-21st ~ 9:00 AM-Noon ~ Theme: To Mars and Beyond ~ Volunteers with clearances are needed!

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 17th-21st from 9:00 AM-Noon. VBS Paint Parties are June 4th & 11th 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 13th from 3:45 to 6:30 PM. Please sign up to help by June 6th. Join us for Kayaking on Thursday, June 20th. 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 25, Vigil Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00p.m. †Anthony Scanga

Sunday, May 26, Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

10:30a.m. †Bill Rowe

Monday, May 27, Easter Weekday

8:30a.m. †Deceased Veterans

Tuesday, May 28, Easter Weekday

8:30a.m. †Stephen A. Filipek

Wednesday, May 29, Easter Weekday

8:30a.m. †Stephen Matarrese, Jr.

Thursday, May 30, Ascension of the Lord

9:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of our Parish

6:00p.m. †Louis & Mary Ann Scanga

Friday, May 31, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30a.m. †Dorothy Balla

Saturday, June 1, St. Justin

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

Saturday, June 1, Vigil, Seventh Sunday of Easter

4:00p.m. †Angelo, Rosia Moliterno &

Patrice Moliterno Sharp

Sunday, June 2, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00a.m. †Eugene Iagnemma

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