



# Saint Gertrude Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

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*May 5, 2019*

*Third Sunday of Easter*

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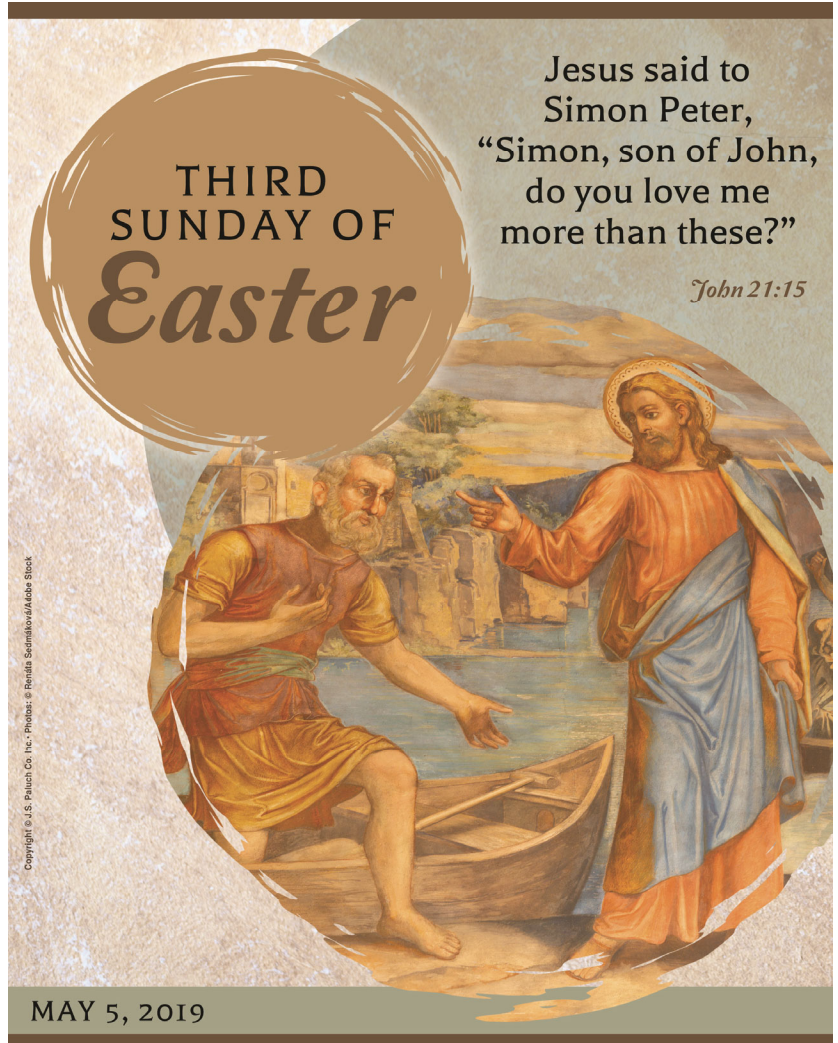
**Baptisms**  
By appointment. Baptismal preparation is necessary. Call for classes

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

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter's fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light. In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday blackouts, perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day.

### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 19:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday:** Acts 7:51 -- 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1

-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

### Today's Readings

First Reading -- God exalted Jesus as leader and savior (Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41).

Psalm -- I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me (Psalm 30).

Second Reading -- To the Lamb be blessing and honor, glory and might (Revelation 5:11-14).

Gospel -- When the disciples came ashore, they saw a charcoal fire with fish on it and bread (John 21:1-19 [1-14]).

### 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).

### Lifelong Service

I am going fishing. What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess Grandpa or Uncle Fred, or admit, I said that last summer! But it is a Bible quote, from today's Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. Yes, it's Peter! So today's announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, As the Father has sent me, so I send you. But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter's later announcement deeper, Lord, you know that I love you, and Peter's apostolic calling clearer, Tend my sheep. Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, We must obey God rather than men. As Revelation proclaims, Worthy is the Lamb --to receive Peter's lifelong service, and ours.

### Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the May 9 Spaghetti Dinner: Mercy Lunch, Arts & Environmental and St. Vincent de Paul.

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*Sanctuary Lamp  
The Scanga Family  
By  
Anna*

*Memorial Candle  
Micky Rowe  
by  
Wilmer & Raffalina Shaner*

### May 11th & 12th

4:00p.m. ~ Renee & Casey  
Tomiczek

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

10:30a.m. ~ Joseph Collini  
Ashley Scanga

### Collection April 27th & 28th

Envelopes ~ \$3,543.10  
Loose ~ \$334.55  
Church Restoration ~ \$81.00  
Utilities ~ \$22.50

### 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.

### Bishop Morrow Home

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

### Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap gathering will be on Thursday, May 9th, at 7:00 P.M. at the River Forest County Club, Freeport (new location). The guest speaker will be Will Smith who will lead the discussion on "Hope - Our Gift from God in Difficult times." Appetizers will be provided by the church; dinner and drink items are available for purchase. They hope to see you on May 9th!

### 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).

### Clearance Training

Our Lady Queen of Peace and St. James Parishes will be hosting two separate sessions of clearance training for anyone who is thinking of becoming volunteers, recently started volunteering, or may still need these two sessions to fulfill their clearance training requirements. Each of these two sessions will cover the Virtus Program as well as the Pitt Mandated Reporter Training. The sessions will be on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM and Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 10:00 AM. Each session will be around 3.5 hours long and will fulfill two requirements of the Diocese of Greensburg. Please call 724-478-4958 to register for either of these sessions.

*God's blessings and Happy birthday to Mary Naccarato who celebrated her 101 birthday on April 26.*



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

**Caleb Joseph Carbajal** Son of **Marlon Carbajal & Rebekah Pereslucha**. **Daniel Richard Brank** Son of **Daniel Steven Brank & Rebekah (Carbajal) Pereslucha**. We offer our love and best wishes to this child and his family.

**2019 Tentative Summer LIFETEEN/EDGE  
Calendar**

**May:**

5<sup>th</sup>—End of Year Party at St. James  
13<sup>th</sup>—Outdoor Game Night at St. James

**June:**

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

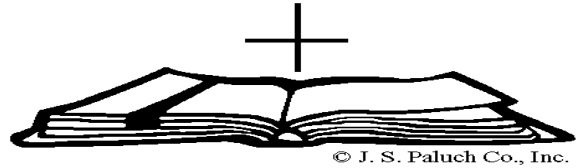
**July:**

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

**August:**

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

# Mass Intentions



**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

**Monday, May 6, Easter Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Louis & Mary Ann Scanga

**Tuesday, May 7, East Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Special Intention

**Wednesday, May 8, Easter Weekday**

9:00a.m. †Frank & Kathy Bruno

**Thursday, May 9, Easter Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Angeline Vallosio

10:30a.m. Anointing Mass at Christ the King

**Friday, May 10, Easter Weekday**

8:30a.m. †Adeline Marsinetti

**Saturday, May 11, Easter Weekday**

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

**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