



# Saint Gertrude Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust*

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*April 7, 2019*

*The Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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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

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 7, 2019



**I put water in the desert  
and rivers in the wasteland  
for my chosen people to drink.**

ISAIAH 43:20

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### **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

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a lulav, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the lulav, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the Hoshanot, singing hymns of joy. In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion?

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 -- 23:56 [23:1-49]

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** -- See, I am doing something new! (Isaiah 43:16-21) or Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalms** -- The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126) or Psalm 130.

**Second Reading** -- I have been taken possession of by Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:8-14) or Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** -- Go, and from now on do not sin any more (John 8:1-11) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

### Seder Dinner

Attention students in K-5 and their families: Please join us for our Seder Dinner on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at Christ the King Hall at 5:00 PM. Seder (meaning "order" in Hebrew) is a story shaped by prayer and praise. Christians share with Jews, the story of slavery to freedom through a covenant with the Lord and delivery to a Promised Land. This ritual is celebrated as a springtime

holiday—with the hope of creation that life is made new again. Please plan to join in this special Passover Celebration. Please RSVP no later than Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> to the Faith Formation Office and indicate the number attending. The traditional Seder is followed by a dinner. Cost: Free.

### Final Regional Youth Mass and AMP

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. 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.

### 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.

### Good Information

Our judgments are only as good as our information.  
--Anonymous

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
April 7, 2019

*Sanctuary Lamp  
In Memory of  
Mark Maszgay  
By  
Debby*

*Memorial Candle  
Gilsa & Fred Massari  
By  
Rita Massari*

### April 13th & 14th

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

8:00a.m. ~ Lauren Pullett &  
Maria Safranyos

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

### Collection March 30th & 31st

Envelopes ~ \$4,508.95  
Children's ~ \$5.00  
Loose ~ \$495.50  
Church Restoration ~ \$858.00  
Utilities ~ \$50.00

### Spaghetti Dinner

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the **April 11 Spaghetti Dinner:** Catholic Daughters of America and Men's Club.

Ministries asked to provide dessert and/or work at the **April 25th Spaghetti Dinner:** Pastoral Council and Cardinal Maida Academy.

### St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Gertrude Conference of St. Vincent de Paul will meet on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. Food boxes for the April 13 Easter distribution will be packed after the meeting. All members are urged to attend.

### Bishop Malesic to lead Divine Mercy Sunday

Bishop Malesic will lead an outdoor service and eucharistic procession for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28, at 3 p.m. in St. Clair Park on North Maple Avenue, Greensburg. In case of inclement weather, the service will be moved to Blessed Sacrament Cathedral on North Main Street.

### Family Fest

You are invited to join us for fun, games, food and faith at the second annual Family Fest 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. For additional information and online registration go to [www.FamilyFestGreensburg.org](http://www.FamilyFestGreensburg.org)

### Diocesan Lenten Appeal

"Open your heart to HOPE," the 2019 Diocesan Lenten Appeal, helps HOPE shine. Go to [dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE) for a

video of Bishop Malesic describing how the DLA supports our Catholic schools and helps our students shine. To make an online DLA donation to your parish visit [dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org/HOPE).

### The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic, JCL

Bishop of Greensburg Has accepted Into the Priestly Formation Program for the Diocese of Greensburg:

Aidan Kerlin  
St. Joseph Parish  
Derry, Pennsylvania  
College I  
Assigned to: St. Mark Seminary with studies at Gannon University, Erie, PA

Jeremy P. Zawelensky  
St. Cecilia Parish  
Whitney, Pennsylvania  
College I  
Assigned to: St. Mark Seminary with studies at Gannon University, Erie, PA

Please continue to pray for all our seminarians and those discerning a call to priesthood, diaconate or religious life. Thank you for your ongoing support of vocations in the Diocese of Greensburg.

### **Regional Penance Service Schedule**

*Tuesday, April 9; St. Joseph Church, New Kensington, 7:00pm*

*Wednesday, April 10; Christ the King Leechburg, 7:00pm.*

*Thursday, April 11; St. Margaret Mary, Lower Burrell, 7:00pm.*

**Calendar of Faith Formation Sessions (Grades K-5)**  
**for April (6:00-7:30 PM) at St. James**

April 14<sup>th</sup>—Seder Dinner at Christ the King replaces the session

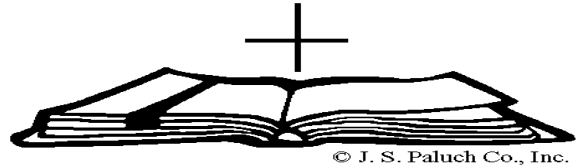
**FUSED 4 ~ April LIFETEEN/EDGE CALENDAR**

(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)

April: ~ 14<sup>th</sup>—No EDGE/LIFETEEN (see note below)  
~ 21<sup>st</sup>—NO EDGE/LIFETEEN ~ 28<sup>th</sup>—Last Youth Mass at 5:00 PM at St. James with AMP to follow in the parish hall  
Extra Activities: 14<sup>th</sup>—Seder Dinner at Christ the King at 5:00 PM

**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.**

# Mass Intentions



**Saturday, April 6, Vigil The Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
4:00p.m. †Dolores Palatella

**Sunday, April 7, The Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
8:00a.m. †Mary & John Kasecky  
10:30a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish

**Monday, April 8, Lenten Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Bill Macino

**Tuesday, April 9, Lenten Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Special Intention

**Wednesday, April 10, Lenten Weekday**  
9:00a.m. †Leo & Duclane Rybicki  
Patrice Moliterno Sharp

**Thursday, April 11, Lenten Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Special Intention  
10:30a.m. Anointing Mass at Christ The King

**Friday, April 12, Lenten Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Louis & Maryann Scanga  
12:10p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Gertrude  
6:30p.m. Stations of the Cross at Christ the King

**Saturday, April 13, Lenten Weekday**  
8:30a.m. †Mass at Christ the King

**Saturday, April 13, Vigil, Palm Sunday**  
4:00p.m. †Mark Maszgay

**Sunday April 14, Palm Sunday**  
8:00a.m. †Living and Deceased of Our Parish  
10:30a.m. †Benjamin J. Zanolli