

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 5, 2006 - PENTECOST XXII OUR LADY OF SUFFRAGE

Today is the First Sunday of the Month. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** follows all Masses. **Our Special Second Collection** is for *Our Seminary and Mission Support*. Today we begin our **12 Sundays of Our Mother of Good Counsel**. Childrens' Catechism classes resume at 10:30 AM.

The day concludes with **Vespers and Benediction** at 4:45 PM.



ALTER CHRISTUS

The "little church" is in the vestibule this morning. The ushers are collecting alms for the **Alter Christus Confraternity** to support priests who might not otherwise receive help. Please be generous.

CHILDREN'S ROSARY/CEMETERY WALK

The children of St. Gertrude's School will make their annual cemetery procession to St. Stephen's Cemetery in Hamilton this Tuesday afternoon to pray the Rosary for the faithful departed. Departure is at 1:15 PM. You are welcome to join us. (Directions: to St. Stephens: SR 747 North to SR 129 West [Butler Regional Hwy] to Ohio Rt 4 turn right. Follow to Fairgrounds turn left on to Fair Ave [sign is on right side of road]. Stay to right. Neal Blvd turn left at Greenwood Ave. Second set of gates on right is St. Stephen's Cemetery.)

Those who make a visit to a cemetery, and pray for the holy souls, on any day of the year, may gain an indulgence of 7 years, applicable only to the departed. (A plenary indulgence is granted to the poor souls for any prayer for the departed said at any cemetery within the Octave of All Souls.)



ANNUAL CEMETERY ROSARY FOR THE DEPARTED

Our Annual Rosary for the Faithful Departed, sponsored by the Rosary Confraternity, will be held next Sunday, November 12th at 3:30 PM in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. All members of the parish are invited to take part in this beautiful suffrage for the poor souls.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of the Month. **11:00 AM Veterans' Day**

Absolution service. Childrens' Confessions are at 10:40 AM. The **Indulgenced Cemetery Rosary Procession** is at **3:30 PM** in Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Set your missal: November 12th. **Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost**, with the commemorations of St. Martin I, PM and Our Lady and All the Saints. **Pref:** Holy Trinity. It is also the **Feast of the Patronage of Our Lady**.

DARN IT!

Does anybody still darn socks anymore? My purple bishop's socks don't hold up like they used to, and my little toes are poking through. If any would be willing to "give a darn" please give me a call!

—BISHOP DOLAN

IN YOUR CHARITY

Please take time from your busy schedule to pray for all the sick and shut-in of our parish. In particular please pray for Eileen Bartels and Janet Gaye.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **November 15th** - Ordination of Reverend Mister Nicholas Disposito at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Frasier, Michigan.

- **November 19th** - A First Solemn High Mass of Father Nicholas Disposito. There will be a reception in Helfta Hall following the Mass to honor the Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great, and Father Disposito's ordination. All the parish is invited to attend the happy occasion.

Ushers

NOVEMBER 12, 2006

7:30 AM John Wiesman, Kent Maki, Joe Andreotta, Tom Kamphaus
9:00 AM Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Dale Wilker, Bernie Brueggemann
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Kirby Bischel, Dennis Hille, John French
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

NOVEMBER 6- NOVEMBER 12, 2006

*TUE 11/07 5:45 PM LOW: Gerry Keaveny
*WED 11/08 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
*FRI 11/10 5:45 LOW: Briggs, Bayer, Ritze, Keaveny
*SAT 11/11 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
*SUN 11/12 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: T. Simpson, J. Lotarski, AC: S. Cozzens, T. Simpson, Jr.; TH: D. Poepelman; TORCH: Any available Northern Boys & B. Lotarski, A. Richesson, G. Wnek, F. Puglielli
11:30 AM LOW: C. Ritze, I. French
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

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*Thank you for your generosity!
Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

✠ POETRY CORNER

OBITUARY

BY LEO YANKEVICH

Today I leaf through the obituaries and find out who has died among the famous – an actress, doctor, and philanthropist – the stories of their lives take up a page.

But I recall my neighbour, Betty Amos, who, with beads wrapped round a gnarled fist, tried to cure cancer with Hail Marys, never letting faith succumb to rage.

There is no mention of her name at all, no words relating kindnesses and deeds, how she brought us apples in the fall, and fed the hungry pigeons pumpkin seeds.



NO FLOWERS, NO DOVES

BY LEO YANKEVICH

When we entered the burning city charred corpses greeted us. A child's hand dangled from a scorched tree and the twisted wreckage of a bus mocked the stillness of the sky. Gunner gagged, Ski scratched his head, neither understanding why he had to liberate the dead.



PRAY FOR ME, MOTHER OF GOD!

BY EMILY HICKEY

Pray for me, Mother of God! To thee I cry, Pray for me, Mother, now and the hour I die.

O if too weak to call on thy darling name When the now and the hour of my death are one and the same,

Failing of tongue, as failing of eye and of ear, Still on the beat of my heart my Mother shall hear,

Sweetest of names e'er given to the earth save one, Mother of mine, thy name with the name of thy Son.

Jesus! Mary! O dearest and loveliest! His name on thine, as erst His head on thy breast.

Pray for me, Mother,—oh, pray for me now, I cry!
God only know if it be this hour I die.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D.)

♣ A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY!

- Father Martin Stepanich and Sister Mary Olive are elderly Franciscan Traditional Religious who are very independent yet needing assistance of light duties throughout the week—cooking, cleaning errands, etc. Father offers daily Mass in his chapel—at the age of 91.
- Unique live-in, or live-out. Located 30 - 40 minutes from Chicago.
 - Daily Traditional Latin Mass offered in private chapel.
 - Cincinnati 5 hours by car. Car may be provided for light use.
 - Paid position. Part-time hours. Light work, easy maintenance.
 - Room is provided in shared accommodation. Privacy provided.
 - Extensive library available for good Catholic reading.
 - Spiritual life and daily Mass / recitation of prayers / hymns.
 - Regular breaks / vacation can be taken as needed.
 - Current valid driver's license would be helpful.

Position would suit one having another part-time job, a student, overseas visitor, or care/nurse. Religious are preferred, yet all applicants will be considered. This would also suit a female who is very modest in dress, and aspires to the spiritual life.

If you would like to be considered for this position, or receive more information, please express your interest a.s.a.p. to Cecilia Omlor at ceciliaomlor@hotmail.com with current resume and 3 references.

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♣ OUR BELOVED DEAD

In your charity, please remember all those who have, over the years, died during the months of October and November: Matilda Hamer, Maria B. Bludau, Edwin Lavern Newman, James Lehman, Agnes Bandy, Mark Moser, C. Baumgartner, Victor W. Feighery, Marie F. Borger, Vera L. DuBroca, Lavern Elmlinger, Belvie M. Mills, Lawrence Brueggemann, Susan Schmidt, Gertrude Bollhauer, Patrick Shawn Meredith, Patricia Ann Buckley, Frank Alban, Sr., Edward P. Fradl, Geraldine A. Gilker, Judith E. LeBlance, Charles S. Blase, M.D., Nick DiBerardino, Robert M. Deardorff, Nicholas J. Bischak, Frank J. Koerner, Rev. Francis LeBlanc, Elizabeth M. Richter.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

♣ UNCERTAIN TRUMPET

Most of our Catholics are conscious of the often confused and confusing voices of certain clergy, be they of the Novus Ordo or some traditionalist faction. We do our best to explain here at St. Gertrude the clear Catholic principles to which we should adhere. In that same charitable spirit I need to warn you about some well-meaning but mistaken laymen who solicit your attention either on the internet or the lecture tour.

These men have never had the benefit of a methodical and proper theological formation. They are entirely self-taught and yet hold forth with much confidence on all of the great subjects of the day. I fear they generate more heat (hot air?) than light, and are likely to mislead their audience, "dicey" as they are on some points of doctrine.

If your clergy thought anyone had any reliable, worthwhile message, they would certainly invite them to speak at church, or promote their website. Absent this, please remember that too much information can be a dangerous thing. On the other hand, there is no such thing as "too much prayer." Stay home, or stay off, and pray a Rosary instead.

—Bishop Dolan

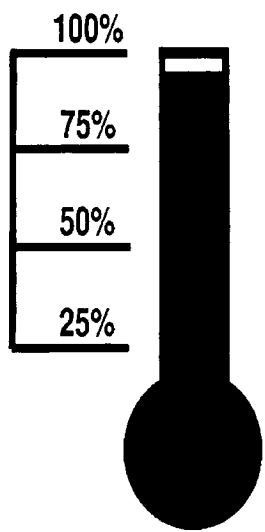
Obedience is the only virtue which plants all the other virtues in the mind, and preserves them once they are planted. —ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



FREEDOM FROM OUR INFIRMITY

We must not complain or run away in time of darkness, because out of the darkness is born the light. *Oh, God, tender love, what sweet teaching You give us that virtue is learned through what is contrary to it!* Because of impatience, patience is acquired, for people who are conscious of their own impatience become patient because of what they suffer. They are impatient with their impatience, more sad that they are sad at all than for anything else. And so out of opposites we come to learn perfection without even noticing it. We discover that we have become perfect

OUR GOAL



OCTOBER RECTORY FUND FINAL FIGURES

October Monthly goal	\$5000.00
October Matching funds	\$5000.00
Received to date	\$4914.00
Matching funds to date	\$4914.00
Received to date	\$9828.00
Percent of monthly goal received	98.3%
Possible contributors	200
Contributors to date	94
Percent contributing	47%

THANK YOU!!! *To all who participated in the October Rectory Fund Matching Funds drive. Your Support is greatly appreciated!*

✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



MON. 11/06/06	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 11:30 AM Requiem High Mass <i>Purgatorial Society</i> 4:15-6:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (Cancelled for this week) St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (Sharonville Library)
TUES 11/07/06	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 11:30 AM High Mass <i>Special Intention (Michael Di Salvo)</i> 1:15 PM School Departure for Indulged Cemetery Visit St. Stephen's in Hamilton 3:30 PM Confessions 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>Robert & Kathy Erickson (Jim Soli)</i>
WED 11/08/06	OCTAVE DAY OF ALL SAINTS - HOLY FOUR CROWNED MARTYRS 6:30 AM Low Mass † <i>Rosemary & Clifford Breitenstein (Tom & Connie Kamphaus)</i> 11:30 AM High Mass † <i>Charles & Elinor Richardson (M/M Mark Lotarski & Family)</i> 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
THUR 11/09/06	DEDICATION OF ST SAVIOR'S BASILICA St Theodore, M 11:30 AM High Mass <i>Sanctification of Priests (Alter Christus)</i> 7:00 PM Compline
FRI 11/10/06	ST ANDREW AVELLINO, C - Ss TRYPHON & COMP, MM 11:15 AM Confessions 11:30 AM High Mass <i>In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony & the SGG Picnic Search Squad (Kathy Cozzens)</i> 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass , Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction, Confessions † <i>Dorothy Harris - Sister (William Harris)</i>
SAT 11/11/06	ST MARTIN OF TOURS, BPC ST MENNAS, M - VETERANS' DAY 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass , Confessions <i>Special Intention (H.O. & Becky Hinton)</i> 4:30 PM Confessions
SUN 11/12/06	PENTECOST XXIII - ST MARTIN I, PM PATRONAGE OF O L 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>For Those Who Prayed for My Stroke (John)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass <i>John & Diane Powell - 50th Wedding Anniversary (Helen Mahlsing)</i> 10:40 AM Childrens' Confessions 11:00 AM Veterans' Day Absolution Service 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>In Honor of St. Joseph, Prayers Answered (The Bohman Family)</i> 3:30 PM Annual Cemetery Visit - Rosary Procession Gate of Heaven Cemetery 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the People of St. Gertrude</i>

A PRAYER FOR VETERANS' DAY

O ST. MARTIN, who didst exchange military weapons for the glorious armor of Christ our King, pray for all who have died in military service, that they may exchange suffering and death for life eternal and grant us, the living, so to fight on as good soldiers of Christ, never shirking duty, ever seeking our Sovereign's glory, seeing both and serving Him in the least of His members. Amen.

We are hoping for a fairly quiet "catch-up" week here at church, after all of the splendors of the past few days. Fr. Cekada must, however, hurry off to Florida for his travelling professor week. Fr. Thielen, who has been visiting the Milwaukee and Louisiana chapels this past week, is in to offer the evening Mass, leaving Fr. Saavedra free to celebrate his birthday with his parishioners. Happy Birthday, Father!

Next weekend big doings are on the horizon as many priests and faithful gather in Detroit for the ordination of a new priest on November 15th. Fr. Disposito and some of the visiting clergy and seminarians will then come to West Chester, where we will be hosting them for what happily is the Solemnity of St. Gertrude the Great, and the third anniversary of our dedication, as Fr. Disposito celebrates one of his first Solemn High Masses.

As true priests are being trained and ordained, it is my sad duty to request prayers for the flock of Our Lady of Fatima chapel in Richmond, VA. The SSPX has installed an invalid priest in that chapel, a Novus Ordo clergyman (never re-ordained) who mixes old and new in his non-Mass. This is most serious, and shows how serious the Society is about joining Ratzinger's Three Ring Circus, the One World Church. Will Cincinnati be next?

In the meantime, we must constantly strive to "get the good word out." I apologize, then, for the poor state of our P.A. system, the blurred words and lost phrases. I am at a loss for what to do, and can only recommend that those who *want* to hear the whole sermon but can't should sit near the pulpit—that seems to help. On the other hand, if you'd rather *not* hear the sermon, we can accommodate that too!

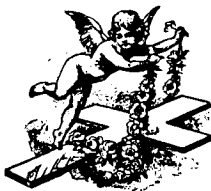
Speaking of hearing, poor Fr. Cekada has a chronic throat condition which makes it very difficult to hear confessions for any length of time, because whispering is actually very hard on the vocal cords. Please pray for Father's throat, and pray too for our regular confessor, Fr. Thielen.

If anyone did miss the Christ the King sermon, one of its essential points concerned the problem of pants on women. Women's clothing is immodest which draws the eyes of a man to that which is distinctive and pleasing, in the female sex. To cause another to sin is to commit a sin. 'Nuff said!

For the unatoned sins of the Poor Souls let us pray and sacrifice all November, and have Masses offered. We had an excellent little attendance at our six All Souls Day Masses. Our students chanted the Office of the Dead with us, and sang and served the High Mass with distinction. Let us all persevere in Purgatorial prayer this this month.

—Bishop Dolan

May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to His call, what are the riches of glory in His inheritance among the holy ones. Amen. (cf. Eph 1: 18)



✠ THOUGHTS FOR A SUNDAY AFTERNOON'S READING

in the midst of storms and temptations. And there is no other way one can ever arrive at the port of perfection. So reflect on this: we cannot receive or even desire virtue unless we have desires and harassment and temptation to suffer with true holy patience for love of Christ crucified. We must, then, be happy and glad in time of struggle, temptation, and darkness, since they are the source of so much virtue and joy...

I want you to gain knowledge of yourself, without confusion, from the darkness. And from your good will I want you to gain knowledge of God's infinite goodness and boundless charity. In such knowledge may your soul live and grow fat. Realize that in His love God preserves your good will and doesn't let it run with consent and pleasure after the devil's suggestions. So it is in love that He has permitted you and me and His other servants all these temptations and illusions from the devil, from other people, and from our own flesh, simply to rouse us from our indifference and bring us to a real sense of responsibility, true humility, and blazing charity. This humility comes from self-knowledge, and this charity from knowledge of God's goodness. And there the soul becomes drunk and consumed with love.

—ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

"Resist your impatience faithfully, practicing, not only with reason, but even against reason, holy courtesy and sweetness to all, but especially to those who weary you the most."

—ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

¶ NOVEMBER 7TH - ELECTION DAY

When you go to the poles to vote this coming Tuesday, remember some of the following, know for whom you are voting, and pray before you cast your ballot.

Conservative evangelicals insist that the founders of the Republic were all pious Christians. In fact, few of the men who led the revolution or drafted the constitution could be described as pious or even orthodox. Washington was an ordinary Anglican, which even in the 18th century meant very little, while John Adams was a Unitarian, Jefferson a mildly anti-Christian deist, and Ben Franklin a

skeptical freemason as well as a rake. America—alas, it is all too true—has been swept periodically by revivals and cult crazes. Many of the cultists went west and ended up in California, the last stop of the rootless and disaffected before falling into the Pacific.

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For American Christians, what they say they believe does not always translate into concrete actions or even into support for Christian moral positions. They complain, occasionally, about the prohibition of prayer in school and resent media attacks on religion, but they seem unaffected by the pervasive blasphemy of television commercials and by the barbaric post-Christian morality of everyday life in these United States.

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The United States was never a 'Christian country' in a confessional sense, though it was once a nation of mostly Christians. Today, it is a nation with a weak-kneed Christian majority that elects, year after year, an actively anti-Christian political class that encourages divorce, protects abortion and pornography, and banishes prayer and Christian symbols from public places. Republican leaders, it is true, pander to their Christian constituents, but they have never and will never lift a finger to advance the cause of Christian morality, much less Christian faith.

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To compare apples with apples, the most prominent conservative Catholics in the United States are the so-called neoconservatives. They are indifferent or hostile to the traditional liturgy, defend the discovery of democratic capitalism as an event of 'incarnational significance' (Michael Novak), and have routinely defended US foreign policy. Catholic neoconservatives represent the triumph of 'Americanism' in the Church. They are more Republican than Catholic, more loyal to George Bush than to any Pope. In secular, anti-Catholic France, a Catholic

✠ THE CORNER

✠ AIDING THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

The souls whom divine justice detains in the cleansing flames of Purgatory suffer most keenly; yet they enjoy, nevertheless, a holy peace and even happiness in the midst of their sufferings. And who fills them with that peace and happiness? It is the Holy Ghost, their Comforter.

Moreover, it is the Holy Ghost who, by His divine revelation, has made known the state and condition of these suffering souls. He it is who inspires men on earth to come to their assistance, and who supplies them with the means to relieve the sufferings and hasten the day of their deliverance.

Thus the Holy Ghost comforts them through others. The more, therefore, you are filled with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, the more readily will you come to the assistance of the poor suffering souls in Purgatory and comfort them in their distress.

—FR. FIEGE, *The Paraclete*



has to be resolute, even courageous; in America, he just goes with the flow.

A typical American may go to church too often to be respectable, but when he walks out on the street he is either a little liberal or else a little conservative. If there really were a 'Christian America', Hollywood would be broke, and the ashes of both political parties would be reposing quietly in the dustbin of history.

(I have lived 60 years in the United States, the first 25 of them as an atheist, the last 35 as an increasingly reactionary Christian. I have never witnessed the great piety and deep spirituality which I have heard described in 4 July addresses and in semi-scholarly tomes on American religion. We are a practical people, above all else, and, as I have heard repeatedly from business and political leaders, religion makes good sense: the man who goes to church also goes to work, takes care of his family, pays his taxes. This is religiosity, not Christianity.)

—THOMAS FLEMING

(excerpts from: *Why American Is Not A Christian Country*)