

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 23, 2007 - PENTECOST XVII
ST. LINUS, PM - ST. THECLA, VM

Fourth Sunday of the Month - Vespers and Benediction at 1:10 PM. Childrens' confessions will be heard at 10:30 AM.

HELP!

We're needing some assistance in the sacristy and church work, particularly some good souls to iron albs and altar linens - even an hour or two once a month would be appreciated. This will help Sister as she recuperates from surgery. It is an honor to iron Christ's garments. Talk to Katie Bischak. She didn't think she could iron, but now is doing a fine job. Same with flowers!

THIS WEEK:

Tomorrow we keep the last of Our Lady's September feasts, "of Ransom" or as popularly known the consoling title "Our Lady of Mercy."

On Tuesday, a ferial day, we offer *Requiem Masses*, remembering not to forget the Poor Souls. Prayers made as it were "Through Purgatory" are especially efficacious.

I hope you all, but especially our home schooling families will remember the **Tuesday 5:45 PM Mass**. A year ago, when the 13th Tuesday of St. Anthony passed, some of you mentioned that this would be a convenient time for Mass, so I continue to schedule it. Don't forget to work at least one week day Mass (preferably with a sermon for the children) into your regular schedule.

Meanwhile, our own students are privileged to have daily High Mass and sermon. The boys learn to serve, and all the children to sing, and to draw nigh to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament daily. Lucky few!

Wednesday sees a special feast for us, our own **North American Martyrs**, who shed their blood in what is now upstate New York, and Canada. They should be honored, these French Jesuit missionaries, martyrs for Christ the King, as our own particular patrons.

On **Thursday** we honor the charming **Cosmas & Damian**, the "holy physicians without pay," and representative of a happy, pre-Moslem Arabia.

Good King Wenceslaus rounds out the school week on **Friday**, and this year **Michaelmas**, the great feast of the angels and their head, falls on **Saturday**, the day before our own **Angel Sunday**.

Please note that due to the Bishop's absence, the Mass schedule is less. Try still to attend.

PRAYERS PLEASE...

In your charity please pray for Pat Harpin, Dr. and Mrs. Jack Powell, Maria Webster, Mike Ribar Sr., Father Paul Andrade, Mr. Frank Cekada.

A Prayer To Be Said by the Sick

O clement and pious Mother whose soul was pierced by the sword of sorrow, behold us poor sick beside you on the Calvary of your Jesus.

We, chosen for the sublime grace of suffering, and desiring to fulfill also in our own flesh that which is wanting in the Passion of Christ, for that Body of His which is the Church, consecrate to you our persons and our sufferings, so that you may offer them both on the altar of the Cross of your Divine Son as the humble victims of propitiation for our spiritual well-being and that of our brothers.

Accept, O sorrowful Mother, this our dedication and confirm in our hearts the great hope that, as we share the sufferings of Christ, we may thus share in his comfort here and in eternity. Amen. - POPE PIUS XII



ROSARY CONFRATERNITY NEWS

A public rosary will be prayed at the Auburn Street abortion clinic on Saturday, September 29, following the last Mass. Please join us in this powerful prayer in reparation for the sin of abortion and to beseech Our Lady's assistance in putting a quick end to this heinous crime.

Hshers

SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

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

Servers

SEPTEMBER 10TH, - SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2007

*TUE 09/25 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney
*WED 09/26 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
*FRI 09/28 5:45 PM LOW & BEN: Keaveney, Briggs, Ritze, Bayer
*SAT 09/29 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
8:00 AM HIGH: P. Lotarski, J. Lotarski, A. Lotarski, D. Poeppelman, J. Bayer, M. Briggs
*SUN 09/30 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson, A. Lotarski
ACs: B. Lotarski, G. Wnek TH: S. Cozzens TORCH: S. Arlinghaus, T. Kunkel, N. McClorey, A. Richesson
11:30 AM LOW: G. Miller, I. French
1:10 PM VESPERS & BEN: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: C. Ritze

Collection Report

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2007 \$3,943.00

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

TO FELICITY WHO CALLS ME MARY

FRANCES CHESTERTON

You go singing through my garden on little dancing feet
Crying "Mary, Mary, Mary," with laughter shrill and sweet;
And the lily bud grows paler and the passion flower flames,
As light upon the wandering breeze you toss the name of names.

When I was but a tiny child, they chose for me a saint,
Fulfilled of Christian charity and heavenly restraint;
But you have called me Mary, and oh! I joy to hear
The name of God's own Mother come so gaily on the air.

What though my arms be empty, and hers for ever press
The eternal Child who touches you with such divine caress,
Here's another love, Felicity, and oh, sweetheart, drink deep,
That you may laugh more easily, and I forget to weep.

For you have called me Mary, making bitter waters sweet,
Oh little soul of happiness, oh little dancing feet;
And I grow bold in honor, that all my spirit shames,
As light upon the wandering breeze you toss the name of names.

(Dedicated to our Felicities!)



WITH LOVE COMES TRUST

JOHN SEYFRIED

He created us and loves us, this we know.
And the more we learn about Him, the more our love for Him grows.
The more our love for Him grows, the more secure we feel,
In the knowledge that He'll help us through this vale of tears.
So any time we think of it, let's let Him know,
"Thank you, Sweet Jesus, for loving us so!"

✠ THE CALENDAR

- MON 09/24/07 OUR LADY OF RANSOM -**
11:30 AM High Mass - Dr. & Mrs. Powell (Bishop Dolan)
4:15-6:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (Sharonville Park)
St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (Sharonville Park)
- TUES 09/25/07 FERIAL DAY -**
11:30 AM Requiem High Mass - Purgatorial Society
5:45 PM Low Mass - Holy Souls (Jim & Barbara Kolenich)
- WED 09/26/07 Ss ISAAC JOGUES & COMP, MM- Ss CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM -**
6:30 AM Low Mass - Janne Ahlgrin (M/M Tom Kunkel & Family)
11:30 AM High Mass - In honor of the North American Martyrs, for our land.
- THUR 09/27/07 Ss COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM-**
11:30 AM High Mass - †Elmer J. Gates - B'day remembrance (Lorraine Gates)
- FRI 09/28/07 ST. WENCESLAUS, DUKE, M -**
11:00 AM Confessions
11:30 AM High Mass - Poor Souls (Wanke Family)
5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena & Benediction & Confessions - Intentions of Dr. Mary Ann Wozny (Bernie Brueggemann)
- SAT 09/29/07 DEDICATION OF ST. MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL -**
6:30 AM Low Mass & Confessions - Pro-Life (Rosary Confraternity)
7:45 AM Confessions
8:00 AM High Mass - In Honor of St. Michael & for intentions of Tom Nies
10:00 AM Rosary at the Auburn St. abortion Clinic
- SUN 09/30/07 PENTECOST XVIII- ST JEROME, CD - ANGEL SUNDAY- Confessions will be heard before all Masses (BLESSING OF CHILDREN AFTER ALL MASSES)**
7:30 AM Low Mass- †Ronald E. Kitchen (Marge Kitchen)
9:00 AM High Mass- Special Intention (H.O. & Becky Hinton)
11:30 AM Low Mass - Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart (Kuebler Family)
1:10 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass- For the People of St. Gertrude

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

This Sunday our "guest celebrant" for all the Masses and Childrens' Confessions is Father Saavedra. Father Cekada is changing places with him today and thus visiting St. Clare, where he was pastor for many years. I am at Most Holy Trinity Seminary in Florida, about to begin giving the annual retreat to the students.



I want to report an excellent September Fatima Rosary Procession. God Bless all who turned out. We have decided to stay with our traditional candlelight evening procession to mark the end of this year's series, next month October 13th at 7:00 PM. Please circle that date.

We are looking forward to another wonderful Rosary Sunday next month. Dr. Tom Droleskey will be returning from Florida as our featured speaker for the Confraternity Breakfast. His topic, "The Rosary and Naturalism," is a daunting one, especially as he has promised to bring it in at thirty minutes. Plan to be with us for the blessing of the roses, procession, and breakfast after the October 7th High Mass.

We are also planning an enrollment ceremony for new Confraternity members on one of the November Sundays. The Saturdays in October will have the same program as last year – you will be asked to attend one of them, for October Devotions. Please do!

Last Sunday afternoon was cool and sunny for our parish picnic. The food was good, the games were great, and everyone enjoyed an opportunity to socialize. Thank you to those who organized, cooked, and cleaned up. We could not do it without you, and very much appreciate your contribution.

We're still waiting (I write this last Tuesday) for the new "non-echo" speakers to be hooked up and functional. We're still waiting for a little rain as well. Probably our prayers would help. The other projects are coming along nicely.

Did you notice the three gilded hearts over the altar? I'll tell you about them next week. Meanwhile, be sure to give your heart each day to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary.

I send a blessing from Florida (Say a prayer there are no hurricanes this week!)

–Bishop Dolan

Social Justice and Charity

"In Catholic Tradition, of the four sins that cry out to Heaven for vengeance, two deal with issues of social justice: defrauding a worker of his wages, and oppressing the poor. This ought to inform us of the importance Holy Mother Church attaches to issues of economic justice and social charity, to which so-called conservatives sadly don't assign priority.

"To quote Hilaire Belloc, the Catholic mind has always been characterized by sanity and lucidity. What sane and lucid person could possibly repose faith in the Republican Party on moral issues? Bush dropped opposition to gay rights from the 2000 Republican Party platform. He backed off on vouchers and tuition tax credits for Catholic schools, two weeks before his 2001 inauguration. (Most politicians have the simple human decency to wait until after they are sworn into office to break their campaign promises.)

As George Bush spoke to the Knights of Columbus extolling the right to life, Colin Powell went on PBS to boast that the Bush administration had tripled condom distribution in Africa; and it is

under the Bush administration that federal funding for Planned Parenthood has reached an all-time high.

"Of course one cannot ignore the fact that four out of seven Supreme Court Justices appointed by Ford, Reagan, and Bush 41 ended up supporting *Roe v. Wade*. (We are) right to be skeptical of both political parties. (May I remind readers that the late Supreme Court justices who authored the *Roe* decision, Harry Blackmun and William Brennan, were both Republican appointees, as were three of the four Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court justices who voted to legalize homosexual marriage.)

(Others are) setting up the old trap by which English Protestants defeated Catholics in the 17th century: Because Cromwell and the Puritans were so extreme and anti-Catholic, British and Irish Catholics ended up supporting the Stuart dynasty, which betrayed them every time.

(An excerpt from a letter in *The Wanderer*, edited slightly – Bishop Dolan)

¶NEXT SUNDAY

Father McGuire will be with us for *Confession Sunday*. Confessions will be heard before and or during all Masses. Fr. McGuire particularly will be available for confession from **11-11:40 AM**.

The traditional *Angel Sunday* Blessing of Children and their dedication to their Guardian Angels will be offered after all Masses.

Early Vespers and Benediction are at **1:10 PM**.

Next Sunday is **Pentecost XVIII** with the commemoration of **St. Jerome, CD**. Set your missal—**Pentecost XVIII** with the commemorations of St. Jerome, CD **PREFACE:** of the Trinity.

¶WE GET LETTERS...

"We certainly hope your parishioners appreciate as well as participate in all the numerous devotions you offer them. We are jealous as very little is offered for the faithful in our church. At least we have the Mass and sacraments to partake of. We will stay some time after Mass to learn all over how to meditate in front of Our Blessed Lord in the Tabernacle."

(From an out of state regular reader of our bulletin)

¶PROFOUNDLY PERSONAL

If we substitute *our, us, we*, in the "Our Father" with *my, me, I*; the result is quite profound. Just try it, and you'll see why.

—JOHN SEYFRIED



¶COLLECT FOR RAIN

O God, in whom we live, move and have our being, grant us seasonable rain, so that our temporal needs being sufficiently supplied, we may seek with greater confidence after things eternal. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

¶ANOTHER PRAYER FOR RAIN

Grant us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, beneficial rain and deign to pour out showers from heaven upon the parched face of the earth. Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

"MOTHER" THEIR DEATH CRY

"After the battle that day you could not hear yourself talk any more in the trenches for the cries of the wounded. It was like one great uninterrupted wail... Then, little by little, silence came, as a good many of them died. What we heard sound longest on the battlefield, from one end to the other—was the dying 'Mother!' It is always those who are dying who call like that; we know that now."—*Letter from a War Nurse*.

"Mother!" they cry in anguish at the last,
These strong young soldiers stricken unto death.

"Mother!" All sweet with memories of the past,
That name, they gasp it forth with failing breath.

But woe for them! no mother's hand may now,
How'er fain, the earthen pillow smooth;
No mother's soft caress can reach the brow.
No mother's voice the suffering spirit soothe.

So here they lie in battle's dread abyss,
These youthful victims of the nations' wrath;
And each one, dying, crave his mother's kiss
And, friend or foe, one longing each one hath.

Mother of God, although their lips may frame
No prayer to thee, no tribute to thy power,
When each poor lad invokes his mother's name,
Be thou his Mother in that last dark hour.

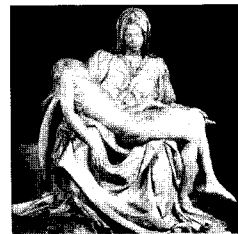
—DENNIS A. MCCARTHY

A pathetic picture of the horrors of war. There is great consolation to a Catholic mother in sending her boy to war in knowing that there is one mother that will be always near him and to whom he can turn.



Heart of Mary, comfort of the sad, pray for us.

BLESSED JULIANA DE COLLALTO
VIRGIN AND RELIGIOUS (1186-1262)



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MERCY

SEPTEMBER 24

Mother of Mercy, day by day
My love of thee grows more and more;
Thy Gifts are strewn upon my way
Like sands upon the great seashore.

Though poverty, and work, and woe,
The masters of my life may be,
When times are worst who does not know
Darkness is light with love of thee?

But scornful men have coldly said
Thy love was leading me from God;
And yet in this I did but tread
The very path my Saviour trod.

They know but little of thy worth
Who speak these heartless words to me,
For what did Jesus love on earth
One half so tenderly as thee?

Get me the grace to love thee more—
Jesus will give if thou wilt plead;
And, Mother, when life's cares are o'er,
Oh, I shall love thee then indeed.

Jesus, when His three hours were run,
Bequethed thee from the Cross to me;
Oh! then how can I love thy Son,
Sweet Mother, if I love not thee?

FATHER FABER



Mary became the Mother of the Divine Word Incarnate for the sake of sinful man.
Will she not be to us also a loving Mother?

—ILDEFONSO CARDINAL SCHUSTER

O Mother of mercy, I fervently recommend to your loving maternal heart the Savior's beloved souls, who suffer still in purgatory, that quickly they may be comforted with eternal happiness.

Rosary Sunday, October 7, 2007



Join us as we celebrate Rosary Sunday, October 7th. Roses will be sold before the 9 AM and 11:30 AM Masses.

A Rosary procession will take place after the 9 AM Mass. Following the procession, there will be an excellent breakfast in the Helfta Hall. The cost is \$20.00 per family or \$7.00 per person.

Dr. Thomas Droleskey will give an excellent talk on the Rosary and Naturalism. Please join us!