

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ TODAY, JUNE 29, 2008, SS. PETER & PAUL



Today is the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul with a commemoration and Last Gospel of Pentecost VII.

Confessions are being heard before and or during all Masses. Festive early Vespers and Benediction at 1:10 PM.

✠ THIS WEEK

Please note the special schedule of Masses this week due to Bp. Dolan's European trip.



Tuesday is the Feast of the Precious Blood, which is solemnized next Sunday. The St. Anthony Devotion follows the 8:00 AM Mass.

Wednesday is the charming summer Feast of the Visitation, the Second Joyful Mystery. High Mass is at 5:00 PM.

First Thursday Mass is at 8:00 AM. Remember to pray for priests today and every day. Pray as well for vocations.

First Friday is also Independence Day. Due to the national holiday there are no evening services or All Night Adoration. Come and make reparation to the Sacred Heart as we pray for our country at the 9:00 AM Mass and Benediction. Please note that the Friday abstinence is traditionally dispensed. Meat may be eaten on Friday, July 4th.

First Saturday of the Month of the Scapular is observed with 7:30 AM Mass, followed by Rosary and First Saturday Devotions.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

The second collection is taken for the support of our Seminary. The blessing of religious articles will be available after all Masses at the communion rail.

Set your missal: The Solemnity of the Precious Blood (July 1st) is observed at all Masses. Gloria & Credo, Preface of the Cross. Proper Last Gospel of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost. At the low Masses there is a commemoration of the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost and of the Octave Day of Ss. Peter and Paul.

✠ PRAYERS, PLEASE.

Please continue to pray for Tim Hopkins, Sister Olive and Father Martin Stepanich, and Father Vincent as well.

In your charity please pray for the mother of Father Jamie Siordia, Magdalena Portugal Alba, who died last Tuesday evening and was buried in Guadalajara, Mexico.

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

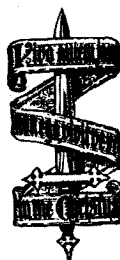
Sunday evning, July 13th at 7 o'clock, **Fatima Rosary Procession** in West Chester. We meet at Union Centre and Floer Dr. in the parking lot of the First Watch Restaurant.

The **Knights of the Sacred Heart Boys' Summer Camp** will be held July 22-24 here in West Chester. Plan now to have your boys ages six to fourteen to attend. If you can assist with the supervision, please contact Father Saavedra.

The Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas and the St. Angela Merici Girls Group are sponsoring a **Girls' Day camp** here at St. Gertrude the Great from August 21 to 23. Contact the parish office for additional information.

✠ DRESS CODE

Summer is here and the temperature is warm but, ladies please remember to dress modestly and not wear sleeveless, sheer or revealing tops to church. Men and boys must wear a coat and tie to Sunday Mass. Our church is kept cool so that you can easily follow this common sense dress code.



Ushers

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

THE AGONY OF JESUS IN THE GARDEN

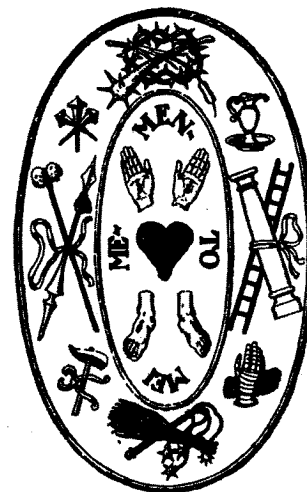
Through darkest night alone,
Cast down in Gethsemane,
In dread agony I atone
With sweat of blood for thee.
But thou, alas—who knows
If ever dost think of me!

—Anonymous

THE AGONY

Here, where with bloody sweat
The ground is wet,
The brutal thorn is bred
To crown His head:—
Dost thou, avenging sod,
Curse home thy God?

—John B. Tabb



Serbers

JUNE 30 - JULY 6, 2008

•MON 6/30 8:00 AM Low: A. & Jn. Lotarski
•TUE 6/24 8:00 AM Low: B. Lotarski & T. Kunkel
•WED 6/25 5:00 PM High: G. Keaveney
•THU 6/26 8:00 AM Low: B. & Jn. Lotarski
•FRI 6/27 9:00 AM Low: M. G. Keaveney, C. Ritze, J. Bayer, J. Soli
•SAT 6/28 7:30 AM Low: T. & C. Simpson
•SUN 6/29 7:30 AM Low: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM High: MCs: T. Simpson; TH: R. Hill
ACs: B. Lotarski, T. Simpson;
TORCH: J. Simpson, P. Duff, N. McClurey, A. Richesson;
Cross: T. Kunkel
11:30 AM Low: J. Soli, G. Wnek
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, June 22.....\$4668.00

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

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	6/30/08	COMMEMORATION OF ST. PAUL 8:00 AM Low Mass <i>The Briggs family & their intentions</i>
TUES	7/1/08	THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST <i>Week 3 of the Thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony follows Mass</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass <i>In reparation for sins against Our Lord and Our Lady (Kathleen Mary West)</i>
WED	7/2/08	VISITATION OF OUR LADY <i>Ss. Processus & Martinian, Mm</i> 5:00 PM High Mass <i>In honor of Our Lady for all the chapels and missions we serve</i>
THUR	7/3/08	ST. LEO II, PC WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF SS. PETER & PAUL FIRST THURSDAY 7:45 AM Confessions 8:00 AM Low Mass <i>Sanctification of Priests (Alter Christus Confraternity)</i>
FRI	7/4/08	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF SS. PETER & PAUL FIRST FRIDAY / INDEPENDENCE DAY <i>All Holy Roman Pontiffs</i> 8:30 AM Confessions 9:00 AM Low Mass <i>In honor of Mary Immaculate for the conversion of our country</i> Followed by Novena, Benediction, & Confessions N.B. NO ALL NIGHT ADORATION
SAT	7/5/08	ST. ANTHONY MARY ZACCARIA, C FIRST SATURDAY 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>†Richard T. Dailey-7th anniversary (Tom & Stella Simpson)</i> Rosary, First Saturday Devotions, and Confessions follow Mass
SUN	7/6/08	SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PENTECOST VIII OCTAVE DAY OF SS. PETER & PAUL 7:30 AM Low Mass <i>Eldon Neukam & family (Frances Mattingly)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass <i>Bernie Brueggemann (Jog-a-thon award)</i> 11:30 AM Low Mass <i>†Alberta Courter (Bernie Brueggemann)</i> 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the people of St. Gertrude the Great</i>

✠ THE APOSTLES AND THE AGONY

His heart was filled with kindness, despite His anguish and grief. Deeply yearning for sympathetic companionship, He turned His eyes to Peter, who shortly before they had come to the garden, had so staunchly insisted that he would rather die than deny Jesus. Now the Lord cautioned him: "Simon, dost thou sleep? Couldst thou not watch one hour?" (Mark 14:37 f) In the midst of His agony He was still concerned about their future: "Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit is indeed willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matt. 26:41).

Scarcely anything is so depressing in anguish as to plead for help and find no real understanding among one's friends, among those most naturally expected to be kind and considerate. This is what happened

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✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Blessed Feast Day of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul. This is a fortnight of feasts, and we will celebrate them with all possible devotion and spiritual joy.

This was certainly the case for St. John's Eve. The vigil of the "greatest saint born of women" was kept with the rejoicing to the angels and men. The angels surely were happy to see so many at Mass and Communion on a Monday night in summer. The bishop rejoiced in the beautiful and well attended Vespers. We all (well, not the angels) enjoyed an excellent cookout supper in the cloister with a chance for games and socializing. How nice it was to welcome guests, including a good contingent from our friends at Immaculate Conception Church.

The highlight of the evening was the St. John's Fire, which burned brightly in the night. We blessed it, and sang St. John's Vesper hymn. The improvised "campfire" program which followed worked very well. I led off with a St. John poem, and then a children's one from Milne. Father Cekada gave an engaging explanation of the Vesper hymn as the origin of the Do, Re, Me, the musical scale. We were impressed with his dramatic rendering of the *Charge of the Light Brigade*, and then did our best with some classic campfire songs. Soon it was time for marshmallows and s'mores. We finished our evening at about 10:30 with the joyful mysteries of the rosary.

Our first St. John's Eve turned out to be just about perfect, (weather, attendance, activities) and we thank St. John, Our Lord, and all who contributed to this wonderful spiritual vigil and enjoyable summer's evening.

We are now in the height of summer, and many of you will be traveling as will I. Pardon the abbreviated Mass schedule this week, but please do participate in these beautiful Masses, feasts, and devotions.

I leave for France tomorrow evening, and will also be visiting Belgium for a round of Masses, Confirmations, and meetings. God willing, I return on July 10th.

Things are going pretty well on the volunteer worker front, and several families have stepped forward to help Katie in the sacristy. We are still, however, in DESPERATE NEED of some help in the ironing department – be it only one hour a month! Please take up the privilege of preparing the linens for the Holy Sacrifice. Great graces await you.

God bless you and grant us all safe trips until we meet again.

In the Sacred Heart,

—Bishop Dolan

to Jesus when He turned to His three chosen disciples. It was vain to seek sympathy from these three lying asleep before Him in the full light of the moon. They were far away, remote. Not even Peter, always impetuous, sensed what was taking place.

Well after the Agony, St. Paul (who as Saul had caused Christ to suffer so!) wrote: "For you have been given the favor on Christ's behalf—not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him" (Philip. 1:29). The words of St. Paul agree with the following from St. Peter: "But rejoice, in so far as you are partakers of the sufferings of Christ, that you may also rejoice with exultation in the revelation of His glory" (I Pet. 4:13).

The one who suffers not only secures his own salvation, —this ideal is always before Paul's eyes—but he also works in a mysterious way for the strengthening of Christ's mysterious work. Paul says: "I rejoice now in the sufferings I bear for your sake; and what is lacking of the sufferings of Christ I fill up in my flesh for His body, which is the Church" (Col. 1:24).

