

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

☞ **TODAY, AUGUST 31, 2008, PENTECOST XVI AND ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS.**

This is a quiet Sunday at St. Gertrude's but we invite you to visit with us after Mass in Helfta Hall, as well as to visit our gift shop.

☞ THIS WEEK

Labor Day turns our thoughts to St. Joseph, patron of all who are devoted to labor. Come to honor him at our festive holiday **holy Mass, 9:00 AM.** The twelfth **Tuesday** of St. Anthony begins with St. Stephen, Hungry's King; 8:00 AM. Please note, as last week, the 5:00 PM distribution of Holy Communion if no evening Mass is scheduled. The great and so dishonored today name of **St. Pius X** calls us to Mass on **Wednesday** at **11:25 AM**, the first day of school. Remember **First Thursday** prayers for priests, and of course, the full **First Friday** and **First Saturday** program.

FIRST FRIDAY

Friday is the First Friday of the month. The schedule is as follows:

10:45 AM - Confessions

11:25 AM - Low Mass

5:15 PM - Confessions & Rosary

5:45 PM - Low Mass, Exposition, Novena, & Confessions

ADORATION CONTINUES ALL NIGHT

6:45 PM - Potluck Supper

7:30 PM - Parish Holy Hour

The intention for the All Night Adoration is: *In reparation to the Sacred Heart for the sins of schools who refuse His rights and royalty, and blessings for Catholic schools.*

"Come and watch one hour with me"

FIRST SATURDAY

Reparation Intention: *Her Perpetual Virginity: In Reparation to Mary's Immaculate Heart.*

6:30 AM - Low Mass

7:10 AM - Rosary & First Saturday Devotions

7:40 AM - Benediction

8:00 AM - Low Mass

☞ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of the Month. The Second Collection is for *Our Seminary and Mission Support.* The **Blessing of Religious Articles** follows all Masses. Enrollment for Sunday Catechism Classes takes place after all Masses. Plan to attend

festive early First Vespers of Our Lady's Nativity, with Benediction at 1:10 PM. *Set your missal: Pentecost XVII, September 7th.*

☞ UPCOMING EVENTS

Bring your children Monday September 8th to the 11:25 school Mass, followed by the Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings, (take home treat for the children!) and **take a treat** for "Baby Mary's Birthday."

Our annual Parish Picnic: September 21st. Mark your calendar!

☞ ADS

Can you help in the gift shop after the 11:30 Mass? Please speak to Connie Wozny.

Anyone interested in learning about the benefits of pre-planning cemetery arrangements please contact Kyle Rentschler at Spring Grove Cemetery (513) 853-4942.



Brooksville, FL - Live near Most Holy Trinity Semi-nary and Queen of All Saints Chapel and School. Four bed / 2 bath / 2 car garage 1820 sq. ft. golf course home built in 2005. Fully furnished home for lease or sale. Lease for \$1200 per month furnished or \$1000 a month unfurnished. Sale price \$175,000 furnished; \$167,500 unfurnished. Four other traditional families in the development. Call Joe Berry at 813-299-2662, 203-268-8703 or email him at: jiberryii@yahoo.com



Servers

SEPTEMBER 1 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

•MON 9/1 9:00 AM HIGH: G. Keaveney
8:00 AM LOW: T. Kunkel & B. Lotarski
5:00 PM DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION: J. Bayer
•TUE 9/2 5:00 PM DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION: G. Keaveney
5:00 PM DISTRIBUTE HOLY COMMUNION: C. Ritze
•WED 9/3 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, C. Ritze, J. Bayer, J. Soli
•THU 9/4 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
•FRI 9/5 8:00 AM LOW: M. Briggs & M. Derksen
•SAT 9/6 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
•SUN 9/7 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: J. & A. Lotarski; TH: R. Hill
AC: F. Puglielli, T. Kunkel; TORCH: N. McClorey,
N. Puglielli, J. Simpson, A. Richesson
11:30 AM LOW: G. Miller, G. Wnek
1:10 PM VESPERS & BENE: G. Miller, Jr., A., & B.
Lorarski, T. Kunkel
5:45 PM LOW: M. Derksen

Ashers

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

7:30 AM John Wiesman, Kent Maki, Joe Andreotta, Jim Kolenich
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 John Seyfried

Collection Report

Sunday, August 24th.....\$4,929.38

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

TO ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph, when the day was done
And all your work put by,
You saw the stars come one by one
Out in the violet sky.

You did not know the stars by name,
But there sat at your knee
One who had made the light and flame
And all things bright that be.

You heard with Him birds in the tree
Twitter "Good-night" o'erhead,
The Maker of the world must see
His little ones to bed.

Then when the darkness settled round,
To Him your prayers were said;
No wonder that your sleep was ground
The angels loved to tread.

—Charles L. O'Donnell, C.S.C.

THE HOLY HOUR?

So few stayed 'round to honor You
As You sat on Your throne exposed
'Tis a privilege offered, of which so few
did partake
They had other things to do, I suppose

Forgive them, O Lord, and keep them
close to Your heart
As You're always there for their every need
And I'll pray that they stay, when they
next have the chance
And together, we'll offer our love to Thee.

—John Seyfried

Fr. Ramolla asks for help!



Sacristy volunteers are needed for ironing. Ironing can be done at the church or at home. *Please contact Fr. Ramolla at the church.*



St. Pius X
Scourge of Modernists

O Glorious Pope of the Holy Eucharist, St. Pius X, you sought "to restore all things in Christ." Obtain for me a true love of Jesus Christ so that I may live only for Him. Help me to acquire a lively fervor and a sincere will to strive for sanctity of life, and that I may avail myself of the richness of the Holy Eucharist frequently. Amen.

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	9/01/08	LABOR DAY, ST. GILES AB, AND TWELVE HOLY BROTHERS, MM 9:00 AM Votive High Mass of St. Joseph <i>In Honor of St. Fiacre for Becky Mattingly (Bp. Dolan)</i>
TUES	9/02/08	ST. STEPHEN, KING OF HUNGARY C <i>Week 12 of the Thirteen Tuesdays in honor of St. Anthony follows Mass & distribution of Holy Communion.</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass <i>In Thanksgiving to St. Theresa & St. Anthony (Marianna)</i> 5:00 PM Distribution of Holy Communion
WED	9/03/08	ST. PIUS X PC, MOTHER OF THE DIVINE SHEPHERD 11:25 AM High Mass <i>In Honor of St. Pius X for the Society's conversion, also asking blessings upon our students and teachers</i> 5:00 PM Distribution of Holy Communion
THUR	9/04/08	FERIAL DAY, ST. ROSE OF VITERBO V 11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Ghost <i>(Alter Christus)</i> 5:00 PM Distribution of Holy Communion and First Thursday Devotions
FRI	9/05/08	ST. LAWRENCE JUSTINIAN, BPC, FIRST FRIDAY 11:25 AM High Mass and Benediction † <i>Alberta Courter (Andy Courter, from Aug) Special Intention - K. Schweitzer</i> 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>In gratitude for all the people who prayed for me (Linda Cardamone)</i> Exposition & Novena follow Mass 6:45 PM Parish Potluck Supper 7:30 PM Parish Holy Hour ADORATION CONTINUES ALL NIGHT
SAT	9/06/08	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY, FIRST SATURDAY 6:30 AM Low Mass <i>In Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary for Kathleen Mary West (Patrick & Anne Marie Omlor)</i> Confessions follow Mass 7:10 AM Rosary & First Saturday Devotions 7:40 AM Benediction 8:00 AM Low Mass <i>For Poor Sinners (Tim Hopkins)</i> Confessions follow Mass
SUN	9/07/08	ST. CLOUD, C PENTECOST XVII 7:30 AM Low Mass † <i>Bill Bendel (Bob Brueggemann)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass <i>Robert DiMare Family (Mario Derksen)</i> 11:30 AM Low Mass † <i>Alberta Courter (Andy Courter)</i> 1:10 PM Festive First Vespers of Our Lady's Nativity and Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass <i>For the people of St. Gertrude the Great</i>

✠ COME, LABOR ON

"To rise up, and go through the same duties, and then to rest again, day after day, - to pass week after week, beginning with God's service on Sunday, and then to our worldly tasks, - so to continue till year follows year, and we gradually get old, an unvaried life like this is apt to seem unprofitable to us when we dwell upon the thought of it. Many indeed there are who do not

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✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

August squeezes in more Sunday this year, giving us all a prayerful, restful way to conclude the month of Mary's Immaculate Heart, before we return to her sorrows and the Holy Cross for September. Remember just how restful it could be for you to repose prayerfully, you and all your intentions, in her loving, Motherly Heart. Place yourself and all those for whom you pray in her Heart every day.

And then, remember to place yourself at her feet, and to offer a Communion of Reparation this First Friday and Saturdays as well as to watch a bit before Jesus in the Monstrance, and with Mother Mary and the mysteries of her Rosary.

First, complement the Holy Family by honoring St. Joseph tomorrow for Labor Day. Ask him to bless us all at summer's end with a good Fall, and an abundant harvest of good works.

We are very proud of the wonderful work the men have done for the striking Lourdes Grotto and pond, which is already drawing favorable notice from passerby, and will afford us Gertrudians a lovely place of prayer once we install Our Lady and St. Bernadette.

I thought to complete the corner by erecting a little Calvary, as St. Louis de Montfort would. We must look for outdoor figures for this shrine as well. The most beautiful shrine, though, is a child's soul, which we seek each September, by school and Sunday School, to build up and decorate into a fitting temple of the Holy Ghost. I'm looking for teachers for this year's catechism classes, as well as for someone to coordinate this so important work. Please let me know if you're interested.

Enjoy this weekend. May the holiday refresh you, and St. Joseph encourage you in the work that remains to be done.

I send a blessing,

—Bishop Dolan

think at all; - but live in their round of employments, without care about God and religion, driven on by the natural course of things in a dull irrational way like the beasts that perish. But when a man begins to feel he has a soul, and a work to do, and a reward to be gained, greater or less, according as he improves the talents committed to him, then he is naturally tempted to be anxious from his very wish to be saved, and he says, "What must I do to please God?" And sometimes he is led to think he ought to be useful on a large scale, and goes out of his line of life, that he may be doing something worth doing, as he considers it. Here we have the history of Saint Bartholomew and the other apostles to recall us to ourselves, and to assure us that we need not give up our usual manner of life, in order to serve God; that the most humble and quietest station is acceptable to him, if improved duly - nay, affords means for maturing the highest Christian character, even that of an apostle. Bartholomew read the Scriptures and prayed to God; and thus was trained at length to give up his life for Christ when he demanded it.

—John Henry Cardinal Newman



✠ SUNDAY SPIRITUAL READING AND PRAYERS

HOW GOD USES OUR LITTLENESS

You must believe in the love of Jesus for you. Love calls for love. How do you give Jesus love for Love? Before all and above all by your confidence in Him.

This word, confidence, summarizes the three theological virtues, faith, hope, and charity: sovereign virtues which bring all the others in their train. But if these are the highest virtues, then the greatest heroism is demanded of us in order to realize them in the face of the mystery of a "hidden God."

A man must be heroic to live always in faith, hope, and love. Why? Because, as a result of original sin no one can be certain with the certainty of faith that he is saved, but only with a moral certainty based upon fidelity to grace, and because as sinners we are constantly tempted by doubt and anxiety.

It was in order to resolve this conflict between our desires and our powerlessness that He came to earth and took our infirmities upon Himself (Mt 8: 17).

Little Therese of Lisieux understood that it is our state of misery which attracts His mercy.

Before her, Saint Paul wrote, "Gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me" (2 Cor 12: 9).

"I can do all things in Him who strengthens me" (Phil 4: 13). How profound is the theology of Saint Paul! He glories in his infirmities, he rejoices in being weak because Jesus is there.

For it is this confidence, and nothing but confidence, which will open the arms of Jesus to you so that He will bear you up. It is confidence which will be for you the golden key to His heart...

What I cannot do myself Jesus will do. He will take me and lift me up to the summit of the mountain of perfection, to the summit of the mountain of love.

—Father Jean Coeur de Jesus d'Elbée

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of the world! We humbly beg Thee to manifest in Thy Church the Spirit Whom Thou didst so abundantly bestow upon Thy apostles. Call, we pray Thee, very many to Thy priesthood and to the religious life. And may zeal for Thy glory and the salvation of souls inflame those whom Thou hast chosen; may they be saints in Thy likeness, and may Thy Spirit strengthen them. O Jesus, give us priests and religious according to Thine own Heart!
Indulgence: 7years.

FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

ANT. Why stand ye all the day idle, go ye into my vineyard.
V. Ask the Lord of the harvest.
R. That He send laborers into His vineyard.

Let us pray.

God, who willest not the death of the sinner, but rather that he be converted and live; grant, by the intercession of blessed Mary ever Virgin and of all the saints, laborers for Thy Church, fellow laborers with Christ, to spend and consume themselves for souls. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

(Indulgence of 300 days. Pius X. March 30, 1908.)

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN FAMILIES

Lord, Father Almighty! The family is the most ancient institution of humanity, for it is as old as man himself. But because it is Thine own institution and the only means by which man can come into this world and develop to the greatest perfection: therefore the forces of evil are assaulting it causing men to despise this basic, unit of Christian civilization. In suicidal fury they seek to deal it a mortal. blow. Let them not succeed Lord, in their destructive designs on the Christian family.

Through the intercession of the glorious St. Raymond Nonnatus, pleader in heaven for the happiness, welfare, and peace of Christian families, we beg Thee to hear our prayers. By the merits of this great saint, our patron, grant that our homes may ever be modeled after the Holy Family of Nazareth. Let not the enemies of Christian family life triumph in their sacrilegious attacks, but rather convert them to the truth for the glory of Thy holy name. Amen.

N.B. The Adoration Guard of Honor ends at 7:00 AM, due to the new schedule

“The Holy Hour is not a devotion; it is a sharing in the work of redemption...He [Jesus] asked for an hour of reparation to combat the hour of evil; an hour of victimal union with the Cross to overcome the anti-love of sin” (ARCHBISHOP SHEEN).

Evil must be overcome with good. Greater evil must overcome with greater good. The extraordinary evils of the world today must be overcome with the extraordinary good of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration!

THE HOUR OF GUARD

THROUGH MARY’S HEART IMMACULATE
I OFFER, LORD, TO THEE
EACH ACTION OF THIS HOLY HOUR,
UNWORTHY THOUGH I BE.

IN SPIRIT AT THINE ALTAR NOW
THIS HOUR OF GUARD I’LL SPEND;
OH MAY EACH WORD, EACH BREATH I DRAW,
AS REVERENT LOVE ASCEND.

OH THAT I COULD FROM MARY’S HEART
ONE SPARK OF LOVE NOW TAKE,
AND EVERY MOMENT, DEAREST LORD,
THUS REPARATION MAKE.

FOR AM I NOT THY FAVORED SPOUSE,
OH PRIVILEGE MOST HIGH!
SHOULD I NOT REPARATIONS MAKE,
E’EN TO MY LATEST SIGH?