

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4900 RIALTO ROAD : WEST CHESTER, OHIO 45069

PH: 513-645-4212 • FAX: 513-645-4214

www.traditionalmass.org • www.sgg.org

THE MOST REV. DANIEL L. DOLAN, PASTOR  
THE REV. ANTHONY CEKADA, THE REV. MARKUS RAMOLLA  
THE REV. JULIAN LARRABEE

## TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

SUNDAY MASSES

7:30 AM LOW 9:00 AM HIGH

11:30 AM LOW 5:45 PM LOW

## PENTECOST XIV SEPTEMBER 6, 2009



*Not even Solomon in all his glory was arrayed as one of these.*

¶**Vespers, Benediction and Novena**  
Sunday Vespers and Benediction: 4:45 PM; at other times as announced. Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart and Benediction: Friday evening after Mass. Other Novenas and Devotions, as announced.

¶**Blessing of Religious Articles:** First Sunday of the month after the morning Masses, at communion rail.

¶**Children's Confessions:** One Sunday of the month at 10:40 AM, as announced.

¶**Blessing of Expectant Mothers:** Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

¶**Additional Confessions:** Fourth Sunday of the month (or as announced), for those unable to come at regularly-scheduled times.

¶**Prayer Chain:** To request prayers for your special intentions or needs, or to assist in the Prayer Chain, please call the office.

¶**Appointments & Sick Calls:** Please phone the church office.

¶**Catholic Books & Religious Articles:** A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

¶**Baptisms:** Saturday morning by appointment. At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required)

must be practicing Roman Catholics who attend only the traditional Latin Mass. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churaching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶**Confirmation:** Confirmation is solemnly administered in October and May of each year, and privately as requested. According to canon law, children should, if possible, be confirmed before First Holy Communion.

¶**First Holy Communion:** Children should make their First Holy Communion when they have reached the age of reason (usually between the ages of five and eight) and know the rudiments of the Faith (the First Communion Catechism.) First Holy Communion is administered each year on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the Feast of Christ the King.

¶**Matrimony:** If you are contemplating marriage, please make an appointment to speak with a priest *before* setting a date.

¶**Extreme Unction:** Your priests serve a wide area and must often travel far to administer this sacrament. Please do not put off making arrangements until the last

moment. Let us know if a church member is sick, hospitalized or in danger of death.

¶**Mass Intentions:** Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorian Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the office.

¶**Registration:** Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

¶**Dress Code:** *Ladies*—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. *Men & Boys*—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or Sports logo jackets.

¶**New at St. Gertrude's?** Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules observed here for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Latin Mass. A free information packet on the traditional Latin Mass is available to newcomers. Stop by the Social Hall after Mass for refreshments.

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SEPTEMBER 6, 2009 • PENTECOST XIV

Today is the first Sunday of the month. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** takes place after all Masses. The **Second Collection** is for the Seminary.

### THIS WEEK

Keep **Labor Day** the Catholic way tomorrow with **St. Joseph**. His **Votive Mass** is at **9:00 AM**. Don't forget **Our Lady's Birthday** on **Tuesday**, and do bring the children for the Mass at **11:20**, the blessing of seedlings, and the Blessed Virgin Mary birthday party. Do notice **several extra Masses** at **8:00 AM**, as scheduled. We hope you will find this a convenience, and an incentive to piety. The "slave of the slaves forever" is honored on **Wednesday, St. Peter Claver**, and the charming **St. Nicholas of Tolentino**, patron of sick animals, mothers and babies and against fire, on **Thursday**. Remember **9/11**? Hear one of the convenient three Masses for the **Poor Souls** and our **country** on **Friday**. **Saturday** is doubly Mary's day, as it is the actual feast of **Her Holy Name**, and the seventh anniversary of the death of dear Sr. Gerard.

### LABOR DAY

Labor day marks the end of Summer and back to work for all of us in some sense, as we start the Fall season. Come to Mass tomorrow morning at **9:00 AM** to St. Joseph, Patron of Workers.

### NATIVITY OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

This Tuesday, **September 8th**, is the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity. The **Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings** will take place *after* the **11:20 AM Mass**. Each child will receive a seedling to plant in Our Lady's honor.

Following the High Mass there will be a **Birthday Party** for "*Baby Mary*". There will be a cake and ice cream for the children. Please note, **ALL CHILDREN**, and especially our homeschoolers, are welcome to the festivities for this special birthday which "announces joy to the whole world."

### NEXT SUNDAY

Catechism and adult education classes at the traditional time of **10:30 AM**.

I propose to your devotion a period of extraordinary prayer on Tuesday next, for all of our needs for Church, country, this church and school, and all of our private and family intentions. The prayer begins with the **First Vespers of the Holy Cross** (one of the most beautiful Vespers of the year!) and **Benediction** at **4:45 PM**. Low Mass with sermon follows at **5:45 PM**, and leads us into the penultimate **Fatima Rosary Procession** at **7:00 PM**. The entire exercise is warmly recommended, or one or more of these powerful prayers as you can manage, mark your calendar!

#### Set your missal;

**Low Masses:** Pentecost XV. Second collect of the Saints, and third of the Holy Name of Mary, Preface: Trinity.

**High Mass:** Holy Name of Mary (Sept. 12) with communion and Last Gospel of Pentecost XV, Preface: B.V.M.

#### I WATCHED A PIGEON PRAY TODAY

*I watched a pigeon pray today.  
Many times he bowed his head,  
begging his bread from  
God's cracked concrete hands.  
Here wholly himself,  
brother bird blessed the Lord,  
and I found myself  
caught up in chorus.  
In common prayer  
we lingered there,  
then I went forth rejoicing  
made low in the shadow  
of God's wings.*

—Br. M. Dismas Warner  
Mepkin Abbey, S.C.



### Ushers

SEPTEMBER 13, 2009

7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Kent Maki, Volunteer, Volunteer  
9:00 AM Gerry Keaveney, Mark Lotarski, Paul Puglielli, Gino Vander Putten  
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Will Wiegand, Kirby Bischel  
5:45 PM John Seyfried

### Collection Report

Sunday August 30.....\$4,024.00

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

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### HE FELL IN LOVE WITH GOD

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

He was priest, and God's anointed,  
Naught can bring this power low;  
Another Christ, a priest forever—  
(Greater power than angels know.)

He was son of Lisbon's ruler,  
Wealth and station his by birth,  
But he scorned all earthly treasures,  
Seeking those of priceless worth.

Thirty-six short years and sainthood  
Crowned his brow among the blest,  
For not years do angels number;  
He lives longest who lives best.

To his arms the little Christ Child  
Came one day and rested there;  
Thirteen hours seemed a minute  
When Christ's love was thus his share.

Like his saintly founder Francis,  
He had felt the chastening rod;  
Learned the price and worth of Heaven;  
Like him, fell in love with God.

—Frank M. Clare

—A poem for the 13th Tuesday of St. Anthony

### Servers

AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

•MON 9/7 9:00 AM LOW: G. Keaveney  
•TUE 9/8 5:00 PM LOW: J. Bayer  
•WED 9/9 6:30 AM LOW: C. Simpson, T. Simpson  
5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, Wneks  
•THU 9/10 5:00 PM LOW: C. Ritze  
•FRI 9/11 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, C. Ritze, T. Kunkel  
•SAT 9/12 7:30 AM LOW: C. Simpson, T. Simpson  
8:00 AM LOW: A. Ribar, M. Ribar  
•SUN 9/13 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann  
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: T. Simpson  
ACs: F. Puglielli, R. Hill T. Simpson TH: J. Lotarski,  
Fr. Puglielli TORCH: A. Richesson, P. Duff, J. Simpson,  
A. Wanke  
11:30 AM LOW: M. Ribar, A. Ribar  
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, C. Ritze,  
G. Keaveney, T. Kunkel  
5:45 PM LOW: T. Kunkel

### Please remember our dead in your prayers September

Name	Date of Death
Roth, Earl Eugene	9-02-1988
Kramer, Dennis	9-04-1981
Boyce, Josephine	9-05-1982
Reid, Bernard	9-08-1983
Kohlbrand, Eliza B.	9-09-1985
Vincent, Sr. M. Gerard	9-12-2002
Herington, Frederick G.	9-21-1990
Hauserman, Matilda	9-29-2000
Kitchen, Ronald E.	9-30-2002
Ripperger, Kenneth J.	9-30-2005

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

<b>MON</b>	<b>9/7/09</b>	<b>LABOR DAY</b> FERIAL DAY, ST. CLOUD, ST. REGINA <b>9:00 AM Votive Mass of St. Joseph</b> For Regina Gilliam, feast day prayers ( <i>Bishop Dolan</i> )
<b>TUE</b>	<b>9/8/09</b>	<b>NATIVITY OF OUR LADY</b> ST. ADRIAN, M <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Private Intentions <b>11:20 AM Closing of the 13 Tuesday's of St. Anthony</b> <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> Triduum of the Blessed Virgin Mary <b>Blessing of the seeds and seedlings</b> <b>1:00 PM B.V.M. Birthday party</b> <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> G. Keaveny and his intentions ( <i>Di Mare family</i> ) <b>Closing of the 13 Tuesday's of St. Anthony</b>
<b>WED</b>	<b>9/9/09</b>	<b>ST. PETER CLAVER, C</b> ST. GORGONIUS, M <b>6:30 AM Low Mass</b> Private Intentions <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> E.S., M.D.S., J. G, T. & M. Q., and other benefactors <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> Kazys Kecorius (M/M Joe Praszak) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Nadine Henry ( <i>Janet Clementi</i> ) <b>6:30 PM Choir Practice</b>
<b>THUR</b>	<b>9/10/09</b>	<b>ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> †Frank Cekada ( <i>McClorey Family</i> ) <b>11:20 AM High Mass</b> Special Intention (D.S.) ( <i>Rebecca Hinton</i> ) <b>5:00 PM Low Mass</b> Chris Ritze ( <i>Gerry Keaveny</i> )
<b>FRI</b>	<b>9/11/09</b>	<b>ST. PROTUS &amp; HYACINTH, MM</b> <b>8:00 AM Low Mass</b> Private Intention <b>11:00 AM Confessions</b> <b>11:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Holy Ghost for the New School Year</b> For our School, its teachers, students and benefactors ( <i>Bishop Dolan</i> ) <b>5:15 PM Rosary &amp; Confessions</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> †Joyce Rentschler ( <i>Bernie B.</i> ) Novena, Benediction, Confessions
<b>SAT</b>	<b>9/12/09</b>	<b>MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY</b> <b>7:15 AM Confessions</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> Honor and Reparation - The Holy Name of Mary (MAW) <b>8:00 AM Sermon and Low Mass</b> Michael Derksen ( <i>Mario Derksen</i> ) <b>Confessions, Triduum of B.V.M.</b> For the Devotions of the 15 Saturdays of the Most Holy Rosary meditate on the Ascension
<b>SUN</b>	<b>9/13/09</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY</b> <b>PENTECOST XV</b> <b>7:30 AM Low Mass</b> †Sister Gerard ( <i>Patsy McConnell Family</i> ) <b>9:00 AM High Mass</b> Mary Ann Wozny ( <i>St. Martin</i> ) <b>10:30 AM Opening of Catechism Classes and Adult Ed.</b> <b>11:30 AM Low Mass</b> Connie Wozny ( <i>St. Martin</i> ) <b>4:45 PM First Votive of the Holy Cross, Benediction</b> <b>5:45 PM Low Mass</b> For the People of St. Gertrude <b>7:00 PM Fatima Rosary Procession</b>

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

We have an odd opening for our season this year. Labor Day's holiday (let's make it a holy day, shall we?) comes not at Summer's end, but after school's start. Still, it is welcome, as are the smiling faces of our little ones as they return to school, and next Sunday, to Sunday school.



Hasn't the weather been a delight? Autumn is often our best season. But, truthfully, Summer this year was not at all bad. We have much to be grateful for even on the natural level!

The first day of school went well. Our young scholars are blessed not only with daily Mass (please note the earlier time of 11:20 AM), but with two priests as teachers this year. If only the others knew enough to envy these happy children!

The convento creeps towards conclusion these days. We hope soon to welcome you to an Open House. Thank you for your interest and support! The Rood Screen project is proceeding nicely.

Thank you to the cooks who are helping feed us! We still have openings, and would welcome a call and an offer.

Do set aside next Sunday afternoon and evening for some powerful prayers, won't you? The Holy Cross and Vespers, Our Lady and her Rosary – who could resist?

Will I see your children at least Tuesday to honor Our Lady's Birthday? There's free cake and a little plant for each little one, and blessings galore.

God bless **you** for this New Season,

–Bishop Dolan



### LET MY HEART REMEMBER

*There will be springs to come, but not for me—  
For me who have loved so many springs before.  
I will not catch my breath in ecstasy  
For fields of deep blue lupine any more,  
Nor watch the fragrant dogwood blossoms spill  
Like fallen stars upon the earth's brown breast.  
These things will come when I am lying still  
And part of the earth which fashioned me, at rest.*



*But with the fall, no grave can hold me bound  
When wood smoke blues the distant mountain's rim,  
When brown leaves whisper on a barren ground  
And wild geese circle in a sky grown dim.  
I must come back each hazy, blue September  
To scuff through leaves and let my heart remember.*

–Helen Hyde Jensen

–This very touching poem shows the author's love for Autumn, perhaps the loveliest season of the year.



GOD'S MASTERPIECE

Of the thousands of feasts that are kept in the Church, there are only three birthdays, and these are kept because of their sinlessness. The birthday of Our Lady, the 8th of September, is a day of devotion because she was immaculate even in her conception.

In Nazareth, a town of Galilee, in the home of Joachim and Ann, a tiny little babe was born. She was of the tribe and family of David. Saint Bernard tells us that she was the masterpiece of all the ages, and none of the daughters of Israel could ever compare with her in the marvelous virtues in which she was enriched.

Mary is Heaven's gift to mankind, born for the salvation of all men. The angels hover round the cradle of the Queen. Heaven and earth are filled with joy.

You will want to give the Blessed Mother a birthday present. The best gift is to receive her Son, Jesus, in Holy Communion. Let us thank Mary on her birthday, for it is Mary's birth which makes our salvation possible, and makes our lives on earth useful in gaining Heaven. Ask our Blessed Mother for many graces for yourself and for others. Mary takes our prayers to her Son, and it is she who guides our actions. To Jesus through Mary is a sure way to Heaven.



WISDOM FROM THE DESERT

*A certain brother asked an old man, saying, "Tell me, Father, wherefore is it that the monks travail in discipline and yet receive not such grace as the ancient Fathers had?" And the old man said to him, "Then was love so great that each man set his neighbor on high: but now hath love grown cold and the whole world is set in malice, and each doth pull down his neighbor to the lower room, and for this reason we come short of grace."*

—The Sayings of the Father

A PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

*The great pontiff of blessed memory, Pius XII, composed a special prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of Workers, to which is attached an indulgence of three years under the usual conditions.*

*Prayer to St. Joseph the Workman*

O glorious Patriarch St. Joseph, humble and honest workman of Nazareth, to all Christians, but especially to us, you have given the example of a life of perfection, a life unremitting in toil, a life lived in blessed union with Mary and Jesus. Help us, as Catholic workers, to find in our daily tasks a means of giving glory to God, of increasing in holiness, of being useful to our fellow men. These are the high ideals which underlie our lives.

O most beloved protector, obtain for us from the Lord humility and singleness of heart, love of our work and of those who work with us. May we be ready to accept God's will and to obey His voice amidst all those inescapable difficulties which beset us in life. May we bear our trials gladly, in awareness of our special mission among men, and in recognition of our own responsibility. Grant us the spirit of discipline and of prayer. May we be dutiful and respectful before authority; may we love our fellows as brethren; may we care in charity and in patience for those who are entrusted to us. Be at our side when we prosper, so that we may enjoy the results of our work. Be with us also in those doleful hours when heaven seems to shut itself off from us, when the very instruments of our work seem to rebel in our hands.

Just as were your own, may our eyes be fixed on Mary, our Mother, your own sweet spouse, where she sits spinning in a quiet corner of your tiny shop, as a gentle smile lights up her face. Fix our gaze on Jesus as He works with you at the carpenter's bench. May we thus lead a holy and peaceful life here below, in preparation for the everlasting happiness that awaits us in Heaven. Amen.

—Pope Pius XII

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT:

¶ SECOND REQUEST

Parents, little children should go to confession when children's confessions are scheduled, (10:30 AM, at least once a month) but **not**, as a rule, during the 11:30 Mass. Children should attend Mass devoutly in their pew, with their prayer book. The 11:30 Mass confessions are reserved for adults, and for children who have not been for over a month. Children who wish to go weekly may certainly come on Friday or Saturday or before the 7:30 AM Mass, and other times as scheduled. Be considerate of those who need to get to confession before Communion, and live at a distance. The Our Father, Holy Water and Holy Communion all remit venial sin.

¶ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer's needed to help re-roof Darlene Rentschler's house. It is in dire need of repair! Please contact Steve Weigand at (513) 734 - 7095 if you can help this Saturday, September 12, 2009. A Lunch crew to serve the volunteers is needed as well as many able bodied young men to perform various tasks are needed. Darlene Rentschler still needs rides to and from church. If you can help out please call her at 513-574-7106.

Also if you are able to help pick up our elderly man from Maineville please call Gloria Madaffari at 896-7470.

¶ 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 or Katie at the church.*

¶ PARISH PICNIC

Our Annual Parish Picnic is Sunday, **September 20th**. Join us anytime between 1-5:00 PM at "Council Bluffs Shelter" in Sharon Woods Park for an afternoon of games, good food and great company. We're providing the hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks; you bring the rest.

¶ PRAYERS PLEASE

Please remember Tommy Peter, James Kunkel, Nadine Charles, Richard Zblicki and all of our sick and shut in.

---

## ✠ MEDITATION OF THE DAY

---

### DEALING WITH THE DEVIL

You should remember all your life that one of the principal causes of the small progress made by certain good people is that the devil continually fills their souls with disquiet, perplexities, and troubles, which render them incapable of serious, gentle, and constant application to the practice of virtue. The great principle of the interior life lies in peace of the heart: it must be preserved with such care that the moment it is in danger everything else should be abandoned for its re-establishment, just as when the house is on fire, one leaves everything in order to extinguish it...

This blessed peace of soul is the high road to Heaven. And the reason of this is that peace and tranquility of spirit alone give the soul great strength to achieve all that God wills, while trouble and disquiet turn the soul into a weak, languishing invalid. In that state, one feels neither zest nor attraction for virtue, but, contrariwise, disgust and discouragement by which the devil never fails to profit. This is why he makes use of all his ruses to rob us of this peace on a thousand specious pretexts.

This is why the masters of the spiritual life give this great principle for distinguishing the true inspirations of God from those which come from the devil, namely, that the former are always gentle and peaceful and lead us to confidence and humility while the latter are agitating, unquiet, and turbulent, leading to discouragement and suspicion, or even to presumption and the following of our own will. We must, therefore, firmly reject all that does not bear this mark of peace, submission, gentleness, and confidence, the impressions as it were of God's seal; this point is of great importance for the whole of our life.

—Father Jean-Pierre De Caussade, S.J.

*Father de Caussade (†1751) was a French Jesuit, a writer, and a revered spiritual director.*

### TEMPTATION IS NECESSARY

“NOTHING IN THE WORLD IS **MORE NECESSARY** THAN FOR A SOULS TO BE CONSTANTLY ASSAILED,” SAYS THE GREAT MYSTIC JOHN TAULER. ‘FOR IN FIGHTING, A SOUL KNOWS ITSELF. AS GRACE IS NECESSARY TO A MAN, SO ALSO IS FIGHTING. IN EVERY STATE TO WHICH A MAN IS CALLED, INWARD AND OUTWARD, HE MUST OF NECESSITY BE ASSAILED...**FOR IF THERE WERE NO STRUGGLE, THERE COULD BE NO VICTORY.**”



### ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO

September 10

Nicholas was born in answer to his childless and middle-aged parents' prayers. He showed his saintliness all through childhood.

At age 18, he was received into the order of the Augustinian friars. His superiors entrusted him with the daily feeding of the poor at the monastery gates. But at times he was so free with the friar's food that the procurator begged the superior to slow down his generosity.

Ordained in 1271, whenever he celebrated the Holy Mass, he seemed radiant with the fire of his love for God. His preaching, instructions and work in the confessional brought about numerous conversions. Although many miracles occurred around him, he was careful not to take any credit. ‘Say nothing of this,’ he would insist, ‘Give thanks to God, not to me. I am only a poor sinner.’

Once, when he was very sick, Our Lady appeared to him, telling him to eat a piece of bread dipped in water. Upon doing this, he was immediately cured. He begged that the bread cure others and he distributed it. So began ‘The Bread of St. Nicholas’ which many Augustinians still distribute to this day.

### CHALICES



I touched today the gleaming golden chalice:

Cloth-fingered it and felt the grip of awe  
That caught my breath and made my spirit tremble

At what my inner vision therein saw!

I've seen so many chalices uplifted  
Catching the glow of multi-candled light;

Gleaming aloft within some vagrant sun-ray;

Hiding the crimson Blood-drops from our sight!

For years I've touched Your chalices, unthinking:

But Lord, this morning's contact made me see!

That story of His robe's hem here repeated

Finds me the woman gaining grace from Thee.

There are white-covered chalices whose beauty

Black veils of deep obscurity confine.

With seeing eyes I view these sacred vessels:

My Sisters with the Hosts which they enshrine!

*—Dedicated to all of the devout ladies who serve as sacristans: Katie, Marilyn, The Twins, Janet and many more!*

### BEFORE FLIGHT

*My fledglings teeter on the nest,  
Impatient for the day  
They spread their eager, youthful wings,  
And skyward wend their way.*

*O God, remind my weeping heart,  
A selfish mother clings,  
And listen to my fervent prayer—  
Don't let me clip their wings!*



—Grace Cody Burke

---