
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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JANUARY 23, 2011

• EPIPHANY III •

¶Blessing of Religious

Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses, at communion rail.

¶Blessing of Expectant

Mothers: Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

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

¶**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 do not belong to the Novus Ordo Religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity. The Churcing of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony. Please make arrangements through the church office.

¶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.



Only say the word and my servant shall be healed.

¶**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, and 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.

¶Catholic Books & Religious

Articles: A fine selection is available in the Gift Shop after the Masses on Sunday.

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

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ JANUARY 23, 2011 • EPIPHANY III •
 • ST RAYMOND PENNAFORT •
 • ESPOUSALS OF OUR LADY •

Chair of Unity Octave Intention: *“The Return of lapsed Catholics to the Sacraments.”*

Morning classes are at 10:40 AM. Some confessions are being heard today before the Masses. Our Vespers resume **next** Sunday. Today we close with gratitude the Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel.

✠ THIS WEEK

On **Monday** we continue our charitable Chair of Unity Octave Devotions in the morning, and the Knights of the Sacred Heart in the afternoon. Pray with us for the Conversion of the Jews.

The Chair of Unity Octave concludes on **Tuesday**, praying for the missionary conquest of the world for Christ. Note the **5 P.M.** Mass.

Our **Monthly Requiem** for the **Purgatorial Society** is sung by the children on **Thursday** at **11:20 AM**, and **Friday** offers the regular school and evening Masses, the 5:45 PM preceded by our beloved Infant of Prague Novena. **Saturday** is the great feast day of our Archdiocesan patron, **St. Francis de Sales (Masses at 7:30 and 8:15 AM)** which we solemnize on Sunday.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Solemnity of St. Francis de Sales.

Set your missal: Low Masses: Epiphany IV, commemoration of St. Martina and the Octave of St. Francis de Sales, Trinity Preface. High Mass: St. Francis de Sales, commemoration and Last Gospel of Epiphany IV, Trinity Preface.

Sunday morning classes and afternoon Vespers with Benediction are as usual.



St. Agnes, Pray for us.

✠ GREGORIAN MASSES FOR ERNIE NELLENBACH

Bernie Brueggemann kindly suggested we continue the Masses for the repose of Ernie Nellenbach which we began the day after his death, until thirty were offered, to make a set of Gregorian Masses. We are grateful to Bernie for the rest of these Masses for Ernie!

January 21 - Fr. Mardones
 January 22 - Fr. Mardones
 January 23 - Bishop Dolan
 January 24 - Bishop Dolan
 January 25 - Bishop Dolan
 January 26 - Bishop Dolan
 January 27 - Bishop Dolan
 January 28 - Bishop Dolan
 January 29 - Fr. McGuire
 January 30 - Bishop Dolan

✠ A RIDE TO CHURCH

We're looking for a ride to Sunday Mass for a 15 year old boy, staying with relatives in West Chester. A great act of mercy. Call his mom for more information; Kelly Pulvere (502) 296-7825.



The Heart of the Matter

If we let the liturgy mold us, forming our days and weeks and years, not dragging it into the turmoil of our superficial emotions, but letting it, gently and firmly, draw us into its own rhythm, then we will find in it a true school of Christian living, a source of wisdom and inspiration, and more and more we shall find that it is not just an interruption of the day, but its very heart.

✠ POETRY CORNER

This Winter Day

**A little bird this winter day
 Was singing on a snowy branch,
 And all the tree looked right away
 Like one big blossom-avalanche.**

**This winter day a little word,
 Your own, came by on spritely wing,
 And everything was bloom and bird
 And all the blessed day was spring.**

—Fr. Angelico Chavez, O.F.M.



Baptism

**The first day, when God's Spirit
 hovered o'er**

**The waters, our great universe came
 in.**

**Again It hovers as the waters pour,
 And one more little world does now
 begin.**

—Fray Angelico Chavez, O.F.M.

**—For our newly baptized Reneé,
 “Reborn” Soli.**

Collection Report

Sunday January 16th\$3,587.56

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

Ushers

JANUARY 30, 2011

7:30 AM Scott Pepiot, Kent Maki, Volunteer
 9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Puglielli
 11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
 5:45 PM John Seyfried

Ushers

JANUARY 24 - JANUARY 30, 2011

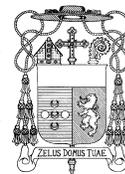
•FRI 1/28 5:45 PM Low: J. Soli, J. Gunsher, T.& J. Simpson
 •SAT 1/29 7:30 AM Low: T. & J. Simpson
 8:30 AM Low: M. Briggs
 •SUN 1/30 7:30 AM Low: D. & A. Brueggemann
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Soli
 TH: B. Lotarski ACS: T. Simpson, A. Richesson
 TORCH: J. Lacy, P. Omlor, P. Lawrence, L. Arlinghaus,
 S. Arlinghaus CROSS: R. Hill MITRE: J. Simpson
 CROZIER: N. McClorey
 11:30 AM Low: F. & N. Puglielli
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller,
 J. Gunsher
 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	1/24/11	CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE ST TIMOTHY, BPM 11:20 AM Low Mass Danny Kamphaus Chair of Unity Octave Devotions <i>Intention of the Day: "The Conversion of the Jews."</i> 4:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart
TUES	1/25/11	CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, AP 8:00 AM Low Mass Ritze Family 11:20 AM High Mass In Honor of St. Anthony of Padua (<i>Cecilia Omlor</i>) Chair of Unity Octave Devotions <i>Intention of the Day: "The Missionary Conquest of the World for Christ."</i> 5:00 PM Low Mass All deceased for whom we are bound or for whom we should pray (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
WED	1/26/11	ST POLYCARP, BPM 8:00 AM Low Mass Release of the Poor Souls (<i>DJR</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass In Honor of St. Joseph - Special Intention (<i>The Lacy Family</i>) 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THURS	1/27/11	ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BPCD 8:00 AM Low Mass Darlene Rentschler - Needs and Intentions (<i>S. & C. Niehaus</i>) 11:20 AM Requiem High Mass (<i>Purgatorial Society</i>)
FRI	1/28/11	ST PETER NOLASCO, C ST AGNES (THE SECOND TIME) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM Low Mass †Fred Hauserman (<i>Katie Bischak</i>) 5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena V 5:45 PM Low Mass Gunshers (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) Novena, Benediction, Confessions
SAT	1/29/11	ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Delores Maki (<i>Kent Maki</i>) 8:00 AM Sermon and Devotions 8:15 AM Low Mass †Ernie Nellenbach (<i>B. Brueggemann</i>)
SUN	1/30/11	SOLEMNITY OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BPCD EPIPHANY IV ST MARTINA, VM 7:30 AM Low Mass Victor Ritze, 80th Birthday (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kunkel & Family</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Ernie Nellenbach (<i>Bernie Brueggemann</i>) 10:40 AM Sunday Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass †Ed Sayre (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers and Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Another "snow cycle" began again last Thursday. We are grateful for the moisture, but also for the intervals of clear weather, when it is easy to move around, and anyone could make it to church.



Fr. McGuire departed in the snowstorm for points east, including the funeral on Friday for Jackie Neubauer, first coordinator of our little St. Isidore mission in rural Saybrook, Illinois. Father has visited them for a number of years now. Do keep her soul in your prayers.

During a break in the snowy weather, we gave Ernie Nellenbach a "fine send off," as the Irish would say. I thank everyone who came to the Rosary and Solemn Requiem Mass {or "high high," as young Conrad Arlinghaus characterizes such services. (I'm sure he'll grow up to be an excellent MC or bishop one day himself.)}

Eva Nellenbach told me after Mass that **Fr. Joseph Collins** of Glenmont, New York came up to the Utica area for Ernie's funeral. Since the family has property in the country there, they were able to have their own family cemetery. Ernie selected his burial spot last summer. He is far away from us, but also very near. Remember this good man, and keep him in your prayers.

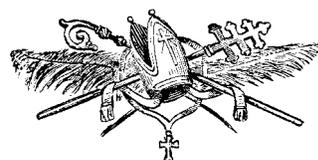
Today I am at Most Holy Trinity Seminary in Florida to give the annual retreat. This year's theme is "The Friendship of Christ." Please pray that these young men become good friends of Our Lord, so that they may be good priests. I am looking forward to this retreat there, with its atmosphere of silence and prayer.

How much we need priests, but good priests, faithful friends of Christ who preach Him and not themselves, mortified men on fire with holy zeal, and the charity of Christ. Pray for vocations. Encourage them. Support our seminary. Pray for priests and help them in any way possible.

This past Friday was the anniversary of the death of the intrepid African missionary Fr. Leslie, which some of you charitably remembered by requesting Masses. This week is the anniversary of Fr. Randolph, whose recorded sermons edified the faithful long after his death. "How much difference one priest makes," the young fathers were saying the other day. How true this is. Again, pray for priests.

May God bless you!

—Bishop Dolan



MARRIAGE

Marriage is the ordinary vocation of most men and women. It is a permanent union of one man and one woman, having a twofold purpose: to work with God in creating new souls, to aid one another in working out their eternal salvation.

Marriage is a sacrament. Therefore it is instituted by Christ as a means of grace for the partners of the marriage. It is a state in life which is holy and highly pleasing to God.

Marriage is based on mutual love and reverence. This love is physical, psychological, and supernatural—the surrender of one's body, mind, and soul. All three loves are needed for a complete and holy marriage.

Physical love is a natural attraction of the sexes, implanted by God and, therefore, good. It is fundamental, but not the most important element in marriage. Physical love, the fulfillment of the natural desire to love and be loved, is the expression, in acts, of the spiritual and intellectual union of the partners. The Catholic attitude toward sex is based on reverence toward the body as a temple of the Holy Ghost. The Catholic regards sex as a creature of God, to be used in the way He desires, for His purposes and not merely pleasure. Through physical love a man and his wife cooperate with God in the creation of another person; from this flows the real beauty of marital love.

Psychological love is a blending of ambitions, ideals, and interests into a common life. Their primary ambition is their desire for children, their wish to make a real home. But permeating all of their desires is their ambition to work for everything together. Together they will find their way to Heaven; together they will sanctify their life and their love; together they will make of their children perfect Christians—these are their ideals. Psychological love demands not only common ambitions

and ideals but even a sharing of ordinary interests. He must find time for her home and social activities, she must find interest in his work. Together they must share the most fundamental of all their interests, their love of religion and the Church. Indeed, they must share everything, surrendering to each other their whole minds, their whole hearts.

Supernatural love consists in the union of husband and wife with Christ through each other. In drawing closer to one another they must draw closer to Christ. The souls of each should be a mirror in which the other may contemplate the image and likeness of God. Thus their married life is a co-consecration, a growing holy together as the years pass.

Marriage, as a sublime vocation, is the sharing in that love which Christ has for His Church. Marriage is a sharing in the divine powers of creation by the acts proper to the married state; of providence by providing for the children of the marriage; of priesthood as sanctifiers of the home; of teacher by instructing one another by their love and charity; of kingship by wielding the authority of God as parents.

Marriage, as God intends it, is a beautiful, sanctifying state. It is the surrendering of one's body, mind and heart to a lover in order that, through this surrender, the couple may praise, reverence, and serve God and through the fulfillment of His will gain life everlasting.



Prayer for Religious Vocations for Girls

Dearest Mother, my mother, I come to you today with a mind and a heart full of need. *Tell me, Mary, what does God want of me?* As you once called yourself His “handmaid,” and He made His will known to you, so, too, do I call myself today His handmaid. Will you

beg Him then, to make His will clear for me as well? Is He really asking me to become His bride, to assist in the spreading of His kingdom? If so, then I want to follow Him. Please, dear Mother, ask Him to clear my mind of doubt and hesitation so that I might be able to walk along the path He points out for me.

I know well that if mine is the grace of a special vocation it will cost. But I am willing and eager to do everything I ought to pay the price. He may be asking me to give up many things that a woman holds dear, but I know that in return I will receive a hundredfold. I will have Him; I will have the house of God for my own. I will have children of the spirit: those children whom I will teach, counsel, encourage, reprimand, and soothe; all those for whom I will pray and suffer and for whom I will spend my life. I plead now for only this, Mother: to be given the insight to know His will, the will to accept it, and then the strength to live always as one who has given herself—body and soul, heart and mind—to her Lord, her God, to her Jesus and yours. Amen.

Prayer for Choosing a State of Life

O my God, who are the God of wisdom and of counsel, who reads in my heart the sincere will to please You alone, and to govern myself with regard to my choice of a state of life entirely in conformity with Your most holy desire; grant me, by the intercession of the most Blessed Virgin, my mother, and of my holy patrons, the grace to know what state I ought to choose, and when known, to embrace it, so that in it I may be able to pursue and increase Your glory, work out my salvation, and merit that heavenly reward which You have promised to those who do Your holy will. Amen.





Our Winter
Candlemas Soup Supper
IS A SENSATION!

After the Beautiful "Mass of the Candles"
we retire to Helfta Hall for the highlight
of the West Chester Winter Social Scene,
a tasty soup supper with many soups to sample
{bring a pot to share} as well as some warming wine
and desserts {bring a dessert, if you'd like}

It's fun, fairly quick & definitely delicious!

See you there!



Candlemas
Feb. 2, 2011
5:30 - Blessing of the Candles,
Procession and Mass,
Followed by Supper.

