

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ MAY 6, 2012 • EASTER IV •

• ST JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE •

Today is the first Sunday of the month. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** is available at the communion rail after all Masses. Our second collection is for the Seminary. Please patronize the Spring Bake Sale in Helfta Hall, a fundraiser for the summer Girls' Camp. Sunday classes and Vespers and Benediction are as usual.

✠ MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCES



Mass remembrance envelopes are available in the pews. If you wish to have your mother remembered in a special way at

Mass on Mothers Day, fill out an envelope and return to an usher or the Gift Shop today, or drop it off at the church office by Friday, May 11th.



✠ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "little church" is in the vestibule this morning. The ushers are collecting alms for the Alter Christus Confraternity to support priests who might not otherwise receive help.

✠ THIS WEEK

The **Maidens of the Immaculate Heart** have their final meeting for this school year on **Monday**. Tuesday comes the Paschaltide feast of **St. Michael the Archangel** along with the devotional feast of **Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**, who is the Advocate of the Impossible, and never invoked in vain. Come for May Devotions at 3:10 PM any school day, Monday through Friday. The monthly Requiem is on **Friday** at 11:20.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY – MOTHERS DAY

The **May Crowning Procession** follows the High Mass at approximately 10:30 AM. (There are no classes or Vespers.) The Rosary will be prayed at 7:05 AM. The First **Fatima Rosary Procession** follows the 5:45 PM Mass. Meet us at Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive in West Chester at 7:15 PM.

Set Your Missal: Easter V, commemoration of St. Robert Bellarmine, *Vidi Aquam*, Paschal Preface.

✠ CONGRATULATIONS

...to Joseph Lotarski on his graduation with a B.A. from Miami University of Ohio, Oxford.



✠ OUR SICK AND SHUT IN

Please pray for all our sick and shut in, especially Malia, who comes to the 7:30, and Barb Steinmetz. In your charity, why not send Barb a card of greeting at: P O. Box 36574, Cincinnati, OH 45236

✠ NEWS FROM THE GIFT SHOP

Our Gift Shop/Book Store has announced the Grand Opening of *The Children's Corner*: a special section for children to do their own gift buying for Mother, Father, siblings, grandparents or anyone! Appropriate items are available *now* for Mothers Day or Fathers Day, birthdays or any special occasion. All items are priced to fit a kid-size budget (\$2.00 or less) so the children can afford a gift for someone they love (or even for themselves)! So kids...start asking your parents for extra chores to do, so you can earn money to shop in your own special corner!

Our Beloved Dead – May

Name	Date of Death
Jeffrey P. Tilford	5-03-1999
Arthur F. Moser	5-08-1991
Jean Boehm	5-11-2000
Anna M. Atanasoff	5-12-1987
Frank W. Wolf	5-14-1985
Rose Mary Jacobs	5-16-1982
Lena Goodman	5-19-1998
Honore E. Gerrard	5-21-1993
Jeffrey Robert Becker	5-25-1984
William J. Sandmayr	5-25-2011
John J. Bischak	5-26-1988
Anne McMahan	5-29-2009
Theresa C. Albert	5-30-1990

Ushers: MAY 13, 2012

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

Collection Report

Sunday, April 29th\$4,114.00

✠ POETRY CORNER

Nazareth

Oh, little house of Nazareth,
 The home of three,
 Whose hours in happy silence pass,
 As at the earliest, solemn Mass;
 And can not broken be
 The peace that broods with holy breath
 Like evening breeze
 In that sweet home.
Oh, little house,—
Oh, holy little house
Of Nazareth!

Oh, little house of Nazareth!
 Our Lady kneels,
 With eyes adoring her sweet Son;
 She sees Him learn to walk, then run,
 With childish, glad appeals
 To her dear Spouse. St. Joseph saith
 Brave words of cheer
 In that sweet home.
Oh, little house,—
Oh, holy little house
Of Nazareth!

Oh, little house of Nazareth!
 God keepeth thee
 In love's close union ever blessed,
 By hovering angel-wings caressed.
 Few griefs to see
 Till Joseph breaks by holiest death
 The triple cord
 Of that sweet home.
Oh, little house,—
Oh, holy little house
Of Nazareth!

—Ymal Oswin

LUMEN CHRISTI

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before
 the Blessed Sacrament for the next
 fortnight for the following intention:*

Special Intention

(Christopher Browne)

Servers: MAY 7 - 13, 2012

•FRI 5/11 5:45 PM Low: Regular Friday Servers
 •SAT 5/12 7:30 AM Low: Simpsons
 8:20 AM Low: M. Briggs
 •SUN 5/13 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM High: MG: R. Vande Ryt
 CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson, J. Soli TORCH MC:
 B. Lotarski ACS: L. Arlinghaus, N. McClorey
 CROSS: S. Arlinghaus TH: A. Richesson TORCH:
 J. Lacy, M. Simpson, J. Simpson, J. Morgan,
 T. Lawrence, P. Lawrence
 11:30 AM Low: A.D. Kinnett, P. OmLor
 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller

✠ THE SEASON OF JOY ✠

According to the multitude of my sorrows in my heart, Thy comforts have given joy to my soul. (Psalm xciii. 19.)

The joy of Easter is as salutary to the soul as the contrition and penance of Lent. It intensifies the hope of immortality, and is a foretaste of endless rejoicing. If we walk henceforth “in the newness of life,” as the Apostle exhorts us, our Easters will be perpetuated even here in our exile. “Grant to Thy servants, O God,” prays the Church, “that they may keep up, by their manner of living, the mystery they have received by their believing!”

The great liturgist of the twelfth century, Rupert, Abbot of Deutz, quoted by Dom Guéranger, thus speaks of the pious artifice used by the Church to infuse the spirit of Easter into all: “There are certain carnal minds that seem unable to open their eyes to spiritual things, unless roused by some unusual excitement; and for this reason, the Church makes use of such means. Thus, the Lenten fast, which we offer up to God as our yearly tithe, goes on till the most sacred night of Easter; then follow fifty days without so much as one single fast Thus, the sacred solemnity is sweet to all, and dear to all, and desired by all, as a fount of living water is to them that thirst.”

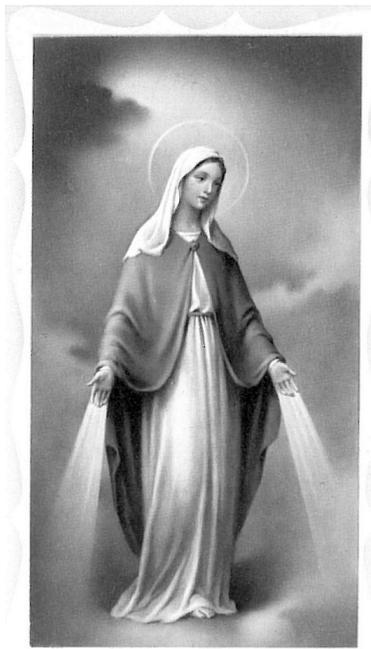
Our Lady's Joy in the

Resurrection of Her Divine Son

Holy Scripture tells us nothing of Our Lord's appearance to His blessed Mother after His resurrection. It takes it for granted that He must have appeared first to her. He who doubts it has but a poor understanding of Mary's part in the work and life of Jesus. As she was

first in sharing His sufferings, so she was of necessity first in being partaker of His joy.

How Mary had been longing and praying for the Resurrection! How eagerly she had been expecting the dawn of that first Easter Day! She had been saying over and over again to herself, “I know that my Redeemer liveth.” She knew that the darkness would, in God's time, usher in a glorious morning. *This should be my comfort when all seems dark. I, too, must pray and wait.*



What a meeting must that have been! All her anguish was more than compensated by the ecstasy of her joy at beholding her divine Son, radiant with heavenly beauty, conqueror over hell and death. See how she falls at His feet in a rapture of delight! See how He raises her up with words of love! Who can tell the exquisite delight of hearing such words from Jesus' lips?

To Mary, who could say with truth, “What have I on earth, and what do I desire in heaven but Thee, O my God!” the sight of Jesus risen from the dead, the knowledge that all suffering was over for Him, that

the world was redeemed, was heaven in very truth—a foretaste of the beatitude which was reserved for her throughout eternity.

We cannot conceive her joy, but we can reverence it; standing afar off, we can admire and humbly join in it. Therefore it is that the rapturous “*Laetare, laetare*” is perpetually on the lips of the Church at Easter time. “Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary!” These two mighty Mothers become as one in their mutual joy, and the Church appears to sink her own gladness in that of Mary...Mary, who, like her, is the Mother of the entire world, but who is also the Mother of Jesus. It is her personal joy that the Church celebrates with so much gladness, and it is the thought of this joy that should impel us chiefly to rejoice. If our tender Mother sorrowed because of us, surely we should now rejoice because of her. The sympathy of her children is no less sweet to her in her joy than in her grief. If, in Our Lord's parable, the man bringing the lost sheep home upon his shoulders called together his friends and neighbors, and bade them rejoice with him, how much more does Mary call us, her children, around her, and bid us rejoice with an exceeding great joy, because this, her Only-Beloved, was dead, and has come to life again; He was lost to her and is found.

—Lessons from Our Lady's Life



✠ MARTYR OF DESIRE ✠

When the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, strangers as yet to the mystery of the cross and the nature of Christ's kingdom, had besought our Lord to allot them the two first places in his kingdom, he asked them whether they were disposed to drink of his cup, or, in other words, to suffer with him, in which case they should not fail to be considered in proportion to their pains and fidelity. The two disciples answered boldly in the affirmative, assuring their divine Master that they were ready to undergo anything for his sake. Our Lord, thereupon, foretold them that their sincerity should be brought to the trial, and that they should both be partakers of his cup of sufferings, and undergo bitter things for the honour and confirmation of the Christian religion. This was literally fulfilled in St. James, on his being put to death for the faith by Herod: and this day's festival records in part the manner in which it was verified in St. John.

Our Saviour's prediction was to be accomplished in a manner which should entitle John to the merit and crown of martyrdom; the instrument whereof was Domitian, the last of the twelve Cæsars. He was a tyrant, detestable to all men on account of his cruelty, and the author of the second general persecution of the church. The hatred of the heathens against (the Christians) excited him to glut his insatiable cruelty with their innocent blood. St. John, who was the only surviving apostle, was apprehended at Ephesus, and sent prisoner to Rome in the year 95. The emperor did not relent at the sight of a man of his most venerable old age and countenance, which alone might suffice to command respect, but condemned him to a most barbarous



death, by ordering him to be cast into a caldron of boiling oil. The holy apostle was probably first scourged, according to the Roman custom with regard to criminals before execution, who could not plead the privilege of being Roman citizens. The martyr doubtless heard, with great joy, this barbarous sentence, exulting at the thought of speedily rejoining his Redeemer, and desiring to repay love for love in the best manner he was able, and to die for Him who had laid down his most precious life to save us sinners from hell. God accepted his will, and crowned his desire; he conferred on him the honour and merit of martyrdom, but suspended the operation of the fire, as he had formerly preserved the three children from hurt in the Babylonian furnace. The seething oil was changed in John's regard into a refreshing bath, and the saint came out more fresh and lively than he had entered the caldron.

This glorious triumph of St. John happened without (*i.e., outside; in front of; "before"-Ed.*) the gate of Rome, called Latina, because it led to



*When the Paraclete is come, he will
teach you all truth.*

Latium. A church was consecrated in the same place in memory of this miracle, under the first Christian emperors, which has always borne this title.

St. John suffered above the other saints a martyrdom of love, being a martyr, and more than a martyr, at the foot of the cross, with the true lovers of Jesus, Magdalen, and the Blessed Virgin. All his sufferings were by love and compassion imprinted in his soul, and thus shared by him. O singular happiness of St. John to have stood under the cross of Christ, so near his divine person, when the other disciples had all forsaken him! Here he drank of his cup; this was truly a martyrdom, and our Saviour exempted all those who had assisted at the martyrdom of his cross, from suffering death by the hands of persecutors. St. John, nevertheless, received also the crown of this second martyrdom, to which the sacrifice of his will was not wanting, but only the execution.

*—Rev. Alban Butler
The Lives of the Saints, Volume V: May (1866)*

Mother Mary! to thy keeping
Soul and body we confide
Toiling, resting, waking, sleeping,
To be ever at thy side;

Cares that vex us, joys that
please us,
Life and death we trust to thee;
Thou must make them all for
Jesus,
And for all eternity!

—Father Faber

For graces granted us by the Mother of Good Counsel

O Virgin Mother, Lady of Good Counsel, Sweetest picture artist ever drew:

In all doubts, I fly to thee for guidance

Mother, tell me what am I to do?

By thy face to Jesus' face inclining,

Sheltered safely in thy mantle blue;

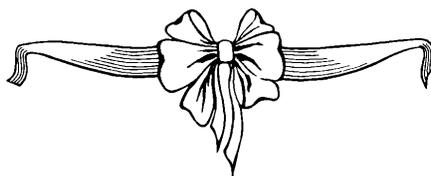
By His little arms around thee twining

Mother, tell me what am I to do!

Life, alas! is often dark and dreary;

Cheating shadows hide the truth from view:

When my soul is most perplexed and weary,
Mother, tell me what am I to do!



Stir my heart, while gazing on thy features,

With the old, old story, ever new—
How our God has loved his sinful creatures

Then, dear Mother, show me what to do!

Thus, alike, when needful sorrows chasten,

As amid joy's visits fair and few,

To thy Shrine with loving trust I hasten

Mother, tell me what am I to do!

Be of all my friends the best and dearest;

Oh, my Counselor, sincere and true!

Let thy voice sound always first and dearest

Mother, tell me what am I to do!

Prayer Of Thanksgiving

To Our Lady of Good Counsel for a petition granted or favor received.

Oh! how can I thank thee, most clement, most loving, most sweet Lady of Good Counsel? Thou hast heard my prayer, and, by thy intercession, thou hast obtained from God the favor which I so much and so long desired. No words of mine can testify my gratitude to thee. But I know there is something that thou lovest far more than any words. If Jesus of old said: "Son (daughter), give me thy heart," dost not thou repeat the self-same words to me on this occasion? To give Him or to give thee my heart means to love thee truly, and, by my daily actions, in all my thoughts and deeds, as well as by my words to prove the sincerity of my love—to prove my heart is surely thine.

This, sweet Mother, I know, is no small thing to accomplish; and hence again, my prayer of gratitude seems a further call upon thy loving help, to enable me to prove that gratitude to be sincere and true.

Daily will I sing thy praises; daily venerate thy holy picture—faint image of thy own sweet face and of Jesus' face inclining; daily will I strive to make thee better known; and oft, besides the Three Hail Marys, by which I am pledged to honor thee, in gratitude for all thou hast done for me, will I say:—O God, who hast given us the Mother of thy beloved Son, to be our Mother also; and hast glorified her beauteous image by a wonderful apparition; grant, we beseech Thee, that, following her counsels, we may live according to thine own Heart, and may safely reach our heavenly home. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



✠ BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Perfect Spring mornings greet us each day, perfect for these sweet days of May. If later the summer heat and humidity rise, then the peace and strength of morning prayer with Mary becomes all the more important. Did you remember **your** Regina Caeli this morning, as well as to offer your day to Jesus through Mary? Start everything with a Sign of the Cross, and then your three Hail Marys, and the rest. Your day may even keep its fresh springlike sweetness regardless of the weather.



We prayed through the night for First Friday, after the example of the Saint of persevering prayer, Monica. Gather your family together for **evening prayer** in May. Say Our Lady's Litany together. *It only takes a few minutes.* Her name and praise will dissipate the storm clouds which may gather at day's end.

On Holy Cross Day, Thursday, we sang a solemn Mass and we blessed the Palm Crosses, which are used devoutly against bad weather. Fr. McKenna commented that we could have used them earlier in the week, and this is true. The Kinnetts' old house was hit by lightning last Tuesday night, but mostly spared. We were awakened by a midnight storm, so loud I thought it was hail. I was so sleepy I could only just manage invoking an angel or two to see to things, and they did, as I fell back asleep. The only damage was a big puddle of water by Dr. Jesus, a mysterious leak we have never been able to trace and fix. Maybe the angels will see to it....

I want to thank our school, its staff and students, as well as our resident Italian chef, Dominic O'Donnell and family, for a perfect Spring Sunday last week. We wanted to thank **you** for your support of our fine little school all year long, as well as to show you some of its sweet fruits. They *are* a talented bunch, aren't they? Every piece sung or poem declaimed was a delight, and such charming little touches, as well!

Who would not be touched and moved by the innocence of little children, all the sweeter in contrast with all of the ugliness and bitterness of this wicked world of ours? It is good to celebrate the good. May more souls be won away from the dark side by the dear voices of innocence and love.

These same voices are raised to God daily in song at the Sacrifice of the Mass, at the heart of the school day. We know how this stirs up the devil's furious hatred and infernal persecution, but who knows the blessings won for us and for the Poor Souls, by the innocent chorus of Christ's lambs, gathered about the Holy Altar? Come and pray with them some day, won't you? Satan can bear Sundays, even perfect Gertrudian Sundays, because he *knows* that Monday and Tuesday and Wednesday and the rest are his, as even their names indicate, hearkening back to the old heathen demons the pagans worshiped as gods. Prove him wrong some workday, won't you?

Fr. McKenna is in his final month with us, but has returned home to Boston for First Holy Communions at Sacred Heart Church. **Fr. McGuire** reports a good number of lambs to be fed for the first time by the Lamb of God, both at St. Hugh and in the missions. Let us pray for these children never to lose their Lord and their God, Who comes soon to feed them with Himself.

This is the last of our quiet Paschal weeks at church. Next week begins with **two processions**, morning and night, for the Blessed Mother's May Crowning, and Our Lady of Fatima's crown of roses—the Holy Rosary for peace. The processions continue with the Lesser Litanies, which lead into the Holy Day of Ascension, in turn sparking the fire of the Holy Ghost for the Pentecost Novena and Confirmations. May will end in a busy blaze of red, Pentecostal flame.

May the Holy Ghost produce His fruits in your soul, starting each morning and lasting all week until Sunday sees you on your knees at church again.

Come, Holy Ghost!

—Bishop Dolan

Catechism Corner: *What Every Christian Must Do (continued from last week)*

We must flee all idolatry and all false religions; also superstition, under which name are comprehended all manner of divinations, all fortune-telling, all witchcraft, charms, spells, observations of omens, dreams, etc. All these things are heathenish, and contrary to the worship of the true and living God, and to that entire dependence which a Christian soul ought to have on Him. But we must devoutly honor the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, the Holy Angels, and the Saints reigning in Glory; whose intercession we shall always most profitably invoke. We should likewise duly reverence all sacred emblems and pious memorials of our Lord and His Saints, and honor the relics of God's servants whom Holy Church has canonized.

Weekday webcast Masses are marked with a 

- MON 5/7/12 ST STANISLAUS, BPM**
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude (*DJR*)
 **11:20 AM High Mass** Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Patton family*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
4:00 PM Maidens of the Immaculate Heart
- TUE 5/8/12 APPARATION OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
 OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART**
8:00 AM Low Mass Thelma Broermann-Health (*Mr. & Mrs. Kent Maki*)
 **11:20 AM High Mass** †Andrew D'Allessandro (*Jane & Rob Brockman*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude-Pat Buckley (*DJR*)
- WED 5/9/12 ST GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BPCD**
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude-Dale (*DJR*)
 **11:20 AM High Mass** Poor Souls-Gratitude-All Sacristy Helpers & our Priests (*DJR*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass St. Christopher & St. Thomas Aquinas- Answered Prayers (*Rebecca Hinton*)
6:30 PM Choir Practice
- THU 5/10/12 ST ANTONINUS, BPC
 SS GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Martha Ellis (*Richard & Elizabeth Smith*)
 **11:20 AM High Mass** Our aunts & uncles especially those fallen away (*Mr. & Mrs. Scott Richesson*)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass †Muriel Gill (*J. Gunsher family*)
- FRI 5/11/12 FERIAL DAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Clare Lotarski*)
10:55 AM Confessions
 **11:20 AM Requiem High Mass** Purgatorial Society followed by **May Devotions**
5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions
 **5:45 PM Low Mass** Gloria Z.- Happy Birthday (*Bishop Dolan*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
- SAT 5/12/12 ST ANSELM, BPCD**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Stella Simpson (*Patton family*)
8:10 AM May Devotions
8:20 AM Sermon, Low Mass †Daniel Joseph Blanchett (*Regina Gilliam*)
- SUN 5/13/12 EASTER V MOTHERS DAY
 ST ROBERT BELLARMINI, BPCD
 OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Stella Simpson (*Patsy McConnell family*)

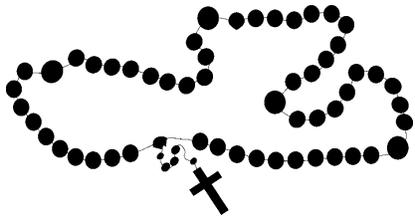
- 9:00 AM High Mass** For All of our Mothers, Living and Deceased
10:30 AM May Crowning Procession
11:30 AM Low Mass Happy Mother's Day Mom (*Catherine, William, Margaret, Michael & Theo*)
5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude
7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace at Union Centre Blvd & Floer Dr.

*FATIMA ROSARY
 PROCESSION
 Sunday, May 13th
 7:15 PM*

After you visit Mom next Sunday, how about bringing her—and the family—to honor our Blessed Mother on May 13th?

End the day with everybody's Mother!

We meet just a short drive from Church: at Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive in the parking lot in front of the First Watch / Jimmy John's restaurants. The Rosary Procession will commence at 7:15 PM.



"Pray the Rosary every day, in order to obtain peace for the world..."

—Our Lady of Fatima, May 13, 1917

Sponsored by the Rosary Confraternity of St. Gertrude the Great Church

THE FOLLOWING PARISH MASSES WERE OFFERED BY FATHER CEKADA:
 Special Intention (*R. Uhlenbrock*)
 †Fr. Randolph (*Rebecca Stump*)