
St. Gertrude the Great Roman Catholic Church

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Pentecost XI

St. Clare

August 12, 2012

Pray the *Introit* for brotherly love and for protection from our enemies: *God in his holy place; God, who maketh men of one mind to dwell in a house: he shall give power and strength to his people.*

O Lord Jesus, open my ears that they may listen to Thy will, and loosen my tongue that I may honor and announce Thy works. Take from me the desire for human praise, that I may not be led to reveal my good works and thus lose the reward of my Heavenly Father, Amen.



**The Most Reverend
Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor**

**The Rev. Anthony Cekada
The Rev. Charles McGuire
The Rev. Vili Lehtoranta**

Traditional Latin Mass

Sunday Masses

**7:30 AM Low Mass
9:00 AM High Mass
11:30 AM Low Mass
5:45 PM Low Mass**

Weekday Masses

See THE CALENDAR inside

New at St. Gertrude's? Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules 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 Catholic Faith and the Latin Mass. A free information packet is available to newcomers; ask an Usher or inquire in the **Gift Shop**. Stop by **Helfta Hall**, our social hall, after Mass for refreshments.

Dress Code: *Ladies & Girls*—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.

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

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

Votive Candles: You may light candles before the numerous shrines located throughout the main church as well as in the baptistery. The suggested donation for a seven-day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for six-hour votives is 50 cents.

Confessions: Fridays at 10:55 AM, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (*please consult THE CALENDAR inside for times*); most Sundays before the morning Masses.

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 Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony.

Blessing of Religious Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses.

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

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

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ **AUGUST 12, 2012 • PENTECOST XI**
• **ST CLARE, V •**

We close our St. Philomena Triduum today. Bring your petitions with confidence to this powerful little saint, to whom "nothing is refused."

✠ **TOMORROW:**

FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Our fourth *Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace* follows the **5:45 PM Mass on Monday**, August 13th. All parishioners and their families are invited to join with the members of the Rosary Confraternity to pray this public Rosary. Meet us for the procession at Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive in West Chester at **7:15 PM**.

✠ **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**

Wednesday, August 15th, is the Feast of Our Lady's **Assumption**, a *Holy Day of Obligation*. All are bound to assist at Mass under the pain of mortal sin. The Mass schedule for the Holy Day is as follows: **7:00 AM** Low Mass (especially for workers—no sermon), **8:45 AM** Rosary and High Mass with blessing of firstfruits, **5:45 PM** Low Mass.

✠ **NEXT SUNDAY**

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XII, with commemorations of St. John Eudes and the Octave of the Assumption. Trinity Preface.



Ephphetha, which is, Be thou opened.

Ushers: AUGUST 19, 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, August 5th\$3,233.00
Second Collection\$828.00

✠ **A WEIGHTY QUESTION...**

...and a delicate one, no doubt. Please do not half-sit, half-kneel on the pews. The pews are cracking because they cannot support the weight! Make it a rule to kneel up nice like a Christian. If you cannot, then sit up straight. But never half-kneel, half-sit. You're destroying the pews!

✠ **SUMMER CHURCH SUPPORT**



Please don't let your weekly collection envelopes take a vacation! Kindly mail them in if you are going to be away. Thank you for your generosity.

LUMEN CHRISTI

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

**The Holy Innocents
of the Modern Age (abortion)**
(Rebecca Stump)

Prayer-Crowns.

*On her Assumption feast, I've heard
That Mary sends her angels down
To gather up the children's prayers
And form them in a pretty crown.*

*Some prayers are quite like lilies white,
And some like freshest roses red;
The lovely crowns that Mary weaves
Are fashioned for each little head.*

*And when a child is called from earth
And seeks dear Mary and her Son,
Our Blessed Mother welcomes him,
Provided that his crown is spun.*

—Richard Heartwright

Servers: AUGUST 13 - 19, 2012

WED 8/15 7:00 AM LOW: T. Simpson, Sr.
8:45 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt ACs: J. Simpson, J. Lacy TH: B. Lotarski TORCH: M. Simpson, J. & J. Morgan, T. Lawrence, S. & L. Arlinghaus CROSS: S. Arlinghaus
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller, J. Gunsher
FRI 8/17 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 8/18 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
SUN 8/19 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: T. Simpson, Sr. MASS MC: T. Simpson, Jr. ACs: S. & L. Arlinghaus TH: J. Simpson TORCH: J. Lacy, J. & J. Morgan, T. Lawrence, 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

Lady Day in Ireland

Through the long August day,
mantled blue with a sky of Our Lady,
They are there at the well from
the dawn till the sea birds go home;
And the trees bending down with
broad leaves offer spots that are shady,
Where the heart is at rest, sighing
prayers till the shadows are come.

The brown beads and the crucifix
pass in procession through fingers
That are pale as the snow or are
hardened from labor and pain.
In each Ave they whisper the
deep Celtic tenderness lingers,
Like a sweet phrase in song that
is echoed and echoed again.

Marching down the white road
with the sun in the noon of his
splendor

Are the children, with joy in the
blue of their innocent eyes;
In their hearts is a song, breaking
forth into words that are tender,
Unto her with the gold of the
stars and the blue of the skies.

In the still summer air there's a
chorus of minstrelsy breaking,
There are flashes of gold with a
flutter and waving of wings:
Mary's birds are they, come with
the dawn, all the green woods
forsaking,
Every heart in them breaking for
love with the message it brings.

Through the calm August day,
with Our Lady's blue sky far above
them,

And beyond the grey mountains
where slumbers the Irish green sea,
There they speak to her, weep
while they pray to her, beg her to love
them,

Till beyond the bright stars where
their home and their treasure shall be.

—P. J. Carroll, C.S.C.

✠ CALLING ALL CATHOLICS ✠
FOR THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2012

8:45 AM: Rosary at the Grotto, followed by Blessing of the First Fruits, and Procession to Church.

9:00 AM: Solemn High Mass



Bring the whole family to the Lourdes Grotto (*and your First Fruits: flowers, herbs, fruits, and vegetables*) at **8:45 AM**. The Rosary will be prayed, followed by blessing of the First Fruits. The children will carry the blessed flowers, and lead a procession into church for Holy Mass. Representing the angels, the children will fill Mary's tomb with flowers.



Plus:
Early Morning
Low Mass
especially
for workers
(no sermon)
7:00 AM



Finally:
Confessions
& Rosary:
5:15 PM

Evening
Low Mass
5:45 PM



Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us!

THE PARENTS OF MARY

Spiritual writers are not agreed as to whether or not **St. Joachim** (*feast day August 16th*), the father of the Blessed Virgin, ever really knew the keen sorrow his beloved child was to suffer during her lifetime. Some are of the opinion that he died in ignorance of this fact with Mary at his bedside to the end, attending to his every want. The more common opinion, perhaps, is that at his death he was granted a vision of the seven sorrows of Mary, which he understood was to be the seven-jeweled crown that she was to wear in heaven, and that he died in great peace and happiness as a result of this vision. Anna, on the other hand, it is popularly believed, lived to see Jesus born and grown to a child of two years of age before she was called home by God. She was with Mary, therefore, during those joyful days of the Annunciation, and must have felt something of the ecstasy of her child in those anxious months preceding the birth of the Infant. It was, most writers think, from the house at Nazareth that Mary was married; in this house she and her husband are thought to have taken refuge after their return from Nazareth, and it was here, too, St. Anna died in the presence of Jesus and Mary.

—*The Ave Maria*

THOUGHTS ON THE ASSUMPTION

Think how glorious was Mary's entry into the heavenly Jerusalem. Who can describe the triumphal reception that the angels and all the Saints prepared for their Queen? Who can form an idea of the joy that thrilled through Our Lady's heart when she beheld the Most Holy Trinity—God the Father, of whom she is the daughter; God the Son, of whom she is the mother; God the Holy Ghost, of whom she is the spouse? St. Bernard exclaims, "If eye hath not seen nor ear heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man what things God hath prepared for them that love Him, who can describe what He prepared for her who gave Him birth, for her who loved Him more than all the world beside?"

—*"A School of Sanctity"*

O Lady, how intimate is your relation with the sovereign Lord of all! You clothe Him with the substance of your virginal flesh and He clothes you in return with the glory of His Majesty.

—*St. Bernard*



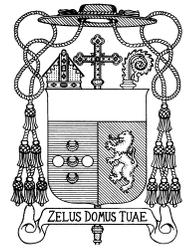
Mary has been taken up into Heaven: the choirs of angels rejoice, Alleluia.



The Miraculous Preface

The Preface is that part of the Mass said or sung just before the Canon. It is so called because it is, as it were, a preparation for the most solemn part of the Holy Sacrifice, which begins with the *Sanctus*. At this point the server rings a bell to warn the worshippers that the Consecration is about to take place. According to the best authorities, the Preface of the Mass is of apostolic origin. Anciently there was a special Preface for each feast, but now only eleven are used. All of these Prefaces, particularly that of the Blessed Trinity, are masterpieces of composition. At Solemn High Mass the Preface is always sung. Who is not affected by this celestial melody?

The Preface of the Blessed Virgin is also known as the "*Miraculous Preface*." It is ascribed to Pope Urban II, who was the first to sing it, and who added it to the sacred liturgy in 1095. It is called the Miraculous Preface because the greater part was miraculously put into the mouth of the holy Pontiff, as he was one day singing High Mass in the Church of Our Blessed Lady at Placentia. He began by chanting the Common Preface, but when he had come to that part where the Prefaces generally change to suit the solemnity, he heard angelic voices singing: '*Who, by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, conceived Thine Only-Begotten Son, and, the glory of her virginity still remaining intact, brought into the world the Eternal Light, Christ Jesus Our Lord.*' At the name of Our Saviour the priest turns towards the Tabernacle and bows his head. Thus we can always tell when the Miraculous Preface is being said or sung, for it is the only one in which the adorable Name of **Jesus** occurs.



*All Sunday Masses are webcast
Many weekday Masses will be webcast this summer
Please check our website!*

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| MON | 8/13/12 | SS HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM <i>ST JOHN BERCHMANS, C</i> <i>OUR LADY REFUGE OF SINNERS</i> 5:45 PM Low Mass †Diane Powell (<i>SGG Rosary Confraternity</i>) 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace (Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Dr.) |
| TUE | 8/14/12 | VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION <i>ST EUSEBIUS, C</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Our Spiritual Benefactors (<i>J. Gunsber family</i>) Summer Novena Opening of Assumption Novena 9:00 AM Low Mass †Bobby DeChristofaro (<i>Jane & Rob Brockman</i>) |
| WED | 8/15/12 | THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY <i>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</i> 7:00 AM Workers' Low Mass (no sermon) Our Lady Undoer of Knots—For prayers answered (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>) 8:45 AM Rosary at Grotto 9:00 AM Blessing of firstfruits and flowers at Grotto, Procession, Solemn High Mass: For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 5:15 PM Confessions and Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Kyle Ormrod (<i>Clare Lotarski</i>) |
| THU | 8/16/12 | ST JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY <i>ST ROCH, C</i> 11:20 AM Low Mass †Virgil McCormick-Anniversary (<i>Margaret Kinnett</i>) |
| FRI | 8/17/12 | ST HYACINTH, C OCTAVE DAY OF ST LAWRENCE 8:00 AM Low Mass †Charles E. Simpson (<i>Rose Wellman</i>) 5:15 PM Rosary and Confessions 5:45 PM Low Mass Ruben Joseph Landry (<i>Mother, Joan Landry</i>) 6:30 PM Novenas and Benediction |
| SAT | 8/18/12 | WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>ST AGAPITUS, M</i> <i>ST HELENA, EMPRESS</i> 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Regina Marie Rose Shawhan (<i>M. Sutton</i>), Sermon |
| SUN | 8/19/12 | PENTECOST X <i>ST JOHN EUDES, C</i> WITHIN THE OCTAVE 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Catherine Pohlmeier (<i>Katie Bischak</i>) |

The great feast of summer is the Assumption. I hope you will plan to bring yourself, your children, your garden produce and flowers to the High Mass at 9:00 AM. We begin at the Grotto with Rosary beforehand, and process into church with the blessed flowers, led by the children who represent the Assumption angels.

Tomorrow evening, at 7:15, we have *another* procession, rather more penitential in character, as we beg God for “peace in our day” through Mary’s Immaculate Heart.

This year the geese have stayed put all around the ponds where we process, carpeting every bit of sidewalk with droppings, which must be dodged. The cumulative effect, I admit, is rather unpleasant, and the whole procession assumes a most humble and penitential air. I found, however, that if I kept my eyes on the droppings and my heart thus duly humble, that I could pray very well, almost distraction-free, a rarity at public rosaries. Come yourself, and let me know how you do.

Today I offer Mass in the Southwest of France, at Chambéry, where Our Lord revealed so much of the Five Wounds devotion to Sr. M. Martha Chambon. The congregation there now counts perhaps fifty souls, having had its difficulties over the years. This afternoon I have a long six-hour drive to the convent of Clos Nazareth for evening Mass. I am happy to be spending the week with the sisters, and celebrating the Assumption with them, before returning to the Curé of Ars Chapel in Chambéry for my final Sunday in France (or Savoy, as some maintain).

Today is the feast day of our **St. Clare Chapel**, now happily resettled in Chillicothe, Ohio, at **Fr. McGuire’s** boyhood home. The chapel continues to serve faithful from all over the region whenever a priest can make it for Mass. The Blessed Sacrament is reserved there, making it a true spiritual beacon. How happy St. Clare must be to be put back together again. We wish them a blessed feast day, and promise our prayers for perseverance and growth.

God bless you all!

—Bishop Dolan

9:00 AM **High Mass** †Albert Arlinghaus (*Simpson family*)

11:05 AM **Rosary**

11:30 AM **Low Mass** The Patton family (*F.R. Mattingly*)

5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the People of St. Gertrude the Great