

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Cekada, Rev. Charles McGuire,
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

September 22, 2013 Pentecost XVIII

St Thomas of Villanova, BpC
St Maurice & Companions, Mm



BE OF GOOD HEART, SON,
THY SINS ARE FORGIVEN THEE

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶The blessing of expectant mothers will be available after all Masses, at the Communion rail. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Tickets for the Rosary Sunday Communion Breakfast are on sale between the Masses; please inquire in the Gift Shop, or you may call the church office during the week. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

“Now, my brothers, we bear the image of the earthly Adam; but one day we shall bear the image of the celestial Jesus Christ.”
– St. Thomas of Villanova

¶THIS WEEK

Monday brings martyrs **St. Linus**, Peter’s first successor, and **St. Thecla**, Paul’s disciple and a special patron of the dying. **Tuesday** comes **Our Lady of Ransom**, the hope of captive Christians, who is also honored under the title of “*Our Lady of Mercy*.” We offer Requiem Masses on **Wednesday**; come to pray for your beloved dead. Our own North American Martyrs, **St. Isaac Jogues and Companions**, are commemorated **Thursday**. These French missionaries were the first to die for the faith on American soil and should be especially honored by us. **Friday** is the feast of the “holy physicians without pay,” the brothers **Ss. Cosmas and Damian**. The week ends with good **St. Wenceslaus** on **Saturday**.

Lumen Christi

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

Thanksgiving for favors granted
(Mr. & Mrs. Maki)

¶NEXT SUNDAY: ANGEL SUNDAY

The traditional Blessing of Children and their dedication to their Guardian Angels will take place after all Masses. Sunday Classes are at 10:50 AM (note special time), and Vespers of the Angels will be sung at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

Set Your Missal: Dedication of St. Michael, Archangel, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIX. Trinity Preface.

“He who, when tempted, makes the Sign of the Cross with devotion, makes Hell tremble and Heaven rejoice.”

– St. John Vianney

¶CONFESSIONS

Confessions are heard every Friday at 10:55 AM, as well as Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (please see *THE CALENDAR inside for times*); and most Sundays before the morning Masses.

¶IN YOUR CHARITY

Please pray for all our sick, especially Bob Uhlenbrock, and Jane Brockman who’s scheduled for surgery this week, Jane Donadio, Ed and Paulina Strauss, and Florence Scott.

¶DATES TO REMEMBER

➔ **Oops!** There’s an error in the 2013 Calendar... please note that **Columbus Day** this year falls on **Monday, October 14th** (not the 7th). Remember to mark your calendar for the holiday, *and* for the closing Candlelight **Fatima Rosary Procession** for Peace, the evening before: **Sunday, October 13th**, at 7:15 PM.

Remember that you are immortal; realize your own immortality. Remember it all day long, in all places; live as men whose every act is recorded, whose every change may be recorded for ever.
– Cardinal Manning



SERVERS: SEPTEMBER 23 - 29, 2013

- FRI 9/27 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
- SAT 9/28 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs
- SUN 9/29 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson, Jr., B. Lotarski
ACs: J. Simpson, J. Lacy
TH: A. Richesson CROSS: L. Arlinghaus
MITRE: N. McClorey
CROZIER: S. Arlinghaus BOOK: S. Lawrence
CANDLE: P. Lawrence TRAIN: C. Richesson
GREMIALE: M. Simpson TORCH: P. Omlor, A. Soli, P. & N. McClorey, C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, J. & J. Morgan
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, F. Puglielli
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, September 15th\$3,301.00

Rosary Sunday – October 6, 2013



Our annual communion breakfast follows the 9 AM High Mass and Procession. It will feature a special presentation by Fr. McKenna, plus a chance to win a beautiful Italian sculpture of the Sorrowful Mother.

Get your tickets today at the Gift Shop or in Helfta Hall

\$7 per person – adults 18 & up \$6 per person – ages 13 – 17
 \$4 per person – ages 6 – 12 FREE – age 5 & under
 Family discount: only \$26 for parents and all children under 18

Tickets will be available for purchase now through next Sunday, September 29th. No tickets will be sold on Rosary Sunday, so get yours now and don't miss out on this very special event!



Sponsored by the Rosary Confraternity
 of St. Gertrude the Great



The Dog of Pompeii.

Did you ever hear of Delta, the good dog of Pompeii? You all know, at least, that great city was destroyed many hundreds of years ago by a torrent of lava which poured down from the crater of the volcano Vesuvius. This volcano is still active; it is situated on the Bay of Naples, Italy, nine miles from the city.

When, in recent times (*late 19th & early 20th century—Ed.*), men began excavating to find the ruined and buried city they saw that many animals and human beings had left traces which could be recognized. Among these remains was the skeleton of a dog, stretched across the body of a little child. Without doubt he had run to protect his young master at the first intimation of danger, and died at his post. On his collar was an inscription which told that his name was Delta, and that he had three times saved the life of his master, Sevorinus: once by dragging him from the sea when he was in danger of drowning, once by driving away some robbers who would have killed him, and on another occasion by slaying a savage wolf that was about to attack little Sevorinus.

And after this fine record of brave deeds Delta ended his life in the pursuit of duty; for it is likely that so fleet-footed a creature might have saved himself by running away from the danger.

— *The Ave Maria*

Dedicated to "our" Delta – may we be so faithful!

Very important:

"We are not excusable if we believe any man to the contrary of the faith, no matter how good or how knowledgeable he may seem, when we see that he teaches us a wrong way, which we can soon know if we are good Christians and already know the Creed."

— St. Thomas More



Hail, O Holy Cross, my light and my strength! bond of my redemption, my salvation and my glory. Hail, O Holy Cross, my refuge and my shelter! Hail, emblem of grace, consolation of the afflicted, impregnable wall against the power of the evil spirit!



This wretched life is only a journey to the happy life to come. We must not be angry with one another on the way.

— St. Francis de Sales

THE SHADOW OF A ROCK

Petrus – a rock, – but Peter fled,
 Leaving his Master, and denied
 And wept. *So long his tears were shed
 His cheeks made channels for that tide.*

Petrus – a rock, – but paradox!
 He trembled like a reed in the wind,
 Afraid among the serving folk.
For tears his eyes are almost blind.

Full of all loyal impulses,
 Ready to die, yet so unsure;
 The keys that open heaven are his,
 And he the keeper of the door.

He runs upon the engulfing wave
 To reach his Master's side, and then
 He sinks; but Love is quick to save
 This wavering man of all His men.

Petrus – a rock, – O when I fail,
 To Peter I shall lift my eyes!
 His weakness is my coat of mail,
 And by his failures I shall rise.

He who loved much and was forgiven,
 Yea, first to receive the Holy Ghost;
 The keeper of the door of heaven
 Where there troops in a shining host.

I turn to him who may not look
 To spotless saints that never sinned;
 He, Simon Peter, yea, the Rock,
 Peter, a reed blown by the wind.

— *Katharine Tynan*

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

What a rocky ride we've had this past week to arrive at today's Autumn Equinox, the start of Fall, heralded calmly by our Ember purple and penance and prayer. Last weekend's twin feasts of the Holy Cross and the Seven Sorrows brought clear dry days, sunny under a blue heaven. Rain only teases us with a drop or two, and Summer heat and humidity come and go, afflicting us perhaps one last time.

Still, the weather was perfect for our peace procession on a blessed Friday the 13th. Fifty-three faithful joined our three Fathers, as **Fr. McKenna** led us in the fifteen decades, our prayers blending with the sunset to make for much beauty. Our Lady's image was ingeniously lighted against the encroaching darkness. Peace, for a time, seemed assured.



Our parish picnic was sweet indeed on another beautiful day. The buffet groaned under a veritable abundance of creative salads and enticing desserts, making for an irresistible "two-plate picnic." I never manage to say hello to *everyone*, but it seems everyone had a good time, as many came and went all afternoon. The children organized themselves into games right away, and Marlys' unique piñata challenged them all before yielding its treasure. My sincere thanks go to Mark for all of his work, shopping and grilling, and to all of *you* who came and had a good time on a fine Fall afternoon.

While our parish and its many activities are for people, our little furry friends seem irresistibly drawn by them as well. The pious **Puccini** instinctively bounded over to join our procession to the grotto for the Nativity of Mary. Only his innate modesty and love of solitude stopped him in his paw prints from joining the crowd in honoring Our Lady.

Caravaggio regularly waits for me outside the Convento after dinner, eager to go to church for the evening visit to the Blessed Sacrament. The first squirrel I've ever seen here, and a baby one at that, was camped out in the vestibule the other Friday morning. The intrepid Miss Mikesell scooped up the little rodent and marched off to show her students her new prize, later to be restored to liberty and perhaps its mother.



Even a pair of rascally raccoons, returning late for their dawn curfew from the rounds of our garbage cans, strolled recently into the high grass behind the rectory at 8:00 one morning.

The groundhogs are grown up and settled in for the season now, probably awaiting their moment of glory on Candlemas. I wonder what **Fr. Larrabee** would have to say? We do, however, keep his erstwhile successor, Fr. McKenna, busy about many things. Luncheon preparations on the 13th yielded a clogged sink, and our junior priest morphed into a plumber for the occasion, saving us

some money and restoring the life of the rickety old disposal. (Be sure to hear the whole story of our "priest cum plumber" at the Rosary Confraternity Communion Breakfast on Rosary Sunday – tickets on sale today!) Special thanks to Katie for coming down from the sacristy to the kitchen for the cleanup. You never know what the day holds for you at St. Gertrude the Great.

Fr. McGuire was under the weather last week with a virus, and I had my "September sickness." Some years when the weather is very good, the allergies are especially bad. We are grateful for the presence and assistance of the young Fathers. Old **Father Cekada** is scurrying off to our almost full seminary this afternoon for his first teaching week. His weeks, with choir, organ and finances, e-mails, and speaking and writing for the Faith, tend to be rather full all year round.



There are some new names on our roster of church volunteer cooks, the *Cucina Clerical*. We are grateful! As well, **Fr. Lehtoranta** has gotten himself a cookbook and done several creditable meals so far. Fr. McKenna is always ready for the grill, Lawrence-like. The rest of us just eat, but all of us are grateful.

Grateful, too, are we to hear that Isaac Kitchen, who grew up at St. Gertrude the Great, and is now in the Navy working at the Washington Navy Yard, was spared in last Monday's attack. These tragedies touch us all in different ways, as do the depredations of different kinds of illness. It was gratifying to see so many come to the Communion rail last week, seeking solace and healing through Our Mother of Sorrows. (continued, inside back cover)

✠ THE QUEEN OF MARTYRS' MEN ✠

SEPTEMBER

Dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows

(Queen of Martyrs)

In the peaceful village,
Auriesville, New York
(originally Ossernenon),
hallowing the memory of the
North American Martyrs,
birthplace of Kateri Tekakwitha,
in the year sixteen hundred
and fifty-six, "Lily of the
Mohawks,"
daughter of a Mohawk Chief,
her mother a Christian Algonquin,
a Church, rotunda in architecture,
rises above a valley
upon the brow of a hill,
consecrated to God,
dedicated to one
who did most perfectly
His Holy Will,
Mother of the Divine Son,
Queen of Martyrs.
The Society of Jesus
whose canonized a litany comprise,
consider it a blessed privilege
to have here a place of pilgrimage,
a house, a Priests' Retreat,
where hill and valley
the Mohawk River meet.

There came to Canada
intrepid missionaries,
in the second quarter of the
seventeenth century,
whose native land was France,
Saint Isaac Jogues and
Companions,
educated, cultured, sensitive
to their environment,
loyal sons of Saint Ignatius,
founder of the Society of Jesus,
hearts aglow with love
for Christ, the King,
mingling with the tribal Indians,
that they might sing
the praises of God.

The cross, their daily companion
came to be,

who brought a Ladylove across the
sea;
with her, no other could compare,
immaculate, beautiful, debonair,
who not in France as yet
appeared at Lourdes to Bernadette.

Laboring for the conversion
of the Huron tribe,
the years were short
with them to 'bide.
The Iroquois well knew
tortures at Ossernenon
and Canada,
that were not due
Saint Isaac Jogues and
Companions.

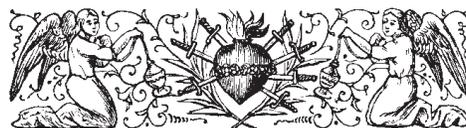
To his Eucharistic ardor
Saint Isaac Jogues,
missionary, explorer,
gave expression in the name:
"Lac Saint Sacrement!"
(Lake of the Blessed Sacrament)
on the eve of Corpus Christi,
May 29, 1646.

The waters lapping the shore
of Lake George and Paradise Bay,
among the Adirondack Mountains
murmur a cadence perpetually,
*"Pange lingua gloriosi
Corporis mysterium,"*
*"Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui ..."*

Our Lady of Sorrows' transfixion
was of the senses
beneath the Cross of her Divine
Son;
in that hour when He gave His
Mother
to the beloved John
(and Mary, became Our Mother),
crowned her with the palm of
Martyrdom.

"Queen of Martyrs, pray for us!"

— Rose Margaret Coughlin



The Jesuit Martyrs of North America

"My confidence is placed in God
who does not need our help for
accomplishing His designs.
Our single endeavor should be
to give ourselves to the work (He
has placed before us) and to be
faithful to Him, and not to spoil
His work by our shortcomings."

— St. Isaac Jogues



Prayer to the Sorrowful Virgin

Mary, most holy Virgin and Queen of
Martyrs, accept the sincere homage of
my filial affection. Into thy heart,
pierced by so many swords, do thou
welcome my poor soul. Receive it as
the companion of thy sorrows at the
foot of the Cross, on which Jesus died
for the redemption of the world. With
thee, O sorrowful Virgin, I will gladly
suffer all the trials, contradictions, and
infirmities which it shall please our
Lord to send me. I offer them all to
thee in memory of thy sorrows, so that
every thought of my mind, and every
beat of my heart may be an act of com-
passion and of love for thee. And do
thou, sweet Mother, have pity on me,
reconcile me to thy divine Son Jesus,
keep me in His grace and assist me in
my last agony, so that I may be able to
meet thee in heaven and sing thy
glories. Amen.

An indulgence of 500 days.

✠ THE CALENDAR

*All Sunday Masses and school day Masses are webcast
Please check our website!
Please note the varied Mass times this week*

- MON 9/23/13 ST LINUS, PM
ST THECLA, VM
11:20 AM High Mass** don Francesco Maria Paladino (*JCS*)
- TUE 9/24/13 OUR LADY OF RANSOM
7:00 AM Low Mass** †Earl Blain (*Robert McDonald*)
11:20 AM High Mass don Francesco Maria Paladino (*JCS*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Papa Current-special intention (*Samantha*)
- WED 9/25/13 FERIAL DAY
8:00 AM Low Mass** Poor Souls (*Lori Durante*)
11:20 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorian Society
- THU 9/26/13 ST ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS, MM
Ss CYPRIAN, M & JUSTINA, VM
7:00 AM Low Mass** †Earl Blain (*Robert McDonald*)
11:20 AM High Mass †Mrs. Kathleen Sanborn (*Lotarski family*)
5:00 PM Low Mass †John Overmann (*Brendan Blase*)
6:30 PM Choir Practice
- N.B.
Special day
- FRI 9/27/13 Ss COSMAS & DAMIAN, MM
8:00 AM Low Mass** Michell Didier (*Dale Wilker family*)
10:55 AM Confessions
11:20 AM High Mass For priests (*Frances Mattingly*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass For priests (*Frances Mattingly*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
- SAT 9/28/13 ST WENCESLAUS, DUKE, M
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass** Special intention D & M (*G. Keaveney*)
8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass Jerry & Jo Ann Wilker (*Dale Wilker family*)
- SUN 9/29/13 DEDICATION OF ST MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL
PENTECOST XIX
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass** Thanksgiving/deliverance – Isaac (*Mom*)
9:00 AM High Mass Tom Nies & Cincom
10:50 AM Sunday Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass In honor of St. Michael, the Holy Ghost,
and God's mercy (*Frances Mattingly*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

N.B.
Special time

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER *(continued)*

The last of Our Lady's September feasts, of Ransom or of Mercy, falls on Tuesday. Next Sunday's Michaelmas ushers in the month of the angels. In between we honor our own North American Martyrs.

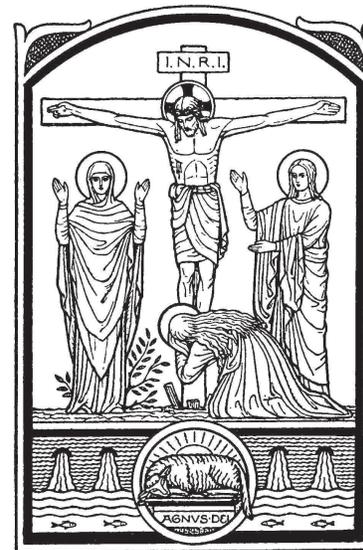
How proud we should be to be Americans, despite our country's shameful culture and degenerate sins on a global scale. This land is soaked with the blood of priest-saints from Tampa Bay to Albany, and New Mexico to Kansas. Our Lady has claimed it for her own long before the Protestants came to pollute it. She fulfills the promise of her title **Conquistadora**, gently, mother-like, conquering and re-conquering this land consecrated to her Immaculate Conception.

I send a blessing with this good Mother and gracious Queen of ours.

– Bishop Dolan

*“The sign of the Cross makes kings of all those
reborn in Christ”*

– St. Leo the Great



*O God, the tree of Eden had brought death upon
mankind, but You, by the tree of Your Cross, have
brought us back to life.*



**When you think of going to Mass on working
days, it is an impulse of the grace that
God wills to grant you. Follow it.**

– St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars

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The following private Mass was offered by Bishop
Dolan on 9/14/13: †Dick Langel (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)

✠ A MUST-READ ON MARY

'It is by Mary,' says the blessed Grignon de Montfort, 'that the salvation of the world has begun, and it is by Mary that it must be consummated. Being the way by which Jesus Christ came to us the first time, she will also be the way by which He will come the second time, though not in the same manner. Mary must shine forth more than ever in mercy, in might and in grace, in these latter times: in mercy, to bring back and lovingly receive the poor strayed sinners who shall be converted and shall return to the Catholic Church; in might, against the enemies of God, idolaters, schismatics, Mahometans, Jews, and souls hardened in impiety, who shall rise in terrible revolt against God, to seduce all those who shall be contrary to them, and make them fall by promises and threats; and finally, she must shine forth in grace, in order to animate and sustain the valiant soldiers and faithful servants of Jesus Christ, who shall do battle for His interests. Mary must be terrible as an army ranged in battle, principally in these latter times. It is principally of these last and cruel persecutions of the devil, which shall go on increasing daily till the reign of Antichrist, that we ought to understand that first and celebrated prediction and curse of God, pronounced in the terrestrial paradise against the serpent: I will put enmities between thee and the woman, and thy seed and her seed.

'God has never made or formed but one enmity; but it is an irreconcilable one: it is between Mary, His worthy Mother, and the devil; between the children and servants of the blessed Virgin and the children and instruments of Lucifer. Satan fears Mary not only more than all angels and men, but in some sense more than God Himself. It is not that the anger, the hatred, and the power of God are not infinitely greater than those of the blessed Virgin, for the perfections of Mary are limited; but it is because Satan, being proud, suffers infinitely more from being beaten and punished by a little and humble handmaid of God, and her humility humbles him more than the divine power. The devils fear one of her sighs for a soul more than the prayers of all the saints, and one of her menaces against them more than all other torments.'

– *Treatise on True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin*,
translated by Fr. Faber

*Blessed be the name of Mary,
Virgin and Mother!*

✠ AND JUST A MUST-READ

Thought you were upset with the Obama administration collecting your personal communications without a court order... how about this?

NSA shares raw intelligence including Americans' data with Israel

The National Security Agency (NSA) routinely shares raw intelligence data with Israel without first sifting it to remove information about US citizens, a top-secret document provided to the Guardian by whistleblower Edward Snowden reveals.

Details of the sharing agreement between the NSA and its Israeli counterpart that shows the US government handed over intercepted communications likely to contain phone calls and emails of American citizens. The agreement places no legally binding limits on the use of the data by the Israelis.

The disclosure that the NSA agreed to provide raw intelligence data to a foreign country contrasts with assurances from the Obama administration that there are rigorous safeguards to protect the privacy of US citizens caught in the dragnet. The intelligence community calls this process "minimization", but the memorandum makes clear that the information shared with the Israelis would be in its pre-minimized state.

The deal was reached in principle in March 2009, according to the undated memorandum of agreement, which lays out the ground rules for the intelligence sharing... Israel is allowed to receive "raw Sigint" (signal intelligence). The memorandum says: "Raw Sigint includes, but is not limited to, unevaluated and unminimized transcripts, gists, facsimiles, telex, voice and Digital Network Intelligence metadata and content."

In a statement to the Guardian, an NSA spokesperson did not deny that personal data about Americans was included in raw intelligence data shared with the Israelis. But the agency insisted that the shared intelligence complied with all rules governing privacy...

In another top-secret document, dated 2008, a senior NSA official points out that Israel aggressively spies on the US. "On the one hand, the Israelis are extraordinarily good Sigint partners for us, but on the other, they target us to learn our positions on Middle East problems," the official says. "A NIE [National Intelligence Estimate] ranked them as the third most aggressive intelligence service against the US."

Later in the document, the official is quoted as saying: "One of NSA's biggest threats is actually from friendly intelligence services, like Israel..."

– Glenn Greenwald, Laura Poitras and Erwen MacAskill
The Guardian, Wednesday 11 September 2013

(Oh, and how much money do we give them each year?)
