

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

May 4, 2014
Easter II

St Monica, W



I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD:
I KNOW MY SHEEP, AND MY SHEEP KNOW ME

¶ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today is the first Sunday of the month, with our regular second collection for seminary support. The blessing of religious articles is available at the communion rail after all Masses. Sunday Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM, and Vespers at 4:45 PM

The “**little church**” in the vestibule awaits your alms for the sanctification and support of priests. Please be generous!

BLESSED PALM CROSSES from yesterday’s feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross are available in the vestibule. Take them home to invoke God’s blessing and protection on your family’s dwelling.

Without Mary, we shall never find Jesus, for she possesses Him in her heart. There He takes His delight, and those who wish to know His inmost virtues, to experience the privilege of His intimate love, must seek these in Mary. They who love that good Mother find Jesus in her pure heart.

— Bl. Peter Julian Eymard

¶ MOTHERS DAY REMEMBRANCES

Envelopes will be found in the pews. To have your mother, living or deceased, remembered in a special way at Mass next Sunday, 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 9th.



Lumen Christi

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

My mother

(Ross Johnson)

¶ NEXT SUNDAY – MOTHERS DAY

The annual **May Crowning** follows the High Mass at approximately 10:30 AM. First Communion children should wear their Communion outfits, and be in the vestibule by 8:45 AM for the procession into church. Rosary Confraternity members are invited and encouraged to wear their medals and sit together in the pews behind the children on Our Lady’s side. No Sunday classes. Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: HIGH MASS—Easter III, with collect of the Octave of St. Joseph, Easter Preface. LOW MASSES—Solemnity of St. Joseph, collect & Last Gospel of Easter III, Preface of St. Joseph.

¶ GROWN-UP MATTERS

The current Most Holy Trinity Seminary newsletter, sent as always with the compliments and gratitude of Bishop Sanborn for your support for training future priests, won’t be found in the vestibule. This issue deals with delicate themes, adult material. These things need to be said, and are said very well by His Excellency. Our children, however, need to keep that sweet innocence which is their right, and our duty as adults is to

protect it. The newsletter is available in the bookstore. Take it by all means, but always be careful not to leave adult material in the way of little eyes. Modesty and vigilance are the custodians of innocence.

“O Virgin Mary, change my heart into a beautiful pure corporal, to receive that white Host in which our sweet Lamb hides Himself.”

— St. Thérèse of Lisieux

¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Honor our Blessed Mother during this month dedicated to her, by participating in traditional **May Devotions**. This short but sweet service is offered *every school day at 3:10 PM* plus most *Saturday mornings & Sunday afternoons*.

¶ PLEASE REMEMBER OUR SICK

Our neophyte of Easter, young Justin Fulton, a Soli grandchild, is recovering after rather serious surgery. Fr. Vaillancourt had a set back with his foot, has had more surgery and is now in a rehab facility. William Harris is comfortable in Hospice. Tom Payne expects to be entering Hospice soon. Carol Niehaus asks for prayers. Please pray also for Mary Black’s son, J.T. Black, who is very seriously ill, and for Kim LeBlanc, Loraine Gates, Jane Donadio, and all of our sick and shut in.



¶ BANNES OF MATRIMONY

FIRST TIME: Meriwether Brown of Muncie, Indiana, and Lee Melvin.

WE GET LETTERS...

“The **City of God** has lately been (and now always will be) one of God’s most precious gifts to me and I only regret that it has taken me so long to discover it. The little section (*below*) helps me to soar beyond all the sordid I see around me here and to know that God is so loved and praised...supplying for the whole human race. I feel that St. Gertrude’s is that place of praise and love; that it is the song in her Heart!”

Our Lady’s Fidelity

During these hours (Good Friday to Easter) the great Lady united within herself all the faith, all the holiness, all the worship and divine cult of the Church, for in her was preserved and enclosed as in the living and incorruptible ark and as in the temple and sanctuary, the evangelical law and Sacrifice. She by herself alone then constituted the entire Church, because she alone preserved full faith, hope and love, complete worship and adoration for the great object of our faith, not only supplying her full share for herself, but for the Apostles and for the whole human race. She it was who compensated, as far as was possible to a creature, for the deficiencies and faults in the rest of the mystical members of the Church. She performed heroic acts of faith, hope, love toward her Son and true God; she venerated and adored Him by her prostrations and genuflections; she blessed Him with wonderful songs of praise, not allowing her deep and bitter sorrows to interfere with the beautiful and harmonious disposition and the operation of all her faculties...only the Blessed Mary was able and know how to augment the beautiful harmony of virtues in the midst of sorrow.

– *Mystical City of God, The Transfixion: 514-5*



✠ SUNDAY SEVEN

Our Sevenfold Privilege of Love

1. To love God with all our strength.
2. To love Mary, our Mother and Queen.
3. To love the Model of family virtue, Saint Joseph.
4. To love our Patron Saint.
5. To love the Conqueror of the devil, the great Archangel, Michael.
6. To love our Guardian Angel.
7. To love our neighbor as ourself, for the love of God.



Prayer in honor of Saint Monica

O God, Thou didst hearken to the devout tears and importunities of St. Monica, and didst grant to her prayers the conversion of her husband and the penitential return of her holy son. Grant us the grace to implore Thee also with earnest zeal, so that we may obtain, as she did, the salvation of our own soul and of those belonging to us! Through Christ, our Lord, Amen.

O holy Monica, by thy patience and prayers, thou didst obtain from God the conversion of thy husband and the grace to live in peace with him; obtain for us, we beseech thee, the blessing of Almighty God, so that true harmony and confiding peace may reign also in our homes, and that all the members of our families may attain eternal life. Amen.

Servers: MAY 5 - 11, 2014

FRI 5/9 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 5/10 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 5/11 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, T. Simpson **ACS:** P. Omlor, J. Lacy
TH: A. Richesson **TORCH MC:** B. Lotarski
TORCH: C. Richesson, M. Simpson, A. Soli, C. Rios, Nath. & P. McClorey **CROSS:** Nick McClorey **BANNER:** P. Lawrence
11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, F. Puglielli
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Good Friday, April 18th\$1,412.50
Sunday, April 27th.....\$3,976.00

KINDLY SPRING

Kindly spring again is here,
Trees and fields in bloom appear
Hark! the birds with artless lays
Warble their creator’s praise.
Where in winter all was snow,
Now the flowers in clusters grow;
And the corn, in green array,
Promises a harvest-day.

Lord, afford a spring to me,
Let me feel like what I see;
Speak, and by thy gracious voice,
Make my drooping soul rejoice.
On thy garden deign to smile,
Raise the plants, enrich the soil;
Soon thy presence will restore
Life to what seemed dead before.

– *John Newton (1725-1807)*



THE SHEPHERD BOY’S SONG

He that is down needs fear no fall,
He that is low, no pride;
He that is humble ever shall
Have God to be his guide.

I am content with that I have,
Little be it or much;
And Lord, contentment still I crave,
Because Thou savest such.

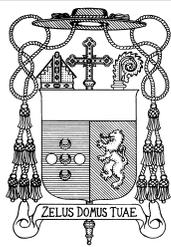
Fullness to such a burden is
That go on pilgrimage;
Here little, and hereafter bliss,
Is best from age to age.

– *John Bunyan*

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES...

Fr. Cekada tests the First Communion children:
Fr. C (holding up the First Communion Catechism): Did you study from this?
Child: No, we used an iPad.
Fr. C: What’s the other kind of sin, after mortal sin?
Child: Vinyl sin.
Fr. C: Oh, that’s because it’s easily washed off!

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠



May's always a stretch, isn't it? Lent is pretty much of a given and most everybody, I imagine, does something. But then the purple comes down, the bells ring out, and lilies blossom on all of the altars...and that's that. "Now, what was I up to?" Life resumes, with an urgency Winter lacks. It's Spring, and there are gardens and graduations and lawns and sports and just getting out and about, all penciled in on our calendars.

Oh, church has its circled days still, before Summer calls us away. There's May Crowning, maybe, and Mothers Day, and many will make the Holy Day at month's end, and of course if you're involved there's a big Pentecost weekend (spoiler alert: Saturday's Mass is *very* long) with First Communion Sunday following the Saturday Confirmations.

Ah, but "'tis the month of our Mother" and surely for her we will do *something* both at home, with May altars and devotions, as well as at church. *She* will prepare the little ones for their Sacraments. She will reclaim her Son's share in daily family life at home. She will maintain our Lenten fervor, now lightened and sweetened by her holy name. She will reclaim sinners for the Sacraments before the Easter Season, with its Duty, ends. And the Queen of Heaven will see that a lily or two still blooms in our soul. Our Blessed Mother to the rescue, and just in time!

But next, St. Joseph. His Easter Feast, with Solemn Mass, Novena and Octave, comes Wednesday and honors his patronage of all the Church. We need him! Pray with us for all of those lost in the darkness of the New Religion, with its new "saints," recycling old heresies. Anything will do today, save the pure worship of God alone in the one true Church. The false gods of political correctness and ecumenism are universally adored. Thus, we need this Patron of the *Universal* Church, humble and holy St. Joseph, and oh how powerful is his prayer.

We're revving up this weekend for our fundraisers for the Summer Camps, and also looking for helpers with our grounds – some weeding, some planting... Could you help? Thank you for your help for all of these projects.

Our weary road warrior, **Fr. McKenna**, limps back after another long Northern mission run, which even featured some snow. Father reports he was especially

working with some home aloners. Prayers, please. Our Louisiana faithful are doing well and are due for some Sacraments for their children, so I must remember to return soon. It's always a pleasure to visit with **Fr. Francis Miller, OFM**. I have a trip out to San Diego scheduled for another Tijuana visit May 16th–20th. **Fr. Cekada** has two more seminary visits before the end of the school year. **Fr. McGuire** labors patiently setting these up, against impossible odds with schedules and fares. Every aspect of travel is a labor of love, only of love, but so is life for a Christian. Make it count. How? With Mary!

May Mary, Help of Christians, open our eyes and hearts this Spring to this supreme reality. This way, with her help, we will not fail in doing good, in being good, so that even as our Lent fades away as a flower, some lilies remain for Easter victory.

A blessed month of May to you!

– Bishop Dolan



Last Friday, May 2nd, was the first anniversary of the death of Patrick Henry Omlor, a great Catholic writer and champion of the Faith.

Spring is here!

We've had the April showers but we're still looking for May flowers.

We would like to landscape the area around the outdoor *Stations of the Cross*.

We need plants and helping hands! The Dates we're looking at are:

May 17th or the 24th.

A few trees will be planted, but we are looking for starts of *Creeping Phlox* and other sun perennials.



After your Phlox bloom, consider thinning them and donating your plant starts for this project! Just mark the color, *white, pink, or lavender* so we know what color we will be planting.

Perennials such as Cone Flower, Coreopsis, Daisies, Asters, Black Eyed Susan, and Yarrow, as well as others, would be a nice addition.

Feel free to bring the starts and leave them in the cloister area or contact the Arlinghaus Family (unionhaus@fuse.net or 859-384-0103). Just mark them "*Stations project*" and we will take care of them.

Many thanks for any help you can offer!

✠ THE MASS IS CALVARY, BUT EASTER TOO ✠

EASTER is the principal feast of the Ecclesiastical year, but few probably would be able to say why this is so; Christmas is the favorite feast for many. It took nothing less than the resurrection to convince the disciples that Jesus was the Messiah and the Son of God in a completely different way, a more remarkable way, than they had suspected during his lifetime. His resurrection is the type and figure of our own. It is efficacious at this very moment in that the power of the spiritual life which is presently at work in Jesus, is also being realized now in our sanctification in time and in space. Christ is our *life*.



THE "EASTER" PART OF MASS

The Fragment is placed into the Chalice: We have seen that the death of Jesus Christ was figured by the symbolical separation of His Body and His Blood. For this reason, the glorious resurrection from the dead could not be more perfectly represented than by placing into the chalice a fragment of the Host, thus showing the reunion of Body and Blood.

You see the priest with the small fragment of the Host in his right hand, making the sign of the cross three times over the chalice, while saying the words: "*Pax Domini sit semper vobiscum*" (May the peace of the Lord be with you always), and then he places the small fragment into the chalice.

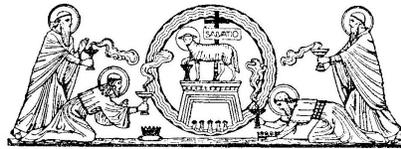
The sign of the cross made three times figures the three days the Body of Christ was in the sepulcher. The placing of the fragment of the Host into the chalice, or the union of Body and Blood, symbolizes the resurrection of Christ from the dead. The meaning of the words here joins itself to the

symbolism of the action in order to figure better and more clearly the holy joys of the resurrection, and the greetings which the faithful received from the lips of the risen Saviour on that first joyous Easter, when He appeared to His Apostles and said: "*Peace be to you.*" **The Agnus Dei:** On that same morning of the resurrection, Jesus appeared to the Apostles and gave them power to forgive sins, when He spoke to them these significant and historic words: "*Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them.*"

The suppliant cry of the *Agnus Dei* (Lamb of God) repeated three times, in a posture of humiliation and contrition, asking mercy and pardon for sins, symbolizes the institution of the sacrament of penance.

The title, *Agnus Dei*, was first given to Jesus, at the beginning of His public life, by St. John the Baptist. Very fittingly, therefore, the *Agnus Dei* is called the Chant of the Resurrection, and reminds us of the power of forgiving sins which the Lamb of God, now gloriously risen and triumphant over sin and death, gave to His Church.

— *Following Christ through the Mass* (1935)



CHRISTUS IMPERAT! Christ commands.

No king has command over the whole universe: there are other kings equal to him in power. But God the Father has said to Jesus Christ: "I will give Thee all the nations for Thy inheritance." And our Lord told His lieutenants when He sent them throughout the world: "All power is given to Me in heaven and in earth. Go and teach ye all nations, teaching them to keep all that I have commanded you."

He issued His commands from the Cenacle. The Eucharistic tabernacle, which is a prolongation or replica of the Cenacle, is the headquarters of the

King of kings. All those who fight the good fight receive their orders from there.

In the presence of Jesus Eucharistic all men are subjects, all must obey, from the Vicar of Jesus Christ, down to the least of the faithful.

Christ commands.

— *Bl. Peter Julian Eymard*



MASS OF GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Jesus presents Himself in today's **Gospel** as the Good Shepherd. Shortly after His Resurrection Jesus organized the visible Church along the lines of a sheepfold. In the **Epistle**, St. Peter, first Shepherd, Pope of the visible Church, recognizes Jesus as the invisible "shepherd of your souls" and out of his memory he tenderly recalls all that Jesus suffered for us "sheep going astray." This Gospel was a favorite of the early Christians. On catacomb walls they delighted to draw pictures and write explanations of the perfect understanding and love between the good Shepherd and His sheep, such as that which existed between the "Father and Me"; of how different He was from human hirelings, "I lay down My Life for My sheep." We are not only fed through the visible guidance of His Church, but the **Alleluia Verse** and **Secret** also indicate how we get to know and love God through the invisible grace of the Sacraments, especially "in the breaking of bread." Hence, our immediate praise of God in the **Introit**, for "the earth is full of the (visible and invisible) mercy of the Lord."

— *My Sunday Missal*



✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org

MON	5/5/14	ST PIUS V, PC
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention MD (<i>G. Keaveney</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Kenneth McCracken (<i>Ken & Regina Gilliam</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
TUE	5/6/14	ST JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention Ella Charlton (<i>G. Keaveney</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Emma Wilker (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Special int. for daughter (<i>Victor Ritze</i>) Opening of St. Joseph Novena
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Uncle Earl Mangen (<i>Dale Wilker family</i>)
WED	5/7/14	SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH
		ST STANISLAUS, BPM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Boston faithful</i>)
	11:20 AM	Solemn High Mass In honor of St. Joseph for the needs of Mother Church and our church, St. Joseph Novena
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Philip Donadio (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
THU	5/8/14	APPARITION OF ST MICHAEL, ARCHANGEL
	6:00 AM	Low Mass Evans family (<i>Samantha</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention CMB (<i>G.P. Keaveney</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Spouse of the Holy Ghost & Special int. (<i>Frances R. Mattingly</i>) St. Joseph Novena
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Boston faithful</i>)
FRI	5/9/14	ST GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BPCD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Madison Wilker (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	High Mass Poor Souls-gratitude-Our Bishop, priests & benefactors (<i>DJR</i>) St. Joseph Novena
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Happy 91st birthday Grandma Rose (<i>Simpson children</i>) Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
SAT	5/10/14	ST ANTONINUS, BPC
		SS GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls VIII-Thank you Our Lady of Good Counsel (<i>Simpson family</i>) May Devotions
	8:10 AM	St Joseph Novena, Low Mass †Patrick H. Omlor-anniversary of burial (<i>P.T. & A.M. Omlor</i>)
SUN	5/11/14	EASTER III
		Mothers Day
	7:05 AM	Rosary

Our Beloved Dead – May

Name	Date of Death
Jeffrey P. Tilford	5-03-1999
Diane Powell	5-04-2012
Arthur F. Moser	5-08-1991
Jean Boehm	5-11-2000
Maria Duff	5-11-2013
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 McMahon	5-29-2009
Theresa C. Albert	5-30-1990
Elizabeth Reis	5-13-2013



UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your calendars!

- ★ **First Fatima Rosary Procession:**
Tuesday, May 13th (7:15 PM).
- ★ **Friday Traditional Movie Night:**
Friday, May 30th (7:00 PM): "JOAN OF ARC" (1948).
- ★ **Confirmands' Day of Recollection:**
Thursday, June 5th.
- ★ **Confirmation: Saturday, June 7th.**
- ★ **First Communion:**
Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.
- ★ **Girls' Camp**
Wednesday, July 9th-Friday, July 11th
- ★ **Boys' Camp**
Tuesday, July 22nd-Thursday, July 24th

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- 7:30 AM Low Mass** Gloria Zbilicki-Happy birthday (*Richard Zbilicki*)
- 9:00 AM High Mass** For all of our Mothers whose names are on our Altar
- approx. 10:30 AM May Crowning Procession**
- 11:30 AM Low Mass** My Catechism class (*Jean Bischel*)
- 4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction**
- 5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

The following Masses were offered by Bishop Dolan:

- †Ray Trower (*Rob & Jane Brockman*) – 4/25/14
- †Denis Donadio (*Rob & Jane Brockman*) – 4/26/14

✠ SAINTS OF THE SEASON ✠

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

I consecrate myself to you, good Saint Joseph, as my spiritual father. I consecrate myself to you as my guide and model in all my duties, so that I may learn to fulfill them with meekness and humility: with meekness toward my brethren, my neighbor, and all with whom I come in contact; with humility toward myself and simplicity before God. I choose you, good Saint, as my counselor, my confidant, my protector in all my difficulties and trials. For myself, I shall honor and love and serve you with Mary, my mother; never shall I separate her name from yours in my love.

O Jesus, give me Joseph for a father as you have given me Mary as a mother. Fill me with devotion, confidence, and filial love. Listen to my prayer, please. I know that You will. Already I feel more devout, more full of hope and confidence in good Saint Joseph, Your foster father and my adopted father.

– Bl. Peter Julian Eymard



SGG YOUTH CAMPS 

THIS SATURDAY

IS OUR MOTHER'S DAY SALE

We can still use your help...

We need people the day of the sale!

You don't have to have children, you could help supervise.

If you have a few hours to spare, let us know. 859-384-0103

Baked goods will be sold at the Kroger Tylersville location.

Drop your baked donations any time Friday or Saturday morning.

We will take care of putting them in serving size containers and price them for the sale.

Tell your friends about our sales!

Use Facebook and tweet the sale to your friends and family.

We will be at these locations:

Kroger - 8238 Princeton - Glendale Road from 12 - 4

Kroger - 7855 Tylersville Road 10 - 6

Wal-Mart Supercenter - 8288 Cincinnati Dayton Rd 10 - 6

Thank you for a great work shop on First Friday.

Living the Way, the Truth, and the Life

St. Pius V excelled in the praise of God. His thoughts were so occupied with God that in all things he preferred the honor and glory of God and desired nothing more than he should conform himself closely to God's most holy will. He reflected devoutly and almost without ceasing on the most bitter things that Christ the Lord suffered on our behalf, and to this end he was accustomed to keep an image of the crucified Savior before himself.



Moreover, Pius always turned to prayer when faced with serious matters and never neglected anything that pertained to his office. For he considered it the pontiff's special duty to intercede before God for the sins and the needs of his people. For this reason he considered it necessary to be familiar with and acceptable to the One before whom he had been appointed as an intercessor. Therefore he repeatedly left off the affairs of his office to engage in conversation with God. In this way he learned from God within what he should teach the people without; and as one who had been snatched up to God in interior contemplation while bearing the burdens of human beings exteriorly, he might act on behalf of their salvation.

– Giovanni Antonio Gabutio

Saint Pius V (Feast day, May 5th) was born near Alessandria in Italy in 1504. He entered the Dominican Order and taught theology. After being ordained a bishop and named a cardinal, he became pope in 1566. He vigorously implemented the reform of the Church begun at the Council of Trent, promoted the spread of the faith and renewed divine worship. He died on May 1, 1572.



PARENTS' PRAYER TO ST. MONICA

O holy Monica, by thy burning tears and unceasing prayers, thou didst save thy son from eternal damnation. Obtain for us the grace ever to comprehend what is most conducive to the salvation of our children, so that we may effectively restrain them from the way of sin and lead them by that of virtue and piety to heaven! Amen.