



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

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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016



OUR NEWEST SOLDIERS OF CHRIST

Vincent *Michael* Brueggemann
Joseph *Patrick* Capetillo
William *Joseph* Gregory
Demetrius *Jean Marie Vianney* Holbrook
Austin *Joseph* McClorey
Isaiah *Christopher* Patton
Simon *Martin* Richesson
Jessy *Jerry* Stewart
Marcel *George* Wansbutter
Olivia *Philomena* Bosier

Ashley *Agnes* Gregory
Katerina *John Bosco* Holbrook
Gianna *Rose* Mann
Abigail *Patrick* Martin
Maria *Philomena* McConnell
Emma *Cecilia* Menefee
Jennifer *Lucy* Schappacher
Lauren *Clare* Schappacher
Martha *Veronica* Schappacher
Maria *Rose* Ucci
Klara *Veronica* Wansbutter

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ PENTECOST

Today is Pentecost Sunday, after Easter the greatest feast of the year, for it marks the completion of the liturgical cycle with the Descent of the Holy Ghost. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion rail after all Masses. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ PENTECOST MONDAY & TUESDAY

Monday and Tuesday are feasts of devotions, formerly holy days. Try especially to assist at Mass on those days.

¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the summer Ember Days. All Catholics age seven and older must observe partial abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday. All those between the ages 21 and 59 inclusive are obliged to follow the church laws of fast—one full meal a day. The Ember Days were instituted to beg God's blessings upon those to be ordained and for the new season of the year.

¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, one week from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your Easter Duty of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.*

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: TRINITY

Next Sunday is Trinity Sunday. Final Sunday Classes of the season will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 Set Your Missal: Trinity Sunday, with commemorations of Pentecost I and St. Rita of Cascia. Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost I. Trinity Preface.

Collection Report

Ascension.....\$1,314.50
Sunday, May 8th.....\$4,703.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will

Lumen Christi

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

Private Intention
(Maureen Scanlon)



¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Parents, grandparents and just about everyone is cordially invited to the daily May Devotions at 3:10 PM—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady. Join us on school days.



¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

First Holy Communion will be administered during the 9:00 AM High Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29th.

The Girls' Camp is scheduled for June 22-24, with the St. John's Bonfire and Parish Picnic on June 23rd.

The Boys' Camp will be July 26-28.

¶ CONGRATULATIONS



Our prayers and best wishes to Chip and Paige McClorey whose son, Charles Joseph, was baptized yesterday during the Vigil of Pentecost ceremonies.

¶ HUNGRY?

There is a woman in the parish willing to cook for you on a weekly basis. Random or regular home-cooked

meals, reasonable prices. Hungry?

Give Anny a call at (513) 313-9893.

"Anything to your heart's (or stomach's) desire!"



¶ OUR SICK

Please remember Mary Rose Peter, Fr. Cekada, Paul Leurck, and Michael Dimino (the brother-in-law of Jean Bischel) in your prayers, as well as some special intentions for our parishioners.

¶ GIRLS' CAMP

It's coming soon! Girls' Camp 2016 will be here in little over a month. We are actively seeking donations to provide the girls with another wonderful camp experience. All contributions gratefully received. You can leave donations with Sharon Patton or at the Church Office or Bookstore. Thank you!



We are also asking for donations of any stray teacups with matching saucers for a craft. These should be the smaller, delicate type of teacups, not the larger mug type. They must be glass or china, no plastic please. Thank you!

The Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation

Cordially invite you to attend the Investiture Ceremony of:

Miss Millicent Arlinghaus

Daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. Arlinghaus

And

Miss Theresa Schroepfer

Daughter of

Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Schroepfer

On the Feast of the

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday, June 3rd, 2016

To begin promptly at 11:00 am

Saint Gertrude the Great Church

4900 Rialto Road

West Chester, Ohio 45069

High Mass will be offered at the end of the ceremony.

Reception and luncheon to follow.

We are all aglow with the Holy Ghost today, given to 21 new Soldiers of Christ at yesterday's beautiful vigil. The white lilies' lingering scent evokes balsam, the fragrant scent in the Holy Chrism, which contains the Holy Ghost. Today all is in red to remind us of love, of martyrdom, and of the holy fire of charity the Holy Ghost kindles within us. Sincere thanks for all who worked so hard that "the days of Pentecost should be accomplished" once again in our midst. Congratulations to our newly confirmed Christians, and to their family and friends. We were happy to welcome guests from Canada this weekend. How very Pentecostal, as we read in today's epistle.



At the same time we bid a sad farewell to the Capetillo family, departing to Connecticut. We will miss them, and wish them well. Their son Joseph made his First Communion yesterday, just before his Confirmation.

Last Sunday's May Crowning was just about perfect, and very touching indeed. So many had such *deep* smiles of joy that I was inspired to write a sort of poem for the bulletin. It's not very good, but I wanted to capture this memorable May Crowning. How better than in verse? Again, thanks all around...our vigilant MCs, like sheepdogs minding Our Lord's lambs, our fine choir and organist, and Jeannie Hille and Katie, who stayed until 6 PM over the lovely wedding like arrangements. May Mary, the Blessed Mother of God whom He permits us to choose as our own, watch over you all.

Keep **Fr. Nkamuke** in your prayers, as conditions in Nigeria deteriorate. He was waiting for a bus to his next mission the other Sunday when a ruckus about a disputed election arose. Young men with machetes came running, and Father with the rest fled. He fell, but only his cassock was injured. It is a difficult life, to be sure.

Fr. Cekada is currently engaged in a series of medical tests and consultations. He has been diagnosed with a very rare form of bladder cancer. May the Holy Ghost guide his treatment, and lead him to full health. Your prayers are so necessary, and appreciated.

Pentecost has two more days of high celebrations, and the Octave leads us into Summer with the Ember Days. Still, the sweet days of Mary and of May continue. Do not forsake your devotions. Mary will never forsake you, her child. May our children lead us to her altar.

May the Holy Ghost enkindle in *you*, the fire of His love!
—Bishop Dolan

"It is through the most Blessed Virgin Mary that Jesus Christ came into the world, and it is also through her that He will reign in the world.

"Our entire perfection consists in being conformed, united and consecrated to Jesus Christ. Hence the most perfect of all devotions is undoubtedly that which conforms, unites and consecrates us most perfectly to Jesus Christ. Now, since Mary is of all creatures the one most conformed to Jesus Christ, it follows that among all devotions that which most consecrates and conforms a soul to our Lord is devotion to Mary, His Holy Mother, and that the more a soul is consecrated to her the more will it be consecrated to Jesus Christ.

"It would hardly be possible for me to put into words how much Our Lady thinks of the Holy Rosary and of how she vastly prefers it to all other devotions. Neither can I sufficiently express how highly she rewards those who work to preach the devotion, to establish it and spread it, nor on the other hand how firmly she punishes those who work against it.

"If priests and religious have an obligation to meditate on the great truths of our holy religion in order to live up to their vocation worthily, the same obligation, then, is just as much incumbent upon the laity—because of the fact that every day they meet

with spiritual dangers which might make them lose their souls. Therefore they should arm themselves with the frequent meditation on the life, virtues and sufferings of Our Blessed Lord—which are so beautifully contained in the 15 mysteries of the Holy Rosary."

-St. Louis de Montfort



Saint Thomas Aquinas says that the Holy Spirit interiorly perfects our spirit, communicating to it a new dynamism so that it refrains from evil for love. With the Holy Spirit within us, "it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely otherworldly in outlook, and for cowards to become people of great courage" (St. Cyril of Alexandria).



DENYING SELF, TAKING UP OUR
CROSS, & FOLLOWING JESUS

St. Bernadette's "testament" is an exceptionally expressive statement of gratitude for the gifts that she received:

"For the extreme poverty, of my father and mother, the failure of the mill, the wood that brought unhappiness, the wine of fatigue, the dirty sheep, thank You, my God.

"For the extra mouth to be fed that I was, for the ragged children, for the sheep that I watched, thank You.

"Thank You, my God, for the procurator, the superintendent of police, the policemen, and for Abbé Peyramale's harsh words!

"For the days when you came, Our Lady Mary; for the days when you did not come—only in paradise can I give you thanks!

"For the slap in the face,...for the bantering, the insults, for those who believed I was crazy, for those who believed I was lying, for those who believed I was greedy, thank you, Lady Mary!

"For the spelling I never learned, the knowledge of books I never had, for my ignorance and my stupidity, thank you!

"Thank you! Thank you! Because had there been in this world a girl more ignorant and stupid than I, you would have chosen her.

"For my mother who died so far away, for my sorrow when my father instead of opening his arms to his little Bernadette, called me 'Sister Marie-Bernard,' I thank You, Jesus!"



THE AUDACITY

Nor can we pass over in silence the audacity of those who, not enduring sound doctrine, contend that "without sin and without any sacrifice of the Catholic profession *assent and obedience may be refused* to those judgments and decrees of the Apostolic See, whose object is declared to concern the Church's general good and her rights and discipline, so only it does not touch the dogmata of faith and morals." But no one can be found not clearly and distinctly to see and understand *how grievously this is opposed to the Catholic dogma* of the full power give from God by Christ our Lord Himself to the Roman Pontiff of feeding, ruling and guiding the Universal Church. (*Pope Pius IX, Encyclical "Quanta Cura," n. 5; italics added.*)



The truth is that because of their stubborn refusal to accept the fact that Francis and his five predecessors have been anti-Catholic usurpers rather than true Catholic Popes, *they must ignore, minimize, reject, or distort* the traditional Catholic teaching on submission to the Pope. But it is impossible, nay insane, to attempt to save Catholic Tradition by rejecting Catholic Tradition. It is like trying to borrow one's way out of debt—an obvious contradiction.

This error, among others, is the reason why they are spinning their wheels trying to "resist" a false church until it magically turns into the Catholic Church. Such a senseless attempt is doomed to failure, being build not on the rock of Catholic principle but on the sand of wishful thinking promoted by skilled rhetoricians and gifted journalists (cf. Mt 7:24-27).

-Novus Ordo Watch

MAY CROWNING 2016



Down the Aisle

Little Maybrides dressed in white
Celebrities in their own right
Flashed in photos' passing light.
Lingering smiles broad and bright
Surely matched on Heaven's height
Or in hearts at such a sight.

On the Path

Surpliced sheepdogs nip the lamb line
Steady now, close the gap, the flock
Poised, with posies, gravely walk
O'er gravelly rock, past grotto and shrine.

Our hymns sound slightly out of time

Another column lags behind
But see the Queen's Court, what a sign

The children lead us: God's Design!

Before Our Lady

A child left a drawing at the Lady Altar

The children their flowers at the May

And all of the church their hearts
Who chose Mary as Mother that day.

-Bishop Dolan



FOR PENTECOST

...The dove descending breaks the air
With flame of incandescent terror
Of which the tongues declare
The one discharge from sin and error

The only hope, or else despair
Lies in the choice of pyre of pyre—
To be redeemed from fire by fire.

Who then devised the torment?
Love.

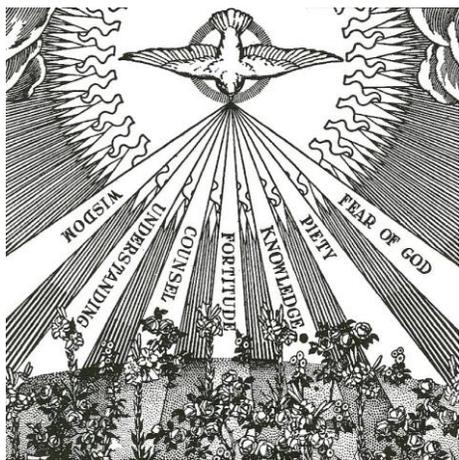
Love is the unfamiliar Name
Behind the hands that wove
The intolerable shirt of flame
Which human power cannot remove.

We only live, only suspire
Consumed by either fire or fire...

Excerpt from Little Gidding by T.S. Eliot

WHAT ARE THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST?

According to the Prophet Isaias they are seven: 1. The gift of wisdom, which enables us to know God, to esteem spiritual more than temporal advantages, and to delight only in divine things. 2. The gift of understanding, by which we know and understand that which our faith proposes to our belief; children and adults should pray fervently for this gift, especially before sermons and instructions in the catechism. 3. The gift of counsel, which gives us the knowledge necessary to direct ourselves and others when in doubt, a gift particularly necessary for superiors, for those choosing their state of life, and for married people who live unhappily, and do not know how to help themselves. 4. The gift of fortitude, which strengthens us to endure and courageously overcome all adversities and persecutions for virtue's sake. 5. The gift of knowledge, by which we know ourselves, our duties, and how to discharge them in a manner pleasing to God. 6. The gift of piety, which induces us to have God in view in all our actions, and infuses love in our hearts for His service. 7. The gift of the fear of the Lord, by which we not only fear the just punishment, but even His displeasure at every sin, more than all other things in the world.



ST. FELIX CANTALICE – MAY 18

St. Vincent de Paul once wrote “We should spend as much time in thanking God for His benefits as we do in asking Him for them.” St. Felix of Cantalice was an excellent example of a Catholic who *thanked God*. He thanked God so much he was known as “Brother Deo Gratias.”



Born into a peasant family, Felix worked hard growing up, farming and herding cattle. At the age of 30, he became a Franciscan lay brother and was soon noted for his piety. He was sent to Rome and for many years he collected alms to help the sick and the poor. He soon became a friend and companion of St. Philip Neri and whenever the two met, they would wish each other “Great sufferings for God” the way most people today say, “Have a nice day.”

His usual greeting for everybody was “Deo gratias” which means “*Thanks to the Lord for His graces.*”

Once he saw two men fighting a duel, and called to them: “Deo gratias, my brothers! Say both of you Deo gratias!” The men paused, lowered their swords and after reflecting upon God’s graces they forgot their quarrel and soon became fast friends.

Felix preached in the streets, rebuked sinners and pulled young men away from evil. He also taught children the catechism by composing songs for them to sing.

On his deathbed, Brother Felix asked all those present to go on saying “Deo gratias” for him when he was no longer able to speak.

Have you *thanked Our Lord today* for all the graces He has given you? Why not do it now. *Deo gratias.*

Why did the Holy Ghost come upon the apostles in the form of fiery tongues?

The appearance of fiery tongues indicated the gift of language imparted to the apostles by the Holy Ghost, and inflamed their hearts and the hearts of the faithful with the love of God and their neighbor.

Why did a mighty wind accompany the descent?

To direct the attention of the people to the descent of the Holy Ghost, and to assemble them to hear the sermon of the Apostle Peter.



What special effects did the Holy Ghost produce in the apostles?

He freed them from all doubt and fear; gave them His light for the perfect knowledge of the truth; inflamed their hearts with the most ardent love, and incited in them the fiery zeal for the propagation of the kingdom of God, strengthened them to bear all sufferings and persecution, (Acts v 41.) and gave them the gift of speaking in various languages, and of discerning spirits.



✠ CALENDAR

MON	5/16/16	PENTECOST MONDAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass All the SGG and CMRI Clergy
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Patrick, Anne Marie & Paddy Omlor (<i>Justin Soeder</i>)
	5:55 PM	Vespers
TUE	5/17/16	PENTECOST TUESDAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls – Thank you! (<i>JCS</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Father McGuire
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
<i>Jean</i>	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention – Newlyweds (<i>Kirby & Bischel</i>)
	5:55 PM	Vespers
WED	5/18/16	EMBER WEDNESDAY FAST
		ST. VENANTIUS, M
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Daniel Dailey – 4 th anniversary May 18 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Fr. Martin Stephanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (ordination anniversary) (<i>Samantha Current</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass St. Joseph – as it was supposed the father of Jesus, and ours (<i>JCS</i>)
THU	5/19/16	PENTECOST THURSDAY
		ST. PETER CELESTINE, PC ST. PRUDENTIANA, VM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Mrs. Audrey O'Connor (<i>Ken & Colleen Schroepfer</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Happy Birthday Fr. Lehtoranta (<i>Miss Patton's class</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Chris Smith (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
FRI	5/20/16	EMBER FRIDAY FAST
		ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA, C
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Joseph Schroepfer (<i>Schroepfer Family</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	Low Mass Fr. Anthony Cekada (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Thank you Mom for taking care of me when I was sick
	6:30 PM	Novena and Benediction
SAT	5/21/16	EMBER SATURDAY FAST
	7:10 AM	Confessions
<i>son)</i>	7:30 AM	High Mass Family Conversions (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
	8:20 AM	Sermon, Low Mass †Amelia Dunphy (<i>Samantha Current</i>)
SUN	5/22/16	TRINITY SUNDAY
		ST. RITA OF CASCIA, W
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Baby Sebastian (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Final Sunday Classes
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Donna Patton (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Leo Brophy III (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)

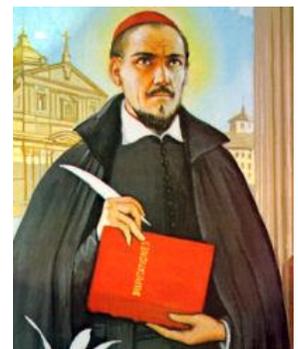
“DO NOT WEEP”

The Apostle said, “But this I say, brethren, the time is short; it remains that those that have wives be as if they had none; and those who weep, as though not weeping; and those who rejoice, as though not rejoicing; and those who buy, not as possessing; and those who use this world, as though not using it, for this world as we see it is passing away” (1 Cor 7:29-31).



By these words the Apostle is urging the faithful to be alive in the hope of heavenly happiness and to be as little affected by earthly things as if they were not involved with them at all. Let them love their wives, but with as moderate a love as if they did not have them. If it is necessary to weep because of the loss of children or fortunes, let them weep as moderately as if they were not saddened or weeping. If joy presents itself because of earning or honor acquired, let them rejoice as moderately as if they did not rejoice, that is, as if the joy were not theirs. If they buy a field or a house, let them be as affected by those things as if they did not possess them. Finally, the Apostle commands that we live in the world as if we were strangers or pilgrims, not citizens. This is more plainly stated by the Apostle Peter when he says, “I exhort you as strangers and pilgrims to abstain from carnal desires which war against the soul” (1 Pt 2:11). For this blessed prince of the Apostles wishes us to live in our own city and home as if we were living in a foreign home and country, little worried whether there is a lack or an abundance in that place. He commands this so that we abstain “from carnal desires which war against the soul.” For carnal desires do not really involve us. This then is what not being in the world means for those who are dead to the world and live only for God.

-*St. Robert Bellarmine*



Servers

SUN 5/22	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T.G. Simpson, J. Simpson TH: S. Arlinghaus ACS: C. Richesson, T. Lawrence CROSS: P. Omlor TORCH: P. Omlor, D. Holbrook, M. & D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, L. Arlinghaus
	11:30 AM LOW: Nicholas & Nathan McClorey
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller