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# 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

June 12, 2016

PENTECOST IV

ST. JOHN OF SAHAGUN, C

ST. BASILIDES & COMPANIONS, MM

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## ¶ PENTECOST IV

Vespers are at 4:45 PM today, followed by Benediction.

## ¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We begin our Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, this Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, following the 8:00 AM & 5:00 PM Masses. Don't forget to turn in your petitions to St. Anthony, to be placed at his feet during the novena!

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST V

Next Sunday is Father's Day. Please remember to turn in your Father's Day Envelopes before then. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion rail after all Masses. Vespers will be at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.  *Set Your Missal*: Pentecost V, with commemorations of St. Julia Falconieri and Sts. Gervase & Protase. Trinity Preface.

¶ OUR SICK: Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Ina Harpen, Connie Kamphaus, Sue Kurtz, Les Pomerville (surgery June 17), Lee Daulton, who is having good days and bad days; and Sr. Jeanne Marie, who had a bad fall.

## ¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$240 was received for the support of our priests in the way of Mass stipends for their sanctification. Thank you.

## *Lumen Christi*

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

Tom & Samantha Kunkel  
Marriage Blessings  
(From their church family at SGG)



FROM HENCEFORTH THOU SHALT  
CATCH MEN

## ¶ A STITCH IN TIME

We still *really* need a stitch in time for the sacred vestments and altar linens. Little rips, worn out pieces need attention. Could we give you some to work on at home? Would you be able to work here with a sewing machine a couple of hours? It is for God. ☺

## ¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Girls' Camp is June 22-24. Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, is the Vigil of the Feast of St. John the Baptist. Join us for Holy Mass and the following barbecue and potluck supper, along with the blessing of the St. John's Fire. Mark your calendars and plan to be with us.

## FOR FR. CEKADA

Several of you have kindly inquired as to what we could do for Fr. Cekada, so gravely ill. I know that many of you have sent cheering messages and cards with promises of prayers. Some of you are sending meals, always needed and welcome. But a few have wondered what we could do *as a parish*?

Well, we know that prayer is the most powerful, though so often unused, weapon. You may know as well that each summer we observe the Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, along with Mother of Perpetual Help devotions. These thirteen weeks span the crucial time of Father's treatment and, we pray, his recovery.

But this Summer Novena seems especially fitting. You know that Fr. Cekada's first name is Anthony. But you probably didn't know that *his* father had a strong and persevering devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. How fitting it would be if we made the Thirteen Tuesdays, the Summer Novena! Most of you will not be able to be here on Tuesdays, so I am sending the prayers home with you today. But let a great united novena arise from our parish for our priest, a priest whose apostolate extends to all the church. And don't forget that you multiply the power of your prayer when you add the Mass, and Holy Communion. Let us pray.

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¶ SUMMER MODESTY

Summer is here and the temperature is high, but modesty does not take a break, and neither does our dress code. *Ladies and girls*, please remember Mary-like modesty: dresses and skirts must be below the knee, and no sleeveless, "cap" sleeved, sheer, or revealing tops are to be worn in church at any time. Your head must be covered. *Men and boys must wear a coat and tie to Sunday and Holy Day Mass.* Our church is kept cool so that you can easily follow this common sense dress code, which reflects the basic rules of Catholic modesty, fraternal charity, and the reverence and respect that is due to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and to His day.

¶ CHURCH SUPPORT

☑ With summer vacation and travels, things like your weekly envelope might easily be overlooked. Please mail in your weekly contribution if you are away from home. Our expenses never take a vacation!

Wedding  Banns

Third time: Samantha Christine Current and Thomas Edward Kunkel.

¶ FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES



If you wish to have your father remembered in a special way at Holy Mass on

Father's Day, fill out an envelope (available in the pews) and return it to an usher or the Gift Shop today, or drop it off at the church office.



Please pray for the repose of

the soul of †William Tilford, who died this past week.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>.....\$3,711.00  
 Second Collection.....\$1,127.00  
 Thank you for your generosity.

GIVING TO THE ONE WHO ASKS ALL

Life is burdensome. What bitterness...but what sweetness. Yes, life is painful for us. It is hard to begin a day of work. The feeble bud has seen it just as the beautiful lily has. If we feel Jesus present, oh! then we would really do all for Him, but no, He seems a thousand leagues away. We are all alone with ourselves. Oh! what annoying company when Jesus is not there. But what is this sweet friend doing then? Doesn't He see our anguish, the weight that is oppressing us? Where is He? Why doesn't He come to console us since we have Him alone for a friend?

Alas, He is not far; He is there, very close. He is looking at us, and He is *begging* this sorrow, this agony from us. He needs it for souls and for our soul. He wants to give us such beautiful recompense, and His ambitions for us are very great. But how can He say, "My turn," if ours hasn't come, if we have given Him nothing? Alas, it does pain Him to give us sorrows to drink, but He knows this is the only means of preparing us to "know Him as *He knows Himself* and to become *Gods ourselves.*" Oh! what a destiny. How great is our soul...

Jesus is asking all, all, all.

-St. Therese of Lisieux



At St. Gertrude the Great, we try to keep up with all our saints, but there is one who needs no introduction to any Catholic in the world, for he is the "Universal Saint," as Leo XIII said. Other saints are honored for this or that particular need. St. Anthony of Padua is invoked for ALL needs.



Many of us know St. Anthony as the finder of lost things, but he is so much more. He is the "Saint of Miracles." Wherever we turn today, we see universal distress and disorder. Surely we should join together in honoring St. Anthony for all of our needs, spiritual and temporal alike.

This year, St. Anthony's feast falls on Monday, June 13. The Tuesday following his burial in Padua in 1231, miracle upon miracle was worked and no one asked the aid of the saint without obtaining relief. Thus arose the custom of dedicating Tuesdays to St. Anthony, which popular piety has increased from the customary nine to thirteen in honor of the date of his death.

We invite you to join with us in our annual Thirteen Tuesdays Devotion to Honor St. Anthony. Send us your intentions to be placed at his shrine. You will be remembered in a Mass on the first of the Tuesdays, and we will send you a holy card of St. Anthony, together with a piece of lily blessed on his feast.

You may send your intentions at any time during the summer, but we recommend that you participate from the very beginning.



*From something corporeal such as the Heart of Jesus Christ it is fitting for us to mount to a consideration and adoration of the infused heavenly love.*

Friday was the Octave Day of the Sacred Heart, and with it concluded the last great feasts of spring. Our little pause of welcome rest and quietness coincided with the first week of school vacation and summer schedule, made all the more sweet by a string of perfect June days, high mild sun and dry, with delightful breezes. As we rest we treasure the memory of the last fortnight and more, of graces given and graciously received. Think of it: holy habits of Mt. Carmel and St. Benedict, the character of Confirmation and the seven Holy Ghost Gifts, the mercy of God in His Heart, and in our “meat and drink” in the Holy Eucharist.

But the beginning of this new summer week, the last of spring, summons our devotion. Monday is the day for St. Anthony and his lilies, Our Lady and her roses for peace, the first of our Fatima Rosary processions. Tuesday we begin our Summer Novena, which we are especially dedicating for **Fr. Cekada's** health. Pray it at home if you can't make it to Mass, although Holy Mass adds so much. Try it for *your* life this summer, as well as joining us in pleading for the life and well being of Fr. Cekada.

Today's Gospel of Simon Peter points to the next series of feasts, often called the Summer Solemnities. These begin with St. John the Baptist, Sts. Peter and Paul, then concluding with the Precious Blood and the Visitation. Some of them we solemnize on the Sunday, just so nobody misses out.

Don't let your girls miss out on Summer Camp, June 22-24. This year's camp includes the St. John's Eve bonfire and parish picnic. All are invited, and some suitable entertainment will doubtless be on offer. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is busily preparing some more fine biblical heroine sermons to inspire our young ladies.

Fr. Cekada made it through his first chemotherapy days with only fatigue and mild nausea. His appetite has returned, and he's been busy with weekly duties as well as with witty tweets and special projects. He begins his second series of treatments tomorrow. He's one of those “absent minded” professor types who often forgets to eat when distracted. I'm serving as cook and minder when I can. *Thank you* for all of the delicious and healthy meals you've sent our way. I have a lot to work with. We're all eating better now.

**Fr. Nkamuke** just wrote. He is staying busy teaching catechism, especially to engaged couples, baptizing, blessing marriages, and looking after his poor. He is in Lagos at the moment, but still

travelling. Nigeria, like Venezuela, is in a terrible state, which must make his apostolate all the more difficult.



Summer's here, so it's time to remember to “dress up and kneel down” for the Lord's Day. Please don't come “dressed comfortably” for Sunday Mass. We're not that kind of church. Everybody else is, but not St. Gertrude the Great. Only the best for God. Men and boys always wear a tie on Sunday, with a jacket, sweater or suit coat. Ladies and young ladies should wear their Sunday best, and it should give honor to God, but not temptation to man. 'Nuff said?

“Dress up and *kneel down*.” Parents, please *teach* your children how to genuflect, how to make the sign of the cross, and how to stay put in the pew during Mass. “Go” before Mass, not during. There should be no constant flow (pun intended) during the most sacred time of the week. But you must take the time and trouble to teach your children these things.

See you tomorrow? Blessed midweek of June, and last of spring. May your home and family be blessed by your image of the Sacred Heart, Jesus reigning as King of Love in your home.

—Bishop Dolan



PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI  
TO THE SACRED HEART

O adorable Heart of my Jesus, Heart created expressly for the love of men! Until now I have shown toward Thee only ingratitude. Pardon me, O my Jesus. Heart of my Jesus, abyss of love and of mercy, how is it possible that I do not die of sorrow when I reflect on Thy goodness to me and my ingratitude to Thee? Thou, my Creator, after having created me, hast given Thy blood and Thy life for me; and, not content with this, Thou hast invented a means of offering Thyself up every day for me in the Holy Eucharist, exposing Thyself to a thousand insults and outrages. Ah, Jesus, do Thou wound my heart with a great contrition for my sins and a lively love for Thee. Through Thy tears and Thy blood give me the grace of perseverance in Thy fervent love until I breathe my last sigh. Amen.

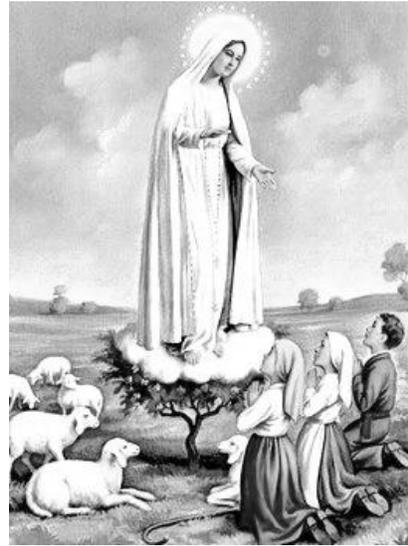
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## FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION FOR PEACE

JOIN US TOMORROW, JUNE 13, FOR OUR FIRST  
ROSARY PROCESSION THIS YEAR.

We begin at 7:15 PM in  
the First Watch parking  
lot, at the corner of West  
Chester Boulevard &  
Floer Drive.

*Our Lady has asked that we  
pray her Rosary  
for the intention of peace.  
Plan to be with us!*



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## THE SUMMER NOVENA BEGINS THIS WEEK

June 13: 5:45 PM Low Mass of St. Anthony, fol-  
lowed by the Blessing of Lilies.



June 14: Opening of our Summer Novena, following  
the 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Masses.

Bring your petitions to place at the feet of St. Anthony and recite with us the powerful prayers of his novena. We open as well our traditional novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.



*Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us. St. Anthony of Padua, pray for us.*

✠ THOUGHTS FOR TODAY  
CORNER

✠ CATECHISM



THE SOLID DEVOTIONS OF OUR AN-  
CESTORS

During the first four centu-  
ries of Christi-  
anity both  
clergy and lai-  
ty assisted at  
the recitation  
of the Breviary



within the churches. As the num-  
ber of Christians increased and  
fervor lessened, the laity fell by  
the wayside and the "Work of  
God" was left largely to the clergy  
alone. Throughout the Middle Age-  
s the recitation of the canonical  
hours within the churches and at  
home continued to be practiced  
by the devout. Sunday Vespers is  
the only vestige left to us of an old  
and beautiful and salutary custom.

The Psalms were the first  
Catholic prayerbook both of the  
laity and the clergy; among the  
clergy they are still; the laity knew  
no other until

late in the  
thirteenth



From 800-1300 many women wore a  
copy of the Psalms suspended  
from their belts by a leather strap.  
Even poor women often had  
them—their only treasure. Few  
women owned any other book. In  
wealthy families they were the  
most popular gifts for boys and  
girls. They were used in the  
schools as first readers are used  
today. Of course, all were in Latin.



As time passed, and Latin  
became less widely known, many  
Psalms were written in the ver-  
nacular. The Penitential Psalms  
were the most popular among the  
laity, and were the first to be  
memorized by children. They  
were often given as a penance in  
confession. For many

generations wakes were kept by  
the chanting of Psalms near the  
corpse. Chanters replaced one  
another from the hour of the  
death until the burial.

-St. Anthony Messenger



*In the twentieth century,  
Swiss peasants still knew the  
psalms by heart to chant Ves-  
pers or the Office of the Dead.  
The Psalter is Our Lord's own  
prayerbook. Their sentiments  
are His. Our Mass is full of the  
psalms. Why, then, leave the  
"good stuff" to the Protestants?  
Come sometimes to Sunday Ves-  
pers...three or four times a year,  
for a special need or season,  
would that be too much?*

*We have kept the "Work of  
God," the psalms chanted in the  
Office, going here for more than  
thirty years. Where else is such a  
thing in our land? Give us a  
hand? This afternoon at 4:45.*

A CATECHETICAL STORY

*"He and all the who were with  
him were amazed at the catch of  
fish they had made." St. Luke, 5:9.*

*"I believe in the holy, Catholic  
Church."*

Some years ago there lived  
in Paris, Kentucky, a couple who  
had been married several years.  
However, they had kept the spir-  
it of their honeymoon, as the fol-  
lowing incident proves. The wife  
had gone on a trip to Europe.  
When she entered the Agricul-  
tural Bank of Paris, France, and  
presented a check signed by her  
husband, it was discovered that  
the check was made payable to  
"Sweetest of the Sweet."

"Who is 'Sweetest of the  
Sweet'?" asked the cashier at the  
window. Smilingly and sweetly  
she answered: "Why, I am." The

banker directed her to endorse the  
check. The good woman wrote her  
real name across the back of the  
check and handed it through the  
grill to the cashier. He told her that  
she must endorse it just as it was  
drawn. Again she wrote. This time,  
right below her own name, she  
wrote: "Sweetest of the Sweet."  
The amount the check called for  
was handed over to her. Later the  
check was framed and hung on the  
wall of the bank as a reminder of  
the tender and enduring love of a  
couple in the Blue Grass region.

Jesus Christ Himself has com-  
pared His relations to His Church  
to the relations between bride-  
groom and bride. Christ is to the  
true Church what a bridegroom is  
to His bride. And what a Bride-  
groom He is. In our story the bride  
was called "Sweetest of the Sweet."  
But in the case of the Church it is  
the Bridegroom who must be  
called by that name. Yes, He can al-  
so be called Strongest of the  
strong, and Bravest of the brave,  
and Kindest of the kind, and Purest  
of the pure, most Gentle of the gen-  
tle, and most Powerful of the Pow-  
erful.

The Founder of the Catholic  
Church was the most perfect Per-  
son who ever trod this earth. He  
was the sweetest and the strongest  
of the sweet and strong. The brief  
bit from the Bible which we have  
just read to you shows Him sweet  
and shows Him strong. In His  
sweetness He wanted to do some-  
thing to help the apostles who had  
been fishing all night without suc-  
cess, like many men in this parish.  
In His strength He worked a mira-  
cle by giving them an unheard-of  
catch of fish. Little wonder that  
Simon Peter and all who were with  
him were amazed at the catch of  
fish which they had made.



The 8 AM Mass is webcast at [www.sgg.org](http://www.sgg.org), Monday – Thursday, as well as the 5:45 PM on Friday, the morning Masses on Saturday, and all Sunday Masses

- MON 6/13/16 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, CD**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** In honor of St. Anthony of Padua for †Janice West & †Patrick H. Omlor (*The Omlor Family*)  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** †H.O. Hinton (*Rebecca Hinton*)  
**Blessing of Lilies**  
**7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace**
- TUE 6/14/16 ST. BASIL THE GREAT, BPCD**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** In honor of St. Anthony of Padua for Fr. Cekada (*The Omlor Family*) (from 6/13)  
**8:35 AM Opening of the Summer Novena**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** For the conversion of non-Catholic family members (*Patrick A. Omlor*) (from 6/13)  
**5:35 PM Opening of the Summer Novena**
- WED 6/15/16 STS. VITUS & COMPANIONS**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** †Fr. Adolf Carling – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of death (*Fr. Lehtoranta*) (from 6/9)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Margaret Hayburn (*Rebecca Hinton*)  
**No 5 PM Mass today**
- THU 6/16/16 FERIAL DAY**  
*ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS, C*  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** Joseph Schroepfer (*Schroepfer Family*)  
**8:00 AM Requiem High Mass** Purgatorial Society  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †Delores Ferranta (*Mr. & Mrs. Maki*)
- FRI 6/17/16 FERIAL DAY**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †John Sunnenberg–15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary June 14 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*) (from 6/14)  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** †Joyce Rentschler & Bee Lutkehaus – 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
**6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction**
- SAT 6/18/16 ST. EPHREM, CD**  
*STS. MARK & MARCELLIANUS, MM*  
**7:10 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Sr. Benedict Marie & Sr. Perpetua Marie (*Mr. & Mrs. McGuire*)  
**8:05 AM Sermon**  
**8:15 AM High Mass** Special Intention – Deceased (*M. Sutton*)
- SUN 6/19/16 FATHER’S DAY**  
**PENTECOST V**  
*ST. JULIA FALCONIERI, V*  
*STS. GERVASE & PROTASE, MM*  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** Fr. Anthony Cekada (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** For all of our fathers whose names are on the altar  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** In thanksgiving for prayers answered (*Justin Soeder*)  
**4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

ARK OF THE TESTAMENT

The new priests rose, the oil of joy yet fresh;  
 The bishop, mitred still, turned to the ranks  
 Of Friars Preacher and of Minor Friars  
 That lined the chancel of Forli’s cathedral.

He bade an old Franciscan father preach,  
 But Monte-Paolo’s aged Guardian said:  
 “My age and weakness, Lordship, you do know,  
 And how dare I to preach, when in our midst  
 We have the preaching sons of Dominic!”  
 The white Dominicans were unprepared  
 And with alarm declined; while even those  
 Famed orators among the Minors paled,  
 And each one humbly passed the honor on  
 To his unwilling neighbor. Then a thought  
 Came to the troubled Guardian, and he spoke  
 In whispered accents to his young companion.

Obeying, Anthony arose and bowed in prayer;  
 The bishop scanned a book; the friars smiled.  
 But, scarcely had his first faint words begun,  
 When gospel text was laid aside, and, lo!  
 Each could have sworn he heard an angel’s voice,  
 Telling the Scriptures and the Church’s lore  
 In some celestial wise before undreamt.  
 Such love, such eloquence, it seemed his tongue  
 Had touched a honeycomb from Nazareth,  
 Or kissed the bleeding lips at Calvary! —  
 And all bowed ’neath the seraph-flame of Francis  
 That blazed upon the torch of  
 Dominic,  
 And whispered, “Never spake  
 man like this man.”  
 “Why has such light, such  
 light,” the bishop  
 asked,  
 Over his open gospel, “stood  
 so long  
 Under a bushel!” But the  
 Guardian sighed:  
 “Such things the Lord alone  
 can hide, and they  
 Await, not on our efforts, but  
 His Will.”

-Fray Angelico Chavez



Servers

- MON 6/13** 5:45 PM Low: B. Lotarski, J. Simpson  
**SUN 6/19** 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.  
 9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: T. Simpson, N. McClorey TH: P. McClorey ACs: C. Richesson, Nathan McClorey TORCH: T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, M. & D. Simpson  
 11:30 AM Low: P. Omlor, A.D. Kinnett  
 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller  
 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller