

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

August 7, 2016

PENTECOST XII

WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ST. PETER'S CHAINS
ST. CAJETAN, C • ST. DONATUS, BPM



Lumen Christi

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

Poncho Capetillo family
(Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock)



THE GOOD SAMARITAN

¶ FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

The beautiful summer feast of Our Blessed Mother, the Assumption, this year falls *next Monday*. It is traditional to bless first fruits (herbs and produce) and flowers for this lovely feast, as she is the First Fruit of God's harvest of souls. Please plan to bring a basket to be blessed at the 9:00 AM High Mass. We would be grateful for garden flowers to use in decorating Our Lady's tomb and for the children's procession. Please bring flowers *no later* than Sunday morning, August 14. Bring your children, too, for the privilege of representing the angels in our little procession before the 9:00 AM Mass.

Collection Report

Sunday, July 31st.....\$4,197.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ THIS WEEK: Remember the Fourteen Holy Helpers? A devotion of yesteryear, true, but still a timely one. Their feast is tomorrow, along with one of their number, St. Cyriacus. Pray for your priests Tuesday, for the Cure of Ars, and do remember your Summer Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony. Great St. Lawrence, Deacon of Rome, is a cut above most saints. We honor him on Wednesday. Thursday it is the turn of the Princess of Paradise, St. Philomena, a beloved saint still today. Her triduum extends through Saturday. Friday comes St. Clare, who is in charge of TV (good thing she is a miracle worker!) and eyesight. We round off the week by anticipating the Assumption Vigil at Mass on Saturday, and praying a public Rosary in West Chester at 11:00 AM.

Daily Mass

Attend Mass daily. This brings happiness to the day. All your duties are done better, and your soul is stronger for bearing the Christian's daily cross.... There we receive graces of repentance, of justification; there we receive help to avoid backsliding. We find there the sovereign means of practicing charity to others—applying to them, not our own feeble merits, but the infinite merits, the immense riches of Jesus Christ, which He places at our disposal. There we obtain the conversion of sinners. All Heaven finds in it a motive for joy, and the saints an increase of exterior glory.... Oh, if the souls in Purgatory could come back to this world, what would they not do to be present at Mass! If you yourself could comprehend its excellence, its advantages, its fruit, you would not let a single day pass without attending Mass. -Bl. Peter Julian Eymard

¶ PENTECOST XII

Today is the devotional feast of God the Father. The second collection for the support of our seminary is taken up. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion rail after all Masses. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Saturday, August 13th, is the fourth of our Fatima Rosary Processions. Join is at 11:00 AM in the First Watch parking lot, in West Chester. You may enter Floer Dr. from either Union Center Blvd. or Muhlhauser Rd. Please join us to honor our Lady of Fatima's August apparition and to pray for our country, the conversion of sinners and for peace.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XIII

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. *Set Your Missal*: Pentecost XIII, with commemorations of St. Eusebius and Our Lady & All the Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ ST. PHILOMENA

Please note that our early Mass is at 7:00 AM on Thursday for St. Philomena. Otherwise there is also an afternoon Mass at 5:00.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Vic Ritze is in the hospital. Prayers are also requested for Amber Walker; for Paige McClorey's little niece, Ember Miller; and Bob Gregory of Detroit.



PRAYER TO GOD THE FATHER

My Father, You are so great, I am so little. You are the first, and the last, the beginning and the end, almighty, everlasting, and yet my Father. You made me, the creature that I am, with my powers and my weaknesses, because You wanted me, even me. You put me here, You gave me this state of life, You want me back. I want to be Yours, I want to do Your work, when the end comes I want to go to You, but without You I cannot. You will not fail me, You cannot fail me: let me not fail You. I know my weakness, I have learnt it from my falls, which You have permitted, that I might learn. Is it necessary to be taught more? I can do nothing of myself, I cannot desire to do anything. I cannot keep from harm, I cannot want to keep from harm. Help me that I may, help me that I may desire it, give me the desire of sacrifice, at least the desire of the desire, I am an infant asking for bread, will my Father give me a stone?

-Archbishop Goodier



OUR FATHER

Our Father is God. Our Divine Lord would have us always realize this most consoling truth. His own conduct to His Father was one of the sweetest filial love. He begs us to practice the same. The Father also loveth you. If He loves us, then what will He not do for us. What will He not give us. It is good to often have a heart to heart talk with the Father. A most entertaining and

profitable subject of conversation with Him, is to talk to Him about His Son. Ask Him to teach you to know the Son. "This is eternal life, to know Thee, the one true God and Jesus Christ Whom Thou hast sent." We will find eternity too short to thank God the Father for sending us His Son. What would the world be without this act on the part of the Father? What would the world be without Jesus Christ? The Father hath sent Him. Therefore we owe the Father immense, limitless gratitude for this greatest of all gifts. Let us often thank the Father for His Son.

WHAT IS REPARATION?

The word *reparation* is related to the word *repair*. When you make reparation you repair something. You make amends for a wrong. When you make reparation to the Sacred Heart you make amends to Christ for all the bitter sorrow He has suffered from the sins and neglect of the world. Your sins have saddened His Heart. But your acts of reparation make amends to Him for your sins. Your acts of reparation make amends also for the sins of others. They give consolation to His Heart.

"Though we are impelled by quite the same motives in both [consecration and reparation], yet we are bound to the duty of reparation and expiation by the stronger title of justice and of love: of justice, that the offence offered to God by our crimes may be expiated, and the violated order restored by repentance; of love, that we may suffer in sympathy with Christ suffering and 'filled with reproaches,' and may bring Him some solace in accordance with the slender measure of our means." All through His life Christ foresaw your acts of reparation. They helped Him bear the immense labor and pain of His life, passion and death.

THE ALTAR

The altar looked from golden eyes
And wept with silent, slow surprise,
Wondering who could be to blame
That no priest came.

The candles, whispering softly, died;
The cruets wine and water dried;
Some quiet children, kneeling there,
Arose and, genuflecting, went
Into the dark, and were content.

Then, drop by drop, the voided
room
Fell dull and dreamless as a tomb.
On wings of wind a whimpering
moan

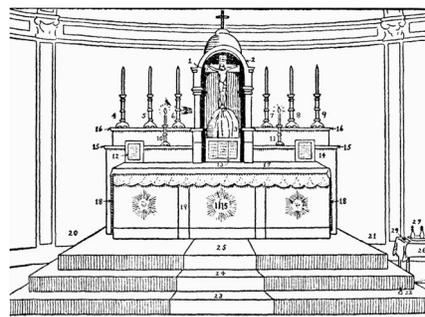
Came up and kissed the altar stone;
And once, and once (it was not
well),

A brown rat struck the silver bell.

So now from dry and sightless eyes
The altar gapes with no surprise
Through age on age by worlds and
suns,—

Oh let us pray, forsaken ones,
For him or her who was to blame
That no priest came.

-Fr. Thomas Feeney, S.J.

A SHORT FATIMA REPARATION
PRAYER

O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

*All in reparation to the Sacred Heart
of Jesus through the Immaculate
Heart of Mary!*

The weather people promised us some relief from the unrelenting heat for a pleasant Sunday today...something about rain and an always welcome cold front. But it is to God we should look for all of our needs, even the least. First Friday's feast, Our Lady of the Snows always evokes such a refreshing image in the midst of Summer heat. "Grateful coolness in the heat," we sing of the Holy Ghost. May the heart of His Spouse, Our Lady, be your shade and shelter this month.

We are looking forward to August's highpoint, the Marian observances next weekend. The public Rosary Procession for Peace points the way this Saturday morning, and the Monday Holy Day on the 15th makes us in spirit accompany Our Lady home to heaven.

In the meantime, earthly comings and going occupy us. I had a very good trip to Milwaukee last weekend, with four Confirmations and a very full church. **Fr. McGuire** is visiting tropical Florida for a little vacation, while **Fr. Lehtoranta** covers the northern missions this time. Milwaukee was delightfully cool last weekend. **Fr. McKenna** and I are holding down the fort here this week, and enjoying our visit with the seminarians who are getting to know our church as well as assisting us with different projects. Help is always appreciated!

Fr. Cekada is not going anywhere at the moment, except maybe to his next doctor's appointment. He continues to be very tired, somewhat hoarse and fuzzy headed, but his appetite is returning, and they say his voice and his hair will as well. Your greetings, Masses, and many prayers have been remarkable and provide him with the strength he needs, I am sure. God reward you.

Tuesday marks the ninth week of our Summer Novena, but devout clients of St. Anthony long ago prolonged it to thirteen in honor of the June date when he went to Heaven.

The cats (how hopeful is this!) sense the coming of winter, and have started staying in some nights. Of course these little vampires sleep all day as well. You wonder when they get any work done. We have mice in the church office and the Helfta Kitchen, but the cats say not to go asking them. There was some thought about getting a female cat for an in-house mouser, but they say that's not guaranteed, either. It's probably just one of "life's persistent questions." We shall see.

I hope your summer travels are proving pleasant

and safe, and lead you closer to God, regardless of where you go. Remember the great miracle worker, St. Philomena, who comes on Thursday. Say the Apostles Creed three times as a perfect prayer to her.



God bless you for a good week,

– Bishop Dolan

THE THREE PRINCIPAL PARTS OF THE MASS

The Mass contains three principal parts: the *Offertory*, the *Consecration*, and the *Communion*.

These three parts are clearly indicated by the words and gestures of our Lord at the Last Supper:

Jesus took the bread...and the wine: Offering.

He gave thanks and blessed: Consecration.

He broke...and gave to all: Communion.

As the Mass ought to have first place in the life of a Christian, we should not be satisfied with an external and superficial knowledge; but should constantly seek to go deeper into this mystery, so as to live it and glorify the glorious Trinity, more perfectly.

To this end, let us ask the Holy Spirit for light. Let us never miss Mass through our own fault and let us be eager to study about the Mass.

He who misses a notable part of the Sunday Mass, for example all of the Mass until the Offertory, sins mortally and does not fulfill the obligation. The same must be said of those who miss one of the Principal Parts: Offertory, Consecration, or (Priest's) Communion. It is a sin of irreverence to leave church (without necessity) before the priest has left the altar.

CROWN OF THORNS PRAYER IN REPARATION

Dear Lord, I am grieved when I consider Thy sad condition when wearing the Crown of Thorns upon Thy holy head. I desire to withdraw the thorns by offering to the Eternal Father the merits of Thy Wounds for the salvation of sinners. I wish to unite my actions to the merits of Thy Most Holy Crown, so that they may gain many merits, as Thou hast promised.



Words of Our Lord to Sr. Mary Martha Chambon
During an apparition of Our Lord to Sr. Mary Martha Chambon, He appeared in a pitiful state, wearing the Crown of Thorns. Appealing for compassion, He said: "Behold Him whom you seek, and the condition in which He is! Look...withdraw the thorns from My head by offering to My Father the merits of My Wounds for sinners... Go, seek for souls!" While Sr. Mary Martha was contemplating the holy Crown, she saw rays of glory darting from each thorn.

All Sunday Masses, plus Friday evening, Saturday morning, and many Summer weekday Masses are webcast at www.sgg.org.

MON	8/8/16	THE OCTAVE DAY OF ST. PETER'S CHAINS STS. CYRIACUS, LARGUS, & SMARAGDUS, MM FOURTEEN HOLY HELPERS
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (The Fathers)
TUE	8/9/16	ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C ST. ROMANUS, M VIGIL OF ST. LAWRENCE ST. EMIGDIUS, BPM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. Cekada (Mary Beth)
	8:35 AM	Summer Novena IX
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Special Intention (Kent Maki)
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WED	8/10/16	ST. LAWRENCE, M
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. Cekada (Mary Rizzo)
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Geraldine Ucci (John Ucci)
THU	8/11/16	STS. TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM ST. PHILOMENA, VM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Holy Souls & the conversion of Melinda Sambrook (Mr. & Mrs. Bellavia) Opening of Triduum to St. Philomena
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Christopher Richesson – Happy Birthday (Fr. Lehtoranta) Opening of Triduum to St. Philomena
FRI	8/12/16	ST. CLARE, V
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Marianne Youngworth (Paul Puglielli)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Fr. Solanus Casey (Frances Mattingly)
	6:30 PM	Triduum, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	8/13/16	VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION STS. HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, C OUR LADY REFUGE OF SINNERS
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Mike & †Sean (Rebecca Hinton)
	8:15 AM	Salve & Sermon
	8:35 AM	High Mass Poor Souls – Special Intention, Deceased (C. Simpson family)
	11:00 AM	Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace – West Chester
SUN	8/14/16	PENTECOST XIII ST. EUSEBIUS, C
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †John Pepiot (Scott Pepiot)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Joan Fey (Capetillo Family)
	4:45 PM	First Vespers of the Assumption & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Mary Elaine Browne – birthday 8.14 (Christopher P. Browne)

20 LATIN PHRASES FOR DAILY LIFE

1. AURIBUS TENEO LUPUM

It might seem odd to say that you're "holding a wolf by the ears," but *auribus teneo lupum*—a line taken from *Phormio* (c.161BC), a work by the Roman playwright Terence—was once a popular proverb in Ancient Rome. Like "holding a tiger by the tail," it is used to describe an unsustainable situation, and in particular one in which both doing nothing and doing something to resolve it are equally risky.

2. BARBA TENUS SAPIENTES

A man described as *barba tenus sapientes* is literally said to be "wise as far as his beard"—or, in other words, he might look intelligent but he's actually far from it. This is just one of a number of phrases that show how the Romans associated beards with intelligence, alongside *barba non facit philosophum*, "a beard does not make a philosopher," and *barba crescit caput nescit*, meaning "the beard grows, but the head doesn't grow wiser."



Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

This Saturday, August 13,
at 11:00 AM
in West Chester

A SON TO GOD THE FATHER

Like any father, You expect great things of this son of Yours; save me from being a halfhearted son. Give me the manliness, the reverence, the loyalty of love I need to live up to Your expectations. Make me manly—kind and gentle, but unswayed by the crowd and uncompromising with sin. Teach me respect—especially respect for myself; I need self-respect to learn to reverence You in Yourself and in others. And make me loyal, unafraid to show men by my conduct that I love You more than my very life. In a word, Father, make me another Christ. Amen.

Servers

SUN 8/7	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
	9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VanderRyt, N. McClorey TH: P. McClorey ACs: Nathan McClorey, C. Richesson TORCH MC: B. Lotarski
	TORCH: T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, J. Stewart, M. Simpson
	11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
	5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller