

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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September 18, 2016

SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

PENTECOST XVIII

ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C

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Sunday Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM today. The Blessing of the Sick will be given after all Masses. There will be no Vespers. Our parish picnic is from 1-5 PM in Sharon Woods Park. See you there!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ANGEL SUNDAY

The traditional Blessing of Children and their dedication to their Guardian Angels will take place after all Masses. Sunday Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost XIX, with collect of Our Lady & All the Saints and of the Angels. Trinity Preface.



¶ EMBER DAYS

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are the Fall Ember Days. Catholics between the ages of 21-59 are bound to the Laws of Fast; those who have reached their 7th year may eat meat only once, at the principal meal, on Wednesday and Saturday. The Ember days were instituted for a good harvest and to draw down God's blessings upon the September ordinations. Pray for priests!

Collection Report

Sunday, September 11th.....\$3,862.00
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:

Fr. Cekada's recovery
(Mr. & Mrs. Maki)



MY SON, THY SINS ARE FORGIVEN THEE.

¶ WEDNESDAY CHOIR PRACTICE

The first choir practice of the new season was this past Wednesday, but it's still not too late to join. Choir practice begins at 6:30 PM. Please come and sing with us.



Wedding Banns

Third time:

Philip Brockman & Samantha Vanek

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Candlelight Rosary Procession: October 13.

Forty Hours: October 21-23.

All Saints Sunday Procession & Party: November 6.

¶ ROSARY SUNDAY

Rosary Sunday falls on October 2 this year. Tickets will be on sale next week, \$7/person, \$25/family—come prepared! We are looking for social hall decorators, as well as someone to sell roses the day of. If you would like to help, please call the office at 513-645-4212.

Our Guest Speaker: Justin Soeder, a well-known traditional Catholic radio personality—"My Journey to the Church and St. Gertrude's." Don't miss it!

OFFERING OF ST. THERESE



In order that I may be a living act of perfect love, I offer myself as a whole burnt offering to Your tender love, beseeching You to consume me continually, letting my soul overflow with the floods of infinite tenderness that are found in You, that so I may become a martyr of Your love, O my God! Let this martyrdom make me ready to appear before You and at last cause me to expire; let my soul cast itself without delay into the everlasting arms of Your merciful love. With every beat of my heart I desire, O my dearly Beloved, to renew this offering an infinite number of times, until that day when the shadows shall vanish and I shall be able to retell my love in an eternal face-to-face with You! [3 years, R. 57]

THE MERCY SHOWN THE SINFUL
WOMAN

Surely,
dearly
beloved, you
have heard
the commen-
dations and
praise of
mercy.



Desire and long for it, seek it, and when you find it hold on to it tightly in this world that it may not despise you in the life to come. Every man, beloved brethren, hopes that when he comes to the day of judgment he will find mercy there. Now, if we all desire it, if all people want to find mercy in the future, let us make it our patron in this life that it may deign to welcome and defend us in the future. If we despise it in our land, how can it deign to look at us in its own?...

Let us hasten while we can to make heavenly mercy our patron in this world. Let us endeavor to love it as much as we can, and to pay it worthy honor. Let it be our advocate and our patron.... May it deign to plead our case before the tribunal of the eternal Judge, intercede for us itself, and present us to the eternal Judge. If it comes there with us, it will defend us against the devil's accusations and lead us to eternal bliss....

That is true heavenly mercy whereby Christ our Lord made you, since you did not exist; sought you, when you were lost; and redeemed you, when you had cruelly sold yourself. Therefore, since we have been sought and found, dearly beloved, let us seek Him Who loved us so much that He even graciously welcomed the death of the cross for us.

But what am I saying? Let us seek Him. If only we are willing to be found by Him as we know we are daily sought by Him.

-St. Caesarius of Arles

SCOURGING OF JESUS

If our Blessed Mother was present for the scourging as some authors declare, Her Immaculate Heart must have been an ocean of sorrow. Imagine her reflections. No one knew better than she the loveliness of that angelic body. Its tenderness, sensitivity, beauty. No one could realize the pain one stroke of the scourge caused Him.

Our Blessed Mother with piteous grief offered to the Eternal God the mangled bleeding Body of Her Son.

We certainly will not pamper our bodies, if we seriously meditate on the Scourging.



BURY THY SORROW

Bury thy sorrow, hide it with
care;
Bury it deeply; the world has its
share.
Think of it calmly, when cur-
tained by night,
Tell it to Mary and all will be
right.

Tell it to Mary, She knoweth thy
grief;
Tell it to Mary, She'll send thee
relief.
Hearts grown awearry with heav-
ier woe
Drop into darkness; go, comfort
them, go—
Bury thy sorrow, let others be
blest,
Give them the sunshine; tell
Mary the rest.

TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
IN THE RAIN

Lady, my window looks across this
city
And weeps with you,
Weeps with unthinkable pity.

Nobody calls you
Mother now; nobody heeds.

Your sons and gilded daughters
Tell secrets (by night their dreams)
to the rumorous bamboo trees;
Play on the beach of shoreless wa-
ters,
Mourning and weeping in the vale
of tears.

Something is dead (they know)
On the earth
Which will not rise again;
Something is drowned
In the deep waters of the world.

Come, Lady, to this watery grave,
this world;
Come from above:
The wide world weeps for you, La-
dy,
With your waterspears of love.
Nobody calls you Mother now;
Nobody calls you, Mother.

-Gervase Toelle, *O. Carm.*



AT CALVARY

Not when His bleeding Body craved
for rest
Did Christ, the Crucified, this life
depart;
But, oh His head fell lifeless on His
breast
When His keen anguish broke His
Mother's heart.

-T.S. Wyatt

We call this Sunday “of Sorrows” because Our Lady was overwhelmed with them, in union with her Son, for our salvation. Today we confidently bring all of our sick to be blessed, trusting in that same Blessed Mother’s tender care and powerful intercession.

And yet, I’ve sometimes thought, today is our traditional picnic, a time to relax with our fellow Catholics, and enjoy ourselves as we catch up on news, and the children play away. No contradiction here. We pray every day happily to receive whatever Heaven sends our way, whether some real relaxation and joy, or the weight of the cross. Still, it is easier to carry when we’ve stopped for the consolation God gives us. Blessed be His Name forever.

Last week was one of much coming and going, joy mixed with sorrow. We were happy to see **Fr. Larrabee** again after two years, and he to visit here for a few days, and catch up on your news. He reports that all is well with his work with **Fr. Zapp** in California. Father returned home on Friday. We priests had a nice barbecue dinner for Fr. Larrabee (he does enjoy his steak) on Thursday evening. **Fr. Cekada** was able to join us, and also played the organ for the first choir rehearsal of the new season.

Our two vocations left for Most Holy Trinity Seminary in Florida last week, and their sad but proud families said goodbye, at least until they can return on vacation. Let us pray for the perseverance of **Thomas Simpson** and **Brendan Lotarski**, and God’s blessings upon the work of **Bishop Sanborn**.

Speaking of bishops, Saturday marks the 25th anniversary of **Bishop Mark Pivarunas’** consecration by **Bishop Moises Carmona**. Please keep him, and his apostolate in your prayers as well, as he and his clergy and faithful celebrate this important milestone. Saturday is Our Lady of Ransom, the last of our special Marian Masses this month, and we will be sure to pray for him and his flock.

Ember Days of Autumn fall this week. Don’t forget the fast and abstinence for the new season, and for our seminarians and clergy. We would do well to add our country and all the world to this list. I was happy to hear of such an excellent attendance, 45, for the September Rosary Procession for Peace. One of the Fathers commented how nice it was to see everyone lingering afterwards, as if no one wanted it to end!

I thought I had a part time janitor lined up for Saturday, but it did not work out. Can anyone lend a helping hand, even for an hour or two on Saturday morning? Volunteer or pay? Please pray for this

intention, and do be conscious of picking up as much as possible. Truly, many hands make light work. The Sisters, busy as they are, have volunteered to help us Monday afternoons, and I have someone for a bit in the morning as well, but Saturday, or even Friday, remains the challenge. Thanks for any help you can offer.

While I’m thanking, let me mention as well our cooks lately and our faithful drivers. We very much appreciate your help, and would welcome you to use the websites or call if you can.

The Sisters report a good start to our Catechism classes, with 29 children signed up “so far.” Many more need to come! Prayers and a little prodding, probably...

God bless you in your sorrows and joys.
Yours in Our Lady,

Bishop Dolan



FROM THE RATZINGER HERESY FILES:

“[Saint] Paul teaches not the resurrection of physical bodies but the resurrection of persons, and this not in the return of the ‘fleshly body,’ that is, the biological structure...” – J. Ratzinger,

Introduction to Christianity, p. 277 (Ignatius edition, pp. 357-58)

Reality Check:

“I believe in...the resurrection of the body” –Apostles Creed

“All...will rise with their bodies which they now bear”
– Fourth Lateran Council, 1215 (Denzinger 428)

“Man will rise again at the most perfect stage of nature. Now human nature is at the most perfect stage in the age of youth. Therefore all will rise again of that age.”

–St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, III-Suppl., q. 81, a.

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“The dead will rise again with the same bodies as they had on earth. (De fide.)”

–Fr. Ludwig Ott, *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*, p. 490

How much longer will people think that Benedict XVI is actually a Catholic? And to think people are actually promoting the idea that Francis is no pope (fair enough) because Benedict is still the true pope. (LOL!)

A MOTHER'S THOUGHTS IN SORROW

Comfort is a grace revealed as a mother cups her baby's cheek and dries the tears. It is a grace found as one sits vigil beside a loved one's bed, scared and exhausted, but still offering an assuring smile. Beside each person quietly comforting another, Mary is there. Mary encourages, strengthens, and intercedes because she understands. She knows from whom her strength and comfort is found.

She has seen her Son flogged, scourged, spit on, His clothing cast for lots. My soul aches for the pain Mary endured. With the life she bore splayed on a cross, we are told she stands at the foot of it. She stands and does not turn her eyes and Jesus provides (Jn 19:26). Mary lives the final instruction we hear her offer, *Do whatever He tells you* (Jn 2:5). She lives Jesus' command, and teaches us to love and trust in His ways. She inspires me to walk in a similar courage. My heart yearns to be the gentle mother to which she calls me.

-Jennifer Hubbard



A MOTHER'S DREAM
St. Cleopatra
Widow († 4th century)

According to tradition, Cleopatra was a devout widow from Palestine who was living in Egypt when she witnessed the public martyrdom of the soldier Varus. Moved by the holy manner of his death, Cleopatra retrieved the man's remains from the dunghill on which they had been placed, and had the bones shipped back to Palestine, telling the authorities that they were the remains of her dead husband. When she reached home herself, Cleopatra endeavored to have a shrine built in Varus' honor.



The very day that the shrine was to be consecrated, Cleopatra's son John was in bed with a fever. She prayed to Varus, asking him to obtain only what was good for her son. Later that day, John passed away quite suddenly. Cleopatra lashed out in anger and grief against the saint. Why, she wondered, had he ignored the entreaties of a mother's heart?

That night Cleopatra had a dream in which she beheld her beloved John side-by-side with Varus. Both men wore garments of iridescent white. Varus told her that he had indeed answered her prayer for that which would be good for her son: because of the martyr's prayers, God had called John at once to his heavenly dwelling. Cleopatra awoke from her dream full of joy. She buried her son alongside Saint Varus. The shrine became a place of pilgrimage.

PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

O my Jesus, Head of the Mystical Body have mercy on us, defend Thy Church from Her enemies from within and from without.

O my Jesus suffering in Thy Body, the Church, have mercy on us, defend Thy Church from Her enemies from within and from without.

Holy Mary Mother of God and Mother of the Church: *

O Blessed St. Joseph, Defender and Protector of the Holy Church: *

St. Michael the Archangel, St. Gabriel the Archangel, St. Raphael the Archangel, all ye Holy Angels and Archangels, Principalities, and Powers, Thrones, Dominations, and Virtues, Cherubim, and Seraphim: *

All ye Holy Saints and Martyrs, Confessors, and Virgins, Sainted, Holy and Blessed Ones: *

St. Peter and St. Paul and all ye Holy, Sainted and Blessed Popes, Apostles and Bishops, Priests and Deacons: *

All ye Holy Martyrs who did shed your blood and did give your life for Christ amidst unspeakable torments: *

All ye Holy Virgins who did give yourselves wholly to Christ and did offer yourselves in the crucible of chastity: *

O Blessed St. Michael the Archangel, thou who once drove out the great dragon and all his followers in defense of the honor of God and was raised up to be in place of leader of the Host of Heaven, so now, lead the Host of Heaven in defense of the Holy Church; defend and protect Her from the attacks of Her enemies, from the attacks of those who would destroy Her, change Her, or make Her what She should not be, silence them, convert them, make ineffective their efforts to destroy or change the Church of God. Amen!

**Pray for us, pray for the Church of God. Defend and protect Her from Her enemies from within and from without.*

COMFORT YOUR MOTHER!
How? Read on...A Meditation for Our
Lady of Sorrows

Standing by the cross of Jesus... (John 19:25)

Did you know that today's feast wasn't always called "Our Lady of Sorrows"? When it was first observed in the twelfth century, it was called "Our Lady of Compassion." Doesn't this perfectly describe an essential part of Mary's relationship with her Son—and her relationship with us?

What is compassion? Think about how helpless you can feel when you see someone you love suffer. That person is hurting. You try to comfort them, but you can't take away the pain. All you can do is share it.

Or think about a child falling and scraping his knee. A mother's first impulse is to run toward him and gather him in her arms. The knee still hurts, but his mother's embrace tells him that it's going to be all right.

This helps us understand Mary. She went through so many dangers and sorrows with Jesus. Like any mother, she surely wanted to run and scoop Him up in her arms when she saw His anguish. She couldn't take away the pain. What could she say? She could only embrace Him. And when she couldn't do it physically, she remained close to Him in prayer.

One traditional way to honor today's feast is by praying through the Seven Sorrows of Mary: Simeon's prophecy of a sword, the flight into Egypt, losing Jesus at the Temple, watching Him carry His cross, the Crucifixion, taking Him down from the cross, and His burial. Rather than contemplating how sorrowful Mary was in each instance, try focusing on how she reached out to comfort Jesus. Imagine her rushing to lift Him up, enfolding Him in her arms. Picture her offering

Him a look of compassion and support when she couldn't reach Him.

Don't stop there. Imagine Mary comforting *you*. She knows what it's like to suffer. She embraces you; she prays with you; she reminds you that you are still in God's hands. Let her hold you close. Let her warmth envelope you like a child in the arms of his mother. Then let her carry you to Jesus, Who has every grace and blessing waiting for you.

"O Mary, I am so grateful that you are my mother! Thank you for your Sorrowful Heart, a heart of compassion."



A PRAYER TO OUR SORROWFUL
MOTHER

Oh my blessed mother, not one sword only, but as many swords as I have committed sins have I added to those seven in thy heart. Ah, my Lady, thy sorrows are not due to thee who art innocent, but to me who am guilty. But since thou hast wished to suffer so much for me, ah, by thy merits obtain for me great sorrow for my sins, and patience under the trials of this life, which will always be light in comparison with my demerits, for I have often merited hell. Amen.

—St. Alphonsus

From the Catechism of St. Pius X

Q. In becoming man did the Son of God cease to be God?

A. No, the Son of God became man without ceasing to be God.

Q. Jesus Christ, then, is God and man at the same time?

A. Yes, the incarnate Son of God, that is, Jesus Christ, is both God and man, perfect God and perfect man.

Q. Are there, then, two natures in Jesus Christ?

A. Yes, in Jesus Christ, Who is both God and man, there are two natures, the divine and the human.

Q. In Jesus Christ are there also two Persons, the divine and the human?

A. No, in the Son of God made man there is only one Person, namely, the divine.

Q. How many wills are there in Jesus Christ?

A. In Jesus Christ there are two wills, one divine, the other human.

Q. Did Jesus Christ possess free will?

A. Yes, Jesus Christ possessed free will, but He could not do evil, since to be able to do evil is a defect, and not a perfection, of liberty.

Q. Are the Son of God and the Son of Mary one and the same Person?

A. Yes, the Son of God and the Son of Mary are one and the same Person, that is, Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Q. What is actual sin?

A. Actual sin is that which man, after coming to the use of reason, commits of his own free will.

Q. How many kinds of actual sin are there?

A. There are two kinds of actual sin: mortal and venial.

Q. What is mortal sin?

A. Mortal sin is a transgression of the divine Law by which we seriously fail in our duties towards God, towards our neighbor, or towards ourselves.

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

MON	9/19/16	ST. JANUARIUS, BPM & COMPANIONS, MM OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (Samantha) (from 9/18) Closing of Our Lady of La Salette Triduum
	11:20 AM	High Mass Poor Souls / Total healing for Fr. Cekada (Patton Family)
TUE	9/20/16	SS. EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MM VIGIL OF ST. MATTHEW
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †John (JM)
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Sue Bryant (H.O. Hinton's sister) (Rebecca Hinton)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass St. Anthony of Padua – Thank you (JCS)
WED	9/21/16	ST. MATTHEW, APÉV FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE EMBER WEDNESDAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kunkel Jr. (Doloris Ritze)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (Mary Beth Grumblatt)
	☞ 5:45 PM	Low Mass Gloria's Intentions
THU	9/22/16	ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA, BPC SS. MAURICE & COMPANIONS, MM
	☞ 7:00 AM	Low Mass Fr. Cekada (JCS)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Margie Palmer (Ken Schroepfer Family)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Poor Souls / Healing for all loved ones (Patton Family)
FRI	9/23/16	SS. LINUS, PM FAST DAY ST. THECLA, VM EMBER FRIDAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (Paul Puglielli)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	High Mass Our Grandparents (The Richesson kids)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass For all my prayer intentions (Frances R. Mattingly)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	9/24/16	OUR LADY OF RANSOM FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE EMBER SATURDAY
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass George Roderick O'Connor (The Ken Schroepfer Family)
	8:05 AM	Salve & Sermon
	8:15 AM	High Mass Marian Feast Day Intentions
SUN	9/25/16	ANGEL SUNDAY • PENTECOST XIX
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Mr. John Wiesman (Anne Vander Putten)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Sunday Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †John Wiesman (Connie Kamphaus)
	4:45 PM	Vespers & Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Mr. Brian McMahon (Anne Vander Putten)

20 LATIN PHRASES YOU SHOULD BE USING

13. HANNIBAL AD PORTAS

Hannibal was a Carthaginian military commander during the Punic Wars who, in the early 2nd century BC, led numerous devastating attacks against the Roman Empire. To the people of Rome, the threat of an attack from Hannibal soon made him something of a bogeyman, and as a result Roman parents would often tell their unruly children that *Hannibal ad portas*—"Hannibal is at the gates"—in order to scare them into behaving properly.

14. HIC MANEBIMUS OPTIME

When the Gauls invaded Rome in 390BC, the Senate met to discuss whether or not to abandon the city and flee to the relative safety of nearby Veii. According to the Roman historian Livy, a centurion named Marcus Furius Camillus stood to address the Senate and exclaimed, "*hic manebimus optime!*"—or "here we will stay, most excellently!" His words soon came to be used figuratively of anyone's unfaltering and dedicated intention to remain in place despite adverse circumstances.

SUFFERING

The cry of man's anguish went up unto God,
Lord take away pain.
The shadow that darkens the world Thou hast made,
The close coiling chain
That strangles the heart, the burden that weighs
On wings that would soar.
Lord, take away pain from the world Thou hast made
That it love Thee more.

Thus answered the Lord to the cry of His world:
Shall I take away pain
And with it the power of the soul to endure,
Made strong by the strain?
Shall I take away pity that knits heart to heart,
And sacrifice high
Will you lose your heroes that lift from
The fire white brows to the sky?
Shall I take away love that redeems with a price
And smiles at the loss?
Can you spare from your lives, that would climb unto
Mine,
The Christ on the Cross?

Servers

SUN 9/25	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, N. McClorey TH: J. Simpson ACS: Nathan & Peter McClorey TORCH: M. & D. Simpson, J. Stewart, C. Richesson 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller
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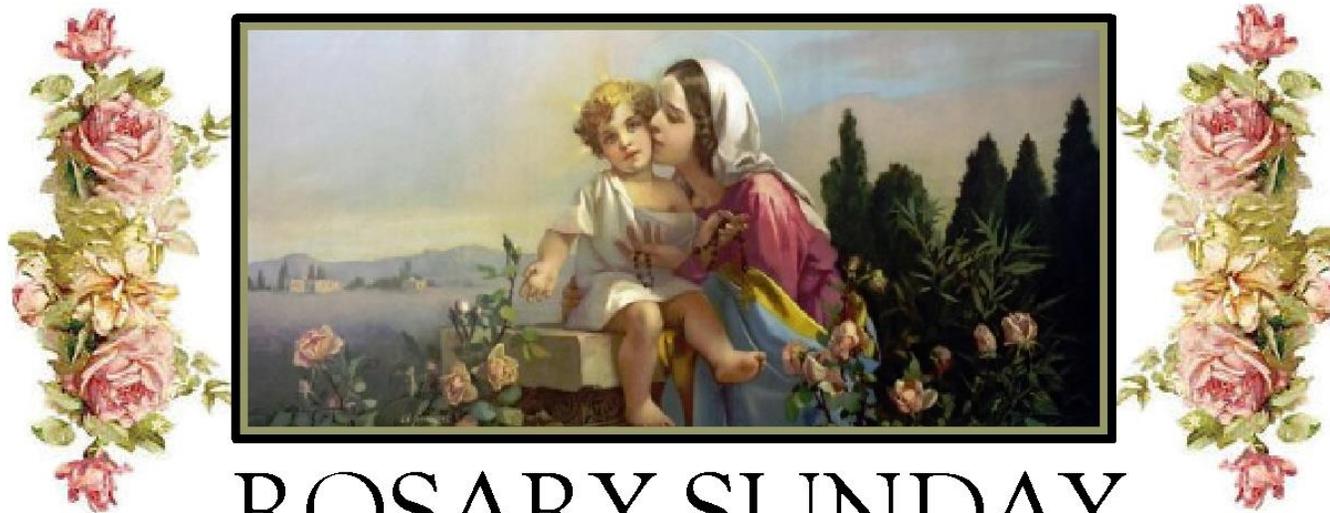
PARISH PICNIC

TODAY FROM 1-5 PM IN SHARON WOODS PARK AT THE CARDINAL CREST SHELTER

Please bring a dish to share: baked beans, potato salad, Cole slaw, fruit, chips, dessert, etc.
Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided.



Enter park at main entrance from Lebanon Rd. (Rt. 42). Take second right - Cardinal Crest will be the first picnic area.



ROSARY SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 2016

Roses will be available with a donation. One rose for \$3, two roses for \$5, five roses for \$10.
They will then be blessed and carried in the Rosary Procession.

ROSARY CONFRATERNITY BREAKFAST

follows the High Mass.

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: JUSTIN SOEDER

A well-known traditional Catholic radio personality

“My Journey to the Church and St. Gertrude’s”

Tickets will be available for purchase next Sunday: \$25 for families or \$7 for an individual.

Be sure to bring your ticket to the breakfast and add it to the drawing box.