



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

November 13, 2016

PENTECOST XXVI

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¶ PENTECOST XXVI

Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

On Wednesday, November 16, we celebrate our patronal feast, St. Gertrude the Great, and the 13th anniversary of the dedication of our church. We celebrate as well Fr. Lehtoranta's 5th anniversary of ordination. The Solemn High Mass is at 11:20 AM, followed by a luncheon. We conclude with Vespers, and Benediction. You are cordially invited!



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (PENTECOST XXIV)

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Please come to the rail immediately after Mass and kneel towards the middle so the priest can see you. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. No Vespers due to the Rosary Confraternity Procession.

The Rosary Confraternity Cemetery Rosary Procession will take place at 3:00 PM at Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery in Delhi.



Set Your Missal: Pentecost XXIV, with a commemorations of the Octave of St. Gertrud the Great and St. Felix of Valois. Trinity Preface.

Lumen Christi

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

Happy repose of the souls of
†Waclaw & †Zuzanna Kuzik
(Zenon Kuzik)



¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

Thanks for the special help for the Alter Christus Mass collection. \$725 (twenty-eight Masses) will be sent to needy priests for their support, and the sanctification of all of our priests.

¶ PLEASE REMEMBER!

The Mass stipend is now \$25. Please put that extra \$5 in the envelope, to avoid bookkeeping confusion for Bishop Dolan.

Collection Report

Holy Day, November 1 st	\$2,677.00
Sunday, November 6 th	\$3,785.00
Second Collection.....	\$993.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.	

¶ PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Fr. Cekada, Fr. Kasik, Fred Woods, Sr. Jeanne Marie, James Lacy, Ray Desbrough, Gary Amyx, and all of our sick and shut in.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of

the souls of †John Madaffari, a long-time parishioner of St. Gertrude who passed away in the morning on Thursday, November 10; and †Blanche Ciarkowski, the grandmother of Dean and Chip McClorey, who died in the evening of the same day.

¶ BLESSING BAGS PROJECT IS UNDERWAY!

Please help with the Blessing Bags for a couple of days in November. Many hands make light work. Saturday the 19th after the morning mass, we will work at stuffing bags, making cards, and taping the bags closed. Friday the 25th (the day after Thanksgiving) we will pack up and ready the boxes for sending to the Mexican children. If anyone is interested in helping with the project it would be greatly appreciated. You can help also by donating the shipping for a bag that the elves packaged. Need more information? Call the Arlinghaus family: 859-384-0103.



LOVING THE HOLY SOULS

As to purgatory, when I thought that I would be wronging God's mercy to have the least fear of hell, since I had deserved it more than all the demons, I had no fear of purgatory at all. I could well wish not to have deserved it, since that cannot be done without displeasing God. But since it is a reality, I was elated at the thought of going there to satisfy His justice in the most rigorous manner imaginable, and that to the day of judgment. I know that its torments are fearful. But I also know that they honor God and can do no harm to souls; that there one is certain of never opposing God's will; that one will never be able to find fault with His severity; that one will patiently wait until all is fully satisfied.

So, I have most willingly given all my satisfactions to the souls in purgatory, and surrendered to others even all the suffrages that will be offered for me after my death, so that God will be glorified in heaven by souls who shall have merited to be raised there to a higher glory than mine.

*-Bl. Claude de la Columbiere
Bl. Claude de la Columbiere (+1682)
was a French Jesuit priest and the
spiritual director of St. Margaret Mary
Alacoque.*



"Be sure that you first preach by the way you live. If you do not, people will notice that you say one thing, but live otherwise, and your words will bring only cynical laughter and a derisive shake of the head."

- St. Charles Borromeo

ALL SAINT'S CONTEST RESULTS

PRESCHOOL

Girls: 1st Cecilia & Agnes Gunsher
(St. Gertrude & St. Mechtilde)
Boys: 1st Matthew Gaitan
(St. George)

1ST AND 2ND GRADE

Girls:
1st Olivia Gaitan (*Jacinta Marto*)
2nd Eva McKinley (*St. Bernadette*)
3rd Tie: Maria McConnell
(Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha);
Emma Menefee (*St. Joan of Arc*)
Boys: 1st Ben Kamphaus
(St. Longinus)

3RD GRADE

Girls:
1st Claire McConnell (*St. Claire*)
2nd Julianna McClorey (*St. Germaine*)
Boys:
1st Christopher Gaitan (*St. John the Baptist*) – also Most Realistic Award!
2nd Dominic Simpson
(St. Charles Borromeo)

4TH, 5TH AND 6TH GRADE

Girls:
1st Tie: Juliana McKinley
(St. Elizabeth of Hungary);
Kate McConnell
(St. Catherine Laboure) – also excellent presentation!
2nd Marcie Arlinghaus
(St. Apollonia)
– Terrific props!
Boys: 1st Conrad Arlinghaus (*St. Lazarus*) – another Most Realistic Award!

GROUP WINNERS: *What can it be but a tie!! Once again the Moms and Students have outdone themselves.*

1st place Tie to:

Regina and Michael Simpson for their portrayal of St. Scholastica and St. Benedict (well-done skit!)

And to the Richesson, McClorey quartet: Austin McClorey as Mark, Nathan McClorey as Luke, Simon Richesson as Matthew and Christopher Richesson as John. (Poems were superb!)

STRANGERS ON GOLGOTHA

A King—ay, surely King is He
Else whence this crying multitude
To do Him homage?—What may
be
The cause of this drear dark-
ness?—Could
You see Him then upon His throne
Uplifted as the lightning shone?
Methought I saw Him, and—too
brief
My view—yet so it seemed that
grief
Or weariness had bowed His head.
Ay, white His garment, shot with
red,
A royal raiment surely. There!
Didst see in that weird lightning
glare?
Didst see! I'll lay a thousand down!
A King! I'll swear I saw His crown!
-Sr. Mary Claudia, S.C.



REMEMBRANCE

When lovely Summer goes away,
The Earth remembers where she
trod,
As she came tripping north in May.
And her green footprints on the
sod,
Her dainty flags on brush and tree
Are turned to rich and ruddy gold,
To keep her golden memory,—
As magic sunset skies may hold
Remembrance when bright days
depart
With golden steps where light has
fled
At eventide, or as the heart
Remembers friends when they are
dead.
-Bonaventure Schwinn, O.S.B.

This has been quite a week for us all, and we are filled with gratitude, and an immense sense of God's mercies bestowed upon us His unworthy children.

We began the week on All Saints Sunday, with our little saints, whose innocent piety charmed and delighted us all. The Mass was made even more solemn and uplifting by some of the most beautiful singing of the year, both the music of the ladies in the choir and the chants of the men in the schola. Oh, and let's not forget your enthusiastic hymn singing!

I always fear anymore that the children's participation in this day is dying out, for once we had great numbers. But the count of the children is just right each year for their little presentations before I go off for the 11:30, and the party begins. I do feel bad for the children who miss out, because they are missing out. And what fun we have as we admire the costumes and strain to hear the little ones speak before we guess their identity. It's a wonderful Sunday at St. Gertrude the Great.

Nobody in particular was at Vespers, besides a welcome Omlor père et fils, but we did almost have the whole fire brigade. A hot thurible, a large lump of frankincense, and an unusual airflow trapped the fragrant fumes in the hallway, and off went the alarm just at the Collect of Benediction. **Fr. Cekada** was scurrying about with alarms and doors, and headed off the firemen in the parking lot. Well, that's one way to increase Vesper attendance.

In all the commotion we forgot to ask anyone to take up the collection at the 5:45. I was enormously edified that a young man in attendance did so on his own, and a nice lady from the choir even started the closing hymn, on pitch! That's the spirit!

We are so grateful to the volunteers who help now with the janitorial each week, including the Sisters. Thank you! We do need one more helper for Friday afternoon or evening or perhaps Saturday morning. Let me know? We can pay a little if you'd like. Oh, and we do need a hardy man sometimes to do odd jobs and small repairs. Anybody?

On the Octave Day of All Saints, our country was saved from certain Clintonian destruction by the election of an unusual candidate. He's probably no saint, but few presidents are, even less than kings. Pray for him, and our country in the next few months. Nothing is guaranteed, but we were given a reprieve by the mercy of God.

Please continue to pray for Fr. Cekada in these days of his recovery. He came through his surgery quite smoothly, and was back to his old self in no time. But hospitals are risky places, and we will be relieved when he returns home. **Mother Isidore** and **Sr. Benedict Marie** surprised me at the hospital, by bringing a nice picnic lunch, which we enjoyed

together during the long wait.

So many of you were praying for him on Thursday! Just as you did this Summer. God reward you. Please remember too John Madaffari who died suddenly on Thursday morning. John and Gloria have been members of St. Gertrude the Great for many, many years, faithful to their post and pew near the Sacred Heart at the 7:30. Please keep Gloria in your prayers as well, as this is very difficult for her.

Friday was our Veterans/Armistice day observance, and here we are, fresh for a new week "because the mercies of the Lord are not consumed." **Sr. Jeanne Marie** heads downtown on Tuesday for knee surgery at University Hospital. Our prayers go with her.

Wednesday we keep St. Gertrude's Day, the 13th anniversary of the dedication of our church here in West Chester. We will also be celebrating the fifth ordination anniversary of **Fr. Lehtoranta**, our devoted parish priest and parochial school teacher, as well as part time missionary priest. He celebrates a Solemn Mass at 11:20, to which you are invited, and to the luncheon following.

Next Sunday the Rosary Confraternity invites you to join them for their annual Rosary Procession for the Poor Souls. This year we will be travelling over to Delhi to visit the cemetery at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Charity. We wish thus to return the charity of so many devoted religious, even as we pray for all the Poor Souls. But the visit will focus on the grave of Sr. Blandina Segale, who died in the odor of piety, a wonderful example of the very best in the traditional sisterhood. She combined zeal for souls and the spirit of prayer with a real spunk, a fearless spirit. She even faced down Billy the Kid—and won. We should know and revere our Cincinnati Catholic heroes. Join us next Sunday afternoon.

God bless you, and the Angel of Peace visit and strengthen you, and all our land.

—Bishop Dolan

Cemetery Rosary Procession

Sunday, November 20, 2016
3:00 PM at Mt. St. Joseph Cemetery
The Sisters of Charity Motherhouse
5900 Delhi Ave, Mt St Joseph, OH 45051

Join the members of the Rosary Confraternity in gaining indulgences for the Poor Souls.

Directions to Mt. St. Joseph from church:
Follow I-275 W to OH-128 in Miamitown. Take exit 7 from I-275 S. Turn left onto OH-128 S, left onto US-50 W/ Ohio River Scenic Byway, and left onto Bender Rd.



A LESS UNWORTHY HOME

One evening I was kneeling in prayer before going to bed, when suddenly a verse came into my head that anyone who loves Jesus will keep His word, and His Father will love her, and They will come to her and make Their home with her, as St. John tells us in his Gospel. Then, within my inner self, my heart of clay felt Your coming, God. I felt Your presence within me.

O how I wish a thousand times over that the ocean would turn into blood and sail over my head, so this sinful earth in which Your inconceivable Majesty stooped to dwell might be overcome by this cleansing flood. Or I wish my heart could be ripped this instant from my body and thrown in pieces into a pile of burning coals! Then it would be purged of impurities. It would become—I won't say "worthy"—but a less unworthy home for You.

*-St. Gertrude the Great,
"The Herald of Divine Love"*

Gertrude of Helfta (1265-1301), also known as Gertrude the Great, was a German Benedictine nun, mystic, and scholar. Her writings include Spiritual Exercises and The Herald of Divine Love.



THERE IS A POOR SOULS prayer which you see everywhere, attributed to St. Gertrude the Great. Supposedly it releases 1,000 souls each time it is said. I don't think it's genuine. Here is an excerpt from a longer prayer St. Gertrude actually *did* write, and Our Lord simply said of these (much longer) prayers: "They are so acceptable to Me that whenever a soul is liberated from purgatory, it is to Me though My own soul were delivered out of captivity, and I will surely reward them in due time, in the omnipotence of My boundless compassion."

HAIL, JESUS CHRIST, SPLENDOR OF THE FATHER; HAIL, PRINCE OF PEACE, GATE OF HEAVEN, LIVING BREAD, OFFSPRING OF THE VIRGIN, VESSEL OF THE GODHEAD.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD,

AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM. *Or, De profundis.*



DEMOCRACY: POWER TO THE PEOPLE

The political effect of protestantism is *democracy*. By this term we do not mean merely that the people choose who shall rule them. Instead, we mean that power belongs to the people, and that the people delegate this power to their elected officials, who are bound to follow the will of the people in all things. Democracy in the strict sense means the sovereignty of the people. The idea comes to us directly from protestantism. For just as the individuals in protestantism are like little popes, deciding for themselves what God is saying in Sacred Scripture, so in the political order they are all little kings, retaining the power to govern themselves. Just as they hire and fire their ministers according as they like them or dislike them, so they hire and fire people to carry out their will in the government.

Socialism. It is protestant individualism, furthermore, that leads to *socialism*. For in the protestant system, the individual is the only element of the State. This is because the individual is supreme, and is subject to no authority except that which he freely accepts. Hence the State which is composed of individuals is blind to anything but individuals: it is blind to the family, to the Church, to businesses, or to any other entity that exists between it and the individual. The natural effect of this doctrine is socialism, whereby the State absorbs into itself, to a greater or lesser extent, all of the subordinate societies which I mentioned. One of the first effects of the Protestant revolt, for example, was to make the local prince or king the head of the Church. Another effect was the *absolutism* of the monarch, since he, as the head of the State, was bound to respect nothing outside of himself.

In the political sphere the only thing that the French Revolution did was to transfer the absolutism of the monarch to that of the mob, represented by the National Convention.

(To be continued)
-Bishop Sanborn, Oct. 2016

THE NINTH ARTICLE OF THE CREED: THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

1. Q. What are we taught by these words of the Ninth Article: *The Communion of Saints*?

A. In the words *The Communion of Saints*, the Ninth Article of the Creed teaches us that the Church's spiritual goods, both internal and external, are common to all her members because of the intimate union that exists between them.

2. Q. Which are the internal goods that are common in the Church?

A. The internal goods that are common in the Church are: the graces received through the Sacraments; faith, hope and charity; the infinite merits of Jesus Christ; the superabundant merits of the Blessed Virgin and of the Saints; and the fruit of all the good works done in the same Church.

3. Q. Which are the external goods that are common in the Church?

A. The external goods that are common in the Church are: the Sacraments, the Sacrifice of the Mass, public prayers, religious functions, and all the other outward practices that unite the faithful.

4. Q. Do all the children of the Church share in this communion of goods?

A. All Christians who are in the grace of God share in the communion of internal goods, while those who are in mortal sin do not participate in these goods.

5. Q. Why do not those who are in mortal sin participate in these goods?

A. Because that which unites the faithful with God, and with Jesus Christ as His living members, rendering them capable of performing meritorious works for life eternal, is the grace of God which is the supernatural life of the soul; and hence as those who are in mortal sin are without the grace of God, they are excluded from

perfect communion in spiritual goods, nor can they accomplish works meritorious towards life eternal.

6. Q. Do Christians then, who are in mortal sin derive no advantage from the internal and spiritual goods of the Church?

A. Christians who are in mortal sin still continue to derive some advantage from the internal and spiritual goods of the Church, inasmuch as they still preserve the Christian character which is indelible, and the virtue of faith which is the basis of justification. They are aided, too, by the prayers and good works of the faithful towards obtaining the grace of conversion to God.

7. Q. Can those who are in mortal sin participate in the external goods of the Church?

A. Those in mortal sin can participate in the external goods of the Church, unless indeed they are cut off from the Church by excommunication.

8. Q. Why are the members of this Communion, taken together, called Saints?

A. The members of this Communion are called saints because all are called to sanctity and have been sanctified by baptism, and because many of them have really attained perfect sanctity.

9. Q. Does the Communion of Saints extend also to heaven and purgatory?

A. Yes, the Communion of Saints also extends to heaven and purgatory, because charity unites the three Churches—the Triumphant, the Suffering and the Militant; the Saints pray to God both for us and for the souls in purgatory; while we on our party give honor and glory to the Saints, and are able to relieve the suffering souls in purgatory by applying on their behalf indulgences and other good works.



ST. JOSEPHAT KUNCEWICZ

St. Josephat Kuncewicz was born in Poland around 1580. His parents were members of a group that broke away from the Church belonging to the Ruthenian Nation. In 1595 the Ruthenian Church re-entered into communion with Rome.

Nine years later Josephat fell in love with the Catholic faith, and became a monk in the Basilian order. For three years he lived alone in a deserted monastery, but soon the fame of his holiness brought him companions. He was ordained a priest, and God worked many wonderful miracles through him.

Many witnessed Our Lord appear above his chalice in the form of an infant when he celebrated Mass. He was able to convince even the most stubborn heretics to the truths of the Catholic faith. In 1617 he was appointed archbishop of Polotsk, and for the next six years he labored for the restoration of holiness in the monks and the priests.

His success in creating holy people filled the enemies of our faith with anger and they plotted his death. The saint's home was stormed by his foes, his servants were overcome and finally, the archbishop himself was murdered by two men with hatchets. His lifeless body was thrown into the river.



After six days, supernatural signs revealed where his body was located and it was recovered incorrupt. The miraculous reappearance of St. Josephat caused the conversion of the entire city and all returned to the Catholic faith.

In Milwaukee, a basilica is dedicated to St. Josephat.

CALENDAR

MON	11/14/16	ST. JOSEPHAT, BPM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For the soldiers who have fought in all our wars (Patrick A. Omlor)
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Rosemary Cash (Mark Cash)
TUE	11/15/16	ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BPCD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (The Fathers)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Full recovery for Fr. Cekada (Dean McClorey Family)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls (JCS)
	5:50 PM	First Vespers of St. Gertrude the Great
WED	11/16/16	ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT, V
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Samantha Brockman (Mary Anne Marella)
	11:20 AM	Solemn High Mass Rev. Fr. Vili Lehtoranta—Happy 5 th Anniversary! (Andrew Hoxie) followed by a luncheon
	2:00 PM	Vespers & Benediction
THU	11/17/16	ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, BPC
	V	ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, BPC • BL. PHILIPPINE DUSCHENE,
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (JCS)
	11:20 AM	High Mass Grumblatt children (Mary Beth Grumblatt)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Poor Souls (JCS)
FRI	11/18/16	DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF SS. PETER & PAUL
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Jim Arlinghaus (Tom & Christina Wilson)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Teddy Dunn (Mary Beth Grumblatt)
	5:15 PM	Rosary & Confessions
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich, O.F.M., S.T.D. (death anniversary) (Samantha)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT	11/19/16	ST. ELIZABETH, W
	DENCE	ST. PONTIANUS, PM • OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVI-
	7:10 AM	Confessions
son	7:30 AM	Low Mass Sr. Maria Dolorosa & her family (C. Simp-
		family)
	8:05 AM	Salve & Sermon
	8:15 AM	High Mass Thank you St. Joseph (M. Sutton)
SUN	11/20/16	LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
		ST. FELIX OF VALOIS, C
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Regina Brueggemann & family (Dan, Mary & family)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass Thank you St. Jude & St. Joseph (Carolyn McClorey)
	3:00 PM	Rosary Confraternity Cemetery Visit & Rosary:
		Mt. St. Joseph, Delhi
	5:45 PM	Low Mass †Anne McMahon

St. Gertrude's Day Servers

WED 11/16 11:20 AM SOL. HIGH: MC: N. McClorey TH: J. Simpson ACs: C. Richesson, N. McClorey CROSS: P. McClorey TORCH: P., D., & A. McConnell, M. & D. Simpson, P. McClorey

✠ ALWAYS PRAY FOR POOR SOULS

A SOUL GOES TO ONE OF THREE PLACES after an individual passes away: heaven, hell, or purgatory.

God will sometimes allow a soul to come back to earth if He feels it will benefit the people still living. He will also let a poor soul suffering in purgatory to ask for prayers from holy people.

St. Augustine tells us the story of a sinner who was so wicked that she was driven from the city and found shelter in a cave.

She became ill and died. When Sr. Catherine heard of the death of this poor woman, she never even thought of praying for her, because like everyone else, she thought the sinner was lost.

One day a suffering soul appeared to her, and exclaimed, "How unfortunate am I, Sr. Catherine! You normally pray to God for souls that die but for me you have never prayed." The soul then revealed she was the sinner who died alone in the cave four years earlier.

"Are you saved?" Sr. Catherine asked.

"When I was dying, loaded with sins, I called to Our Lady as my final hope and asked for pity. The Blessed Virgin obtained for me the grace to make an act of contrition. I am saved!" the soul cried out. "Our Queen has also asked God to let my suffering be shortened and He has allowed me to come to ask you to have a few Masses said for me."

Sr. Catherine immediately had the Masses said and after a few days that soul again appeared to her, shining like the sun, and said, "Thank you, Catherine behold I go to heaven, to sing the mercies of my God, and to pray for you!"

Be sure to pray for the souls in purgatory and they will pray for you.

ALL SAINTS' BISHOP'S PICKS

Prettiest costume, joined with a most confident presentation: St. Germaine

Most grizzly saints' hair: St. John the Baptist and St. Benedict.

Most surprising saint: Bl. Kateri

Sparest saint: St. Bernadette

Cutest combo: The Helfta Sisters

Most striking saint: St. Catherine Laboure

Best accouterments: St. Appolonia

Hands down best of all: The Evangelistic Cousins—poetry, props, and staging were excellent!

Servers

SUN 11/20

7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.

9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: 1. R. Vande Ryt, 2. P. Omlor TH: S. Arlinghaus ACs: M. & D. Simpson TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, J. Stewart, D. Holbrook, L. Arlinghaus

11:30 AM Low: Nicholas & Nathan McClorey

5:45 PM Low: G. Miller