

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 20, 2016

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

¶ PENTECOST XXVII

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is 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 are 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. Please see the map located elsewhere in the bulletin.



¶ THANKSGIVING DAY

A special holiday Mass of thanksgiving is offered Thursday at 9:00 AM. If you prefer, an earlier Mass is at 8:00 AM. Assisting at Holy Mass is the best way to thank God for the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let's joyfully and gratefully stress the religious character of this holiday. *The abstinence is traditionally dispensed on the Friday after Thanksgiving and meat may be taken.*



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ADVENT I

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the church's liturgical new year. The Lighting of the Advent Wreath takes place at 7:25 AM. The Advent Procession and Blessing of the Advent Wreath begin at



THEN SHALL APPEAR THE SIGN OF THE SON OF
MAN IN HEAVEN

9:00 AM. Please note, Sunday Classes will be at 10:50 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Advent I, with commemorations of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and Against the Persecutors of the Church. Trinity Preface.

¶ PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Fr. Cekada and Sr. Jeanne Marie, recovering from surgery; Fred Woods and Fr. Kasik, suffering from cancer; for Paul Leurck, Gary Amyx, and the repose of the soul of †Raymond Desbrough.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 4th: St. Nicholas will be visiting the children after all morning Masses.

Collection Report

Sunday, November 13th.....\$3,589.50



¶ ADVENT

Visit our Gift Shop to get ready for this season of getting ready. Advent Wreaths, as well as good spiritual reading are available. Be sure to prepare an Advent Wreath (three purple and one pink candle) for your family dining table or shrine. The first candle may be lit on Saturday evening or Sunday.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
(Recite on Saturday evening, November 26)

V. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R. Who made heaven and earth.



Let us pray O God, by Whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth Thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Let us pray. Stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, O Lord, and come, so that we may escape through Thy protection and be saved by Thy help from the dangers that threaten us because of our sins. Who livest and reignest forever and ever.

R. Amen.

SOMEONE GREATER HERE

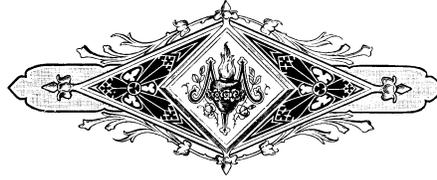
I went to the garden before prime and sat down beside the pond. I began thinking what a pleasant place it was. The clear water and streams, the fresh, spring green of the trees, the birds flying here and there so happily, especially the doves, were all lovely to consider. Most of all, I loved the quiet, hidden tranquility of this secluded place.

I asked myself what else I needed to complete my joy there in such an excellent spot, and I realized I needed a friend. I needed someone intimate, sweet, wise, and fun to share my solitude. Then You, God, led me in meditation back to Yourself, the Source of unimaginable joy. You showed me that if by always praising You, I poured back like water the streams of grace I'd received from You; and if, like a tree, I covered myself in the leaves and blooms of good works; and if, like the doves, I spurned earth and soared towards You, then my heart could accommodate You, and every joy would be mine, with nothing lacking. Throughout the day I thought on these images.

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

*St. Gertrude's Prayer for the
Church*

Behold, O most compassionate Jesus, how carelessly, and with what unseemly dishonor, Thy divine worship is celebrated, how Thy service is despised, and how little knowledge there is of Thee upon earth. Send forth, therefore, fervent and unwearied laborers into Thy harvest, that they may increase it, further it, and gather it into Thy garner. Grant unto all the faithful, that they may obey Thy holy Church, and observe all her precepts, and grow in grace and in every good work daily, to the greater glory of Thy Name. Amen.



THE SANTA MARIA HOME
MISSIONARY LEAGUE

This organization operates along the simplest lines. There are no dues, no meetings, no obligatory prayers. The members promise to take an interest in lapsed Catholics, in young people who have not made their First Communion, and to visit these in a friendly spirit in the endeavor to bring them to the Church where they belong. Non-Catholics seeking enlightenment are also recommended to the solicitude of the League members, who are expected to interest their friends in the society, thus forming an endless chain of persons consecrated to the noble work of reclaiming Catholics and bringing the truth of our holy religion before those not of the household of the Faith.

The Sisters submitted the project to the Most Reverend Archbishop Moeller, who gave it his approval in 1908, and granted *an indulgence of one hundred days for the daily recitation of the prayer of the League*, which is as follows: "Almighty and merciful God, Who didst deliver Thy beloved Son to the death of the cross for the redemption of mankind, grant us the grace to lead such worthy Christian lives that by our good example and wise counsel we may be instrumental in bringing back to the bosom of Holy Mother Church, the souls of our brethren who have strayed away, either through human frailty or the deceit of the enemy. We beg this grace through the merits of Jesus Christ, and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin. Amen."

(*More of the wonderful work of
Sr. Blandina. "Join" today.*)

FROM THE POEM:
*FOR THE VEILING OF SISTER ISABEL DE
LOS ANGELES*

Holy always in your hand
A candle bright;
Veiled, keep the watch
With loins girded well.
Be free of deep sleep,
Mindful of the danger near.
Do not be careless.

Keep ready your oil jar
Of merit and deeds,
Ample to keep
Your lamp aflame
Lest outside you be kept
When He comes.
Do not be careless.

No one will lend you oil
If you hasten to buy it;
Late you could be,
Once the Bridegroom is within,
The door then is closed;
Your cries will avail you not.
Do not be careless.

Be constant in care,
Fulfilling all bravely,
What you vowed today
Until death comes.
In keeping well your watch,
With the Bridegroom you will enter.
Do not be careless.
-St. Teresa of Avila

Offered for St. Gertrude's Octave.



The last of our Post Pentecost Sundays directs our attention today to the end, not of a season, but of the world. These are the thoughts the Church keeps in mind as we prepare for Christ's coming this Advent. Stay with the Church, and you will never be caught unaware.

Thanksgiving is certainly on our list, as we "count our blessings," including even our crosses and losses. God's Holy Will be done in all things. We are thankful that we have been in a beautiful church for 36 years, 13 of them in our spacious home here in West Chester. We are thankful for our dedicated friends and faithful, and for the fine priests who serve us. We thank God that we can do all that we do, and beg pardon for what we leave undone. Thanks be to God and St. Gertrude the Great. Thank God for our Catholic Faith, our most precious treasure.

We are especially thankful for **Fr. Cekada's** continuing recovery and all of your prayers. Fr. Cekada made good progress last week, and came home yesterday. They kept him very busy in the hospital, so I hope he will be able to get some rest these days. But already he seems very much "like his old self," chipper and happy to be back. The doctors have declared him cancer free. Thanks be to God.

We had a pitch and picture perfect St. Gertrude's Day, honoring our patroness, and celebrating **Fr. Lehtoranta's** five years of priest's, and our church anniversary. There was a beautiful Solemn High Mass and an excellent luncheon. Our guests then departed, and with the children we sang our Vespers, and received Our Lord's Eucharistic Benediction. How can we ever thank Our Lord enough?

The children of the choir performed flawlessly the divine praises of Mass and Office, mastering the Vespers which even choirs of nuns would have found too challenging, as someone commented. I was impressed the next day as well to hear the very little children enthusiastically sing the Kyrie of Mass XV. Another impressive feat!

Meanwhile, up on the roof on St. Gertrude's Day, the Simpsons tackled the raccoon incursions. They had chewed a big welcoming entrance for themselves on the roof. Rocks were used by our side to block it shut, but many raccoon hands made light work, and they were back. Now it is all cemented shut with brick, and we await their next attack with sure confidence. I thank our soldiers.

This past week also saw surgery for **Sr. Jeanne Marie's** knee, which went well. Sister will be receiving some rehabilitation at Drake before returning home. We do wish her well and send our prayers to this patient soul.

Thanks to the charitable souls who came by yesterday

to work on the Blessing Bags project. Full report to follow.

I hope many of you will be able to join us for this afternoon's Rosary Procession for the Poor Souls, as we visit Sr. Blandina's grave.



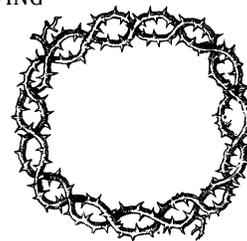
We need some of her spirit today to resist heresy and compromise, and still bring others joyfully to the Faith. I also hope many of you will make time for Mass on Thursday morning. Holy Mass is the best, the greatest and the most efficacious act of thanksgiving given to man. We all have a lot to be thankful for! The weather alone has been mild, sunny and sweet these days, as to make us wish they would never end. More thanks, even though, alas, all things have their end!

God bless our endings and beginnings, in Our Lady and our holy patroness.

—Bishop Dolan

A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"Life is a burden, bear it;
Life is a thorn-crown, wear it.
Life is a duty, dare it;
Though it break thy heart in twain;
Though the burden bear thee down.
Close thy lips and bear the pain;
First the Cross and then the crown."



In the annals of the Santa Maria Institute, that verse is inscribed at this period, with the comment: "The experience of the last few days is a realization of the poet's lines. The one sweet consolation is that it is for God."

This, the only complaint betrayed by her pages (probably written by Sr. Blandina or her sister), as they tell of the hopes deferred or brought to naught, of labors unappreciated, of failures that might have been avoided is instantly turned into a *song of thanksgiving*. For God were those long walks in heat and cold, leading them into the city's labyrinths of sin and suffering, to institutions where human misery appalled them, to the schools with their pitiless tasks. For God the humiliations, the deprivations, the endless labor, draining mind and spirit and body. It explains why they "never turned their back but faced breast forward," and explains their ultimate success. To save souls for God, to extend the Kingdom of God—that was the sweet goad that drove them forward when all within them was crying to quit.

And what we write of these two Sisters and those associated with them in the building up of the Sancta Maria Institute may equally well be written of that vast body of consecrated women, who, through the length and breadth of this land begin and carry on the various works of mercy. In schools and hospitals, in asylums for infancy and old age, in the tender ministrations to the sinful and sorrowing, in the various departments of social service, the one motive impels them—for God. We turn from the reflection with a new pride in humanity.

3:00 PM TODAY AT MT. ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY
SISTERS OF CHARITY MOTHERHOUSE
5900 DELHI RD., MT. ST. JOSEPH, OH 45051 (513) 347-5200

Directions from Church:

1. Start out going west on Rialto Rd toward Princeton Glendale Rd / OH-747. 0.11 Mi

2. Turn left onto Princeton Glendale Rd / OH-747. Continue to follow OH-747. 1.90 Mi

3. Merge onto I-275 W toward I-74 / Indianapolis. 13.55 Mi

4. Merge onto I-74 E / US-52 E via EXIT 28 on the left toward Cincinnati. 1.69 Mi

5. Take the Rybolt Rd exit, EXIT 11, toward Harrison Pike. 0.2 Mi

6. Turn left onto Old Rybolt Rd. 0.07 Mi

7. Take the 1st right onto Harrison Ave. If you reach I-74 E you've gone about 0.3 miles too far. 2.9 Mi

8. Turn right onto Race Rd. Race Rd is 0.2 miles past Drew Ave. Wild Mike's is on the corner. If you are on Harrison Ave and reach Raceview Ave you've gone about 0.1 miles too far. 0.5 Mi

9. Race Rd becomes OH-264 / Glenway Ave. 0.6 Mi

10. Turn right onto Westbourne Dr. Westbourne Dr is just past Lawrence Rd. Cancun Mexican Restaurant is on the right. If you reach Parkcrest Ln you've gone about 0.2 miles too far. 1.1 Mi

11. Turn left onto Muddy Creek Rd. 0.1 Mi

12. Take the 1st right onto Neeb Rd. If you reach Wingham Dr you've gone a little too far. 2.6 Mi

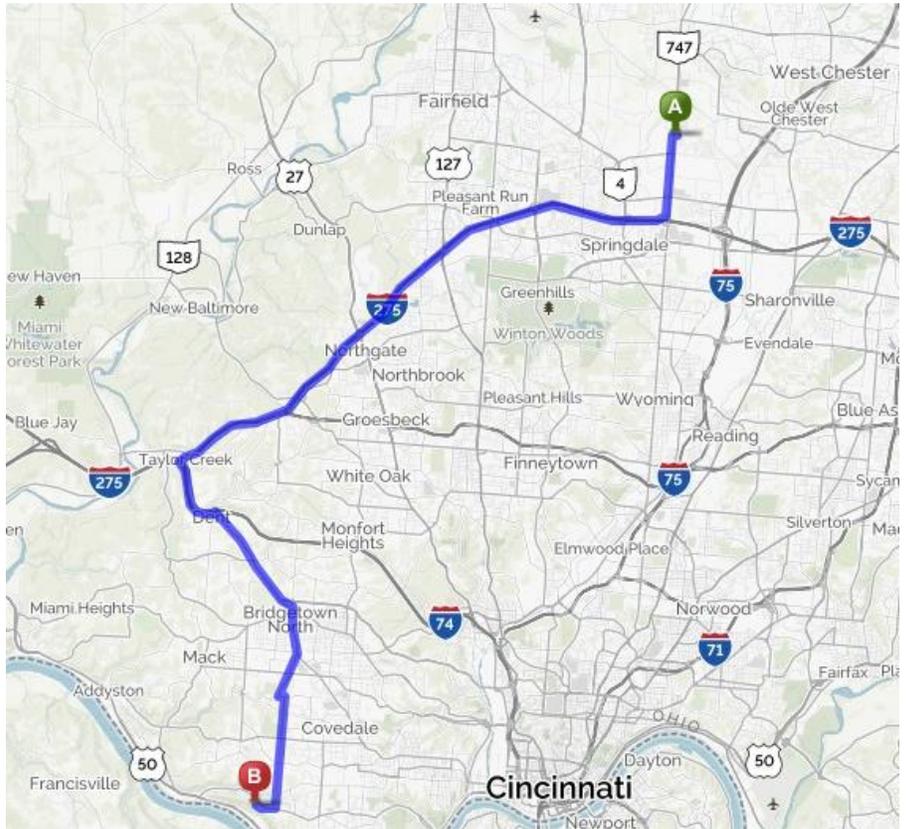
13. Turn right onto Delhi Rd. Delhi Rd is 0.1 miles past Annajoe Ct. If you reach the end of Neeb Rd you've gone about 0.1 miles too far. 0.5 Mi

- 14. 5900 DELHI RD. is on the right. Your destination is 0.2 miles past Bender Rd. If you reach the end of Delhi Rd you've gone about 0.1 miles too far.

Join us to:

- Return the charity of so many devoted religious
- Pray for all the Poor Souls
- Visit the grave of Sr. Blandina Segale

The main driveway off Delhi Road leads directly into the cemetery. We will meet in the main parking lot.



THOSE OUTSIDE THE
COMMUNION OF SAINTS

Q. Who are they who do not belong to the Communion of Saints?

A. Those who are damned do not belong to the Communion of Saints in the other life; and in this life those who belong neither to the body nor to the soul of the Church, that is, those who are in mortal sin, and who are outside the true Church.

Q. Who are they who are outside the true Church?

A. Outside the true Church are: Infidels, Jews, heretics, apostates, schismatics, and the excommunicated.

Q. Who are infidels?

A. Infidels are those who have not been baptized and do not believe in Jesus Christ, because they either believe in and worship false gods as idolaters do, or though admitting one true God, they do not believe in the Messiah, neither as already come in the Person of Jesus Christ, nor as to come; for instance, Mohammedans and the like.

Q. Who are the Jews?

A. The Jews are those who profess the Law of Moses; have not received baptism; and do not believe in Jesus Christ.

Q. Who are heretics?

A. Heretics are those of the baptized who obstinately refuse to believe some truth revealed by God and taught as an article of faith by the Catholic Church; for example, the Arians, the Nestorians and the various sects of Protestants.

Q. Who are apostates?

A. Apostates are those who abjure, or by some external act, deny the Catholic faith which they previously professed.

Q. Who are schismatics?

A. Schismatics are those Christians who, while not explicitly denying any dogma, yet voluntarily separate themselves from the Church of Jesus Christ, that is, from their lawful pastors.

Q. Who are the excommunicated?

A. The excommunicated are those who, because of grievous transgressions, are

struck with excommunication by the Pope or their Bishop, and consequently are cut off as unworthy from the body of the Church, which, however, hopes for and desires their conversion.

Q. Should excommunication be dreaded?

A. Excommunication should be greatly dreaded, because it is the severest and most terrible punishment the Church can inflict upon her rebellious and obstinate children.

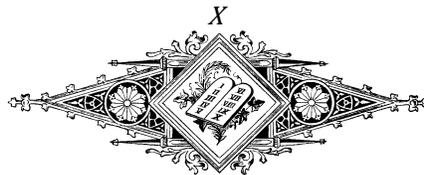
Q. Of what goods are the excommunicated deprived?

A. The excommunicated are deprived of public prayers, of the Sacraments, of indulgences and of Christian burial.

Q. Can we in any way help the excommunicated?

A. We can in some way help the excommunicated and all others who are outside the true Church, by salutary advice, by prayers and good works, begging God in His mercy to grant them the grace of being converted to the faith and of entering into the Communion of Saints.

From the Catechism of Pope St. Pius



AND NOW: DEFENSELESS

In our own day we can see the effect of protestantism in the *step-by-step abandonment of morals* in society. The liberals understand the ideology which I have here described, and every time a new moral perversion presents itself, they play the liberalism card. They say that man is absolutely free, and that the State cannot oblige him by any law to observe what is in accordance with nature or with religion. As long as the activity does not "hurt" anyone, it should be permitted. Because all society and government is based on the protestant principle of liberalism

and individualism, the conservative can offer no ideology in defense of observance of the natural law or of religious law. In other words, the "state religion" of the modern world is liberalism, a direct result of protestant notions of freedom and individualism. In fact, the only reason why this country and other countries, all infected by liberalism, did not cave into this immorality in times past, is that most of the population by culture or by religious conviction adhered to the moral law. As religion went on the wane since Vatican II, and as culture and customs changed, the only political ideology left was liberalism, and its logic is as cold and as strong as steel.

In the 1950's, for example, people by culture or religion found sodomy abhorrent. As a result, it was against the law. When faced with the argument, however, that sodomy is a private affair that does not "hurt" anyone, the supreme protestant principle of liberalism demands assent. The conservative cannot oppose religious principles to liberalism, since religion has no place in the making of laws. Nor can he oppose culture, since the culture has gradually succumbed to the demands of liberalism.

Consequently, political conservatives have no ideology card to play. They can make appeal only to the past. Such a flimsy argument collapses in front of liberalism. For this reason most so-called conservative politicians have abandoned any opposition to laws permitting abortion, sodomitic marriages, feminism, pornography and other moral issues. They confine themselves to lowering taxes. *(To be continued)*

-Bishop Sanborn, Oct. 2016



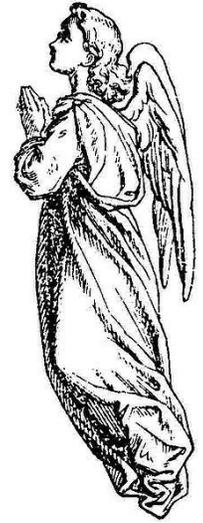
CALENDAR

MON 11/21/16	THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LADY 8:00 AM Low Mass Brendan Lotarski (vocation) (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Thanksgiving for helping me find a car (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass In honor of Our Lady – Special Intention (<i>Mr & Mrs. David Marko</i>)
TUE 11/22/16	ST. CECILIA, VM 8:00 AM Low Mass For the Poor Souls – begging their intercession for my intentions 11:20 AM High Mass Poor Soul who needs it most (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>JCS</i>)
WED 11/23/16	OCTAVE DAY OF ST. GERTRUDE ST. CLEMENT, PM ST. FELICITY, M 8:00 AM Low Mass The Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Clare Lotarski</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Mark & Joan Lotarski – Happy 31 st Anniversary (<i>The Fathers</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Edward Heckenkamp (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>)
THU 11/24/16	THANKSGIVING DAY ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, CD ST. CHRYSOGONUS, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>JCS</i>) 9:00 AM Special Thanksgiving Day Low Mass In thanksgiving
FRI 11/25/16	ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA, VM <i>NO SCHOOL • ABSTINENCE DISPENSED</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>JCS</i>) 5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls to please pray for J.B. (<i>JMBS</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
SAT 11/26/16	ST. SYLVESTER, AB ST. PETER OF ALEXANDRIA, BPM ST. LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE, C 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Fr. Cekada (<i>Theresa Schroepfer</i>) 8:05 AM Salve & Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass For all the deceased whose names are on the altar
SUN 11/27/16	ADVENT I <i>OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:25 AM Lighting of the Advent Wreath 7:30 AM Low Mass with Absolution †John Madaffari (<i>Katie Bischak</i>) 9:00 AM Advent Procession, Blessing of Wreath, High Mass Mark & Joan Lotarski & their children (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) ☞ 10:50 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Fr. Cekada's continued recovery (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

† OUR BELOVED DEAD †

November

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Ida Youngworth	11-05-2012
Robert M. Deardorff	11-07-2003
Judith E. LeBlanc	11-08-1996
John Madaffari	11-10-2016
Blanche Ciarkowski	11-10-2016
Edward P. Fradl	11-13-1989
Larry J. Adams	11-13-2011
Patrick S. Meredith	11-14-1987
Charles S. Blase	11-15-1999
Fr. Martin Stepanich	11-18-2012
Geraldine Gilker	11-18-1993
Gertrude Bollhauer	11-19-1982
Alex Bearov	11-20-2011
Edward Sayre	11-21-2010
Patricia A. Buckley	11-23-1987
Nick DiBerardino	11-26-1999
Frank Alban Sr.	11-27-1987
Iris Wilson	11-27-2013



A CHALLENGE TO OUR YOUTH

The average age of a Continental soldier in the American Revolution was one year less than that of a college freshman today. Alexander Hamilton was a fighting lieutenant-colonel when 21, not to mention Joan of Arc who led an army into battle and saved France when she was about as old as an American college sophomore. In our Civil War, eight Union generals and seven Confederate generals were under the age of 25. The age of most U.S. and RAF fighter pilots in World War II was about that of those on college junior varsity teams. Catholics who hoped in this election for another Lepanto miracle will remember that back in 1571, Don Juan of Austria saved Western civilization as commanding admiral when he was 24. None of these figures, in the various struggles against the world and the flesh and devil, retreated to safe spaces weeping in the arms of grief therapists. Yet pollsters ritually cite the attitudes of “college educated voters” as though colleges still educate and those who have not spent time in college lack an equivalent or even superior kind of learning shaped by experience.

(An interesting excerpt from a longer article in Crisis Magazine, written by a conservative Novus Ordo priest, Fr. George Rutler, in an elegant and engaging style.)

SERVERS

SUN 11/27	7:30 AM Low : Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM High : MC: R. Vande Ryt CHAPLAINS : J. Simpson, P. Omlor TH : L. Arlinghaus CROSS : P. McConnell ACS : T. Lawrence, D. McConnell MITRE : D. Simpson CROZIER : C. Arlinghaus BOOK : M. Simpson HOLY WATER : A. McConnell TORCH : M. Simpson, A. McConnell, D. Holbrook, P. McConnell 11:30 AM Low : Nicholas & Peter McClorey 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION : G. Miller 5:45 PM Low : G. Miller
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Bishop Dolan offered Mass for †John Madaffari on 11/14/16, and Mass for Sr. Jeanne Marie (from Christopher P. Browne) on 11/19/16.