

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

May 7, 2017

EASTER III ~ SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

ST. STANISLAUS, BPM



¶ ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY

Today is the first Sunday of the month. The second collection for the support of our seminary is taken up. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion rail following all Masses. Sunday classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

Blessed Palm Crosses are available in the vestibule today.

¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Parents, grandparents and just about everyone is cordially invited to the daily May Devotions at 3:06 PM—a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady. Join us on school days.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: MOTHER'S DAY

The May Procession and Crowning will take place after the High Mass next Sunday. There will be no Sunday Classes. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Easter IV, with comm. of St. Boniface. Paschal Preface.

¶ MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES



This is the last week to submit your Mother's Day Envelopes, which can be found in the

pews. Fill out an envelope and return it to an usher or to the Gift Shop today, or drop it off at the church office.



¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Confirmations will be administered on Saturday, June 3, the Vigil of Pentecost.



First Holy Communion will be administered during the 9:00 AM High

Mass on Pentecost Sunday, June 4.

The 2017 Young Adult Get-Together will be held on July 7-9.

www.yagincincy.wordpress.com

The Girls' Camp is scheduled for July 12-14.

The Boys' Camp will be July 25-27.

¶ ASCENSION THURSDAY

All Catholics are bound to attend Holy Mass under pain of Mortal sin on this Holy Day of Obligation, May 25. Masses are at 7:00 AM (*special workers' Mass—no sermon!*), 9:00 AM, and 5:45 PM.



¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

The "Little Church" is in the vestibule today to receive your alms for priests.

A TOUCHING LETTER

Dear Bishop Dolan,

Would it be possible to put in the bulletin a request for people to send cards or preferably to visit with Janet Clementi? As of now I believe just myself and the priests, who bring to her the Sacraments, are the only ones who visit. As you know she is deaf but we have a writing board and erasable markers to correspond with her. Just ask how she is, etc. She remembers the past quite well and she knows the Our Father and Hail Mary. It is so sad. The last time I was there I took her outdoors just to enjoy the sunshine. Not much to talk about but I did ask her what she was thinking. She said, "How happy I was before I came here."

Her address is:

Jane Clementi, Room 611
Tri County Extended Care
5200 Camelot
Fairfield, OH 45014

Just one light past Jungle Jims on the left side of the road.

"The greatest grace God can give someone is to send him a trial he cannot bear with his own powers—and then sustain him with His grace so he may endure to the end and be saved."

— St. Justin Martyr

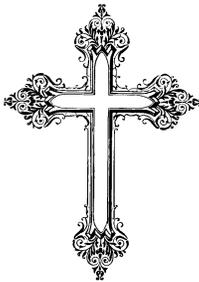
Collection Report

Sunday, April 30th.....\$3,697.00
Thank you for your generosity.

AN INSTRUMENT

Last week, the word *instrument* kept on appearing in connection with the feasts. Read, ponder, and ask yourself: Am I an instrument for God's will?

"The Cross represents the humiliations of Christ; but since the day when Jesus was fastened to it, the Cross occupies the place of honor in our churches. The *instrument* of our salvation has become for Christ the price of His glory.



"When God did not clearly manifest His wishes, St. Joseph did all that prudence suggested to him. Like a responsive *instrument*, he perfectly ac-

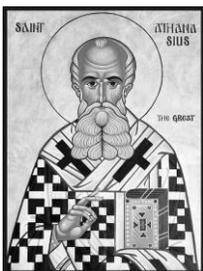
complished God's every will and reached that sublime holiness which has made him the patron of the universal Church. "This man accomplished all that God spoke unto him."

- Dom Columba Marmion

St. Athanasius lived to see the tide turn against the Arians and at last the triumph of orthodoxy. Cardinal Newman would later describe Athanasius as "a principal *instrument* after the Apostles by which the sacred truths of Christianity have been conveyed and secured to the world."

Lord, make *me* an instrument!

"No one can be at the same time a true Catholic and a sincere Socialist."



- Pius XI

ST. JOSEPH

"An example for all those who must gain their bread by the toil of their hands"

To hasten the advent of that "peace of Christ in the kingdom of Christ" so ardently desired by all, we place the vast campaign of the Church against world Communism under the standard of St. Joseph, her mighty Protector. He belongs to the workingclass, and he bore the burdens of poverty for himself and the Holy Family, whose tender and vigilant head he was. To him was entrusted the Divine Child when Herod loosed his assassins against him. *In a life of faithful performance of everyday duties*, he left an example for all those who must gain their bread by the toil of their hands. He won for himself the title of "The Just," serving thus as a living model of that Christian justice which should reign in social life.

With eyes lifted on high, our Faith sees the new heavens and the new earth described by our first predecessor, St. Peter. While the promises of the false prophets of this earth melt way in blood and tears, the great apocalyptic prophecy of the Redeemer shines forth in heavenly splendor: "Behold, I make all things new."

- Pius XI

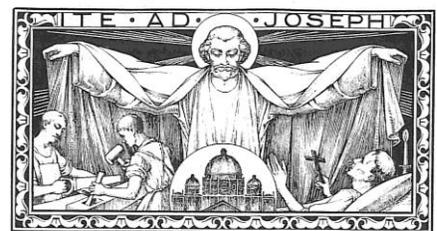


PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Dear Foster-father of its Founder,
 who
 Dost know so well with what desire
 His Heart
 Longs that all lands and ages shall
 have part
 In the high favors He dispenses
 through
 The Church He left on earth His
 work to do;

Lo! many obstacles her path be-
 strew,
 And myriads from her fold still stray
 apart,
 Show thyself, then, her patron, as
 thou art;
 Make all false creeds submissive to
 the true,
 And win the world to that and
 Christ anew.

- William D. Kelly



St. Joseph's appearance at Fatima should remind us he is the living model of faithfulness to the daily duty which figures so prominently in the Blue Army Pledge.

Throughout the day, whenever work or suffering is offered to God, a perfect formula given to us by Our Lady of Fatima is: "O my Jesus, it is for love of Thee, in reparation for the outrages committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary, and for the conversion of poor sinners."

"...That they, too, may offer themselves up as 'a living sacrifice, holy pleasing to God.'"

- Pius XI, on Sacred Heart

The weather has been so dark and chilly damp that you'd think yourself in December rather than "the fairest of seasons, sweet May." If so, light a candle to Mary, and meditate one of her Joyful Rosary mysteries. **St. Joseph**, whose solemnity we keep today, is in them all. Go back to cold Christmas, the Holy Child, the poverty of the stable. Friday's **St. Pius V** would approve. Poor boy who became a poor friar and then pope, he reminds us that he beat the Turks with the Beads, not bombs. *The power of prayer* saved Europe from the Moslems. French electorate please note. Your country, and the whole continent, is lost. And America, quo vadis?

But regardless of religious and geopolitical realities, Spring marches on, doesn't it? 'Tis the season of concerts and Communion and congratulations for graduations. Did you happen to catch our "Cowboys and their Queen" program last Sunday? A good crowd stayed. Several Western favorites were wonderfully presented. The charm, the talent, and the concentration of the little ones playing solos or duets drew the eye as well as the ear. But our young poets shone. Richard VandeRyt kindly provided a perfect PA system for the program, and one could hear clearly how well our young men were declaiming the poetry. Each had his own rhythm and style. Very accomplished. Afterwards we all drew near to the campfire for some homemade baked beans, rollups and sheriff cookies. Mmm! The cacti were a nice touch, too.

A good group of us supported our young organist, Andrew Richesson, by attending his school Spring program, and were rewarded by a fine concert. The high point was a preview of a Mass the graduate had composed himself in honor of St. Gregory the Great. It is an interesting piece, with a complex and rich sound, well worthy of the Holy Sacrifice.

Last Sunday's High Mass got me thinking about our church music. The Gregorian *Vidi Aquam* and Introit set the tone of so quiet, peaceful prayer for Paschaltide. But Our Lord has risen from the dead so the triumphant, exultant strains of the *Casali* Mass were quite fitting. We ended with everybody enthusiastically singing the stirring hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns," in a fine full bodied way. But the Mass had its quiet moments, too, for silence can be its own song. Come sometime to the High Mass and let your spirits soar.

I saw something on the internet about the perpetual question of babies in church. I've been thinking about that, too. When I preach right at 11:30 the first five to eight minutes are unbearably noisy, but that's because

people wait until the last minute to come into church, or arrive even later, and it takes time for babies to settle in, too. Children need a routine, and calm. If you rush in late, it takes longer for little ones to quiet down. Homegrown St. Gertrude babies know the drill. Babies like stability. Visiting toddlers don't know, but if you do the same thing every week, calmly, they will pick it up. You can always hear a visiting baby. But not for long. They get it.

But taking baby out to the vestibule (where late-comers may be waiting out the sermon) is not the end of the world. You can actually *hear* the sermon much more clearly (good speakers, no echo), and so will the people still in church, although we do have a nice echo. But the lesson is that children learn more than you'd expect from adults, attitudes, and fellow babies. They may make noise, but like Caravaggio they prefer calm.

We had the First Confessions yesterday. Confirmations and First Holy Communion are Pentecost Weekend, Saturday and Sunday. Sometimes I think we're the only ones to follow the mind of the Church when it comes to First Sacraments. Canon Law *prescribes* that children are to be confirmed before First Communion, if possible, but most churches make it a kind of Bar Mitzvah, a big religious test for older children or adolescents. St. Pius X was very explicit about the age of First Communion—the age of reason—and the very reasonable minimal requirements for children to receive our Dear Lord in their innocence. Basic religion, reverence and the ability to distinguish the Eucharist from ordinary bread are all the Holy Father required. But sometimes parents and priests don't understand. Don't hold children back from Holy Communion, (unless you intend to hold them back from weekly Mass attendance, of course). Speak to the pastor before *you* decide this question. This is what priests are for. ☺

We had a nice smattering of souls Wednesday for St. Joseph's Solemn Mass. I'm hoping for a *big* crowd Saturday morning for Mass and Communion, as well as the Rosary Procession in West Chester at 10:15. 100 years to the day since Our Lady appeared! Join us for breakfast beforehand if you'd like, or join the Rosary Confraternity if you haven't yet.

In any case, there's a second procession the next day, May Crowning. Make them both. You probably won't be around for the next Fatima Centennial.

Yours in the Heart of Jesus and Mary,



- Bishop Dolan

FATIMA 100TH AND BLESSED VIRGIN MARY TODAY

Exactly 100 years ago, on May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared in a small town of Portugal named Fatima to three young shepherd children. She revealed to them some important lessons about the spiritual life which are just as applicable today. In that apparition she talked about the need for conversion, prayer and sacrifice to end World War I and prevent World War II. She stressed the importance of praying the rosary daily, of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and of offering our prayers and sacrifices to God for sins committed.



God has sent us the Blessed Virgin Mary to help us, direct us and care for us as a true mother. Some lessons from the apparitions at Fatima can still help us today.

“The Family that prays together stays together.”



This was a saying made popular by Fr. Patrick Peyton who was strongly devoted to promoting the rosary, especially in families. In our hectic world, where families barely have enough time to eat dinner together, adding 15-20 minutes to gather everyone to pray the rosary seems like too

much. However, it is perhaps the sign of our deep need for prayer rather than a legitimate excuse to avoid praying. There are nine individuals in our home. We struggle just like any other family, but praying the rosary is important, it is one of the messages that Mary repeated in all the apparitions to the shepherd children in Fatima, “Pray the rosary every day.”

In our family, in order to pray we need to humble ourselves, turn off the TV, turn off the tablets, turn off the music, put away the cell phones, pull up a chair, pull out a rosary and pray.



Hell is real. It is not a topic we like to think or talk about. But, during the third apparition, Our Lady showed the three children a vision of hell. She told them, “You have seen hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.” In showing the children this vision, she also reminded all of us of the stark reality

that can confront us. And it is also a reminder that we CAN pray for others and possibly save them from such a dire end. Sacrifices, big and small, can be offered to God for those who are most in need of God’s mercy. We may feel like we are “good” people and hell is not really in the cards for us, but what about all the people you know? What about the people you see in the news and on TV? Some of them might be in need of prayers. Could we bear to suffer a little in our own life as a prayer for them? Could we find the courage to suffer the pain in our hip without complaining for the conversion of sinners? I am not suggesting forgoing medical care, I am saying suffering what we normally suffer but NOW for a good cause. St. Paul puts it well:



“We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies...He Who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.” (2 Cor 4:8-11)

Prayer has the power to change things. It is reaching the Heart of Jesus through the Heart of Mary. The children learned several new prayers through the apparitions, and it is interesting to note the focus of these prayers. “Oh my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of



Thy mercy.” This is typically called the “Fatima Prayer” and is usually said at the end of each mystery of the rosary. The pardon prayer, “My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love Thee! I ask pardon for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope and do not love Thee.” A Eucharistic adoration prayer, “Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—I adore Thee profoundly. I offer Thee the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world, in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges, and indifferences whereby He is offended. And through the infinite merits of His Most Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of Thee the conversion of poor sinners.”

A prayer to be said when offering some type of sacrifice, “O my Jesus, I offer this for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins

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(continued) committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary." All of these prayers are still salutary and priceless gems for our lives. Let us avail ourselves of these heaven-sent prayers. It was these very prayers in union with the rosary and personal sacrifices that Our Lady said were so powerful that they could even end wars.

Because of her closeness to her divine Son, Mary will always have a role to play in our lives. In these times of violence, strife and doubt, God has sent her to us to reassure us of His care and His providence. Her message is no less important today than it was in 1917. Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we can truly have hope for peace and for a better future. Peace not only for ourselves but peace for our families and peace for our world.

As Scripture tells us, she continues to be the handmaiden of the Lord, so that God's will is accomplished through her intercession and maternal love. With the Blessed Virgin Mary by our side, we can walk in trust, and we can face our challenges confidently. She tells us herself, "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and the way that will lead you to God."

- Henry Reyes

This simple article is written from a modern viewpoint, but tells the tremendous Fatima story in a comprehensible way.

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE
ROSARY CONFRATERNITY?

Why not join? Induction after the Mass on Saturday, May 13. This is the 100th year Anniversary of Our Lady asking us to say the rosary. Make a small commitment and gain her promises.

Here is what is required and gained by joining.

Obligations

Each member strives to pray fifteen mysteries of the Rosary each week (this does not bind under sin), and must have his/her name inscribed in the register of the Confraternity.

Benefits

1. The special protection of the Mother of God.
2. A share in the prayer of countless thousands of members the world over, and this even after death.
3. A share in the prayers, Masses and apostolic works of the entire Dominican Order.
4. The intercession of the entire heavenly court.
5. Various plenary and partial indulgences.

Rosary Indulgences

1. For members of the Rosary Confraternity, a plenary

indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted:
a. on the day of enrollment. (When application is made, a certificate of membership is sent, indicating the day of the enrollment.)

- b. on the following feast days: Christmas, Easter, Annunciation, Purification, Assumption, Our Lady of the Rosary, and Immaculate Conception.
2. For those who pray the Rosary, a plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions, when the Rosary is prayed in Church, or in a Public Oratory, in a family (family Rosary), Religious Community, or Pious Association. Otherwise a partial indulgence is granted.

Fifteen Promises of the Blessed Virgin to Christians Who Faithfully Pray the Rosary

1. To all those who shall pray my Rosary devoutly, I promise my special protection and great graces.
2. Those who shall persevere in the recitation of my Rosary will receive some special grace.
3. The Rosary will be a very powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, deliver from sin and dispel heresy.
4. The Rosary will make virtue and good works flourish, and will obtain for souls the most abundant divine mercies. It will draw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. Those who trust themselves to me through the Rosary will not perish.
6. Whoever recites my Rosary devoutly reflecting on the mysteries, shall never be overwhelmed by misfortune. He will not experience the anger of God nor will he perish by an unprovided death. The sinner will be converted; the just will persevere in grace and merit eternal life.
7. Those truly devoted to my Rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite my Rosary shall have during their life and at their death the light of God and the plenitude of His graces and will share in the merits of the blessed.
9. I will deliver promptly from purgatory souls devoted to my Rosary.
10. True children of my Rosary will enjoy great glory in heaven.
11. What you shall ask through my Rosary you shall obtain.
12. To those who propagate my Rosary I promise aid in all their necessities.
13. I have obtained from my Son that all the members of the Rosary Confraternity shall have as their intercessors, in life and in death, the entire celestial court.
14. Those who recite my Rosary faithfully are my beloved children, the brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion to my Rosary is a special sign of predestination.

Saturday, May 13, 2017

The Centennial of Our Lady of Fatima

8:20 AM High Mass, followed by
a continental breakfast
and the Fatima Rosary Procession
for Peace at 10:15 AM

MON	5/8/17	APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL 8:00 AM Low Mass †Janice West – Anniversary of Burial <i>(A.M. Omlor)</i> 11:20 AM High Mass Bishop Dolan's priests <i>(Alter Christus Confraternity)</i> 3:06 PM May Devotions
TUE	5/9/17	ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BPCD 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention, Deceased <i>(Dan, Mary & family)</i> 11:20 AM High Mass Mary Ann & David <i>(Becky)</i> 3:06 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention <i>(Annie Young)</i>
WED	5/10/17	OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOSEPH ST. ATONINUS, BPC SS. GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass Mrs. Gayle Bischel <i>(Theresa Simpson)</i> 11:20 AM High Mass All priests <i>(Alter Christus Confraternity)</i> 3:06 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Mrs. Suzanne Clingman <i>(Thomas Simpson)</i>
THU	5/11/17	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Mrs. Karen Mondro <i>(Jacinta Simpson)</i> 11:20 AM High Mass Fr. Lehtoranta <i>(Alter Christus Confraternity)</i> 3:06 PM May Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Holy Souls <i>(Barbara Kolenich)</i>
FRI	5/12/17	ST. NEREUS & COMPANIONS, MM OPENING OF THE TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls <i>(Clare Lotarski)</i> 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass The McFathers <i>(Alter Christus Confraternity)</i> 3:06 PM May Devotions 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass For my †Grandma <i>(Joseph C. Simpson)</i> 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction
SAT	5/13/17	100TH CENTENARY OF THE APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI, BPCD <i>OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION</i> <i>OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</i> 7:10 AM Rosary & Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Richard McNally <i>(Tom & Karen Simpson)</i> 8:10 AM Regina Coeli & Sermon 8:20 AM Votive High Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary In reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary <i>(People of St. Gertrude the Great)</i> followed by Enrollment in the Rosary Confraternity & a complimentary breakfast 10:15 AM First Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
SUN	5/14/17	MOTHERS' DAY EASTER IV ST. BONIFACE, M

A GOOD-NIGHT PRAYER

Good-night, dear Lord! The day has been so long
That I am weary playing with my toys,
And mother says it's time I was asleep
Like all Your other little girls and boys.
Good-night! But ere my sleepy eyes have closed
Send from Your golden throne an angel bright,
To keep me safe through the long hours of sleep—
Good-night, dear Lord!—good-night!

Good-night! And when the shining morn shall break
I'll know that You are standing in the way,
Ready to take my hand and lead me on
Through the long hours of another day.
I've kept my good-night thought for You, dear Lord!
Bless me and fill my heart with joy and light.
Until white morning lights the world again,
Good-night, dear Lord!—good-night!
- Harold Motley

A LITTLE PRAYER

*Dear Lord,
You forgive every human failing: preserve us
from the temptation to trap others in their sins by
passing on small-minded gossip. Amen.*

Mother of Good Counsel

*Dear Lady of my love, thine eyes, thine eyes,
Once, too, were tired with weeping; let them rest
Where I may be, as on the Child who lies
In sweet contentment near thy dovelike breast,
These doubts, these tears, O let me lose in thee—
Queen, Mother, guardian, friend,
Counsel thou me.*

Ser v e r s

SUN 5/14 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM **HIGH:** CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Simpson **TH:** B. Lotarski
CROSS: L. Arlinghaus **ACs:** P. Omlor, D. McConnell **TORCH:** P. & A. McConnell, C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, M. & D. Simpson
11:30 AM **LOW:** Peter & Nathan McClorey
4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller
5:45 PM **LOW:** G. Miller

7:05 AM **Rosary**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** †Margaret L. Soli *(Jim & Marge Harter)*
9:00 AM **High Mass** For all of our Mothers, living & deceased
10:30 AM **May Crowning Procession**
11:30 AM **Low Mass** †Mrs. Mary Peter *(P.A. Omlor)*
4:45 PM **Vespers, May Devotions & Benediction**
5:45 PM **Low Mass** †Charles E. Simpson – 26th Anniversary
May 14 *(Tom & Karen Simpson)*