

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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August 29, 2021

PENTECOST XIV • BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
ST. SABINA, M • DIVINE PROVIDENCE SUNDAY

¶ DIVINE PROVIDENCE SUNDAY

Welcome! Stop in the bookstore after Mass to see the many religions items available, and come back to Helfta Hall for some refreshments. Please note, there are no Vespers today.

¶ KNIGHTS OF THE SACRED HEART

Calling all boys of the parish! Our seminarians are reviving the **Knights of the Sacred Heart** boys' club. The club meets each **Monday** from 4:15 PM to 6:30 PM at Keehner Park for a fun afternoon of sports. (7411 Barret Rd, West Chester Township, OH 45069)

¶ THIS WEEK

We end August with an American saint, Rose of Lima, on Monday, and a Mother's saint, Raymond Nonnatus, on Tuesday. The Summer Novena already has its penultimate day. The Holy Helper St. Giles ushers us into September on Wednesday. First Thursday, Friday and Saturday claim our charitable devotion as we pray for our priests, and offer reparation to the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart. Note great St. Pius X on First Friday, and pray for the Church that day.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY

8:00 AM Low Mass
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Low Mass, Benediction
5:00 PM Exposition
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena
All Night Adoration

First Friday Intention: In reparation to the Sacred Heart for the sins of Catholics, the sins of our country, and all the world.



Mother of Divine Providence

¶ FIRST THURSDAY

Join us for the 8 AM Alter Christus Mass for priests and seminarians, part of a Holy Hour which concludes with Benediction.

¶ FIRST SATURDAY

7:05 AM Rosary & Confessions7:30 AM High Mass8:10 AM Devotions, Benediction, Meditation

8:40 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Intention: In reparation for outrages against Our Lady's perpetual virginity.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST XV

Fr. Lehtoranta will be receiving registrations for Catechism Classes next Sunday after the 9 and 11:30 AM Masses, in the Office. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Masses. The second collection will be taken up to support our seminarians. There will be no Vespers.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XV, second collect of St. Lawrence Justinian. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Ralph Otis (cancer), Phyllis Otis, Mark Cash, Ron Swanson, and Anna Gardner.



Little Flower Library

Last week's book sale raised \$275 dollars for the Little

Flower Library! We thank everyone who was able to donate and take home a few books. Your support makes things happen. Thank you! The Library will soon have new titles to add to its shelves!



★ SUNDAY THOUGHTS ★ THE POETRY CORNER

POPE PIUS XII ON MEDICAL EXPERIMENTATION

The Jab is still an experiment, and you're the guinea pig.

The Holy Father: "Sometimes it happens that a method cannot be used without injuring the rights of others or without violating some rule of absolute value. ...Morally the method is not admissible. Why not? Because science is not the highest value, that to which all other orders of values...should be subordinated. Science itself, therefore, as well as its research and acquisitions, must be inserted in the order of values. Here there are well defined limits which even medical science cannot transgress without violating higher moral rules.

"As a private person, the doctor can take no measure or try no course of action without the consent of the patient... On his side, the patient cannot confer rights he does not possess.

"For the patient is not absolute master of himself, of his body or of his soul. He cannot, therefore, freely dispose of himself as he pleases. Even the reason for which he acts is of itself neither sufficient nor determining. The patient is bound to the [laws, ed. note] laid down by nature. He has the right of use, limited by natural finality, of the faculties and powers of his human nature. Because he is a user and not a proprietor, he does not have UNLIMITED power to destroy or mutilate his body and its functions.

"The patient, then, has no right to involve his physical or psychic integrity in medical experiments or research when **they entail serious destruction**, mutilation, wounds or **perils**.

"...Public authority has no power in this sphere (medical experiments). It cannot, therefore, pass it on to research workers and doctors."

SAVE US AS WE KEEP WATCH

"In my deepest wound I saw Your glory, and it astounded me." – St. Augustine

"Save us, O Lord, as we keep watch," the Church prays every night at Compline.

How can we be watchful and stay awake? By staying awake to what's ultimately important. By staying awake to the truth that God is with us even when most everything in our lives and in the world seems to belie that. By staying awake to the only things that will really matter when we say farewell to this world and our loved ones: love for each other, faith in God, and a heart grateful enough to let go and forgive all the angers, bitterness, and frustrations we had in our lives.

"It is often in our poverty and weaknesses or in our trials that God manifests Himself most powerfully to us. I think we encounter God most when we have been humbled by life and begin to cleave to Him." Let us always keep watch with Christ.



Eumen Christi

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

Eternal repose of my parents †Joseph & †Mary Gallis

(Jennifer Tewell)

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Parish Picnic: Sept. 12

Ordination to Subdiaconate: Sept. 18 Catechism Classes Resume: Sept. 19 Consecration of Fr. da Silva: Sep. 29

Collection Report

Sunday, August 22nd.....\$6,379.00 Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

PRAYER FOR THE MORNING

Lo! golden light rekindles day: Let paling darkness steal away, Which all too long o'erwhelmed our gaze

And led our steps by winding ways.

We pray thee, rising Light serene, E'en as thyself our hearts make clean; Let no deceit our lips defile, Nor let our souls be vexed by guile.

O keep us, as the hours proceed, From lying word and evil deed; Our roving eyes from sin set free, Our body from impurity.

For thou dost from above survey The converse of each fleeting day; Thou dost foresee from morning light Our every deed, until the night.

All laud to God the Father be, All praise, eternal Son, to Thee; All glory, as is ever meet, To God the holy Paraclete.

This is R. Pope's translation of "Lux Ecce Surgit Aurea," the Ferial Lauds hymn for Thursdays. Attributed to Gregory the Great, it's a lovely morning prayer, somewhat softer, more poetic, than the more prosaic hymn for Prime, when the sun is now risen. Clip and slip in a prayer book to say sometime.



THERE'S A REASON

For ev'ry pain that we must bear, For ev'ry burden, ev'ry care, There's a reason.

For ev'ry grief that bows the head, For ev'ry tear-drop that is shed, There's a reason.

For ev'ry hurt, for ev'ry plight, For ev'ry lonely, pain-racked night, There's a reason.

But if we trust God as we should, It will work out for our good. He knows the Reason.

A simple poem. A timeless message.

★ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ★

Right about now August gets a little long in the tooth, although these extra, quiet days before a busy September *are* appreciated. They've been issuing weather advisories for—wait for it—hot and humid weather. Still, when the sun comes out, mornings are nice, at least from the vantage point of my window. A curious hummingbird lingered this morning, but Cavaradossi was looking the wrong way, and missed it. Be watchful. Next a Monarch butterfly flittered by, probably on his way to Mexico. I wonder if he had to take a Covid test? Where would you stick the Q-tip? I didn't make it to Mexico this year, although other bishops seem to be managing some travel despite the problems. One fears all of this may soon come to an end, leaving only hummingbirds and butterflies the run of the air. No masks for them!

I wondered at our so hardworking and efficient asphalt crew laying a fresh layer last week, and in such heat. You'd think masks might protect from some of the poisons with which they work, but how could you function without air, and in such heat? They started and finished early both days, and the parking lot was good to go by Thursday. Thanks for your perseverance in getting to Mass, and theirs in seeing to the parking lot.

Some years are bad for allergies, and '21 has been a doozy since March. Still, some months manage to be worse than others. I was thinking vaguely of going away for a little rest, but Covid craziness makes it challenging. So, these days are supposed to be a little "staycation," but are turning more into a "sick-cation." But let us remember those who are really sick, and need our prayers here, and throughout the world. You can always pray. A devout lady wrote from New Zealand suggesting a Rosary Crusade, as other groups do. Thoughts? I can well imagine how the poor people of Oceania must feel, imprisoned as they are in despotic Communist states. Now Australia is proudly introducing their new Covid Concentration Camp. Nobody says much about it all. I guess they are understandably afraid. But fear never got anyone anywhere. The Rosary, however...

The Rosary, however...saved Brazil from Communism just in the 60s. But that was before the destruction of the Catholic Church. It is to Brazil that I am turning for another bishop to take care of our faithful in Mexico and South America, as well as to help assure the apostolic succession in these so uncertain times. God willing, I will consecrate **Fr. Rodrigo da Silva** a bishop here on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, September 29. He has to pass a long quarantine in Mexico City in order to enter the United States. (Others, however, are daily flown or driven in, thanks to Uncle Sam.) Please

pray that all goes well for this Consecration. Afterwards, the new bishop returns to Brazil and the St. Joseph Seminary he heads.

Catechism as well (September 19).



Our **seminarians** are welcoming our boys to play outside with them "after school" on Monday afternoons, reviving **Fr. Saavedra's** Knights of the Sacred Heart. **Fr. Lehtoranta**, for his part, continues his excellent work with the girls in his Sodality of Charity, which met recently. Soon school reopens, and Sunday

Be with us this weekend for First Friday All Night Adoration, and the consecration next Sunday of a new season's work to good St. Joseph.

If you're one of those who worries about today and tomorrow (after all, we are living a nightmare), get ahold of one of those Don Dolindo "Jesus, You Take Over" novena booklets. Handsomely printed, conveniently sized and priced, they're sure to help many a soul to peace of heart.

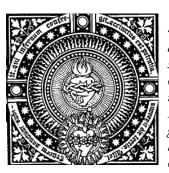
May the Mother of Divine Providence lead you to her Son.

- Bishop Dolan



PRUDENCE OF THE CHURCH

According to moral theologians Frs. McHugh and Callan, when someone who is not publicly known as a sinner makes a public request to receive a sacrament, "a refusal will amount to a defamation of him by the minister. If priests had the right to inflict public disgrace on those who approached the Sacraments, it is easily seen what grave scandals and disorders would follow, and that a ready excuse would present itself for personal spite and neglect of religion. Our Lord administered Communion to Judas rather than betray his secret guilt to the other Apostles." (Moral Theology. New York: 1958. Volume 2, p. 664.)



"The heart itself is but a small vessel, yet there also are dragons and there are lions; there are poisonous beasts and all the treasures of evil. And there are rough and uneven roads; there are precipices. But there is also God, also the angels, the life and the kingdom, the light and the Apostles, the treasures of grace—there are all things."

- St. Marcarius

MON 8/30/21 ST. ROSE OF LIMA, V Ss. Felix & Adauctus, Mm 8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Anthony Cekada & Poor Souls (Tim Hopkins) TUE 8/31/21 ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS, C ST. AIDAN, BPC SUMMER NOVENA XII AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM Low Mass Isaac Smith (Collin Smith) 8:00 AM Low Mass Ss. Catherine of Siena & Peregrine (ICS) 5:00 PM Novena & Distribution of Holy Communion WED 9/1/21 St. Giles, AB • Twelve Holy Brothers, Mm FIRST WEDNESDAY 7:00 AM Low Mass Joseph & Sarah Simpson – Congratulations! (Dean & Carolyn McClorey Family) 8:00 AM Low Mass Charles D. Edward Payne (Lee & Dianne Payne) (rescheduled) THU 9/2/21 St. Stephen, King of Hungary, C FIRST THURSDAY 7:00 AM Low Mass † Jeffrey Matthew Lehman (Nikki L. 8:00 AM First Thursday Holy Hour for Priests & Seminarians: Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (Alter Christus Confraternity) 8:40 AM **Devotions & Benediction** Fri 9/3/21 FIRST FRIDAY • ST. PIUS X MOTHER OF THE DIVINE SHEPHERD 8:00 AM **Low Mass** †Ron Boehm (Les Pomerville) (from 9/2) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:25 AM **Low Mass** Bishop Daniel Dolan – 45th Anniversary (Rebecca Sandberg), Novena & Benediction 5:00 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **Confessions & Rosary** 5:15 PM 5:45 PM Low Mass Thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart (Richard & Gloria Zbilicki) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Devotions, All Night Adoration SAT 9/4/21 FIRST SATURDAY Our Lady's Saturday • St. Rose of Viterbo, V 7:05 AM **Rosary & Confessions** 7:30 AM High Mass Intentions of the Damian Arthur family (Simpson family) 8:10 AM Devotions, Benediction, First Saturday Meditation 8:40 AM Low Mass †Edward J. Delate (Ed Delate) SUN 9/5/21 PENTECOST XV ST. LAWRENCE JUSTINIAN, BPC 7:05 AM 7:30 AM **Low Mass** For our children's vocation (Dan & Mary) 9:00 AM **High Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:05 AM Rosarv 11:30 AM Low Mass †Fr. Cekada (M.E.G.) 5:45 PM Low Mass †Father Anthony Cekada (Tom Kunkel &

family)

By sacrificing it all, St. Philomena obtained EVERY-THING! What folly to believe the world, poor as it is, has the ability to enrich those who serve it and that its emptiness can lead us to honor and true happiness! We need to change our view of the world, despise what it esteems and attach ourselves to nothing it loves. We ask St. Philomena to rectify our judgment and break our attachments, so that we can consent cheerfully to sacrificing everything, if God should ask this of us. Today, make an effort to practice patience in all that frustrates our desires and disrupts our schedule.



WHY I AM A CATHOLIC

I am a Catholic...

Because the founder of the Catholic Church is the God-Man Christ, Who was foretold by the prophets, and Who proved the divine character of His mission and teaching by wonderful miracles, especially by His own Resurrection from the dead.



All Night Adoration Guard of Honor September 2021

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM: Joe Andreotta, Doby Curran
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM: Kirby Bischel, Quentin Gorton
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM: Justin Soeder, Paddy Omlor
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM: Andrew Prell, Dean McClorey
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM: James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM: Levi Giese, Collin Smith
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM: DB & children
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM: Dan & John Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM: Steve Weigand, Hunter Lumbatis
4:00 AM-5:00 AM: Matthew Giese, David Marko
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM: Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM: Jim Soli, John Riggs
If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.

Servers

SUN 9/5 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: C. Richesson TH: N. McClorey ACs: C.
Arlinghaus, T. England TORCH MC: P. Omlor TORCH: J., B. & C.
McGinnis, J. Stewart
11:30 AM LOW: A. McClorey, N. Kolenich
5:45 PM LOW: Seminarians