

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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July 8, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APP

PENTECOST VII

ST. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF PORTUGAL, W



¶ PENTECOST VII

You're welcome back to Helfta Hall for a donut and a cup of coffee after Mass. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM today.

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS

\$222.00 was received this month for Masses for the support of priests. God reward your generosity.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

Come to hear Holy Mass and pray the powerful Summer Novena with us this Tuesday. There are four Masses for your convenience: 7, 8, and 11:25 AM, and 5 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

In addition to the Summer Novena on Tuesday, remember there are two early morning Masses, Tuesday and Thursday. Oh, and don't forget Friday the 13th. You're in luck! A beautiful evening Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace at 7:15.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST VIII

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses next Sunday. There will be no Vespers.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost VIII, with collects of St. Henry II and for the Church. Trinity Preface.

¶ DON'T FORGET...

Boys' Camp: July 24-26

Lumen Christi

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

God's Holy Will
(Patrick Curry)



¶ COMINGS AND GOINGS

Clump, clump, clump! Crying babies need to go in and out during sermons, but *everyone else* should stay put. If you come in late, during the sermon, or come out of the confessional, take the nearest seat, so as not to distract. Move where you want to later.

Don't come or go at the Consecration. When the bells ring, stay put, be reverent and quiet and pray, on your knees if possible. The same thing goes for the moment of Benediction. Pay attention to the most sacred parts of the service. (That's why we have bells.)



Collection Report

Sunday, July 1st.....\$3,236.00
Second Collection.....\$930.00

TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

In granting what I simply asked you to,
A loving Mother, always you would show
To me—I found this when I looked at you—
A little taste of Heaven, here below.



I'll go and see *you*—always!—when I quit
This foreign shore, O Mary. Ah, but how
Good that your picture's here, for it
Is my Perpetual Help—now!

- St. Therese

¶ SUNDAY ENVELOPES

Don't let your Sunday envelopes take a vacation! If you go away, please don't forget your obligation to contribute to the support of your church! You may mail us your envelopes or include them with your next Sunday collection.

Kindling wood...for the Altar

The Mass is the rendezvous of Christ, come to deliver Himself into our hands that we may offer Him to His Father in the name of all humanity...of Christ come to be made food for us, so that we may become united—with Him, through Him, and in Him—to God.... In what other religion do we find a gesture that is simpler, richer in meaning?

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

This day commemorates the two preeminent apostles of the early Church. Of the two, St. Peter was among the twelve disciples called by Jesus. Originally named Simon, Jesus gave him an Aramaic name, Cephas, meaning "Rock." This inspired a memorable pun when Jesus told him, "You are Cephas [Peter] and upon this *rock* I will build My church." The occasion was Jesus' question to the disciples: "Who do you say I am?" which prompted Peter's reply: "You are the Christ." Peter emerges in the Gospels as a complex character, bold, impetuous, capable of fear, doubt, and childlike meekness; in short, a fully human creature. It was this "Rock" who denied Christ three times after His arrest but who later repented his betrayal and courageously assumed leadership of the early Church.

St. Paul, a devout Jew, was initially a persecutor of the Church. But after receiving a dazzling vision of the Risen Lord, he was convinced that Jesus was the Messiah. He went on to become a zealous missionary and servant of the Gospel. His letters to the early Christian communities became foundational documents for the early Church. By providing a theological rationale for the universality of the Gospel he was largely responsible for extending the Church to the wider gentile world. He suffered persecution in many forms and was eventually martyred in Rome, where Peter, too, suffered the same fate.

Paul, from the Latin *Paulus*, meaning humble; Peter from the Greek *petros*, meaning stone; and so the Church was built to be both egoless and adamant—something to sing and sigh about, for while our Church has endured, flinty and stalwart, for millennia, we have also all too often been arrogant and blind and full of our windy selves, not the clarion and inarguable Word.

These two curious brilliant complex muddled brave tough men built the Church, after He who spoke it into being and incarnated it was gone home to Heaven. Paul the tart peppery man with a thorn in his flesh, the greatest press agent in history, and Peter the burly fisherman handpicked by the Son of God to carry on after He returned to the Father.

"Though they all deny Thee, yet I will never deny Thee."

— St. Peter (Matt 26:33)

"And now these three remain: faith, hope, and charity. But the greatest of these is charity." — St.

Paul (1 Cor 13:13)



In divine obedience to the voice of God, thou, O Peter, art become the divinely appointed foundation and the head of the hierarchy, the splendor and the ornament of the heavenly Kingdom.

Whilst Paul persecutes the vessels of God, he himself becomes a vessel of election, and proves himself truly destined to the work of teaching the Gentiles.

CONSECRATION

Grave hands imposed upon a bended head

Low bowed in lordly high obedience:
Song sweeps the hallowed air, and
sweet incense

Weaves cloudy visions, as of Angels
led

To worship here, where awe full
words are said
And things are done beyond all time
or tense:

So now this thing is done, and I go
hence,
My inmost being with new wonder
fed.

New wonder, yet eternal, and as old
As that first, primal hour when Peter
kneeled;

Christ's hand is on his brow; the
fledgling fold
Is shepherded, the flock is safe and
sealed.

O miracle! Where Jesu's hands now
rest,
There, once, a mother's loving hands
were pressed!

— Charles Phillips

A beautiful Ordination poem, to honor Holy Orders, long ago and still just fresh, and the mother of the priest as well.



A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Sanctify to Thyself, O my Lord, the hearts of Thy priests, that, by the merits of Thy sacred humanity,

they may become living images of Thee, children of Mary, and full of the fire of the Holy Ghost, that they may guard Thy house, and defend Thy glory, and that through their ministry the face of the earth may be renewed, and they may save those souls which have cost Thee all Thy blood. Amen.

The last of our Summer Solemnities comes today, Ss. Peter and Paul. We should turn to these two great Apostles of Rome with even greater devotion and confidence, as it has been so very long that the Church has been plunged into crisis. Of course it is so, for we are sixty years without a head on earth, without a pope. As goes the Church, so goes the world in this terrible era of chastisement. But as the indulgenced prayer of St. Peter phrases it: "the weaker we are, the more mightily may we be helped by the power of his intercession" and thus "neither yield to any iniquity, nor be overcome by any adversity."

Everybody's travelling these days, it seems, for vacation or vocation. No wonder St. Christopher comes in July. Last weekend I offered a final Mass for some of our dear old faithful at Our Lady of the Rosary in Opelousas, Louisiana, and then went on to meet new faithful at St. Anthony of Padua Chapel in Dallas. It was a tiring trip in the great heat, but energizing as well to meet and serve our devoted faithful, young and old.

The Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel was the last of the ORCM chapels, and the last one served by founder **Fr. Fenton**. But now that Franciscan **Fr. Francis Miller** is working with us, the old chapel attendance has dwindled, as most attend Sunday Mass with Fr. Miller at his Christ the King in Lafayette. Still, it was a sad event to offer the final Mass at our old Opelousas chapel, which we have served for thirty years. So many priests have visited there, and so many faithful have passed through as well, fortified with the Mass and Sacraments. But God has blessed us these divisive days with a measure of unity, and we are grateful.

The other day I counted thirteen priests who work together with me throughout the world. I refer to our informal union as the Salesian Clerical Society. I'll be serving the Mexican branch next weekend, visiting Mexico City and the little village of Dos Rios in Veracruz State for the fiesta of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.

Fr. McGuire returned from a busy Midwestern mission trip late last Saturday night, and spent all of Monday at the funeral of dear Loraine Gates, who died at almost 100 years, always faithful to the true Mass and Faith, and to the Rosary. Thanks to the Legacy Choir and our volunteer servers for their Summer help. It is a great work of mercy to bury the dead.

Tuesday saw many of you at Mass for the Summer Novena, and yet again Wednesday for

Independence Day. We thanked Almighty God for providing a safe harbor for the Church in our land, and for the freedoms we still enjoy until this day and hour. Let us not take them for granted, but work and pray in a true spirit of pious patriotism. The Supreme Court is in effect the external ruling entity of our land. May the next Justice serve the cause of justice and of God, and the Natural Law in particular. Surely that is not much to ask for? Let us pray.

We are still praying for our Sisters to find a home, and asking for donations to that end. There's a Go Fund Me page on the internet, but a check or even cash would find its way to the good Sisters. God reward your charity. The charity of †Beckie Mattingly (her first anniversary is Wednesday) actually provided a house for the Sisters in her will. But her well to do family is contesting the will, and these lawsuits generally take years to resolve. In the meantime, we do ask for your prayers and contributions.

And may St. Maria Goretti, whose feast comes tomorrow, bless our girls and help them grow up strong and pure.

May the Precious Blood of Jesus save you!

- Bishop Dolan

P.S. An excellent attendance for our First Friday and Saturday—don't forget Friday night's Fatima Rosary Procession.



Thou art the Shepherd of the sheep, the Prince of the Apostles, unto thee were given the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build My Church.

Let us pray

Raise us up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the apostolic assistance of blessed Peter, Thine Apostle: so that the weaker we are, the more mightily we may be

helped by the power of his intercession: and that being perpetually defended by the same holy Apostle, we may neither yield to any iniquity, nor be overcome by any adversity. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Bernie Brueggemann's favorite prayer)



FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION FOR PEACE

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018



*Rosary begins at 7:15 PM in West Chester, after
the 5:45 PM Mass and Benediction.*

First Watch parking lot, corner of Union Centre Blvd. and Floe

A SPECIAL PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

Remember, Mother of Perpetual
Help, the power of sweet persuasion
which Thy Divine Son has given Thee over
His adorable Heart. Full of confidence in
Thy merits, I come to implore Thy help and
protection for myself and all my loved ones.

Most Holy Virgin of Virgins and Mother
of God, ever standing before the throne of
the Most Blessed Trinity, pray for me and com-
mend me to Thy most lovable Son when I am in
need. Obtain pardon for all my sins. Aid me
especially at my last hour, and when perhaps I am
no longer conscious, encourage me then to be steadfast for
God, and repel from me the evil enemy. Put a profession of Chris-
tian Faith in my heart; give me confidence in my soul's only hope;
obtain that I may never despair of God's mercy.

*An impenitent criminal who was already on the
scaffold was asked to kiss a picture of the Mother of
Sorrows. He did so. Immediately he felt contrition for
his sins and died reconciled to God. A sinner who loves to
pray the Hail Mary and daily honors the Blessed Virgin with
this salutation cannot be lost.*

*The Church calls Mary the "Refuge of sinners,"
and invites all to place themselves with great
confidence under her protection. It is certain,
therefore, that sinners may have devotion
to Mary as well as the just, and experi-
ence proves that many
sinners practice this devo-
tion in a high degree.*

When I can no longer whisper "Jesus, Mary and Joseph," or say "Into Thy hands, O
Lord, I commend my spirit" please say such prayers for me. Depart not from me before I
have undergone my judgment nor ever after,
and if I be compelled to expiate my sins in the flames of Purgatory, pray
for me and inspire my relatives and friends to do the same, that thus I may right soon enjoy the
vision of God. Shorten my punishment and lead my soul to Heaven and to Thee, in order that with
the elect I may bless, love and praise God and Thyself through the endless years of eternity. Amen.

SAINT KILIAN

Kilian was born in Ireland and was a monk. Like many of his Celtic contemporaries, he felt called to missionary work. He and eleven companions left Ireland and traveled through France to Thuringia, where they arrived at the castle of Wurzburg held by the lord Gozbert. Kilian's efforts to preach the Gospel to Gozbert met with success and the pagan chief received baptism.

At some point Kilian journeyed to Rome to meet Pope Conon and receive an official commission to preach in Franconia. After two years he returned to Wurzburg with Colman, a priest, and Totnan, a deacon. There a difficult situation confronted them. Since their last visit to the city, Gozbert had entered into a marriage with his widowed sister in law, a relationship forbidden by the Church's marriage laws. With great courage, Kilian openly chastised Gozbert. This incensed Gozbert's wife, who ordered the murder of Kilian and his companions.

Although no details of Kilian's death are known, it is certain that his relics were brought to the cathedral of Wurzburg in 752. Kilian was made the city's patron. When Saint Boniface was archbishop of Germany, he created a bishopric in the Irishman's honor. He is also patron of a nice beer which bears his name.

Dear Lord, through the intercession of Saint Kilian, give me courage to defend Thy Church, her laws, and Holy Matrimony.



KYRIE THOUGHTS

Mercy is one of the most touching attributes of God. Our creation, our redemption and our sanctification are effects of God's mercy. We need not fear to ask for great mercies; the more He gives the more glory He receives. His mercy is as a great and boundless ocean which envelops us; we need but reach out to draw therefrom. It is true, God's justice demands its rights, but precisely on account of His justice God will be merciful to those who implore mercy, because of justice to His only-begotten Son, who has paid so great a price to obtain mercy for us.

We take into consideration far too little the essence of God. We forget that with Him nothing may be measured by our standards. He loves us in an infinite degree. We must be convinced of this, after all He has done for us. The damned will regret nothing so much as not to have benefited by the goodness and mercy of God.

THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD
OF THE NEW & ETERNAL TESTAMENT



THEN AND NOW

In Jefferson's day, the voters knew all that the government did, and it knew nothing about them. Today government operates largely in secrecy, and it knows our every move and captures our every communication.

In Jefferson's day, the government needed the people's permission to tax and regulate them. Today the people need the government's permission to do nearly everything.

- Judge Andrew P. Napolitano

A VISITATION PRAYER

Holy Ghost,
Breath of Heaven,
carry us on the impulse
of Christ's love,
that in the Pentecost season of our
souls,
while He is formed in us,
in secret and in silence—
the Creator
in the hands of His creatures,
as the Host
in the hands of the priest—
we may carry Him forth
to wherever He wishes to be,
as Mary carried Him over the hills
on His errand of love,
To the house of Elizabeth. Amen.

*Very suitable for a thanksgiving after
Mass*

JULY: THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Oh Blood, you dissipated the darkness and gave us light so that we might know the eternal Father's truth and holy will. You filled our soul with grace, the source of our life and our freedom from eternal death. You fatten us on the food of God's honor and the salvation of souls. If we desire reproach and bear it for Christ Crucified, you give us our fill of such reproach. You burn and consume our soul in the fire of divine charity, eating up anything there is that is alien to God's will; yet you do not cripple us or dry us up as does the guilt of deadly sin. Oh sweet Blood, you strip us of the selfish sensual love that weakens those who wear it, and you clothe us in the fire of divine charity. For we cannot taste you, Blood, unless you clothe us in fire as we draw near you in our souls, since you were shed by the fire of love. For there is no love without strength, nor strength without perseverance—and that is why you strengthen and comfort us in every adversity.

So you see...this is how you come to perfect strength: by uniting yourself with the fire of divine charity which you will discover in the Blood, and by there drowning to death all selfish will. Then, once you have drawn near to supreme strength, you will be strong and persevering.

- St. Catherine of Siena

MON	7/9/18	FERIAL DAY OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE SS. JOHN FISCHER, BP & THOMAS MORE, MM ST. MARIA GORETTI, VM ST. VERONICA GUILIANI, VM MARTYRS OF GORKUM 8:00 AM Low Mass Thomas J. Simpson (<i>Simpson family</i>)
TUE	7/10/18	SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS, MM SS. RUFINA & SECUNDA, VVMM SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES ☞ 7:00 AM Special Early Summer Mass Holy Souls (<i>The Kolenich family</i>) W 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Paul Puglielli</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass †Nancy Modder (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Rich VandeRyt</i>)
WED	7/11/18	ST. PIUS I, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Becky Mattingly – First Anniversary 5:00 PM Low Mass †Ann Cervo (<i>Mr. & Mrs. William Oleyar</i>)
THU	7/12/18	ST. JOHN GUALBERT, AB SS. NABOR & FELIX, MM ST. VERONICA, W ☞ 7:00 AM Special Early Summer Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Thomas Neis (<i>Jeff & Nicole Kimpel</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Salvatore Zuccaro (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
FRI	7/13/18	ST. ANACLETUS, PM 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Jeff, Nicole & Sam Kimpel</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Jean & Kirby Bischel – Thank you! (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>) 6:30 PM Benediction 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
SAT	7/14/18	ST. BONAVENTURE, BPCD 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass My Deceased Relatives in Purgatory (<i>Mark Cash</i>) 8:05 AM Salve & Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass David Bischel & family (<i>Simpson family</i>)
SUN	7/15/18	PENTECOST VIII ST. HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Frank Milillo (<i>Audrey Dunaway</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Our children & Godchildren (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Scott Richesson</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for prayers answered (<i>Jamie Wagner</i>) 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

PRAYER TO ST. ANTHONY FOR PEACE OF MIND



Most dear and faithful servant of Christ, blessed St. Anthony, to whom God has granted such favors that, through thy intercession, lost temporal goods are recovered, pray for me, a sinner, that I may acquire and preserve peace of mind, with light and knowledge to discern good from evil and truth from error, so that being delivered from all evils, scruples, darkness, and uneasiness of mind and conscience, I may faithfully serve my God and Savior, Who is worthy of all honor and glory, with peace of mind, purity of conscience, and justice of life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is generally believed that one of the most acceptable devotions that can be offered to St. Anthony—to obtain any favor, or in thanksgiving for a favor received—is the recital of one, or three, Creeds. To these many of his clients add the aspiration: “St. Anthony, beloved of God and man, pray for us.”

“The Creator of the heavens obeys a carpenter; the God of eternal glory listens to a poor virgin. Has anyone ever witnessed anything comparable to this? Let the philosopher no longer disdain from listening to the common laborer; the wise, to the simple; the educated, to the illiterate; a child of a prince, to a peasant.”

– St. Anthony of Padua

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Mary revealed to a number of saints that it is very pleasing to her if we, in her stead, thank God for the graces and prerogatives He bestowed on her. A slight degree of devotion, if practiced daily and perseveringly, may obtain for us great graces. It may even be the sole means of our salvation. The Mother of God once said to Ven. Mary of Agreda: “Numberless are those whom I have snatched from the infernal dragon because they still practiced some devotion to me, even though it was but one *Hail Mary*, or some invocation which they pronounced in my honor.”

Servers

SUN 7/15 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: J. Simpson TH: P. McClorey ACs: C. Richesson, T. Lawrence TORCH: T. England, J. Stewart, S. Richesson, D. Simpson
11:30 AM LOW: Nathan McClorey, A.D. Kinnett
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller