

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4900 Rialto Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069 • (513) 645-4212 parishoffice@sgg.org • bpdolan@sgg.org • www.sgg.org • www.SGGResources.org Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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January 6, 2019 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

¶THE EPIPHANY

There are no Sunday Classes today. The second collection for our seminary will be taken up. Please be sure to take a House Blessing Kit before you leave the church. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be after the *Low Masses*.

All are invited to an Appreciation Reception, honoring especially Bishop Joseph Selway, in Helfta Hall following the 9 AM Mass.

The Little Church is in the vestibule to receive your alms for priests. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

The very Angels in Heaven bow at the Name of Jesus. And even the demons in Hell. Let us do likewise, this old Catholic practice still in use in many countries should be a standard, like the Sign of the Cross.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: OCTAVE DAY OF THE EPIPHANY

Sunday Classes resume next Sunday at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Octave Day of the Epiphany. Preface and Communicantes of the Epiphany.

No man can make a habit in a moment, or break it in a moment. It is a matter of development, of growth. But at any moment one may begin to make or begin to break any habit.

- William G. Jordan

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)



Those who do not practice what they believe, gradually cease to believe what they do not practice.

– Abbé Hogan

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please remember all of our sick, especially Ina Harpen, Brian Miller of Columbus, and Gary Amyx, also of Columbus.

¶ THE EPIPHANY BLESSING

On Epiphany, the priest blesses chalk, as well as frankincense so that you could mark your doors for protection according to the ancient custom, and bless your home this Epiphany. Please pick up a pack of these sacramentals, along with the leaflet with prayers and instructions, to bring this blessing home to your family.

The Name of Jesus is the sweetest of all names and He who bears it is most worthy of all love. He who calls Jesus his friend can be assured that this friend is the most devoted and unselfish of all friends.

¶ 2019 CALENDARS ARE IN!

The 2019 All Saints Roman Catholic Calendar is available now in the bookstore for \$12.95.

"O that you were worthy to suffer something for the Name of Jesus!
What great glory would await you, what great rejoicing among all the Saints

and, moreover, what great edification to your neighbor!"

- Thomas à Kempis

Collection Report

Sunday, December 30 th	\$2,865.00
Tuesday, January 1st	\$2,420.00
Thank you for your generosity.	Remember St.
Gertrude the Great in your will.	

RECOGNIZE AND ADORE

I ask you to reflect and to see how clear-sighted faith is; consider carefully what sharp eyes it has. It recognizes the Son of God as He sucks milk, it recognizes Him as He hangs on the cross, it recognizes Him as He dies. The thief recognized Him on the gibbet, the Magi in a stable; the one [recognized him] pierced by nails, the Magi, wrapped in swaddling clothes, while the centurion knew him as life in death. They [recognized] the power of God in the weakness of a youthful body, and he [recognized] the supreme Spirit as He breathed His last.

The Magi recognized the Word of God in a speechless baby—whatever the others confess by their utterances, they confess by their gifts. The thief pronounces him a king, the centurion both Son of God and a human being. The Magi's gifts declare all these three—although by the frankincense they point less to the Son of God than God.

We therefore pray, dearly beloved, that these may benefit you: the great godly love which the God of majesty has shown you, the great humility which He took on, and the great graciousness which has become apparent to you through the humility of Christ. Let us give thanks to our Redeemer and Mediator, through whom we have come to know the good will of God the Father towards us.

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Sermon 2

Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153), Abbot and Doctor of the Church, was a great spiritual master, prolific writer, and propagator of reform through the Cistercian order.



AN EPIPHANY PRAYER

"Above all, let us pray Him to draw us to Him and to give us faith. When we feel that His mysteries are too severe for us and occasion us to doubt, let us earnestly wait on Him for the gifts of humility and love. Those who love and who are humble will apprehend them, carnal minds do not seek them and proud minds are offended at them but while love desires them, humility sustains them.

"Let us pray Him to give us an earnest longing after Him—a thirst for His presence—an anxiety to find Him—a joy on hearing that He is to be found, even now, under the veil of sensible things—and a good hope that we shall find Him there.

"Blessed indeed are they who have not seen and yet have believed. They have their reward in believing, they enjoy the contemplation of a mysterious blessing, which does not even enter into the thoughts of other men and while they are more blessed than others, in the gift vouchsafed to them, they have the additional privilege of knowing that they are vouchsafed it."

- John Henry Newman



Today the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Epiphany. "The Lord and ruler is coming; kingship is His, and government and power." With these words the Church proclaims that today's feast brings to a perfect fulfillment all the purposes of Advent. Epiphany, therefore, marks the liturgical zenith of the Advent-Christmas season.

TO LUCY ELIZABETH ON EPIPHANY

A little girl can't offer Him Gold, frankincense, and myrrh: The Infant God does not expect Such gifts as these from her.

But she can bring another thing—
A heart so sweetly wrought,
So filled with precious gems of prayer
And aromatic thought;

So redolent with kindly deed, Intentions pure and white, That He will stretch His baby arms And clasp it with delight.

A little maid can't carry Him The gifts the Wise Men bore; But a small heart, if garnished thus, I know He'll treasure more.

- Mary H. Kennedy



ROYALTY

Gaspar comes with kingly gold, Brought from a kingly land; Gaspar puts his kingly gold Into a kinglier Hand.

Melchior enters, kingly-clad, Kingly in degree, And to the King of all the kings, Incense offers he.

Then Balthasar, likewise king, Bows low, with bated breath, And mystic myrrh, he gives the King— The King of life and death.

- Charles Michael Carey, C.S.C.

♣ BISHOP'S CORNER **♣**

What welcome warm weather! Welcome **Bishop Joseph Selway** must have brought the early Spring with him from Florida. You are welcome, too, for this morning's Appreciation Reception, honoring especially our new bishop. But bishops who shepherd the flock rely on the assistance of the faithful, fair weather and foul. *Thank you* to all of our church workers, volunteers, benefactors, and those who come and pray. Today's High Mass is for you. We your clergy pray for you with appreciation, every day.

Epiphany is the great solemnity of faith and adoration, and it is a special grace when this, the third greatest feast of the year, falls on a Sunday, enabling everyone to follow the Wise Men to the stable. Be sure to take your Epiphany blessing kit today, and bless your home with this ancient and powerful sacramental. The devil indeed goes about, "seeking whom to devour," but your devotion in family prayer will defeat him.

Speaking of the stable, I forgot to mention that the shepherds, symbolizing priests, are both playing a flute. Think "Pied Piper." We play to draw you to pray, to Mass and devotions, and especially to say the Rosary. Note one of the shepherds carries an ingeniously crafted mini banner, like the large one which is carried in each one of our Fatima Rosary Processions for Peace from May to October.

The Divine Child holds out His hands to draw us to Himself, and holds out two of Heaven's helps to that end: the Brown Scapular (sign of our consecration to the Immaculate Heart) and the Rosary. St. Gertrude is in the scene as well, holding her symbolic heart, depicted as older and suffering, as she did, from illness. But nothing separates us from the love of Christ. Thanks again to the Sisters.

Finally, in the beautiful Baptistry chapel, our latest Infant, dressed as a bishop, is displayed. This was a gift from **Bishop Sanborn** for my anniversary, and it came from the late **Fr. Fulham's** church in Spring Hill, Florida. Sometimes one sees the Infant dressed as a priest, sometimes as a doctor or a bishop or according to some other title, but most often as a King. Do remember to pray to this Little King for deceased priests and bishops, as well as our faithful.

We invited our two seminarians, **Thomas Simpson** and **Anthony Brueggemann**, to a Christmas dinner with us this past Wednesday, but we all got more than just an excellent barbecue from the grill of our own **Fr. McKenna**. Waterworks were on the menu as well. For some time the water bill has been

unaccountably high, but the waterman found the leak on Wednesday, and plans are underway to repair it. But more was to come.



Fr. McGuire was doing his security check after Mass Wednesday evening, while Fr. McKenna was putting the finishing touches on a fine dinner. But the dinner was to be delayed, due to a flood in the men's room. The repair entailed phone calls, relayed instructions, and panicked searching for the wrench. Meanwhile, the water flowed freely all over the floor. Once the flood was stanched, clean up was required. But we waited dinner no longer, and worked on the steaks instead. Good choice. The delayed and major cleanup came afterwards. Fr. Cekada always tells the seminarians that exploding toilets are part of a priest's life.

And travel is, as well. I'm taking advantage of Bishop Selway's visit to spend the weekend in Milwaukee. Two Confirmations were scheduled for yesterday, and a special Epiphany Mass today.

All this week passes in the serene adoration of Epiphany, as we contemplate Christ's triple manifestation at His birth, His baptism and the marriage feast. The Holy Family is tucked in on Saturday.

I hope your new year is going well. There are no bad years where there is Jesus and Mary and God's holy will.

- Bishop Dolan

My Creed

Et resurrexit tertia die secundum Scripturas. On the third day, He rose again, as the prophecies had foretold, especially that of the Prophet Jonas. Our Lord Himself had said: this wicked and perverse Generation seeketh a sign, but one shall not be given to it, unless it be that of Jonas the Prophet, nisi signum Jonæ prophetæ (S. Matth. xii. 39,



S. Luc. xi. 29). For just as Jonas was in the whale's belly, three days and three nights, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

- Dom Gueranger

Private Masses

Special Intention (Tom & Karen Simpson)
Rose Simpson Wellman (Tom & Karen Simpson)
Bishop Dolan's Intentions (Judy)

★ The Holy Name **★** Get Out Now

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. "In the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those that are in heaven, on earth and under the earth" (Phil 2:10). Christ's Name is chosen in heaven and the Angel Gabriel announces it when he informs the Blessed Virgin of the incarnation: "Behold thou shalt conceive in thy womb and shalt bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His Name Jesus." It is a Name that has marvelous implications, for it means "savior." The very Name bespeaks the magnitude of His mission, His infinite love, a love that will cause Him to offer Himself up for us.



THE NAME OF JESUS IS HOLY

"Consider that the Name of Jesus is a Name of gladness, a Name of hope and a Name of love.

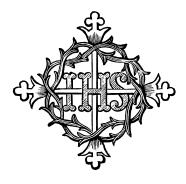
"A Name of gladness, because if the memory of past sins afflicts us, this Name comforts us, reminding us that the Son of God became human for this purpose, to make Himself our Redeemer.

"The Name of Jesus, is a Name of hope, because the person that prays to the eternal Father in the Name of Jesus, may hope for every grace.

"The Name of Jesus is a Name of love, because it is a sign that represents to us how much God has done for our love.

"The Name of Jesus, helps us to remember all the sufferings that He endured for us in His life and in His death. As a devout writer says of the Holy Name, 'my Jesus, how much has it cost You to be Jesus—that is to say, my Redeemer!"

- St. Alphonsus Liguori



"There is one Christian name in the world

Which casts a spell over eye or ear When we see it written on the page of a book,

Or overhear it mentioned in conversation.

We are thrilled by the mere encounter of it.

It produces in us a sudden lightening of the heart, Because we are in love!"

> - Monsignor Ronald Knox (1888-1957)

The Holy Name of Jesus saves us from innumerable evils and delivers us especially from the power of the devil, who is constantly seeking to do us harm. The Holy Name of Jesus gradually fills our souls with a peace and joy we never had before. The Holy Name of Jesus gives us strength that our sufferings become light and easy to bear.

Anyone who is finding it hard to pray, or experiencing the "desert" in their lives, can benefit from simply praying the Holy Name of Jesus. The loving invocation of the Holy Name can also be an effective way to make reparation to Our Blessed Lord for the atmosphere of blasphemy and irreligion which prevails generally today and remember, that although now fallen into obscurity in many countries, Catholics always bow their heads at the Name of Jesus!

PUBLIC SCHOOLS: NOT SO BAD?

So many of us have heard indirectly and anecdotally that our public school system is a nationwide wasteland that does harm to children and has wrought havoc upon our culture, values, and sense of history.

But has anyone really taken the time and energy to examine this catastrophe at its root? Perhaps not until now.

"Consider the corrupting and game-changing 'gender crusade' that seeks to brainwash our children into accepting the false ideologies of gender and sexual 'orientation;' atheism and secular humanism, the loss of American identity in favor of forming young 'activists' rather than patriots, how parents are rendered powerless by the system, the 'social-emotional' learning affecting our kids' psychological makeup, fake and failing education, and the inevitable hard truth that parents can't 'fix' any of this."

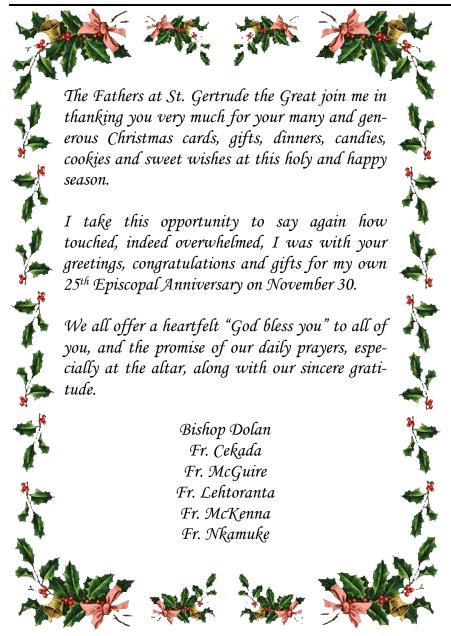
- Get Out Now: The Compelling Case Against Public Schools

Jesus is our all. In His Name we may pray to the Father with assurance of being heard. In His Name the



Church administers all her sacraments. In His Name she offers all her prayers and blesses homes, the fields and the sick. In the Name of Jesus she casts out evil spirits and at the hour of our death bids us, "Go forth, Christian soul." She assures us that whoever shall call upon this Name will be saved. When our soul has departed this life to seek its eternal home, the Church asks in the Name of Jesus, "Eternal rest give until him, O Lord,"

- Dom Benedict Baur, O.S.B. (1877-1963)



Each time we say, "Jesus," we give God infinite joy and glory, for we offer Him all the infinite merits of the Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. St. Paul tells us, that Jesus merited the Name Jesus by His Passion and Death. "The Holy Name of Jesus, is, first of all, an all-powerful prayer. Our Lord Himself solemnly promises, that whatever we ask the Father in His Name, we shall receive. God never fails to keep His word. Each time we say Jesus,' it is an act of perfect love, for, we offer to God, the infinite love of Jesus."

- St. Alphonsus Liguori

The Name of Jesus is the glory of preachers because the shining splendor of that Name causes His word to be proclaimed and heard. And how do you think such an immense, sudden and dazzling light of faith came into the world, if not because Jesus was preached? Was it not through the brilliance and sweet savor of this Name that God called us into His marvelous light?

- St. Bernardine of Siena

January

Name	Date of Death
Jean Ostendorf	1-01-1990
Robert H. Lutkehaus	1-02-1992
Vivian Wainright	1-04-2018
Joseph R. Duff	1-06-1993
Steven A. Nemeth	1-08-2002
Ernest Nellenbach	1-08-2011
Althea LeBlanc	1-12-2013
John A. Donadio	1-14-2004
James W. Bragley	1-15-1991
Vivian Deardorff	1-15-1996
Kim LeBlanc	1-17-2015
Evelyn Rentschler	1-18-1999
George C. Vande Ryt	1-18-1997
Robert J. Kunkel	1-19-1995
Rev. Eldred Leslie	1-21-2009
Nellie Sutton	1-23-2014
Matthew Nies	1-24-1985
Rev. Urban Snyder	1-25-1995
Rev. Roy Randolph	1-26-1998
Elizabeth Binzel	1-27-2003
Robert Blomker	1-28-2001
Robert A. Stirnkorb	1-30-1991
Jane Donadio	1-30-2018



"The sweet Name of Jesus produces in us holy thoughts, fills the soul with noble sentiments, strengthens virtue, begets good works and nourishes pure affection. All spiritual food leaves the soul dry, if it contain not that penetrating oil, the Name of Jesus."

- St. Bernard of Clairvaux

¥ Calendar

11:25 AN TUE 1/8/1 \$\tilde{\pi}\$ 7:00 AN	WITHIN THE OCTAVE High Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (The Fathers) WITHIN THE OCTAVE Low Mass †Ruth M. Hanna († 1/6/13) (Mr. & Mrs. William Oleyar) (from 1/6)	
11:25 AN	 Low Mass Special Intentions (Arlinghaus Family) High Mass Spiritual Peace (Mary Beth Grumblatt) Low Mass 7 Grandchildren (Kirby & Jean Bischel) 	CHRIST MASS
7.00 1 1	20 W 17433 / Grandenmeren (1810) O Jean Broncy	The temple was a wintry cave,
	WITHIN THE OCTAVE Low Mass Consecration Anniversary Bishop Dolan (Christopher Browne)	With snow for linen fair. St. Joseph was the acolyte, Keeping his vigil there.
	Low Mass Katherine Kunkel (Kuebler/Volz)	Trooping in viga citator
11:25 AN	I High Mass With gratitude for Bishop Dolan & priests of St. Gertrude's (Rich VandeRyt)	Bright angels were the choristers
5:00 PM	Low Mass †Robert Kuebler (The VandeRyts)	High in the midnight sky—
		The worshippers, a shepherd band
THU 1/10/19	WITHIN THE OCTAVE	From out the hamlet nigh.
	Low Mass Special Intention (Hai Yuaan)	For altar lamp, a holy light
8:00 AN	Low Mass All my newlywed cousins & friends & their	Shone o'er the Infant's head;
11:25 AN	spouses (Colleen Eldracher) 1 High Mass Bishop Dolan's Intentions – 25 th	The Gospel was the Word Himself—
	Anniversary (Tom & Karen Simpson) N.B. No evening Mass	No other word was read.
		The paten was Our Lady's hand
FRI 1/11/19		Holding the Wheaten Bread;
9.00 AX	ST. HYGINUS, PM Low Mass Special Intention (Rich VandeRyt)	The Sacred Heart, the chalice was,
	Confessions	Holding the Wine Blood-red.
	High Mass In gratitude for successful surgery (Christopher Browne)	The Sanctus call is sweetly rung
5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary	By snow-bells in the sod,
	I Infant of Prague Novena III	And Mary made her sacrifice—
5:45 PM	I Low Mass Suzanne & Chris Clingman (Simpson family)	Offers a God to God.
6:30 PN	Sacred Heart Devotions, Benediction	- Emanuelita
_		Christ took our nature, when He would redeem it,
SAT 1/12/19	THE HOLY FAMILY WITHIN THE OCTAVE	He redeemed it by making it suffer in His own Person—
	ST. BENET BISCOP, AB	He purified it, by making it pure in His own Person.
	I Confessions	He first sanctified it in Himself,
	Low Mass Hushagen Family (Keith & Mary Christensen)	made it righteous, made it acceptable to God,
_	Alma & Sermon High Mass For my friends & family (Jason Murray)	submitted it to an expiatory passion
	,	and then, He imparted it to us.
SUN 1/13/19		He took it, consecrated it, broke it and said, "Take and divide it among yourselves."
	Rosary	orong a unu suu, zung unu urvute a umong yourserves.
7:30 AN 9:00 AN	I Low Mass †Patricia Patton (Christopher Browne) I High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great	
10:40 AN		Server 5
11:05 AN	I Rosary	SUN 1/13 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.

11:30 AM Low Mass †Thomas & †Connie Kamphaus

5:45 PM Low Mass Special Intention (CV) (Kuebler/Volz)

(Kamphaus Family)

4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction

SUN 1/13 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, M. Simpson TH: T.
Lawrence ACs: C. Arlinghaus, D. Simpson TORCH: J. Lacy (MC),
T. England, J. Stewart, J. & N. Kolenich
11:30 AM Low: Na. & P. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller