

# 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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May 12, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH  
EASTER III • MOTHER'S DAY



## ¶ SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

**Happy Mother's Day!** This Sunday our mothers are remembered at all the Masses, but especially at the High Mass offered for those whose names are on our altar. The Procession and May Crowning takes place *after the High Mass*. We renew our consecration to Our Blessed Mother after all Masses. There are no Sunday Classes. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

*How many are the thoughts that throng  
On faithful souls today!  
All year we sing Our Lady's song,  
'Tis still the song of May:  
Magnificat! O may we feel  
That rapture more and more;  
And chiefly, Lord, what time we kneel  
Thine altar-throne before.*

## Mary Mother



*MAY Mary shield you  
when there's danger near;  
May Mary comfort you  
when skies are drear;  
May Mary guide you  
on the upward ways;  
May Mary bless you  
all the future days.*

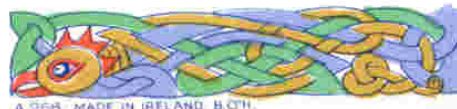
*Brian O'Higgins*



## MEMORARE

**REMEMBER**, remember,  
O Virgin Mary!  
Through the deepening shadows  
I send my plea:  
Guide of the wanderer, hope of the  
mourning.  
Pray to the Child of thy heart for me,  
That His tender grace may calm the waters  
And pierce the gloom of the gathering night,  
And lead me back to that Port of Beauty  
Where His Mercy shines with a fadeless  
light.

*Brian O'Higgins.*



A 255, MADE IN IRELAND, B.O.I.

## ¶ FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Our first **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace** takes place at 7:15 PM in West Chester tomorrow. Members of the *Rosary Confraternity* and *all* parishioners, if you can, please make a sacrifice and pray this public rosary with us. We will meet in the parking lot of the First Watch restaurant, at the corner of Union Centre Blvd. and Floer Dr. Your witness and your prayers are sorely needed for our Church, our country and our families. Low Mass is beforehand at 5:45 PM.

*'Tis then, when at Thy feet we pray,  
We share Our Lady's mirth;  
Her joy we know who hail today  
Thy Eucharistic birth;  
That trembling joy to Mary sent,  
Ah, Christians know it well,  
With whom in His dear Sacrament  
Their Savior deigns to dwell.*

What shall we say, brethren?  
Is she not our mother?  
Certainly, brethren,  
she is in truth our mother.  
Through her we are born,  
not to the world but to God.

*St. Aelred of Rievaulx  
(1110-1167)*



## THE MEMORARE

**By St Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)  
Doctor mellifluus (Mellifluous Doctor)**

Remember,  
O most gracious Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known,  
that anyone  
who fled to thy protection,  
implored thy help,  
or sought thy intercession,  
was left unaided.  
Inspired with this confidence,  
I fly unto thee,  
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.  
To thee do I come,  
before thee I stand,  
sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,  
despise not my petitions  
but in thy mercy,  
hear and answer me.  
Amen



THOUGHTS FOR THE FEAST OF  
THE PATRONAGE OF ST. JOSEPH

On the third Sunday after Easter our thoughts naturally turn to him who was elected by Almighty God to be the reputed father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary ever a virgin, and head of the Holy Family upon earth—St. Joseph, the “heavenly patron and protector” of the Church founded by our Divine Redeemer, has certainly very special claims upon our devotion; nor can we, if we reverently study his life, fail to see what a singularly fitting model it constitutes for us all.

...“God has ordained,” wrote Cardinal Vaughan, “that Joseph should be the special advocate of every class of persons, and the universal intercessor, so that all classes and persons may feel themselves beholden to him for something.” “Go to Joseph!” says St. Bernardine of Siena, who, both by word and writing, propagated great devotion to this great saint in every part of Italy. “Go to Joseph! He is the good and faithful servant whom God has placed over His house; he can bestow all graces upon us.”

...The great St. Bernard remarks that “St. Joseph, by the purity of his life, cooperated in the fulfilling of the ineffable mystery of the Incarnation more than all the ancient patriarchs by their prayers, sighs, and tears.” And he adds: “Joseph’s humility raised him to the position of spouse of Mary and protector of the Infant Jesus. For it was right and just to unite the most humble man to the most humble woman.” “Joseph, united as he is to Jesus and Mary, is like a bright shining star!” cries St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi. “He protects in a special manner those souls who fight the battle of life under Mary’s standard.”

— E. Nesbitt

## THE MAY COURT

*Lucia McConnell, crowning Our Lady  
Danielle Brueggemann, attendant  
Benjamin Brueggemann, crown bearer  
Agnes Gunsher & Joseph Boyd, flower  
bearers*

## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER IV

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. There will be no Vespers.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Easter IV, with collects of St. Peter Celestine and St. Prudentiana. Preface of Easter.



**It is pleasant and delightful** to behold the heaven by night, in all parts garlanded with millions of stars for flowers—flowers which never wither, but always display their beauty uncontaminated. And what more pleasant than it, when the night has passed away, and no sunbeam has yet appeared—when, purpled by the rising sun, it is beautified like some crocus-dyed vestment? And what more charming spectacle than the rising sun, gilding with his beams all the land and sea, and the whole heaven, throwing aside the cloak which night had cast over all things visible, and exposing all to our view?

— St. John Chrysostom

*This reminds me of some sunrises this past week. An invitation to prayer if ever there were one. — Bishop Dolan*



## ¶ YOUR PRAYERS, PLEASE

Please pray for Michael Stallings, Fr. Gerald Kasik, Tricia Larson, the Sisters of Our Lady of Compassion in France, and all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.

## MEMORARE: A PRAYER

Remember, holy Mary,  
’Twas never heard, nor known,  
That anyone who sought thee  
And made to thee his moan—  
That anyone who hastened  
For shelter to thy care,  
Was ever yet abandoned  
And left to his despair:  
No, never, Blessed Virgin,  
Most merciful, most kind,  
No sinner cries for pity  
Who does not pity find.

And so to thee, my Mother,  
With filial faith I call;  
For Jesus dying gave thee  
As Mother to us all  
To thee, O Queen of Virgins,  
O Mother meek, to thee  
I run with trustful fondness,  
Like child to mother’s knee:  
See, at thy feet a sinner,  
Groaning and weeping sore—  
Ah, throw thy mantle o’er me,  
And let me stray no more.

Thy Son has died to save me,  
And from His throne on high  
His Heart this moment yearneth  
For even such as I:  
All, all his love remember,  
And oh, remember, too,  
How prompt I am to purpose,  
How slow and frail to do:  
Yet, scorn not my petitions,  
But patiently give ear;  
And help me, O my Mother,  
Most loving and most dear.

— Matthew Russell

## Lumen Christi

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

**Recovery of what is lost through sin,  
heresy, and vice**  
(Patrick Curry)

## Collection Report

Sunday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> .....	\$4,053.00
Second Collection.....	\$1,151.00
Alter Christus.....	\$128.00

From Friday's viewpoint, it looks to be another dark, cold weekend for Mother's Day. Ah well, we will remember the two blessed days of May we were given, and be thankful. For the rest, think inside. A beautiful bright *shining* May Altar in your home, and a whole chapel in your heart, well lit with virtue and bursting with interior beauty, as St. Catherine of Siena urges. And what a way to look at family life as well. Think of father or husband as Jesus or Joseph, and mother or wife as Mary, siblings as apostles, as you serve them. What a holy, happy shining home life that could be. St. Thérèse, too, lived that way. And the weather in Normandy *was* mostly humid and wet, all year 'round.

Still, on the off chance of an outside May Crowning, men have been working on the cloister for caps and maybe even repairing the breach in the wall. Very scriptural and cheering to see. The roofers are doing the grotto pond this time around. We are grateful. And how green is the grass, how peaceful and bright the cloister garden. Be sure to visit. The irises are in bloom. Honeysuckle and miniature lilacs round out the ground.

The sanctuary was so beautiful for St. Joseph's Solemnity on Wednesday, and is again for today's second St. Joseph feast and our Blessed Mother's Crowning. Thank you. But do remember, such splendor honors God and His saints, even as it invites us to linger, or come back a bit. How delightful is Thy dwelling place! If the feasts of earth are so fine (we are meant to ponder), what must be those of Heaven?

Last Summer the Sisters of Our Lady of Reparation decided to switch to a blue habit, to show their devotion to Our Lady, even as they continue their Benedictine way of life. They have chosen today thus to honor our Blessed Mother with a new habit. The silver pendants they designed themselves, are meant to remind them of a life of reparation, especially to the Blessed Sacrament through Our Lady. We are grateful to the Sisters for their prayers, as well as their work with the catechism children. Today they are supervising the First Communion children, whose first job, and great honor each May, is to crown Our Lady.

**Fr. McGuire** and I were at our wits end last week trying to figure out how to feed the Fathers. For some reason we were out of culinary inspiration, and poor Fr. McGuire wandered the frozen food aisles of *both* Kroger and Meijer looking for ideas. In the

absence of chief cookout cook **Fr. McKenna**, the rest of us shy away from real cooking, and by the time we get to thinking about supper...nothing comes.

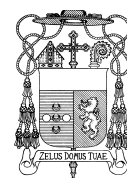
But Thursday night worked out okay, a "stone soup" kind of story. Fr. McGuire has mastered Fr. McKenna's coleslaw recipe, and did baked potatoes which, if you disregard the smoke (we're used to smoke at St. Gertrude!) turned out fine. I found one package of sweet and sour shrimp from Lent in the freezer, and somebody had brought some cold chicken the other day. Oh, and we still had the German chocolate cake from St. Joseph's Day. And berries. So, it turned out to be a pretty good meal, after all. Family life. We are grateful.

Don't forget **Fr. Joseph Collins'** Requiem Mass on Wednesday. A group of us priests will be coming together, to remember and pray for a brother priest. Each priest does so much good in his allotted lifetime, good which is soon forgotten, as is he. But God wills it should be so, for He rewards, He judges, He punishes and purifies. But let us show our gratitude.

Although today's procession will draw many of you to crown Our Lady, tomorrow's beckons as well, as we heed the Fatima call to pray the Rosary, crowning her with a different kind of rose. Fatima. A Moslem name! Think of it. There is a world of meaning in that name for us today. Protection surely, peace as well, and prodigies of grace for those who persevere with the daily rosary, or go out of their way to honor it publicly.

God bless our mothers. God bless you, loyal and loving children!

– **Bishop Dolan**



## ST. JOSEPH

Saint Joseph loved Jesus and Mary and lived for them. They were the center of his life and activity: he found the stable where Mary gave birth, and sheltered the Holy Family during its sojourn in Egypt; he provided for Mary and Jesus during his work as a carpenter; the legal father of Jesus, he trained Him in the trade of carpentry and educated Him in the Law. Therefore, as Pope Pius XII declared in 1955, "Saint Joseph is also always the guardian of you and your families." May we always pray: "All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after your example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen."



## ✠ CALENDAR

**MON 5/13/19 ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE, BPCD**  
*OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT*  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Anastasia Prell (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Special Intention (*Mary Beth Grumblatt*)  
**3:08 PM May Devotions**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** In honor of Blessed Mother (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
**7:15 PM First Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace**

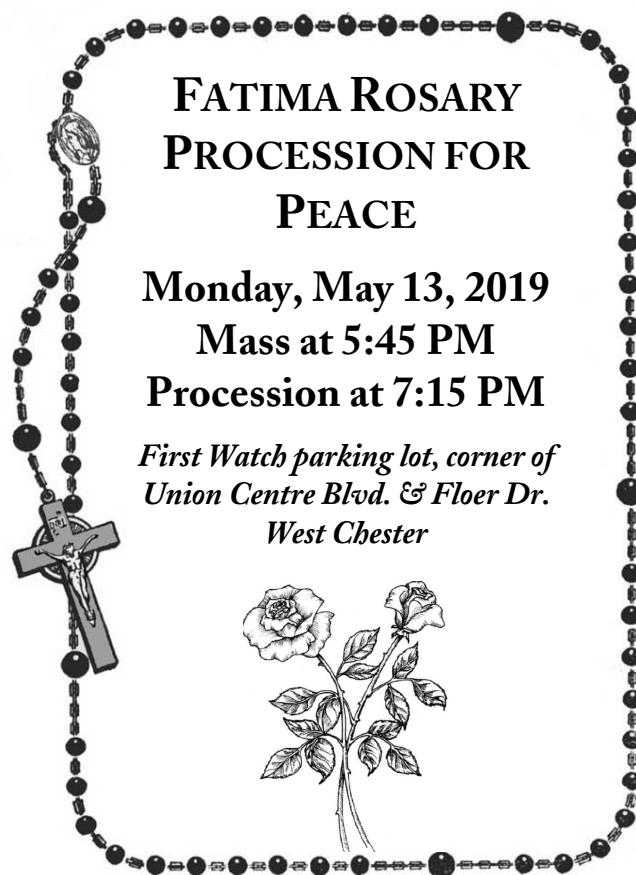
**TUE 5/14/19 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**  
**ST. BONIFACE, M**  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** †Charles E. Simpson 28<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 5/14 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** David Brueggemann (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** Mom & Dad's Anniversary (*Arlinghaus kids*)  
**3:08 PM May Devotions**  
**5:00 PM Low Mass** †John Kolenich Rest in Peace (*Mr. & Mrs. James E. Kolenich & Family*)

**WED 5/15/19 OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOSEPH**  
**ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C**  
*ST. DYMPHNA, VM*  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** In honor of St. Joseph (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** †Fr. Joseph Collins (*Christopher Browne*)  
**9:30 AM Office of the Dead**  
**11:25 AM Pontifical Requiem Mass** †Fr. Joseph Collins (*The Priests*)  
**3:08 PM May Devotions**

**THU 5/16/19 ST. UBALDUS, BPC**  
*ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, M*  
*ST. BRENDAN, C*  
**7:00 AM Low Mass** †Matthew Kimpel (*Keith & Linda Kimpel & family*)  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** Final Perseverance (*Steve & Joanne Heckencamp*)  
**11:25 AM High Mass** †Hani Kallan (*Bob & Bridget Mueller*)  
**3:08 PM May Devotions**

**FRI 5/17/19 ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C**  
**8:00 AM Low Mass** For our clergy (*Mark Cash*)  
**11:05 AM Confessions**  
**11:25 AM High Mass** The people of St. Hugh of Lincoln  
**3:08 PM May Devotions**  
**5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary**  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** In honor of the Finding of the Holy Cross for the Poor Souls (*A.M. Omlor*)  
**6:30 PM Novena & Benediction**

**SAT 5/18/19 ST. VENANTIUS, M**  
*OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION*  
**7:10 AM Confessions**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Thomas & †Eleanore Mueller (*Bob & Bridget Mueller*)  
**8:10 AM Regina Coeli & May Devotions**  
**8:30 AM High Mass** In honor of Blessed Mother (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)



"Christianity is always out of fashion, because it is always sane, and all fashions are mild insanities. The Church always seems to be behind the times, when it is really beyond the times." – Gilbert K. Chesterton



### Servers

**WED 5/15 11:25 AM PONT. HIGH: MCS:** R. VandeRyt, J. Simpson, P. Omlor **CROSS:** M. Simpson **TH:** J. Lacy **ACS:** D. McConnell, P. McClorey **MITRE:** S. Richesson **BOOK:** A. McConnell **BUGIA:** D. Simpson **TORCH:** A. McClorey, B. Kamphaus **HOLY WATER:** M. Simpson

**SUN 5/19 7:30 AM Low:** Brueggemann Bros.  
**9:00 AM HIGH: MC:** J. Lacy **TH:** T. Lawrence **ACS:** 1, D. Simpson 2, C. Arlinghaus **TORCH:** J. & N. Kolenich, J. Stewart, T. England  
**11:30 AM Low:** P. & Na. McClorey  
**5:45 PM Low:** G. Miller

**SUN 5/19/19 EASTER IV**  
**ST. PETER CELESTINE, PC**  
**ST. PRUDENTIANA, VM**  
**7:05 AM Rosary**  
**7:30 AM Low Mass** †Sister Gerard (*Patsy McConnell*)  
**9:00 AM High Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great  
**10:40 AM Catechism Classes**  
**11:05 AM Rosary**  
**11:30 AM Low Mass** Fr. Denis McMahon (*Eva Nellenbach*)  
**5:45 PM Low Mass** Jeffrey McGuire (*Fr. Lehtoranta*)