



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

July 7, 2019

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD PENTECOST IV

¶ PRECIOUS BLOOD SUNDAY

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood. The second collection is taken up for our seminary. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. The Little Church is in the vestibule to receive your alms for Masses to be said for priests. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

✠ We beseech Thee, O Lord, help Thy servants whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood. ✠

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue the Summer Novena, consisting of the traditional Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony, with a novena prayer to Our Lady of Perpetual Help, this **Tuesday**, following the 8:00 & 11:25 AM and 5:00 PM Masses. **Don't forget** to turn in your petitions to St. Anthony, to be placed at his feet during the novena.



✠ Praised and blessed be the Sacred Heart and the Precious Blood of Jesus in the most holy Sacrament of the Altar. ✠

¶ FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION – PARISH SQUARE DANCE!

Our traditional **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace** in West Chester is this Saturday, July 13, at 6:30 PM. Afterwards, everyone is invited to join our young adults for a **square dance** and light refreshments in Helfta Hall.

Lumen Christi

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

The remission of sins
(Patrick Curry)



YOUNG ADULT GET- TOGETHER 2019 THIS WEEKEND!

Sign in Friday at 5 PM

Mass at 5:45 PM

Dinner at 7, Bonfire at 8:30

Mass at 8:30 AM on Saturday

Brunch, Talk, Games

Dinner at 5, Fatima Rosary

Procession at 6:30 in West Chester

Square Dance at 7:45 PM

Mass at 9:00 AM Sunday

Bowling at 1 PM

YAG ends at 3 PM.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS – JULY

Girls' Camp: July 17-19

Boys' Camp: July 22-24

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST V

Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

✠ **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost V, with a commemoration of St. Bonaventure. Trinity Preface.

✠ *Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus in satisfaction for my sins and for the wants of Holy Church. 100 days* ✠

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Henry Sieverding, Carissa Sandberg, Dave Ewitz, all of our sick and shut-in, and the repose of the soul of †Lina Kalian.

✠ *Eternal Father, sign us with the Blood of the Immaculate Lamb, as Thou didst sign the dwellings of Thy people.* ✠

50th Anniversary ✠

Congratulations to Joe and Kathy Bayer on their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

✠ *Divine Heart of Jesus, convert sinners, save the dying, free the Holy Souls in Purgatory. 300 days* ✠

¶ GIRLS' CAMP

Girls' Camp is July 17-19. Please make sure you call or email the office if your girls will be attending.

✠ *We beseech Thee, therefore, help souls who are in the fire of Purgatory, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy Precious Blood. 300 days* ✠

Collection Report

Sunday, June 30th.....\$3,862.00

Thank you for your generosity.

JULY DEVOTION: THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD



Holy Mother Church dedicates the month of July to the Precious Blood of Jesus, which was “shed for the many, for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:28). Like the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the subject of Catholic devotion in June, the Precious Blood has long been venerated for its role in our redemption.

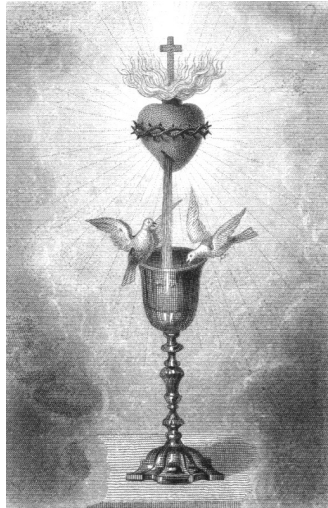
Many non-Catholics find Catholic devotion to the “body parts” of Jesus Christ to be a little odd. In addition to the Sacred Heart and the Precious Blood, there are devotions to the Five Wounds (in Christ’s hands, feet, and side), to the shoulder wound, where Christ carried the Cross and to the wounds caused by the crown of thorns, to name just a few.

Faced with Protestant discomfort with these devotions, many Catholics have abandoned or downplayed them. But we should not do that. These devotions provide a living witness to our belief in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Our Saviour is not an abstraction, He is God-Made-Man. And as the Athanasian Creed tells us, in becoming man, Christ assumed humanity into the God-head.

It’s an awesome thought—our physical nature is united to God through the Person of Jesus Christ. When we venerate Christ’s Precious Blood or His Sacred Heart, the Five Wounds or the Holy Face, we aren’t making an idol out of Creation, we are worshipping the One True God Who so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son to save us from everlasting death!

Christ’s Precious Blood, like His Sacred Heart, is a symbol of His love for all mankind. In this prayer, we recall the shedding of His Blood and ask that He may guide our lives so that we may be worthy of Heaven.

Lord Jesus Christ, Who came down from heaven to earth from the bosom of the Father and shed Thy Precious Blood for the remission of our sins, we humbly beseech Thee, that in the day of judgment we may deserve to hear, standing at Thy right hand: “Come, ye blessed.” Who liveth and reigneth forever and ever. Amen.



PRAYER TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

O Sacred Blood, that flowed so copiously seven times for my salvation, I love Thee, I praise Thee, I adore Thee with the deepest feeling of gratitude! The purest fountain from which Thou didst flow makes Thy memory so sweet. O Precious Blood, with trumpet tones Thou speakest to me of the love of my God and Redeemer. How I deplore my coldness and indifference towards Thee! Now, at last, I wish to return love for love, blood for blood, if necessary. As often as my pulse beats, it shall greet Thee, Thou sweet Guest of my soul, and shall return to the arteries warmed and purified by Thy love. As long as the blood courses through my veins, it shall flow only for love of Thee; it shall circulate only for Thy interests and it shall return cold and stand still only because I am about to love Thee in eternity. Oh, let this stream of Thy love flow through every heart and inebriate it with holy joy!

THE SAVING BLOOD

Thy ways are just, O God! Thy Seers declare,
Nor spurns Thy Heart the contrite sinner’s vow;
But lifelong guilt so stains my conscience now
That Justice must be wronged if Mercy spare.
To lift mine eyes to Thee I do not dare;
Before Thy Seraph-girdled throne I bow,
And cower at the lightnings of Thy brow,
While demons whisper in my soul,
“Despair!”

Sate, then, Thy wrath! My crimes have willed it so.
Heed not my burning tears, mine agony.
Let Justice smite, nor Mercy stop the blow.

In death I’ll still adore Thy stern decree.
But will Thy bolts a trembling wretch o’erthrow
Whom Christ’s blood signs with hallowed blazonry?

— John C. Reville, S.J.



A SERMONETTE

As you live you will die;
Though you flatter your soul you will change at the last,
As you live you will die;
Then awake ere grace-freighted moments speed by,
On the mercy of God let your sin-load be cast,
Nor forget ’tis Himself who the sentence has passed,
As you live you will die.

— Lionel Byrra



Today's Solemnity of the Precious Blood both consecrates the month to this Mystery of our redemption, and brings to a close the many feasts and devotions to the Love of God Incarnate which we have celebrated since Lent: the Passion, the Holy Wounds, the Holy Cross, Corpus Christi and the Sacred Heart. It is also a fitting tie-in with our own Independence Day, as these natural things, too, are always a matter of blood. But piety always rouses our interest and calls us to prayer.

We had a very modest Independence Day. No crowds at Mass like the old days, but of course it is the height of the travel season. **Fr. Lehtoranta** toured the South this past week, and enjoyed visiting many historical Civil War sites and monuments. He knows far more about our history than do we! He didn't seem to mind the heat, although as a Finn he is not used to it. Today Father kindly is offering the Sunday Masses at St. Hugh (they've gone to two now: 8:45 and 11:15 AM) before he continues his auto touring vacation. This week he will be visiting northern historical sites, and we hope he has cooler weather.

The Fourth of July dawned dark and humid, as so many of our days for so long now. But I prayed to the Infant of Prague, and out came the sun. I'll print the prayer. It is a charming one. It was still hot, of course, but it *is* July. We should remember that God loves to hear from His children, even for the little things as well as for the great needs of the day. Come to the Summer Novena, the Friday Novena, with the same confident expectations!

A total of 73 "young adults" are coming for the Y.A.G. this Friday. Be sure to welcome them, and say a little prayer for their success. This is a truly important apostolate, and we are so grateful to Colleen Eldracher and her volunteers for its revival. It *is* important for our youth to see they are not alone in their uncompromised Catholic Faith, and to be encouraged in its generous practice.

Safe travels to you, and a restful July if you can manage it. We'll be rather busy here with Summer Apostolates, the ever gruesome Summer travel which the young Fathers face all the time, and as well the sweet round of daily services, especially the Holy Sacrifice. Surprise yourself and the children, bring a smile to Jesus and Mary, by making "the extra" Mass this week.

God bless you!

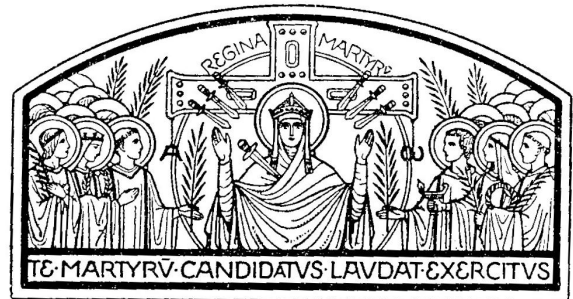
– Bishop Dolan



PRAYER FOR FAIR WEATHER

O most beautiful Infant Jesus, we pray to Thee in the form of a little child, believing Thee almighty. For a long time we have had rough, wet weather, and the sun refuses to gladden us with its warm rays. It is so trying, so sad, and so injurious.

By the beauty of Thy lovely Countenance, and by Thy goodness and omnipotence, we beseech Thee, let the sun shine on us once more, as shines on us Thy gracious Countenance, in order that joy and happiness may return to us. Amen.



MEMORARE TO THE MADONNA OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD


Remember, O Madonna of the Precious Blood, the shedding of the Blood of your Divine Son and the bitter tears you mingled with His Redeeming Blood.

In the name of the Blood of the Victim of Expiation; in the name of the seven swords which pierced your heart, by which you became the Co-Redemptrix of the human race; have pity on us and upon all our miseries; have pity on sinners and on all innocent souls they seek to pervert; have pity on the poor, the sick and the afflicted; have pity on those who are now in their last agony, especially those who, except for thine intercession, would leave this world without being washed in the Blood of the Lamb.

It is by the Blood of your dying Son, and by the continuation of His Sacrifice on Catholic Altars, that we beg you not to reject our supplications. Amen.

The Seven Blood Sheddings of Our Divine Redeemer

1. The Circumcision of Jesus
2. The Agony in the Garden
3. The Scourging at the Pillar
4. The Crowning with Thorns
5. The Carrying of the Cross
6. The Crucifixion on Calvary
7. The Piercing of the Sacred Side

JOIN US FOR THE ROSARY PROCESSION & SQUARE DANCE!
Saturday, July 13. Rosary at 6:30 PM, square dance at 7:45. Light refreshments will be available, but please plan to have supper beforehand. Bring the children! —  —



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• **2019 YOUNG ADULT GET-TOGETHER** •
THIS WEEKEND

FRIDAY, JULY 12

5:00 PM

YAG begins!
Arrival & Sign-In

5:15 PM

Confessions & Rosary

5:45 PM

Low Mass

7:00 PM

Dinner in Helfta Hall

8:30 PM

Bonfire & S'mores



SATURDAY, JULY 13

8:30 AM

High Mass
Brunch in Helfta Hall

11:20 AM

Talk by Bishop Dolan

Noon

Yard Games, Card Games,
Volleyball, Frisbee, General
Socializing

5:00 PM

Dinner

6:30 PM

Fatima Rosary Procession

7:45 PM

Square Dance – Parish
welcome!

SUNDAY, JULY 14

9:00 AM

High Mass

10:30 AM

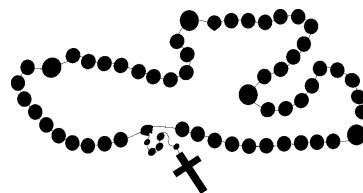
Coffee & donuts, light
refreshments in Helfta Hall,
card games, general socializing

1:00 PM

Bowling & lunch
Game of Fairfield
5181 Dixie Hwy
Fairfield, OH 45014

3:00 PM

YAG comes to a close



✠ THANKS TO OUR MUSICIANS ✠

Our 2018–2019 choir season ended on Corpus Christi Sunday. We are grateful to our Gregorian men's schola, which sings the chants of the Propers each Sunday, and to our Friday night "Legacy" choir, both under the direction of Mr. Charles Simpson. The latter also sings for other evening Masses and services, and for the Saturday morning High Mass.

We are likewise grateful to our children's weekday chant choir, and to our Sunday adult choir, both under the direction of Mrs. Joan Lotarski.

The children's chant choir, it should be noted, has become extraordinarily proficient in singing many of the Gregorian Graduals and Alleluias. Speaking as a trained church musician, I find this amazing and wonderful. These chants are particularly complex and difficult, and the children do a beautiful job with them. To this they add an array of lovely harmonized motets, and an amazing variety of outstanding hymns.

The children's choir is a testimony to the great things that can be done to get children really involved in the traditional liturgy, and thus give them an appreciation for it that will stay with them for the rest of their lives. All it takes is imagination and organization, and our musicians have plenty of both!

Our Sunday adult choir continues to be a group of quick learners. The new altos and baritones who joined us the previous season were all brought up to speed on most pieces from our existing repertory. We also added a number of new motets:

- *Exultate Justi*, Viadana.
- *Ave Maria*, Handl.
- *Cum Rex Magnus*, Vander Wielen.
- *Dominus Dabit*, Balbi.
- *O Bone Jesu*, DuMont.
- *Terra Tremuit*, Gruber.
- *Ubi Caritas*, Gjello.
- *Candlelight Carol*, Rutter.
- *Lute-Book Lullaby*, Ballet.

Our organist, Andrew Richesson, composed several motets "to order" for the choir which we also learned this season.

- *Adorna Sion*, processional for Candlemas.
- *Ocurrunt Turbae*, processional for Palm Sunday.
- *Vidi Aquam*, for the Easter Season.
- *Zelus Domus Tuae*, motet for Bp. Dolan's 25th consecration anniversary, based on his episcopal motto.

It was nearly impossible to find practical and beautiful settings of the first three texts above, and Andrew was able to provide them, and the motet he composed for the consecration anniversary was, well, overwhelming! He

and Nick McClorey (bass/baritone), by the way, are hard at work this summer on a database program that will allow us to track and organize the music in our now-considerable repertory.

The choir and Gregorian schola, by the way, were particularly spectacular for the consecration anniversary—what an occasion!

May God bless our musicians for adding so much each week to His glory!

– Fr. Cekada



*Christ, who is your life,
is hanging before you,
so that you may look
at the Cross as in a mirror.*

*There you will be able to know
how mortal were your wounds,
that no medicine other
than the Blood
of the Son of God could heal.*

*If you look closely,
you will be able to realize,
how great your human dignity
and your value are...*

*Nowhere other,
than looking at himself,
in the mirror of the Cross,
can man better understand,
how much he is worth.*

– St. Anthony of Padua



MON	7/8/19	ST. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF PORTUGAL, W 8:00 AM Low Mass †Jacob Vogel (<i>Mike Sieverding</i>)
TUE	7/9/19	FERIAL DAY <i>OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE</i> <i>SS. JOHN FISHER, BP & THOMAS MORE, MM</i> <i>ST. MARIA GORETTI, VM</i> <i>ST. VERONICA GUILLANI, V</i> <i>MARTRS OF GORKUM</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>PAO</i>) Summer Novena IV 11:25 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>P.T. & A.M. Omlor</i>) Summer Novena IV 5:00 PM Low Mass †Leonard Stanislawski RIP (<i>Mr. & Mrs. James E. Kolenich & Family</i>) Summer Novena IV
WED	7/10/19	SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS, MM <i>SS. RUFINA & SECUNDA, VVMM</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Daniel Beaven</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Paul & Mary Beth Brueggemann (<i>Dan, Mary & family</i>)
THU	7/11/19	ST. PIUS I, PM 7:00 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving to St. Thomas Aquinas (<i>Caroline Briggs</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Adeline Garrison (<i>Ann Garrison</i>)
FRI	7/12/19	ST. JOHN GUALBERT, AB <i>SS. NABOR & FELIX, MM</i> <i>ST. VERONICA, W</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Patricia Ann Connelly (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Josef & John Eldracher (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	7/13/19	ST. ANACLETUS, PM 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Mr. William Harris (<i>The Wilkers</i>) 8:15 AM Salve & Sermon 8:30 AM Votive High Mass of St. Thomas More †Mr. Phillip Schmelzer & †Mrs. Angela Segrist (<i>Simpson family</i>) 6:30 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace in West Chester 7:45 PM Square Dance in Helfta Hall
SUN	7/14/19	PENTECOST V <i>ST. BONAVENTURE, BP&CD</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Angeline Andreotta, R.I.P. (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Salvatore Zuccaro (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Samuel J. Kustra (Happy Birthday) (<i>Steven J. Kustra</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

ST. ANTHONY: THE PATRON OF PADUA THE GLORY OF LISBON

(continued)

Eager to prepare for death, he caused a cell to be built for him on the mountaintop, far from the noise and tumult of the town; and this place was called "the Field of Peter." "Since Peter, the bearer of the Keys of Heaven," exclaims a biographer, "was so soon to open its gates to him, it was fitting that he who was going to the Father should rest in the Field of Peter." *

A deadly and excruciatingly painful malady there seized upon him, and at his own request he was removed from Padua, though not to the principal monastery of his Order. For greater quiet, it was considered advisable to lodge him with some Friars who acted as directors to a neighboring community of Poor Clares. His physical condition grew rapidly worse, and it soon became apparent that he was about to pass from the exile of earth to the glory of Paradise.

Ended were the appalling austerities, the continual and superhuman labors for God and humanity. Never again should be heard that preaching which had something almost of the divine in its power over the multitude, in the tenderness of its unction, the fire of its charity, and the majestic authority wherewith the eternal truths were enunciated. Lost to his fellow-citizens of Padua, and to Italy, the unerring wisdom, the deep insight, the sympathetic clearness of vision and the wonder-working power of his sanctity. Gained, instead, was a patron who from the heights of heavenly bliss should for evermore look down upon humanity whom he had so loved, and upon that cherished city. Gained likewise for Padua was a celebrity which no mere earthly greatness could have lent her. She is to all time the home of a saint; her streets were trodden by his feet; her churches re-echoed to that voice that has never since been silenced; her very walls were the witness of a holiness rare even in the ranks of the blessed, and giving to her special saint a certain pre-eminence amongst the throng that "no man can number."

* "Life of St. Anthony of Padua." By Jean Rigauld, Friar Minor, and Bishop of Tréguier. Put into English by an English Franciscan.

Servers

SUN 7/14	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, M. Simpson TH: T. Lawrence ACs: P. & Na. McClorey TORCH: T. England, J. Stewart, B. Kamphaus, A. McClorey 11:30 AM LOW: A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller
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