



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

September 8, 2019
NATIVITY OF OUR LADY
PENTECOST XIII • ST. ADRIAN, M

MARIA

¶ THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

Sunday Classes resume today at 10:50 AM, following the Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings. A blessed pansy plant and a blue cupcake await each child in honor of Our Lady's birthday. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We **close** our Thirteen **Tuesdays** of St. Anthony with a novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help this week after all the Masses. Come to participate in these powerful devotions! Masses are at 7:00, 8:00 and 11:25 AM, and 5:00 PM.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Thursday is the feast of the **Most Holy Name of Mary**. Masses are at 7:00, 8:00 and 11:25 AM. **Saturday** we have the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, with the blessing and veneration of the relic of the True Cross between the 7:30 and 8:20 AM Masses.

¶ ROSARY PROCESSION

Our September Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace is this Friday, the 13th, in West Chester. Join us for Mass beforehand at 5:45 and for the Rosary at 7:15 PM in the First Watch parking lot.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Jeffrey Lehman and †Bernard Radford, who died last week, and for Joan Fey, who had a bad fall.

Collection Report

Sunday, September 1st.....\$4,085.00
Second Collection.....\$1,014.00



¶ CALLING ALL CHORISTERS!

Thanks to all who sang out all summer for the Sunday High Masses. Our choir Masses resume next Sunday, with first choir practice **this Wednesday at 6:30 PM**. New members are welcome and encouraged! Remember, *he who sings, prays twice*. See you Wednesday!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY

Next Sunday is the feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. The Blessing of the Sick will be available at the Communion Rail. (The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be moved to the following Sunday.) Sunday Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. There will be no Vespers due to the **Parish Picnic** at Sharon Woods Park. Everyone is invited! Join us anytime between 1-5 PM at the Cardinal Crest Shelter. We're providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring a dish to share or a favorite game if you would like.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIV. Third collect of St. Nicomedes. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

THE BOOKSTORE has new mini statues! Many hard to find saints 4" tall painted nicely at a low price of \$10. Sts. Mary Magdalen, Philomena, Elizabeth, Catherine of Siena, Cecilia, Joan of Arc, Andrew, Benedict, Gerard, Francis Xavier, Patrick, Thomas Aquinas, Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Gregory, Stephen, Peregrine, Nicholas and Padre Pio. These statues have received a lot of interest; find yours today.

Nice leather-bound books are on display now. Think of gifts for the avid reader in your family. New items are added weekly. Come in and shop for the upcoming holidays.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Keith & Jennifer Elflein on the baptism of their daughter, Margarete Luise, on September 8, 2019.



¶ UPCOMING: ROSARY SUNDAY

Sunday, October 6, is Rosary Sunday. Mark your calendars and plan to be there!

¶ MARIAN INTENTIONS

Forms are in the pews for three more Marian Masses. Fill one out and return it to the office or bookstore.

Wedding Banns

First time:

Mark Fischer Jr. & Anne Young

THE BIRTH OF MARY

The eternal Word, Eternal Wisdom, having decided in the grand council of the Blessed Trinity to become man in order to restore fallen humanity, it is possible He made it known to Adam, and Scripture tells us He promised the patriarchs of the old Law that He would become man in order to redeem the world.

This explains why, during the four thousand years since the creation of the world, all the holy people of the old law pleaded earnestly in their prayers for the coming of the Messiah. They groaned, they wept and cried out, "Clouds, rain forth the just one. Earth, draw forth the Savior!" "O Wisdom, who proceeded from the mouth of the Most High, come bring us deliverance."

But their cries, their prayers, and their sacrifices had not the power to draw the Son of God, Wisdom Eternal, from the bosom of His Father. They reached out toward heaven but their arms were not long enough to reach the throne of the Most High. They offered the sacrifice of their hearts unceasingly to God but they were not worthy enough to obtain the greatest of all graces.

At last, when the time appointed for the redemption of mankind had come, Eternal Wisdom built Himself a house worthy to be His dwelling-place. He created the most holy Virgin, forming her in the womb of Saint Anne with even greater delight than He had derived from creating the universe. It is impossible on the one hand to put into words the gifts with which the Blessed Trinity endowed this most fair creature, or on the other hand to describe the faithful care with which she corresponded to the graces of her Creator.

— St. Louis de Montfort

St. Louis de Montfort († 1716) was a great French missionary preacher especially renowned for fostering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PRAYER TO THE CHILD MARY

O sweet Child Mary who, being destined to be the Mother of God, has also become our beloved Queen and Mother, for the numberless graces you have obtained for us, listen to my humble prayer. All my hope is upon you, in all the needs which surround me.

O holy Child, by the merits and privileges which have only been given to you, be merciful to me. Show that the source of the spiritual treasure you give out is inexhaustible. For the profusion of graces Almighty God has given you, O heavenly Child, grant my prayer and I will praise your goodness forever. Amen.



Ryan Saavedra
@RealSaavedra

Average # of deaths per day in US:

Abortion: 2,408
Heart disease: 1,773
Cancer: 1,641
Medical error: 685
Accidents: 401
Stroke: 401
Alzheimer's: 332
Diabetes: 228
Flu: 150
Suicide: 128
Opioids: 115
Drunk driving: 28
Underage drinking: 11
Teen texting-and-driving: 8
All Rifles: 1

"As for us, we hold, to what we believed ten and twenty years ago, to what our forefathers believed one hundred years ago and one thousand years ago, and to that which the whole Catholic world has always believed."

— Blessed Solomon le Clercq

REGINA COELI

Our single entrant in the race
Of getting hailed as full of grace
Outscored the angels, took the prize,
And won all honors in the skies.

From Revelation one infers
She had no close competitors—
So Gabriel declared when he
Announced the news upon his knee.

No grudged encomium did he give,
And spared no wild superlative
Acclaiming her whose blood and breath
Was native to our Nazareth.

Beyond the level and the line
Where stars explode and suns decline,
Where moons and meteors cease to whirl,
Our little globe enthroned a girl.

Were there no Mary, this would be
A jungle poem probably,
Writ by a Zulu babbling rhymes
To snakes in sultry summertimes.

— Leonard Feeney, S.J.
Flippant but enthusiastic. Father Feeney's ability to deal naturally with the supernatural may shock you; or it may delight you. You will like this either very much or not at all.

TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER ON HER BIRTHDAY

Happy birthday, dearest Mother!
Sing our youthful hearts today,
And the birds and flowers seem joining
In a merry roundelay.
How the angels must be singing
Round thy white, resplendent throne,
While the saints in holy rapture
Claim thee as their very own!

But, dear Mother, deign to listen
As thy children here on earth
Offer unto thee their greetings,
Though they be of little worth,
Save that love is pulsing through them
From thy little ones sincere,
Who are hoping they may meet thee
On some birthday, Mother dear!

— S. Marr

Blessed birthday of the Blessed Virgin! It is a blessing to have her birthday fall on a Sunday so that all may honor the happy dawn of our salvation. Draw near to her cradle in a childlike spirit. It is pleasing to her that we honor thus her infancy and quick passing childhood. Ask her to make you a child for the sake of the Kingdom. Pray for all of our children, who need to be studying their faith for *at least* a few minutes a week, on the Lord's Day. Enroll your children in catechism classes, if you have not yet done so. Classes start today for both adults and children. Parents, *please* don't starve your children of the food they need to reach Heaven.

Things are quietly humming around here this early Autumn, now that school has resumed. I am happy to have again the rhythm of the school day and year, with its high point the daily 11:25 High Mass, which gives such glory to God, and spiritual formation to our little ones. There are as well *virtual* Mass-goers from around the world with us daily on the web. The pleasant weather as we resumed things last week was a grand grace from the good God and His saints. The seminarians and some of you helped bring the grounds up to snuff this Summer, and the rains will do the rest. Thank you.

A beautiful week unfolds today. We continue the Novena to the Child Mary, for her Nativity. We close our Summer Novena on Tuesday, as Fall is here. Thursday is the Holy Name of Mary, Friday her September Fatima appearance. Won't *you* appear at her Rosary Procession? There's Mass and Benediction before, if you'd like to make an evening of it? Saturday's great feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross might be overlooked this year, but it should not be. The cross is *our* battle sign, and "Christ Crucified" our cry which leads us to victory, and defends us daily from the foe.

Next Sunday we keep as always the feast of Mary's Martyrdom, her Seven Sorrows. The Blessing of the Sick follows the Masses. That afternoon is our annual parish picnic, a priceless time for having a good time with your fellow Catholics, perhaps getting to know some from one of the other Masses. We provide the burgers, dogs, and drinks; the rest is potluck. Bring something to share, but most of all bring yourself. I'll be there, as will **Fr. Cekada** and **Fr. Lehtoranta**.

On my recent trip, I remarked to Fr. Cekada how typically "Fake News" is the propaganda that America is a racist land. Just in one day of travel in

our great land you can experience the opposite of any racial hatred.

In the Cincinnati airport we stopped to visit a black gentleman, "Bishop Bob" (professional courtesy?), the shoeshine man, for a little chat, and a fine shoeshine. Fr. Cekada says that he is a bishop in his church, but in any case he couldn't be friendlier. He has a Somali in his employ who likes to recall how as a lad in Africa he snuck unto a Catholic school, Protestant that he was, but that the priest found him out. No hard feelings.

It was a Somalian who offered us a ride to a far distant gate for our connection in Minneapolis. We must have looked a little befuddled, and he came to our rescue. It never occurred to me to ride on one of those carts I have spent a lifetime dodging in crowded airports. It was fun. We had a nice chat as well.

We ended up almost missing our connection due to a mix up, but the Hispanic young lady at the gate was most solicitous and sincerely expressed her relief that we made it. America today has many problems, but racism is not one of them. The Liberals have tried to play the Race Card for a long time. But come to think of it, *they are* the problem, aren't they?

But thanks for being part of the solution. Prayers, your presence at Mass and at class, your kindly Christian example, these things make a difference.

May Mary bless you on her birthday.

– Bishop Dolan



Holy Child Mary of the royal house of David, Queen of the Angels, Mother of grace and love, I greet you with all my heart.

Obtain for me that I may love the Lord faithfully during all the days of my life. Obtain for me, too, a great devotion towards you, who are the first creature of God's love.

O heavenly Child Mary who like a pure dove was born immaculate and beautiful, my soul rejoices, true prodigy of the wisdom of God. Oh! Do help me to preserve the angelic virtue of purity at the cost of any sacrifice.

Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace



Friday, September 13

5:45 PM: Low Mass

7:15 PM in West Chester



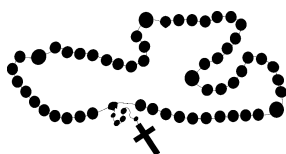
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**1-5 PM in Sharon Woods Park,
Cardinal Crest Shelter.**

We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring a dish to share or a favorite game if you would like, but most of all, bring yourself!



ROSARY SUNDAY



OCTOBER 6

ROSES WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE
TO BE BLESSED AFTER MASS

ROSARY CONFRATERNITY BREAKFAST
TO FOLLOW PROCESSION

OUR GUEST SPEAKER: NEWLY ORDAINED FR. CALEB SONS, A CAJUN SON OF LOUISIANA, WILL SPEAK ON HIS LONG AND MOST INTERESTING PATH TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

**TICKETS FOR THE BREAKFAST ON SALE SOON!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR.**

FATHER SUITBERT MOLLINGER

Father Suitbert Mollinger (1828-1892), a Pittsburgh priest, established the Saint Anthony Chapel, site of the largest number of Catholic relics anywhere outside the Vatican.

Born in Belgium to a family of Dutch nobility, Mollinger was the youngest of eight. His mother, a devout Catholic, saw to it that her children were similarly instructed.

He completed undergraduate studies in Amsterdam, studied medicine in Italy, and attended seminary in Ghent. There, he met an American bishop who was seeking missionary volunteers to the Americas.

Mollinger set sail for New York, arriving in 1854. From there he went first to Latrobe, Pennsylvania, then to Ohio. Ordained a priest in 1857, he served for several years as a missionary throughout southwestern Pennsylvania.

He came to Pittsburgh in 1865, founded several mission parishes, and on July 4, 1868, was installed as pastor of Most Holy Name of Jesus parish in what is today the working-class Troy Hill neighborhood.

Of noble bearing and striking appearance, he was said to possess a "large and powerful frame, and the voice of Boanerges." In 1877, he presided over the construction of a grand rectory. The walls of the dining room are still hung with trophies from his hunting expeditions.

Though Father Mollinger was rumored to have been fabulously wealthy, many said he spent almost all his fortune over the ensuing decades quietly amassing an extraordinary collection of relics. The collection would eventually be housed in the chapel he also paid for from his own funds. When he took a trip to Europe in 1880, he would only make a large donation to any monastery whose effects had caught his eye, and then ask the abbot, "Have you, perhaps, a relic or two to spare for my

chapel in America?"

Meanwhile, members of the faithful began streaming to Troy Hill for Father Mollinger's miraculous cures. The feast day of Saint Anthony of Padua falls on June 13, and the flow of supplicants increased during the summer. Some whispered that his miraculous cures were faked. No matter: by 1890, his healing Masses, attended by as many as ten to fifteen thousand pilgrims from around the world, had attracted international attention.

Father Mollinger died on June 15, 1892, two days after Saint Anthony's feast day, from a gastric disorder reputedly exacerbated by overwork. His tombstone towers over all others in the Most Holy Name cemetery.

Perhaps humility was not his strong suit.

But there are many rooms in my Father's mansion.

The chapel was sold after he died for \$30,000, almost torn down, and in the 1970s lovingly restored. It has never drawn the crowds Father Mollinger did in his prime. Still, schoolchildren, pilgrims, and the curious continue to trickle into the reliquary chapel he left in order to deepen the world's devotion to Christ.

On display are five thousand pieces: a scrap from the Virgin Mary's veil, twenty-two splinters of the True Cross, bone fragments from all twelve Apostles....

His own love for relics served Father Mollinger well. He died with a crucifix in his hand.

— Heather King



JESUS, MARY AND THE CROSS

To those who stood by it must indeed have seemed now that Christ was separated from other men. He had been led



out, outside the city wall, to die; He was rejected by His own chosen people; He was powerless in the hands of those who must crucify Him (almost without interest), in the course of their ordinary duty. He was an object of mockery and scorn; He seemed to be a fool, and as a fool His enemies treated Him as a fool, or perhaps a madman. Even those who loved Him were abashed and silent. His Mother alone was silent because she entered perfectly into His suffering with Him. There was no need for any words between Jesus and Mary: His passion was hers, her silence His. But others were silent with dismay, with fear, even with doubt and disillusionment. The thing was beyond words now: a word of loyalty to Christ, a word of pity, would have been enough to endanger a person's life; at the very least, it would have made a fool of him too.

That was how things *seemed* to be. But, in reality, as Christ stretched out His beautiful craftsman's hands and composed His blameless feet on the hard wood of the cross to receive the nails, He was reaching out to countless people through all time: as He stretched His body on the great tree that was to flower with His life forever, He gave Himself to be made one with all those who in every generation to come would willingly bind and fasten themselves irrevocably to the cross, for the love of God and the love of men.

— Caryl Houselander, "The Way of the Cross"

"The covering of the head with a veil symbolizes the reality of woman sheltered in the side of her Source and becoming one with Him. She becomes covered and hidden in her Divine Spouse."

— St. John Chrysostom

MON 9/9/19 ST. PETER CLAVER, C • ST. GORGONIUS, M
8:00 AM Low Mass Joe Kunkel 60th Birthday (*K/V*)
11:25 AM High Mass Priests of St. Gertrude's – Thank you for your prayers for successful surgery & recovery (*Elizabeth Prell*)

TUE 9/10/19 ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C
 CLOSING OF SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
7:00 AM Low Mass For all students going to schools (*Shyam Suyambu*)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Ruth Sieverding Kieffer (*Mike Sieverding*)
11:25 AM High Mass Happy Birthday Hunter Lumbatis! (*The Gieses*)
5:00 PM Low Mass Mr. Joseph McMahon (*A. VanderPutten*)

WED 9/11/19 SS. PROTUS & HYACINTH, MM
7:00 AM Low Mass Alvaro Bayer (*Tobias Bayer*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Juliana Puglielli (Birthday) (*Mom & Dad*)
11:25 AM High Mass John VandeRyt & Family (*Doloris Ritze*)
 ☞ **5:10 PM Low Mass** God's mercy on our Country (*Kuebler/Volz*)

THU 9/12/19 THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
7:00 AM Low Mass Alejandro Bayer (*Tobias Bayer*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Amanda Snow, surgery (*Denise Riggs*)
11:25 AM High Mass For a special intention (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)

FRI 9/13/19 RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY
8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intentions (*Jim Soli*)
11:10 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass †Edward Marko (*Dave & MaryAnn Marko*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass †Esther Simpson – 52nd Anniversary 10/24 (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

SAT 9/14/19 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass For all widows & orphans (*Shyam Suyambu*)
8:10 AM Salve & Sermon, Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross
8:20 AM High Mass Thomas & all of the seminarians (*JC Simpson*)

SUN 9/15/19 SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY
 PENTECOST XIV • ST. NICOMEDES, M
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Angeline Andreotta (*Patsy McConnell*)
9:00 AM High Mass God's blessings on our seminarians (*Simpson family*)
10:40 AM Sunday Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass †Sharon, †Pat, †Ralph Patton (*The Wilker family*)
1:00 PM Parish Picnic at Sharon Woods
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

ST. ANTHONY: THE PATRON OF PADUA THE GLORY OF LISBON (Conclusion)

Apart from all these marvels that have come down through the ages, innumerable devout Christians have experienced in every time the powerful protection of our saint. In spiritual and in temporal necessities, even in the restoration of lost articles, which by an affectionate and very popular tradition is attributed to the Blessed One of Padua, his power has been displayed. Spiritual darkness and the gloom of temporal affliction have been dispelled by the sunshine of his favor. As an almost omnipotent court favorite, he has been enabled to obtain for his clients numberless graces, countless goods of body and of soul, from that Eternal King whose glory he promoted over the face of the whole earth.

And so whether by his Responsory, that familiar and best-known prayer, or by any other form of words, those invoking his intercession with the necessary conditions may confidently hope that he will obtain for them, as he gained for his contemporaries and all who have knelt at his feet through succeeding generations, the answer to their petitions.

CLOSING PRAYER

O good and loving Jesus, safe refuge of my needy soul! Here at Thy feet I implore Thee, by the love which St. Anthony bore Thee, and by the love of Thy Sacred Heart, which induced Thee to appear to him in the form of a gracious little child, in order to caress, and comfort him: come to me in my present need and sore affliction. Come as my loving Father and God, and relieve me in my necessities. In Thee alone do I place all my hope and confidence.

O my dear patron, St. Anthony! Intercede for me before the throne of God and help me in my necessities, so that, like so many others whom thou hast aided, I may be able to exclaim with a joyful heart: Blessed be God, Who truly lives and reigns in His servant, St. Anthony! Amen.



SERVERS

SAT 9/14 8:20 AM HIGH W/ INCENSE: M. & D. Simpson, P. Omlor, Volunteers

SUN 9/15 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, M. Simpson TH: C. Richesson ACS: D. Simpson, S. Richesson CROSS: T. Lawrence TORCH: J. & N. Kolenich, T. & D. England
 11:30 AM LOW: A. & P. McClorey
 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller