



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

October 4, 2020

ROSARY SUNDAY

PENTECOST XVIII • ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



ROSARY SUNDAY

Today is **Rosary Sunday**. Please bring your roses to the Communion Rail to be blessed after the High Mass. The Rosary Confraternity will then lead the outdoor procession.

The annual **Rosary Confraternity Breakfast** follows the procession. Don't forget your tickets! Join us for a delightful breakfast, as well as to hear the talk prepared for us by Bishop Dolan on the history of our church.

The **Blessing of Religious Articles** will be available at the Communion Rail after the *Low Masses*. The second collection will be taken up for the support of our seminary.

There are **no Sunday Classes**, due to the Procession and Breakfast. **Vespers** with **Benediction** and **October Devotions** are at **4:30 PM**. Please note the special time and be sure that at least five or six of you attend upon Our Lord and Our Lady.



THIS WEEK

After the exertions of First Friday's Vigil and the Solemnity of Rosary Sunday, we settle in to a quiet routine of daily Masses and October Devotions. Peaceful St. Placid comes **Monday** and silent St. Bruno on **Tuesday**. Note the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed on the actual Feast of the Rosary, **Wednesday** afternoon at 3:00 PM, with Benediction and Holy Communion following at 3:20 PM. St. Bridget, prophetess of the Passion, is honored on **Thursday**. **Friday's** St. John Leonard was most devoted to Our Lady, as was **Saturday's** saint of humility, Francis Borgia. Another opportunity for Rosary and Benediction is at 8:10 AM Saturday morning.



ROSARY CONFRATERNITY

Enrollments in the Rosary Confraternity will take place on **Sunday, October 11th**, after the High Mass. *You must be present at the ceremony to be enrolled.* We ask for a **one-time enrollment donation** of **\$25**. These funds are used to have an annual Mass offered for all members, and to purchase roses for Our Lady on Rosary Sunday. As well we try to have Masses offered for deceased members. If you would like to be enrolled in the Confraternity on the 11th, please contact the office.



PLEASE PRAY

for the repose
of the soul of

†**Dennis Hille**, who died on September 26th. His funeral was Thursday, Oct. 1st.



NEXT SUNDAY: MATERNITY OF OUR LADY

Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Enrollments in the Rosary Confraternity will take place after the High Mass. Vespers with October Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:30 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Maternity of Our Lady, with a commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XIX. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

OUR SICK

Please pray for Mary McGuire, Judy Metz, and Jesse Stewart.



¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The **October Devotions** (Rosary, Litany and Prayer to St. Joseph) are recited every school day at **3:10 PM**. Every **Wednesday** the Rosary is recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at **3:00 PM**, with Benediction and Holy Communion at approximately 3:20 PM. **Friday** evening the Rosary with Benediction is at **5:15** and **Saturday** morning at **8:10**.

¶ REQUEST FROM BISHOP DOLAN

When you say the Rosary aloud, *especially* in church, say it *softly*: "These words are a kind of melody which soothes the ear and isolates us from the noise of the world around us," (Fr. Garrigou Lagrange). Let us aim for that "melody in the ear" which is the name of Jesus and Mary when we say our Rosary aloud.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Candlelight Fatima Rosary Procession, Tuesday, October 13. Don't miss our final Rosary Procession of the year, always so beautiful with the little candles. Bring the children!

Forty Hours, October 23-25. Opening services begin on Friday evening and will be followed by the Chili Supper. Adoration continues on Saturday, and the Devotion closes on Sunday evening with the Procession and Benediction.

All Saints Sunday, November 1. Prepare a costume and presentation about a saint with your child for the All Saints' Party after the High Mass!

Wedding Banns

Second time:

Steven Cerise & Victoria Kiernan

Congratulations

to Joshua and Elizabeth Gunsher on the baptism of their son, Sebastian Thomas Becket Crispin Ulrich, on Thursday, October 1, 2020.



Our Beloved Dead – October

Marie B. Bludau	10-01-1983
Laverne Elmlinger	10-02-1992
James Lehman	10-03-1984
Belvie M. Mills	10-03-1995
Matilda E. Hamer	10-04-1981
Elizabeth M. Richter	10-05-2006
Susan Schmidt	10-06-1999
Joan Weigand	10-06-2012
Victor William Feighery	10-09-1988
Nadine E. Henry	10-10-2009
C. Baumgartner	10-14-1987
Mark Moser	10-15-1987
Edwin Lavern Newman	10-22-1984
Rev. Gunther Richter	10-19-2008
Agnes Bandy	10-20-1985
Marie F. Borger	10-20-1988
Nicholas J. Bischak	10-21-2005
Vera L. DuBroca	10-21-1988
Ken Brown	10-24-2004
Laurence Brueggemann	10-24-1995
Frank J. Koerner	10-25-2005
Patricia Patton	10-30-2018

SAYING THE BEADS

Glorious Mysteries

*I ask you, daily pilgrim of the beads,
Do you pause a while before an empty tomb?
Do you watch the sky to see a white Ascension?
Do you catch high tumults in an Upper Room?*

Joyful Mysteries

*Do you hear young Mary's fiat to the angel?
Journey with her to that hill country far?
Do you visit the stable where a little Child
Sees from His crib the shepherds and a star?*

Sorrowful Mysteries

*Do you stay a precious while within the Garden?
Follow the Way of Sorrow to the Hill?
Do you hear them dicing for His seamless Garments?
Do you watch His transfixed Body, white and still?*

– Allen Ford

OUR LADY OF GOD'S GARDEN

I walked with my mother in the garden.
I never lost her hand,
Not out of fear
But love
That is need to adhere.
I grew with my mother
Like a garden—
Turned rich earth,
Flourished like fern.
Delight brushed past.
Only once and enough
I loosed my fleshy grasp
To heed a branching tongue
Twining up a tree.
The creature leaned in fast
And breathed on me.
"Take the choicest drupe and eat!"
I snapped the stem and seized the fruit.
It splattered red and stained my palm
But gave no food.
My mother gasped and held her heart.
The creature fell around her feet.
She cracked its neck between her toes.
(Without that slip, my mother's might and sway
I'd never know.)
She cloaked me like the earth
Swaddling a seed.
I'll never lose her hand—
Yes, out of fear
And a greater love,
That is greater need
To adhere.

– Rita Simmonds

An extraordinary Rosary poem, one to adhere to, along with the Rosary.



Collection Report

Sunday, September 27th\$5,778.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

Last week brought in the cool weather, just in time for a proper Fall. The trees are changing. Life is changing. The deaths and funerals continue, unabated since March. (But an uptick in baptisms: Three in the last month. Life does continue.) God calls, man must answer. But the beautiful weather these days surely contrasts with the contrived lies, the violence and manipulation which mark the “outside world.” Perhaps this is a call from the good God to lead more genuinely natural, and more supernatural lives. Here is healing, peace of heart, holiness and finally even hope for today and tomorrow.

What a powerful help and incentive to Faith is the Most Holy Rosary we sing and celebrate and pray today. Pope Leo XIII points out that this heavenly gift is sent by God’s mercy to counteract the great evils of this age efficaciously, and so peacefully. If you’re not praying the Rosary, you are not only shirking your duty in a time of pending national—world—disaster, but you are also depriving yourself of the oxygen you need to survive and thrive. The enemy demands your servile compliance and suffocates you. Your Blessed Mother calls you and says: “Here, child, let me help you off with that thing. Good. Now take a deep breath. Doesn’t that feel better?” Praying is like breathing. It’s not an extra. It’s a necessity.

We had a perfect Fall day for Dennis Hille’s funeral on Thursday. The church was about full, a beautiful tribute to a good family man and a faithful Catholic. In these confusing and changing times, Dennis set a strong silent example of stability and good sense. He will be missed. We need a man to come forward and take his place now as an 11:30 usher. Ushers do more than you think, and we are so grateful for his fidelity to his post.

Great thanks to the ladies and young ladies (well...they’re *all young*, aren’t they?) who prepared Helfta Hall and the fine Confraternity breakfast for today’s Rosary Sunday observance. Thanks, too, for the beautiful church and roses and High Mass and procession. You really see “St. Gertrude in action” when one of these annual traditions comes up, as well as for the “special events.” Fr. Cekada’s funeral brought out so many volunteers that this became its own most touching tribute.

But this is a weekend, indeed a month, of prayer, at St. Gertrude the Great. So many devotions and traditions are lovingly carried out each October. What a powerful force of protection is unleashed over us, our families, our church and nation between Friday’s All Night Adoration, and November 2nd, All Souls Day. We’ll only truly feel the power of this prayer in

eternity. But often Our Lord encourages us by giving little hints in time.

So, it’s not too late. There’s still time!

May the Angels direct your steps churchward this month, and Heavenward all your life.



– Bishop Dolan

Private Masses offered by Bishop Dolan:

Fr. Cekada (*Bob Pogel*) on 9/7

Special Intentions of Chad McGinnis (*Chad McGinnis*) on 9/21

A GENERAL’S DEVOTION TO THE ROSARY

The great Austrian general Radetsky was pious as well as brave. Once, while resting in a park in Vienna, he chanced to drop his rosary. Some soldiers found it. A few minutes later General Radetsky passed near them, and noticing that they were showing some object among themselves, he asked what they had. “We found a rosary on this bench, and we wonder what soldier is simple enough to say it,” one of the men answered. “Give it to me; it is mine, and I am simple enough to say it,” the old General said.

General Radetsky was more than eighty years old when he won his most splendid victories, and was obliged to drive in a carriage when the army was in motion. One day, when the order to march had been given, he was nowhere to be found, but after some time he was discovered, asleep in his carriage, with his rosary beside him.



A LOVER OF OUR LADY

Like all saints the Curé d’Ars was distinguished by special love of our Blessed Mother—a love which was awakened in his soul by his mother when he was hardly more than a baby. The first present which he ever received from her was a small statue of the Blessed Virgin. To the end of his long life he delighted to talk about it. “Oh, how I loved that statue!” he would say; “Day and night I kept it with me. I could not have slept in peace if I had not had it beside me in my little bed.”

A priest once asked him how long he had loved the Mother of God; and he replied, “I loved her almost before I could know her. When I was very small I had a pretty rosary. My sister wanted it—and thus came to me one of my earliest sorrows. I went to speak to my mother about it; she advised me to give it up for the love of God. I did so, but it cost me many tears.”

✠ CALENDAR

MON	10/5/20	SS. PLACID & COMPANIONS, MM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Intentions of the Damian Arthur Family (Theresa Simpson)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Father Cekada (Michelle Mikesell)
	3:10 PM	Rosary
TUE	10/6/20	ST. BRUNO, C
	7:00 AM	Low Mass My Mother (T. Bayer)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday, Mary Rose Young (Bill & Terri Young)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Mr. Robert Brockman (Pamela Spoor)
	3:10 PM	Rosary
	5:00 PM	Low Mass My special intentions (Anny Reilly)
WED	10/7/20	THE MOST HOLY ROSARY
		SS. MARK, PC & COMPANIONS, MM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Mike Shawhan family (Simpson family)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (Carla Y. Reynolds)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Lumbatis Family – conversion (Hunter Lumbatis)
	3:00 PM	Exposition, Rosary, Benediction, Holy Communion
	5:10 PM	Low Mass †Paul Joseph O'Connor (JCS)
THU	10/8/20	ST. BRIDGET, W
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Shawhan Family (Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Jacinta & Anthony – thanksgiving for a safe and healthy delivery (Theresa Simpson)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Richard C. VandeRyt (Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family)
	3:10 PM	Rosary
FRI	10/9/20	ST. JOHN LEONARD, C
		SS. DENIS, BP & COMPANIONS, MM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Kent & Linda Maki (Dan, Mary & family)
	11:10 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	High Mass For the Poor Souls in memory of †Sebastian Shawhan (Linda Faith & Family)
	☞ 5:15 PM	Exposition, October Devotions, Confessions
	5:45 PM	Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction
	6:00 PM	Sermon, Low Mass †Fr. Cekada – thanksgiving for a happy death and for the repose of his soul (TRCS)
SAT	10/10/20	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA, C
	7:15 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Pete Gebel, †David Ostertag (Mike Briggs Family)
	☞ 8:05 AM	Exposition, October Devotions, Simple Benediction, Salve
	8:35 AM	High Mass My intentions (TRCS)
SUN	10/11/20	MATERNITY OF OUR LADY • PENTECOST XIX
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †John Madafferi (Joe & Kathy Bayer)
	9:00 AM	High Mass †Father Anthony Cekada (Dave & MaryAnn Marko) Month's Mind
	10:30 AM	(approx.) Rosary Confraternity Enrollments
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
	11:05 AM	Rosary



Candlelight Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

Tuesday, October 13
7:15 PM in West Chester

Feast of Our Lady of Fatima



Please arrive early to receive your candle.



THE COMFORT OF THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

From them we learn that death is not an annihilation which ends all things, but merely a migration and passage from life to life. By them we are taught that the path to heaven lies open to all men, and as we behold Christ ascending thither, we recall the sweet words of His promise, "I go to prepare a place for you." By them we are reminded that a time will come when "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;" and that "nor mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow, shall be anymore," and that "we shall be always with the Lord," and "like to Him: because we shall see Him as He is," and drink of the torrent of His delight as fellow citizens of the saints, in the blessed companionship of our glorious Queen and Mother.

Dwelling upon such a prospect, our hearts are kindled with desire, and we exclaim, in the words of a great saint, "How vile grows the earth when I look up to Heaven!" Then, too, shall we feel the solace of the assurance that "that which is at present momentary and light of our tribulation, worketh for us above measure exceedingly an eternal weight of glory."

— Pope Leo XIII, Laetitiae Sanctae

Servers

SUN 10/11 7:30 AM **Low**: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM **High**: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, M. Simpson **TH**: Na. McClorey **ACs**: C. Arlinghaus, T. England **TORCH**: D. England, B. McGinnis, J. McGinnis, C. McGinnis **TORCH MC**: P. Omlor
11:30 AM **Low**: J. Kolenich, A. McClorey
4:30 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION**: G. Miller
5:45 PM **Low**: G. Miller

11:30 AM **Low Mass** Monica Prell – Happy Birthday (Mom & Dad)

☞ 4:30 PM **Vespers, Rosary & Benediction**

5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great