

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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June 18, 2023

**SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED HEART
FATHER'S DAY • PENTECOST III • ST. EPHREM, CD**

¶ SACRED HEART SUNDAY

Happy
Father's
Day

Happy Father's Day! The High Mass today is for all of our fathers,

whose names are on the altar. Today we begin our summer congregational-sung High Masses, and the choir takes a much-needed break. He who sings prays twice! Thank you for your help. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. There are **no Vespers** today.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue the Summer Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony on **Tuesday**, following all the Masses. **Don't forget** to turn in your petitions to St. Anthony, to be placed at his feet during the novena.

¶ ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The Nativity of St. John the Baptist falls on **Saturday** this year. Masses are at 7:30 and 8:20 AM. Please note, our annual **St. John's Evening**, with potluck, barbecue, bonfire and more, will take place on **Monday, June 26th**.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Mary Schmidt, Pat Kolb, Theresa Couch, Tom Simpson, Ron Stout, and the continued recovery of Fr. Thielen.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Girls Camp: June 27-29

YAG: July 7-9

Boys Camp: July 25-27



St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart

Lumen Christi

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

For Bishop Dolan
(Rickie Fain)



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST IV

We have a quiet summer Sunday next week. Vespers with Benediction will be at at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost IV, second collect of St. William. Trinity Preface.

¶ BOOKS IN THE BOOKSTORE

New reading material available for all ages. The bookstore is alive with new gifts for every occasion. Check out gifts for Dad today.

We have a popular shelf of old missals and religious books. These books were donated, repairs made by a skilled parishioner, and offered to you. Stock changes all the time.

If you have books in ill repair that you would like to donate, bring them in. You could be helping the church and helping someone find a beloved out of print book. God reward your generosity.

¶ GAME NIGHT

The Sodality of Charity will be hosting a game night on July 21st after the 5:45 Mass. We hope to see you there! Come for some fun, companionship, and food. It was unfortunate that June did not work out, but don't miss out on the upcoming one! Bring some games to share and your competitive self.



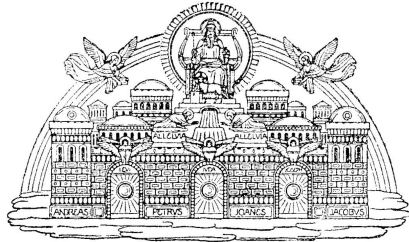
Collection Report

Sunday, June 11th.....\$7,185.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

**PRAYER TO THE
ETERNAL FATHER**

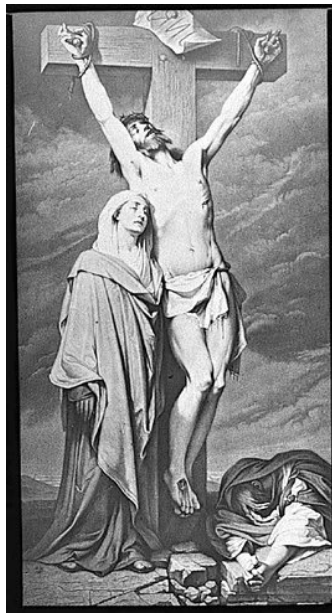
O eternal Father, let me offer up unto Thy mercy the Sacred Heart of Thy well-beloved Son, even as He offered Himself up a sacrifice to Thy justice.

Accept, on my behalf, all the thoughts, sentiments, affections, motions, and all the actions of this Sacred Heart; they are mine, because it was immolated for me; they are mine, because for the future I am resolved to admit nothing into my heart but what hath place in Thine. Receive, then, O God, the merits of this Sacred Heart in satisfaction for my sins, and in thanksgiving for all the benefits conferred upon me. Receive them, O Lord, as so many motives for granting that which I now offer to Thy divine majesty. This Sacred Heart, this Heart alone, can love, honor, and glorify Thee as Thou deserves. Amen.



Almighty Father! We are Thy children, whom Thy divine Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, purchased with the price of His most precious Blood, and whom Thy Holy Spirit sanctified: mercifully grant Thy grace to my father and mother, brothers and sisters, and all my relatives, that we, being united according to Thy will on earth, may praise Thee together in Thy glory. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal Father, in the Name of Jesus, and for the love of Jesus, I beg for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and for the twelve fruits thereof; that enlightened and directed by the Holy Spirit, I may attain that degree of perfection to which Thou hast called me. Amen.



*Lo! There He hangs
Ashened Figure pinioned against the
wood
God grant that I might love Him
Even as I should
To share this Love Divine
And hear Him softly murmur:
"Ah, foolish Child of Mine,
If now I should embrace you
My Hands would stain thee red
And if I leaned to whisper
The thorns would pierce your head."
'Twas then I learned in meekness
That love demands a price
'Twas then I knew that sorrow
Is but the Kiss of Christ.*

Our Beloved Dead - June

Rose Gough	6-03-2001
Mary McGuire	6-05-2023
Dr. Philip Binzel	6-06-2003
Joyce Rentschler	6-06-2009
Alexander Fulton	6-06-2015
Phillip Schmelzer	6-10-2019
Betty C. Wilson	6-10-1998
Angela Segrist	6-12-2019
Filomena Murawski	6-13-1998
Huland "H.O." Hinton	6-13-2014
Peter Francis Butler	6-14-1989
Blanton Fairbanks	6-19-1990
Thomas Payne	6-20-2014
Gwyn Ritze	6-22-1998
Jacob A. Nies	6-23-1991
Loraine Gates	6-27-2018
Joan Landry	6-27-2020
Brian Joseph McMahon	6-30-2016

FATHERHOOD

Before you came, my little lad,
I used to think that I was good;
Some vicious habits, too, I had,
But wouldn't change them if I could.
I held my head up high and said:
"I'm all that I have need to be,
It matters not what path I tread—"
But that was ere you came to me.

I treated lightly sacred things,
And went my way in search of fun;
Upon myself I kept no strings,
And gave no heed to folly done.
I gave myself up to the fight
For worldly wealth and earthly fame,
And sought advantage, wrong or
right—
But that was long before you came.

But now you sit across from me,
Your big brown eyes are opened wide,
And every deed I do you see,
And, O, I dare not step aside.
I've shaken loose from habits bad,
And what is wrong I've come to dread,
Because I know, my little lad,
That you will follow where I tread.

I want those eyes to glow with pride;
In me I want those eyes to see,
The while we wander side by side,
The sort of man I'd have you be.
And so I'm striving to be good
With all my might, that you may
know,

When this great world is understood,
What pleasures are worth while below.

I see life in a different light
From what I did before you came;
Then anything that pleased seemed
right—
But you are here to bear my name,
And you are looking up to me
With those big eyes from day to day,
And I'm determined not to be
The means of leading you astray.

—Edgar A. Guest



It is good to be back in West Chester with all of my spiritual family once more. Oh, it was a very pleasant and grace filled few days in Seattle with **Fathers Ercoli** and **Romero** and their parishioners, but St. Gertrude's is the best place to be this side of heaven—you might say it is home away from Home. I am very thankful to **Fr. Lehtoranta** for holding down the fort last weekend and for giving First Holy Communion to the nineteen first communicants. A sweet reality of the love of the Sacred Heart for His creatures is found in events such as First Communions and Confirmations. He gives Himself to us in ways that no human mind or heart could ever imagine, and what precious graces He bestows on our souls in order to assist us on the path into eternity, to heaven, our true home.

The rain prevented both the outdoor Benediction on Sunday and the Rosary Procession on Tuesday and both were done indoors. That's perfectly fine, for God's Holy Will chose it to be that way. 92 souls showed up to honor Our Lady on the 13th. What a lovely showing of your true devotion to Mary. Stay with Mary always, giving everything to her. When you do that you have nothing to fear because she is our Mother and will always do what is best for us...like our earthly mothers, only so much better and more lovingly.

Remember the Oblates in your prayers today as they finish their weekend spiritual retreat. They do keep themselves very busy, so it is very important for them to have at least a few days to refresh their souls with spiritual reading, conferences, and prayer. He who has a serious prayer life can always find the strength to keep going forward and to trudge along the path of duty.

The seminary year ended just yesterday and our seminarian goes home for the summer months. There is some news about our seminary that I would like to give you. As you know, St. Gertrude's is a very busy place where there is always something going on, whether it be devotions, or celebrations, Sodality meetings, feast days, or processions. The priests each have their own pastoral work teaching in the school, mission work throughout the country, recording shows, catechizing, visiting the sick, and counseling souls. Parish life here is a 24/7 job, and it is a challenge to keep the seminary separate from parish life. We have done a lot of praying and have had many discussions, and finally came to the conclusion that it would be best to move the seminary to a different location. This offers a more suitable environment for seminary life

and at the same time allows us to put our main focus on parish life and the needs of the domestic and foreign missions. Fr. Ercoli has agreed to take on the responsibility of running the seminary in Seattle. Of course, Fathers Lehtoranta and **Brueggemann** will continue teaching courses online. Fr. Brueggemann will also travel out to Seattle one week per month to give Fr. Ercoli at least a little help. As of now, we will have 3 or 4 seminarians, one from Canada and three from the United States. Please offer a prayer for seminarians and for this endeavor.



This June belongs to the Sacred Heart—remember this! The devil always tries to take what belongs to God, and this month is no different in that sense. The month of the meek and humble Heart of Jesus is known in the world as “Pride Month” because the devil, who is a monster of pride (remember that he fell through this capital sin), desires to steal all that he can from the glory of God. We must make reparation this month and must repeat to Our Lord the beautiful aspiration, “The more others offend Thee, the more I will love Thee, O Sacred Heart of Jesus.” And then we must follow through on it. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus fill each and every one of you with His divine love.

– Bishop McGuire



Tell the Sacred Heart you are worried, what bothers you, why you are discouraged or disappointed, and then ask Him what to do. He is able to mend everything—He is God, and He loves you. Don't be afraid to use your own language. He does not mind your grammatical errors; He even understands your slang. All He wants is that you trust Him, ask Him for help, and confide in Him. Remember, you are never sure of any human being; in a moment of weakness, a dear friend may betray you. But He never will. He will keep all your secrets...; more than that He will give you courage to overcome all obstacles. He will give you the grace to do the right thing at all times. He will take care of all the details in the most perfect way.

MON	6/19/23	ST. JULIANA FALCONIERI, V 8:00 AM Low Mass †Bishop Dolan (<i>Mary Beth Grumblatt</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
TUE	6/20/23	ST. SILVERIUS, PM SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>MEG</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Purgatorial Society 5:00 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
WED	6/21/23	ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C 8:00 AM Low Mass Brother Michael 11:25 AM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>MEG</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
THU	6/22/23	ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA, BPC EUCCHARISTIC HEART OF JESUS 7:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Valerii (<i>Alter Christus Confraternity</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Relief of all Faithful Departed (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
FRI	6/23/23	OCTAVE DAY OF THE SACRED HEART VIGIL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 8:00 AM Low Mass †Margaret Kinnett (<i>St. Gertrude the Great School</i>) 12:00 PM Nuptial Mass Dominic & Florence Swinney 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	6/24/23	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 8:10 AM Salve, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass Holy Souls—rest in peace (<i>Kolenich Family</i>)
SUN	6/25/23	PENTECOST IV • ST. WILLIAM, AB 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Ernie Nellenbach – Jan. 8 anniversary (<i>Eva Nellenbach</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Armando & Matilde Ramundo (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

“The love of the Sacred Heart watches with great care over the souls that have consecrated themselves to its service. Therefore whenever a man feels his devotion diminished, his heart becoming cold, and perceives that he has strayed from God, he ought to call upon this Love, entrust to it all his desires, praying it to obtain for him the grace or zeal of true devotion. He should also beg Love to guard all the good he does, and Love will preserve it carefully in the casket of the divine Heart, returning it faithfully to the soul, increased and ennobled. In all his sorrows and trials let him call Love to his help. With Love man feels not weakness and faints not in adversity.”



THE PATIENCE OF THE SACRED HEART

“He maketh His sun rise upon the good and the bad, and raineth upon the just and the unjust” (Matt. v, 48, 45). We are to follow this example by loving our enemies, doing good to them that hate us, praying for them that persecute and calumniate us (v. 44). We are to make no difference in the bestowal of our favors, of our kindness, between those who treat us badly and those who treat us well. We are not to smile and be pleasant only to those we like, and be cold, hard, and indifferent to the others who are not nice or interesting. This is not being as perfect as Our Heavenly Father. Why is it so hard for us to practice this universal God-like charity? Because we are not patient, we are not strong enough to *suffer*, like the Heart of Jesus, to “bear,” for the meaning of the word “*patients*” is “suffering.” We cannot “put up” with people who annoy us; we say they get on our nerves; we had better keep out of their way, have nothing to do with them, they only set us on edge and spoil everything. In short, we simply are not brave enough to face the suffering they cause us. We have not the patience of the Heart of Jesus, who “beareth all things” as St. Paul says of charity. Turn now to the Sacred Heart and consider what it suffers from us now and what it has suffered for each one of us.

Servers

FRI 6/23	5:45 PM LOW: L. Rabjohns, F. Caggese
SAT 6/24	7:30 AM LOW: I. Smith, Seminarian 8:20 AM HIGH: MC: T. Lawrence TH: Seminarian CROSS: M. Caggese ACs: F. Caggese, D. Simpson TB: B. & A. Constantino, I. Smith, P. Caggese
SUN 6/25	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, Na. McClorey TH: A. McClorey ACs: J. Rabjohns, T. England TB: D. Wright, A. Constantino, C. Vander Putten, L. Rabjohns, M. Caggese, D. Hudson 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, D. Simpson 5:45 PM LOW: N. McClorey