

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

Most Rev. Charles J. McGuire, *Pastor* • Rev. Stephen McKenna • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta
Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



July 9, 2023

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

PENTECOST VI • OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

PRECIOUS BLOOD SUNDAY

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Jean Bischel, who died on Sunday, July 2, 2023. Her funeral will take place on Monday at 9:00 AM.

SUMMER NOVENA

Bring your intentions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony of Padua during the Summer Novena. The Novena prayers are recited after every Mass on **Tuesdays**.

ROSARY PROCESSION

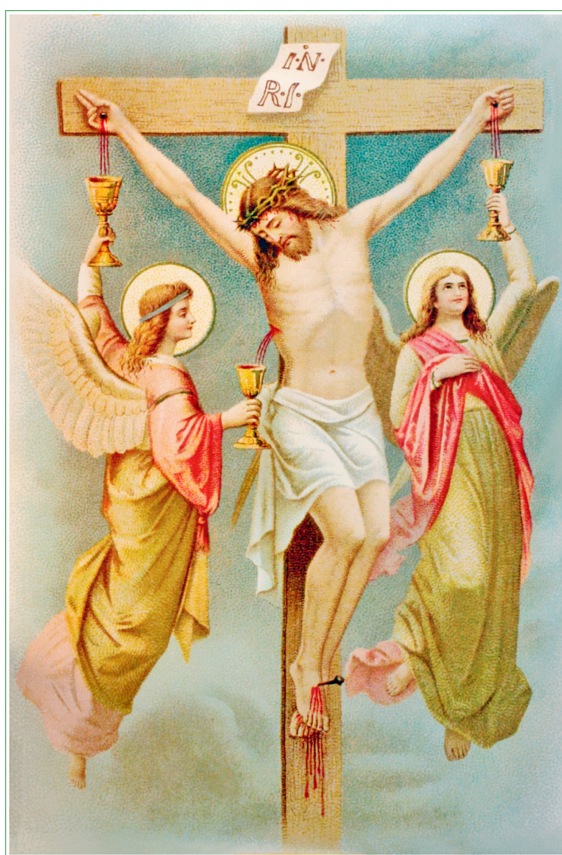
Our third Fatima Rosary Procession for peace will take place on **Thursday** at 7:15 PM in West Chester. As always, Mass precedes the Rosary Procession at 5:45 PM.



NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Pentecost VII. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Pentecost VII, second collect of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. Trinity Preface.



COLLECT THEM OR LOSE THEM!

The church seems to be turning into a second-hand store. Books, jackets, sweaters, veils, toys, jewelry...all are found scattered through the social hall, vestibule and cloister on Monday mornings. **Parents, please make sure your children go home with all the belongings they brought with them.** Items left for more than a month will have to be thrown away or given away. We have no space left to store them. Detachment from worldly things is all well and good—but not when it means they end up lying around at church! Thanks for your cooperation.

FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars! The Sodality of Charity will be hosting the Fall Festival on Sunday, September 24th. If you have some crafts you would like to share, consider purchasing a booth for \$25. You can bring your own crafts to sell and take home all the proceeds and any leftover crafts! September will be here before you know it, so start crafting now!

YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Thielen, Tom Simpson, Nathaniel Harkleroad, Barbara O'Connor, and Henry Sieverding.

GAME NIGHT - JULY 21ST

Game night is one week from Friday! Don't miss all the fun! There will be pizza and drinks for sale after the 5:45pm Mass. Please bring some games to share. The Sodality can't wait to see you there!

LOOK AHEAD

Game Night: Friday, July 21

Boys Camp: July 25-27

Next Sodality Meeting: Saturday, 8/19

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 17

Fall Festival: Sunday, September 24

Collection Report

Sunday, July 2nd\$7,620.50

Second Collection.....\$3,017.00

Alter Christus Confraternity.....\$380.00

Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

ST. MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI

Saint Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi had the habit of offering to the Eternal Father the Most Precious Blood of His Divine Son at least 50 times a day. Indeed the Lord had revealed to her one day that through this pious exercise she would be able to convert innumerable sinners and liberate innumerable poor souls of Purgatory, and that in the offering of the Most Precious Blood to the Eternal Father was presented a gift of inestimable value, with respect to which all the treasures of the earth were worthless. Now if already this simple mention

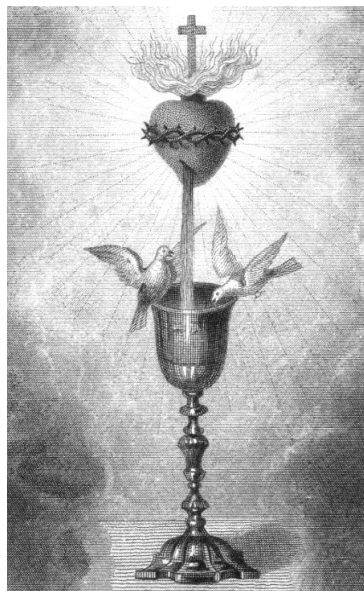


of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ shed in His salvific Passion could have such a marvelous result, much greater will be the real offering of the renewed sacrifice of the

Cross offered and consumed in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

To understand God and God's world we must look at Him and it from the Precious Blood point of view. The saints of the Church are the poets of redemption. It is from this point of view that they always see the world. It was thus that Mary saw the world at all times, a vision most awful, yet most touching and most dear. It is the way in which God sees it at this instant. All things to Him, good or evil, are tinged with the Precious Blood. He beholds them all in His own repetition of Josue's miracle, in that unsinking crimson sunset of the Precious Blood, which He has bidden to hang in all its beauty on the horizon of creation forever.

– *The Precious Blood*



PRAYER TO OUR LORD IN HIS PASSION AND DEATH

O most adorable Lord, Who for the redemption of the world didst deign to be born, to be circumcised, to be rejected by the Jews, to be betrayed by Judas with a false kiss, to be bound with cords and chains, as an innocent lamb to be led to the slaughter, to be ignominiously exposed before Annas, Caiphaz, Pilate, and Herod; to be accused by false witnesses, scourged, and shamefully loaded; to be defiled with spittle, crowned with thorns, beaten with blows, struck with a reed, buffeted in the Face, despoiled of Thy clothes, fastened with nails to a cross, and then raised upon it, and placed between two thieves; to be offered gall and vinegar to drink; and, last of all, to be pierced with a lance. Do Thou, O my Lord Jesus Christ, by the virtue of Thy most holy sufferings, which Thou didst so undeservingly undergo, for the merit and in the memory of Thy most holy death and cross, deliver me from the pains of hell, and deign to carry me, as Thou didst the good thief who was crucified with Thee, to the kingdom of Thy Father, where Thou reignest with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen.

THE VOICE OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

O come ye to the Banquet,
To the Feast of My Precious Blood,
The table is spread and ready
Bedecked with roses – both blossom
and bud.

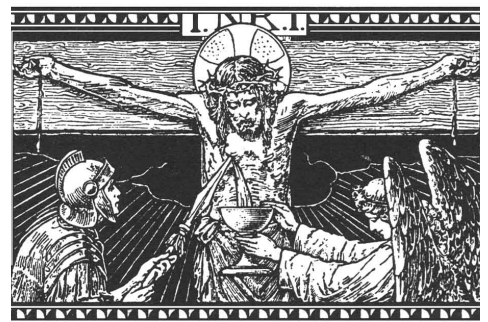
Roses I'm waiting to shower
On those for whom I have bled,
Roses for you and for others,
Roses snow-white and blood-red.

E'en as a Child in the manger
I craved for the love of men,
'Tho a helpless Babe on My bed of
straw
Yet looking ahead to Calvary I saw
I'd still thirst for the love of men.

Then come to Me, O ye faithful,
And comfort your Savior's Heart.

Come to Me; do not tarry;
I've graces and gifts to impart.
To you who have ever been faithful,
Yet perhaps have known sorrow and
pain,
To you who have favors you seek for
Goes My fond invitation again.

Bring your trials and crosses to Calva-
ry;
Place them there beside Mine Own;
For the God-Man of Calvary, dear
ones,
Has the greatest of sorrows known.
I've asked you before. Did you heed
Me?
I've pleaded. Have I pleaded in vain?
Have recourse to the Blood of your
Savior;
'Twill take from you every stain.



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Just over a month has passed since my mother's happy death, and we are preparing the funeral of a true champion of our Faith, Mrs. Jean Bischel. My mother always liked talking with her but was always terrible with names and referred to Jean as "the lady with the pretty hat." Kirby and Jean, as I recall, used to help take care of Bishop's garden and always did a very nice job. They always did love gardening! They always loved their Mass and the Rosary as well, much to everyone's edification here at St. Gertrude's. Jean's funeral Mass is scheduled for Monday morning at 9:00. Come and pray for her if you are able. May she rest in peace!

The YAG started on Friday and ends today. It is always a fun time and so very encouraging to see our Catholic youth from all over the country. The importance of good Catholic friendships can never be talked about enough; and even more, marriages between two Catholics of like mind can never be insisted upon enough. My hat's (well, biretta) off to Colleen Eldracher for once again arranging the YAG. She spent all day July 4th decorating and planning here at church. Of course, she had some loyal helpers in Judy Metz and William Long.

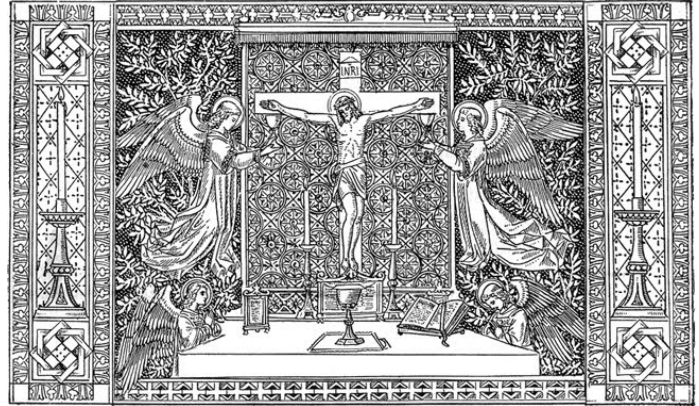
Fr. McKenna had a nice time in Scotland, but reports that he did not see any monster at Loch Ness when he drove past the place where "sightings" have been talked about. He bought me a nice little gift, some odd looking cuff links made from sheep's wool and plaid as one would see on a kilt. They are goofy looking, but I do kind of like them. Thanks, Father! **Fr. Brueggemann** had a much-needed in-home vacation this past week, staying here but traveling to Kentucky each day to spend time with his family. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is back home in Finland spending time with his mother. I am so very happy for him and his parents. It has been too long since they have been able to see one another. **Fr. Simpson** needs to get away soon, too. Everyone needs a break at some point lest he reach a breaking point. We are human, after all, and we must at times give rest to our bodies and refreshment to our souls so that we are better able to serve God with both.

Fr. Contreras and **Fr. Richards**, from the Companions of Jesus and Mary, are with us for a few days this week. If you see them, stop to say hello. After visiting with them, I am off to Milwaukee for Confirmations and then to Seattle for a week to give a priests' retreat. Fathers Simpson and Brueggemann will be attending the retreat while Fr. McKenna mans the fort alone. The cats will have to make sure he keeps out of trouble. Oh! the cats! I hope he remembers to feed

them and take good care of them.

I'm signing off now, but I never stop praying for you and your intentions. May Our Lady keep you beneath her protecting mantle now and always.

– Bishop McGuire



WISDOM FROM ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

"If you happen to say or do something that is not well received by all, you should not, on that account, set yourself to examine and scrutinize all your words and actions; for there is no doubt that it is self-love which makes us anxious to know whether what we have said or done is approved or not. Simplicity does not run after its actions, but leaves the result of them to Divine Providence, which it follows above all things, turning neither to the right nor to the left, but simply going on its way."

This saint himself acted in this manner, for he never sought to know whether his words or actions were acceptable to others or not. When it was reported to him that a certain action of his had been disapproved by some persons, he answered without any discomposure: "That is not to be wondered at, for not even the works of Christ our Lord were approved by all; and there are many, even at this day, who speak blasphemously of them."

– *Cultivating Virtue/A Year With the Saints*



✠ CALENDAR

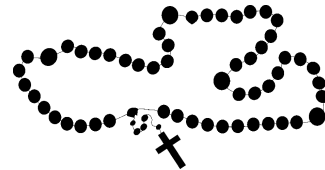
MON	7/10/23	SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS, MM SS. RUFINA & SECUNDA, VVMM 9:00 AM Requiem High Mass †Jean Bischel Absolution Burial: St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Harrison, OH 5:00 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>)
TUE	7/11/23	ST. PIUS I, PM SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Mary Beth Grumblatt (<i>M.E.G.</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Bishop Espina (<i>Alter Christus</i> <i>Confraternity</i>)
WED	7/12/23	ST. JOHN GUALBERT, AB SS. NABOR & FELIX, MM • <i>St. VERONICA, W</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass †Salvatore A. Zuccaro (<i>Dave & MaryAnn</i> <i>Marko</i>)
THU	7/13/23	ST. ANACLETUS, PM 7:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls & Thanksgiving to St. Joseph & St. Jude (<i>Arlinghaus family</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Purgatorial Society 5:45 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession
FRI	7/14/23	ST. BONAVENTURE, BPCD 8:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls & Thanksgiving to St. Joseph & St. Jude (<i>Arlinghaus family</i>) 11:05 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass My godchildren & all my benefactors (<i>Janet Strauss</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (<i>McGuire Family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	7/15/23	ST. HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C <i>DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES</i> 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass In thanksgiving for all the bake sale bakers & organizers (<i>John & Denise Riggs</i>) 8:10 AM Salve, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass †Elsie Kloberdanz (<i>Keith & Mary</i> <i>Christensen</i>)
SUN	7/16/23	PENTECOST VII • OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Francesse Luzincourt</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Poor Souls (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great (from 7/2) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION FOR PEACE



This Thursday, July 13
Bring your family
5:45 PM Mass at church
7:15 PM in West Chester

Our Lady of Fatima
implores us to pray the
Rosary. Join us in praying
for our families, Church, & country.



The prejudice against the Rosary is due not only to intellectual snobbery but also to systematic propaganda. But for this propaganda every Christian would naturally desire to pay honor to the Mother of God. The alleged abuses of mariolatry are no excuse for refusing honor to one whom God honored above all mankind.

— The Mary Book

AN OFFERING OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD FOR SOULS

O my God, I beg of Thee in union with the Immaculate Heart of Mary, through the merits of the Precious Blood offered Thee in every Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world, to grant that this day one mortal sin may be averted, one soul in doubt may be converted to the truth, one soul about to die in sin may receive the grace of repentance and a happy death, and the deliverance of that soul in purgatory which is nearest heaven. I wish by this offering to console the Heart of Jesus in agony for the souls lost through the teaching of error against the true Church of Christ Jesus, Our Lord. Amen.

Servers

FRI 7/14	5:45 PM LOW: Caggesos
SAT 7/15	7:30 AM LOW: J. & L. Rabjohns 8:20 AM HIGH: Seminarian, Brueggemanns
SUN 7/16	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, Seminarian TH: S. Richesson ACs: T. England, J. Stewart TB: B. & A. Constantino, J. Hudson, M. & N. Kolenich, M. Caggesos 11:30 AM LOW: McCloreys 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller, D. Simpson 5:45 PM LOW: B. Lotarski