

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. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann



September 3, 2023

PENTECOST XIV • ST. PIUS X, PC

MOTHER OF THE DIVINE SHEPHERD

¶ PENTECOST XIV

The second collection for our Oblates is taken up at the Offertory today. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail. The “Little Church” is in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. Vespers and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ SUNDAY CATECHISM ENROLLMENTS TODAY!

Today is the last day to enroll your children in Catechism Class. Please see Fr. Lehtoranta in the church office after the morning Masses. Classes begin next Sunday, September 10. **Parents**, it is of utmost importance that our young ones be fully armed in the rudiments of the Faith.

¶ LABOR DAY



Labor Day marks the end of summer and back to work for all of us in some sense, as we start the fall season. Come to Mass **tomorrow** morning to honor St. Joseph, patron of laborers.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

On **Tuesday** we conclude our Summer Novena honor of St. Anthony of Padua and Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Masses will be at the usual times of 7 AM, 8 AM, and 5 PM. Come and participate in this powerful devotion.



Holy Mary, Mother of the Divine Shepherd

¶ LOOK AHEAD

Oblates' Final Oblation: Sept. 12
Parish Picnic: Sunday, Sept. 17
Fall Festival: Sunday, Sept. 24
Rosary Sunday: October 1

Collection Report

Sunday, August 27th\$6,802.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ NATIVITY OF OUR LADY

This Friday, **September 8th**, is the Feast of Our Lady's Nativity. The **Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings** will take place after the **11:25 AM High Mass**. Each child will receive a seedling to plant in Our Lady's honor.

Following the High Mass there will be a **Birthday Party** for Baby Mary. **All children**, and especially our homeschoolers, are welcome to the festivities for this special birthday.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of the Most Holy Name of Mary. Catechism Classes resume at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Solemnity of the Most Holy Name of Mary, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XV. Third collect of St. Nicholas of Tolentino. Preface of the Blessed Virgin.

¶ ROSARY PROCESSION

Our penultimate Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace is on **Wednesday, September 13th**. If you haven't made it to any of the processions yet, why not start next week? Join us in West Chester in the First Watch parking lot.

¶ PARISH PICNIC

Our annual Parish Picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, September 17th**, at the Council Bluff Shelter in Sharon Woods Park. **Parking is prepaid!** Just tell the person at the gate (if there is anyone there) that you are with the group from St. Gertrude the Great Church at Council Bluff.

ALL HE DOES

God does not do only with reason all that He has done for us; He does it also with love. Yes, Christians, everything that happens to us in this life happens by the order or the permission of a God Who always has loved us, and Who loves us still more than we love ourselves. He regards us as His creatures, as His children, as His heirs, as His reflections. The benefits that we have received from Him have surpassed all our desires; they surpass even our imaginings, and those benefits that we receive from Him every day are without measure and without number.

He has drawn us out of the void, and He is constantly dedicated to saving our being and life. He has washed us in the blood of His only Son. Could a Heart so tender and so loving resolve to do us the slightest evil; could it even allow that it be done to us, being able to stop it, as He can? My God, rather than think it, I would believe that the greatest evils are very great goods and that Your heaviest blows are very gentle and magnificent caresses....

Reflect a little on what He has done for you. You are presently in affliction; consider that the one Who is the author of this is that One Himself Who was happy to spend His whole life in distress in order to spare you from eternal distress; that it is the One Whose angel is always at your side, watchful, by His order, over all your ways and dedicated to turn away all that could harm your body or dirty your soul. Consider that the One Who causes you this pain is the One Who, on our altars, prays constantly and sacrifices Himself a thousand times a day in order to atone for your sins and to appease the wrath of His Father to the extent that you irritate Him; that it is He Who comes to you with such goodness in the sacrament of the Eucharist, Who has no greater pleasure than of uniting Himself to you and conversing with you.

- Blessed Claude La Colombiere
Blessed Claude (+1682) was a French Jesuit priest and the spiritual director of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque.

**ACCEPTING THE KINGDOM
LIKE A CHILD OF MARY**

The apostle cannot claim to have sufficient devotion to our Lady if his confidence in her is not enthusiastic, and if his homage to her is almost entirely external. Like her Son, *intuetur cor*, she only looks at our hearts, and judges us to be her true children only by the power with which our love corresponds to hers.

She looks to find a heart that is firmly convinced of the glories and privileges and offices of her who is at the same time the Mother of God and the Mother of men:

A heart that is convinced of this truth: that the fight against faults, the acquisition of virtues, the Kingdom of Christ in souls, and consequently all guarantee of salvation and sanctity, are in proportion to the degree of our devotion to Mary;



A heart that is gripped with the thought that everything is easier, more delightful, and progresses more rapidly in the interior life when we act in union with Mary;

A heart full to overflowing of filial confidence, come what may, in her whose gentle tact, and wise anticipation of our needs, and whose tenderness and mercy and generosity we know by experience;

A heart ever more and more on fire with love for her who is associated with all our joys, united with us in all our trials, and through whom all our affections pass.

- Dom Jean-Baptiste Chautard,
O.C.S.O.

Dom Chautard (+1935) was a French Cistercian monk and the abbot of Sept-Fons Abbey.



SACRISTAN

When I die
I want to die
a simple sacristan.

The rosy-fingered dawn pokes
through the stained glass,
high above me.
I am the surplise ghost
of sanctuaries past.

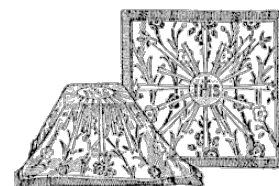
Prepare the water and the wine,
the host and chalice, and
the vestments for the priest,
robed also for the ritual:
amice, alb and maniple,
cincture, stole, and chasuble.

Light the candles,
hold the book,
ring the bells, if bells there be.

Fold my hands,
bow my head,
bend my knee,
to God almighty.

And when I die,
I want to die
a simple sacristan.

- Michael Power



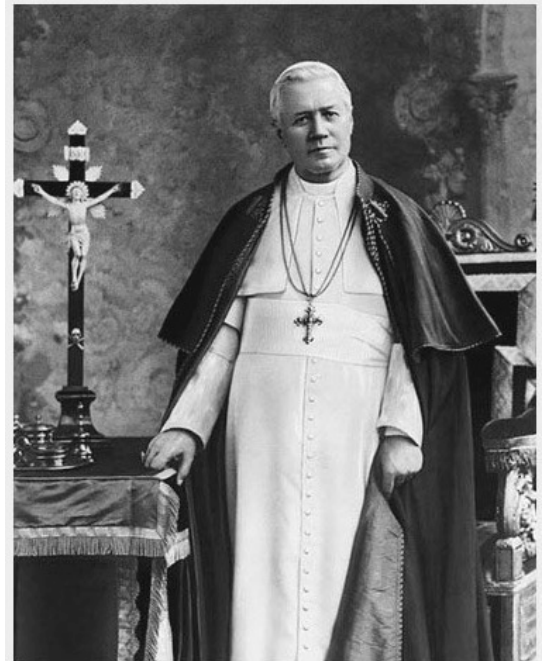
It is First Friday afternoon as I type out this quick note. The time away was quite nice and so very helpful. **Fr. McKenna** teases me sometimes because I still say that I have to go into town to run some errands. He always reminds me that we are in town. Well, I was able to forget town and city life for a while and spend some time in the woods of the Smoky Mountains—I guess you could say that, for a time, I was the Bishop in the Woods (not everyone will understand the pun though!). In any case, I had my share of animals as I had a few close encounters with black bears, a cute little fox, and some other interesting wildlife. The best part of all was being away from the city. I forgot how quiet it can be. I never did like being in an atmosphere of never ending streets, cars, and buildings. Growing up in the country I never found those things very appealing, although there is something special about living in West Chester that makes it all seem worthwhile. It is because the Sacred Heart dwells in our midst and one does not often find Him in the countryside, except for an occasional Mass once a month. As a priest, I now see things differently as I did as a kid, and wonder how anyone could settle down peacefully in the country, far away from Mass and Our Lord. Never again would I choose to move back to the country since it would almost necessarily mean moving away from Our Lord and all that matters. What is this life if we do not have Our Lord...if we do not have Holy Mass?! St. Gertrude's is our own little refuge, our own little Tabor, and "it is good for us to be here!"

Fr. Thielen's health has improved immensely during his stay here. I think he is itching to get back to his apostolic life. We priests have enjoyed his stay here and have benefited very much from his edifying stories and anecdotes. We will miss him when he returns home, but know that he is serving Our Lord and guiding souls to heaven—and we know that we stay in touch. **Fr. Lehtoranta** sent a few nice reports and worked quite hard over the last few weeks. He is getting ready for the school year in which he will have a very heavy teaching load. **Fr. Brueggemann** had a teacher's meeting to discuss the seminary program for this year. All seems to be moving in the right direction. **Fr. McKenna** left for Milwaukee on Thursday evening, and **Fr. Simpson** came back from a short vacation just in time to turn around and leave for Texas!

That is the news for this week, but there will be much more to come. I hope you enjoy your Labor Day weekend and come back well rested. Remember Our Lady of Sorrows this month which is dedicated to her honor. It is only fitting because she remembered us at the Foot of the Cross.



– Bishop McGuire



PRAYER TO POPE ST. PIUS X

So deep was thy humility, O holy Pius X, that when thou wert raised to the summit of the priesthood thou didst shed tears of heartfelt grief, declaring thyself unworthy of the office; by thy prayers to God on our behalf, procure for us, too, the grace to be humble in all our doing, to be submissive always to His holy will.

Give us, through the power of thy pleading, a greater faith in divine providence, and secure for us this boon: that humankind, dismembered now by self-conceit, be spared the scourge of further wars; may sincerity of purpose, charity and justice rule supreme in the minds of those who rule, bringing us peace that is real; and in the hearts of all of us be found the strength to live in detachment from the good of this earth, after the model of thy holy poverty.

Be our patron, dear St. Pius X, in thy loving kindness, to set us free from every evil. And at the moment of our death, come to our assistance, so that we may be with thee in Paradise and together with thee sing the praises of our Lord and of His blessed mother. Amen.

- MON 9/4/23 FERIAI DAY • ST. ROSE OF VITERBO, V • LABOR DAY**
8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Kevin Vaillancourt, rest in peace
(The Omlor Family)
9:00 AM Low Mass †Nina Krawczyk *(The Omlor Family)*
- TUE 9/5/23 ST. LAWRENCE JUSTINIAN, BPC**
 CLOSING OF SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
7:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Kevin Vaillancourt, rest in peace
(The Omlor Family)
8:00 AM Low Mass †Robert Simpson – died 3/26/23
(Tom & Karen Simpson)
5:00 PM Low Mass †David MacDonald Jr. – 13th anniversary
 4/6 *(Tom & Karen Simpson)*
- WED 9/6/23 FERIAI DAY • FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
 FIRST WEDNESDAY – PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH
8:00 AM Low Mass †Patricia Allen, R.I.P. *(The Omlor Family)*
11:25 AM Veni Creator, Votive Mass of the Holy Ghost
 Gary Napier *(Dan, Mary & family)*
5:10 PM Low Mass †Guy Macchia – 45th anniversary 4/13
(Tom & Karen Simpson)
- THU 9/7/23 FERIAI DAY • ST. CLOUD, C**
 FIRST THURSDAY – PRAY FOR PRIESTS
8:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Kevin Vaillancourt, rest in peace
(The Omlor Family)
11:25 AM High Mass All of our deceased relatives
(The Omlor Family)
5:00 PM Holy Hour, Low Mass For the sanctification of
 priests *(Alter Christus Confraternity)*
- FRI 9/8/23 NATIVITY OF OUR LADY • ST. ADRIAN, M**
8:00 AM Low Mass Lawrence family–Thank you *(Julie Hudson)*
10:55 AM Confessions
11:25 AM High Mass The Lawrence Family *(The Hudson Family)*,
Blessing of Seeds & Seedlings,
Birthday Party for Baby Mary
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich *(The Omlor Family)*
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 9/9/23 ST. PETER CLAVER, C • ST. GORGONIUS, M**
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Keith & Karla Lawrence – Thank you
(A.M.B.)
8:10 AM Salve, Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Our children & grandchildren
(Mr. & Mrs. Hudson)
- SUN 9/10/23 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY**
 PENTECOST XI • ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass For all my willing, patient helpers during
 Holy Week – Thank you! *(Sr. Eulalia)*
9:00 AM High Mass Sr. Mary Veronica *(The Hudson Family)*
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Nicholas Nett, thank you so very much
(N. Andreotta & A. Swinney)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

WORKER'S PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH



Glorious Saint Joseph, pattern of all who are devoted to toil, obtain for me the grace to toil in the spirit of penance, in order thereby to atone for my many sins; to toil conscientiously, putting devotion to duty before my own inclinations; to labor with thanksgiving and joy, deeming it an honor to employ and to develop, by my labor, the gifts I have received from Almighty God; to work with order, peace, moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties; to work above all with a pure intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must then render of time ill-spent, of talents unemployed, of good undone, and of my empty pride in success, which is so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all through Mary, all in imitation of thee, O Patriarch Joseph! This shall be my motto in life and death. Amen. *(An indulgence of 500 days.)*

Our Beloved Dead – September

Earl Eugene Roth	9-02-1988
Edmund Strauss	9-02-2020
William Harris	9-03-2014
Paulina Strauss	9-03-2017
Dennis Kramer	9-04-1981
Josephine Boyce	9-05-1982
Bernard Reid	9-08-1983
Don Gilker	9-08-2012
Eliza B. Kohlbrand	9-09-1985
Rev. Anthony J. Cekada	9-11-2020
Sr. M. Gerard Vincent	9-12-2002
Jill Wright	9-15-2012
Michael C. Briggs	9-16-2021
Ryan Greenwell	9-20-2017
Frederick G. Herington	9-21-1990
Dennis C. Hille	9-26-2020
Matilda Hauserman	9-29-2000
Ronald E. Kitchen	9-30-2002
Kenneth J. Ripperger	9-30-2005

Servers

- FRI 9/8 5:45 PM LOW:** Caggesos
SAT 9/9 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
8:20 AM HIGH: MC: M. Simpson **ACs:** I. Smith, F. Caggeso
SUN 9/10 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns
9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: P. Omlor, Seminarian **TH:** C. Arlinghaus **ACs:** J. Rabjohns, F. Caggeso **TB:** A. Constantino, P. Caggeso, N. & J. Hudson, I. Smith, L. Rabjohns
11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: B. Lotarski