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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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November 5, 2023

PENTECOST XXIII • WITHIN THE OCTAVE

THE HOLY RELICS • OUR LADY OF SUFFRAGE

¶ PENTECOST XXIII

The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail after all Masses today. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. Join us for the indulgenced Rosary procession at 3:00 PM in Gate of Heaven Cemetery. There are no Vespers today.

¶ CEMETERY PROCESSION

Tuesday, November 7th: The school children will be heading to St. Stephen's Cemetery at 1:00 PM for a Rosary Procession.

¶ VETERANS' DAY

The bittersweet tradition of Veterans' Day is dear to us here, as we pray for the Poor Souls of our wars, and remember the futility of war, "a punishment for sin," which we impose on ourselves. Come then on **Saturday, 11/11** at 11 AM for the tolling of the bell and Rosary for the Poor Souls. Masses are at the usual times of 7:30 and 8:20 AM.

¶ UPCOMING

St. Gertrude's Feast: November 16

Sodality Meeting: November 18

Thank you for feeding the clergy!
The calendar for November is looking great, and we are most grateful.

Collection Report

Sunday, October 29th.....\$5,147.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next week we begin with gratitude the devotion of the Twelve Sundays of the Mother of Good Counsel. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM, and Vespers at 4:45 PM. **Don't miss** the Martinmas Festivities after the 5:45 PM Mass, at approximately 6:45.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XXIV, second collect of St. Martin I. Trinity Preface.

¶ MARTINMAS

Follow **St. Martin and his horse** in a lantern procession after the evening Mass next **Sunday!** Lanterns for the procession will be provided. Supper will follow the procession, and will include the traditional goose and *Martinsbörnchen*, or "St. Martin's Croissants," which recall both the hooves of St. Martin's horse and the parting of his mantle. Don't miss this striking and unusual liturgical observance!



Lumen Christi

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

The People of Ukraine
(Maureen Scanlon)

FREEDOM FROM OUR INFIRMITY
 We must not complain or run away in time of darkness, because out of the darkness is born the light. *Oh, God, tender love, what sweet teaching You give us that virtue is learned through what is contrary to it!* Because of impatience, patience is acquired, for people who are conscious of their own impatience become patient because of what they suffer. They are impatient with their impatience, more sad that they are sad at all than for anything else. And so out of opposites we come to learn perfection without even noticing it. We discover that we have become perfect in the midst of storms and temptations. And there is no other way one can ever arrive at the port of perfection. So reflect on this: we cannot receive or even desire virtue unless we have desires and harassment and temptation to suffer with true holy patience for love of Christ crucified. We must, then, be happy and glad in time of struggle, temptation, and darkness, since they are the source of so much virtue and joy...

I want you to gain knowledge of yourself, without confusion, from the darkness. And from your good will I want you to gain knowledge of God's infinite goodness and boundless charity. In such knowledge may your soul live and grow fat. Realize that in His love God preserves your good will and doesn't let it run with consent and pleasure after the devil's suggestions. So it is in love that He has permitted you and me and His other servants all these temptations and illusions from the devil, from other people, and from our own flesh, simply to rouse us from our indifference and bring us to a real sense of responsibility, true humility, and blazing charity. This humility comes from self-knowledge, and this charity from knowledge of God's goodness. And there the soul becomes drunk and consumed with love. — *St. Catherine of Siena*

**ALL SAINTS DAY
 JUDGES' PICKS**

Best Presentation:

St. Appollonia, Lucia Constantino

Best Costume:

St. Denis, Ambrose Constantino

Best Lines:

St. Thomas á Becket, Christian Wright
St. Francis Xavier, Gregory Drevenak

Best Beard:

St. Simon Stock, Basil Constantino

Honorable Mentions:

St. Germaine, Philippa Gunsher
St. Veronica, Clara Plucker



THE SPIRIT OF THE AGE

It makes any thoughtful mind sad to contemplate the state of slavery that is being prepared for future generations in the name of "liberty" and "progress." And yet, even the most cynical avowals on the part of the leaders of modern democracy fail to awaken people to a sense of what is really taking place. "We brought about the French Revolution," sneered Clémenceau, in the Senate, 17th November, 1903, "our ancestors thought it was in order to set them free. No such thing: it was simply a change of masters.... Yes, we guillotined the King. Long live the State-King! We dethroned the Pope. Long live the State-Pope! We are driving out God, as the gentlemen of the Right express it. Long live the State-God!" (Quoted in *L'Église Catholique et le Droit Commun*, by l'Abbé A. Roul, p. 48.)

OBITUARY

Today I leaf through the obituaries
 And find out who has died among the famous—
 An actress, doctor, and philanthropist
 The stories of their lives take up a page.

But I recall my neighbor, Betty Amos,
 Who, with beads wrapped around a gnarled fist,
 Tried to cure cancer with Hail Marys,
 Never letting faith succumb to rage.

There is no mention of her name at all,
 No words relating kindnesses and deeds,
 How she brought us apples in the fall,
 And fed the hungry pigeons pumpkin seeds.

— *Leo Yankevich*



GOLD LEAVES

Lo! I am come to autumn,
 When all the leaves are gold;
 Grey hairs and golden leaves cry out
 The year and I are old.
 In youth I sought the prince of men,
 Captain in cosmic wars,
 Our Titan, even the weeds would show
 Defiant, to the stars.
 But now a great thing in the street
 Seems any human nod,
 Where shift in strange democracy
 The million masks of God.
 In youth I sought the golden flower
 Hidden in wood or wold,
 But I am come to autumn,
 When all the leaves are gold.

— *G.K. Chesterton*

November is here, and with it the very beautiful autumn colors and cool, crisp mornings. This time of year sees the cats spending more of their time indoors, but they still have their outdoor adventures, too. The other day, **Fr. McKenna** watched tiny Black Cat stalk a turkey vulture! Although Black Cat is very pretty and is a good companion, he is a little airhead and is clearly not a very smart cat. This incident proves that point. I'm glad he had the sense to stop stalking the enormous bird once it turned around and saw the cat. Fluffy, the Sisters' cat, is a strange little creature, too. She will do almost anything to avoid walking in the grass. She usually hops from the porch to the stones underneath the camper to sleep on the warm bricks that are there. But she really does not like the grass.

Last week's All Saints' Day party was one of the best. There were so many children that, for the second year in a row, one of the other priests had to preach my sermon at the 11:30 Mass. Fr. McKenna was the chosen one this year. In any case, I thought there were many costumes and presentations that were noteworthy. St. Thomas á Becket, of course, was a crowd favorite as he was so excited that he could not wait for me to guess who he was and just blurted it out! I was impressed with how well he knew St. Thomas' story. The presentation of St. Emerentiana was another that I thought was well done. The "stoning" was done by giggling children who were only too happy to throw "stones" at their sibling. I must say that I am glad I do not have to judge the costumes, because so many of them were well done. There was an All Saints' Day party at St. Hugh's in Milwaukee, as well. Fr. McKenna reports that he only got stumped once.

Attendance on All Souls' Day was excellent and I hope that you continue to show such zeal and love for the captive souls in Purgatory for the rest of the month. We have the Rosary Procession at Gate of Heaven Cemetery this afternoon instead of Vespers and Benediction. The school children have another cemetery procession later this week at St. Stephen's where Bishop Dolan and Fr. Cekada are buried.

Fr. Lehtoranta remembered that tomorrow (November 6th) is the 10th anniversary of **Bishop Nkamuke's** ordination to the priesthood. I can still remember when he and the group from Nigeria had just made contact with St. Gertrude's. They had all left the Novus Ordo, some wanted to pursue the priesthood and, of course, the Mass. Fr. Leslie would come from South Africa to offer Mass for them until he was murdered. I can still remember when **Fr.**

Ercoli and then **Fr. Larrabee** both made separate trips to Nigeria to offer Mass and give the sacraments. Now, some fifteen or sixteen years later, Nigeria is booming with missions, a seminary, religious communities, and its own bishop and two priests. It is most impressive to see Divine Providence at work over there. Say a prayer for Bishop Nkamuke and for the success of his apostolate.

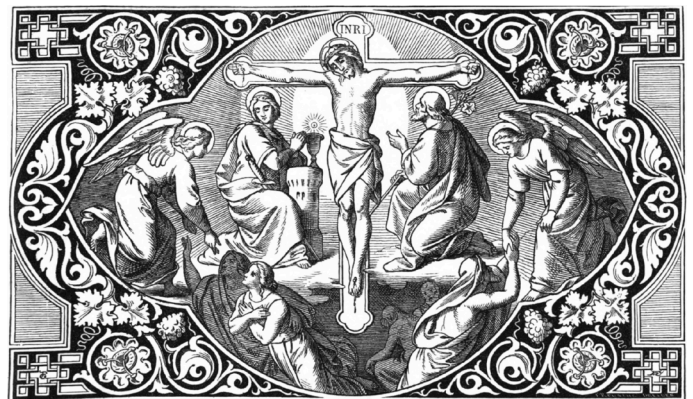


Oh! I mustn't forget two very important upcoming events. Colleen Eldracher, who has been organizing the YAG since it started back up a number of years ago, is getting married to Patrick Klabenes this Saturday. It is amazing to see how many marriages have come from the YAG in just a few years' time. I have known Colleen since she was just a girl. Her family lived just down the street from the seminary when it was still in Warren, Michigan, and she sang in the choir and attended the grade school which was on the same property. It is wonderful to see her now getting married, but we will miss her here at St. Gertrude's. We are very thankful for her time teaching in our school, organizing events, sewing and repairing things in the sacristy, and all the other hidden things she did. Say a prayer for her as she begins her new vocation.

The second big event is our Martinmas celebration next Sunday evening. Last year was the first year we had ever done this, but it was quite popular. There were lanterns, hymns in honor of St. Martin, and even a procession with St. Martin and his horse. Of course, it was all followed by a Martinmas meal prepared by some of the young men of the parish. All are invited, especially the families with children. Events such as this one are the perfect method for teaching our children about the saints and giving them an appreciation for our Catholic heritage.

May God bless you for your zeal and love for Him and His holy Catholic Church.

– Bishop McGuire



✠ ST. MARTIN OF TOURS ✠

When a mere boy, Martin became a Christian catechumen against his parents' wish; and at fifteen he was therefore seized by his father, a pagan soldier, and enrolled in the army. One winter's day, when stationed at Amiens, he met a beggar almost naked and frozen with cold. Having no money, he cut his cloak in two and gave him the half. That night, he saw Our Lord clothed in the half cloak and heard Him say to the angels: "Martin, yet a catechumen, hath wrapped Me in this garment." This decided him to be baptized, and shortly after, he left the army. He succeeded in converting his mother, but being driven from his home by the Arians, he took shelter with St. Hilary and founded near Poitiers the first monastery in France. In 372, he was made Bishop of Tours. His flock, though Christian in name, was still pagan in heart. Unarmed and attended only by his monks, Martin destroyed the heathen temples and groves and completed by his preaching and miracles the conversion of the people, whence he is known as the Apostle of Gaul. His last eleven years were spent in humble toil to atone for his faults, while God made manifest by miracles the purity of his soul.

Reflection: It was for Christ crucified that St. Martin worked. Are you working for the same Lord?

— John Gilmary Shea (d. 1892),
American author and celebrated historian,
regarded as the father of American Catholic history.



MARTINMAS

St. Martin of Tours was a native of Pannonia, which is approximately modern day Hungary. He served in the Roman cavalry in Gaul, and it was there that he did his most famous act of sanctity. One day, while still a catechumen, he met an ill-clothed beggar, and he cut his cloak in two and gave one half to the beggar. That night, St. Martin had a vision of Jesus clad in the half of his cloak and, upon waking, St. Martin discovered his cloak restored to wholeness. Later in life, St. Martin was chosen to be bishop of Tours, and he hid in a pen of geese in an attempt to escape his appointment. However, the geese made such a cackling that he was discovered.

St. Martin's day, or Martinmas, marks a day of feasting which precedes the penitential season before Christmas. The season of penance was known as St. Martin's lent and coincides with Advent, and the degree of fasting has varied over years and regions.

Martinmas takes place at the end of the harvest when animals are butchered and when much beer and wine is ready. Pastries in the shape of a croissant are made especially in Germany and Poland signifying the hooves of St. Martin's horse as well as the half of his cloak, as the shape of the croissant is the half of a pretzel.

Goose is traditionally served, commemorating the geese that betrayed St. Martin's hiding place, and bonfires are lit. Children carry lanterns and sing songs, for which they are rewarded with candy or sweet breads in some places. Lanterns used to be made by hollowing out gourds or turnips and are the inspiration for the jack-o-lantern. The tradition especially of children carrying lanterns may have originated from children who saw St. Martin give the beggar half his cloak and ran back to the town to tell the townspeople. Taking place as the nights approach swifter each day, the lanterns represent the light that holiness brings to the darkness.

St. Martin's Day is popular across Europe, and the lit procession behind a man dressed as St. Martin on horseback is especially prominent in Germany. St. Martin's Day festivities are less common in America and are more of a local matter if any, though there have been lantern processions in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Martinmas contains the celebration of bounty held by Thanksgiving and the lights and sweets notable in Halloween, but, most of all, it leads those who bear the light of the Faith to the season of Advent, as St. Martin on his horse leads those who bear the light of lanterns. — Levi Giese



**THE SAINTS IN REFERENCE TO
WORKS OF PENANCE FOR THE
HOLY SOULS**

The saints have always had recourse to works of penance as the best means of obtaining extraordinary graces from God either for themselves or for others. There is no doubt that these works of mortification have a great efficacy for the departed, as numerous examples will show. Boudon says: "If we had but a little faith, fasting, scourging, and other works of penance and mortification would be our usual means of assisting the Poor Souls." Although such zeal is not expected of everyone, yet there is no one who could not occasionally deny himself a part of some favorite dish or some amusement, mortify his eyes, ears, or tongue, preserve silence for a short time, bear in patience the pains of sickness, heat, or cold, or any other adversity, or curb his self-will or inclinations; in fact, bear with submission and gratitude to God everything that causes pain or distress. Thus the husbandman, the tradesman, the servant, and all others who have corporal and spiritual suffering to bear, possess much that can be offered for the Holy Souls. At the same time this Christian charity will draw the greatest blessings down upon themselves and give them strength in their own suffering. Boudon relates that persons who had offered up all the hardships of a journey for the Poor Souls had been rescued from great dangers in a



miraculous manner, as God chose to reward their charity for the Holy Souls by a special protection of His loving providence.



O God, by whom all things live, and through whom our bodies, destroyed by death, are to be changed into better: We most humbly beseech Thee, command the souls of Thy servants to be received by the hands of the holy angels, and brought unto their heavenly country: Pardon them mercifully all the sins they have committed; that they may live with Thee in eternal light, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. – Bp. Challoner

**AIDING THE SOULS IN
PURGATORY**

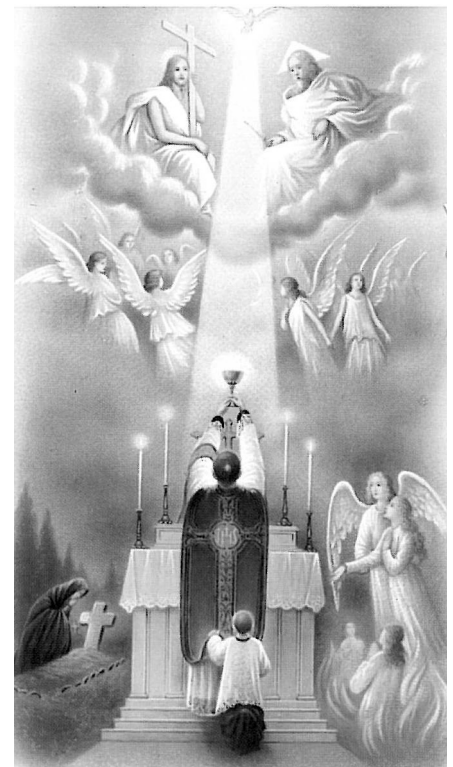
The souls whom divine justice detains in the cleansing flames of Purgatory suffer most keenly; yet they enjoy, nevertheless, a holy peace and even happiness in the midst of their sufferings. And who fills them with that peace and happiness? It is the Holy Ghost, their Comforter.

Thus the Holy Ghost comforts them through others. The more, therefore, you are filled with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, the more readily will you come to the assistance of the poor suffering souls in Purgatory and comfort them in their distress.

– Fr. Feige, "The Paraclete"

*Our Beloved Dead
November*

Ida Youngworth	11-05-2012
Robert M. Deardorff	11-07-2003
Judith E. LeBlanc	11-08-1996
John Madaffari	11-10-2016
Blanche Ciarkowski	11-10-2016
Thelma Sieverding	11-10-2017
Viola M. Ripperger	11-12-2019
Edward P. Fradl	11-13-1989
Larry J. Adams	11-13-2011
Patrick S. Meredith	11-14-1987
Charles S. Blase	11-15-1999
Paul J. Leurck	11-17-2017
Fr. Martin Stepanich	11-18-2012
Geraldine Gilker	11-18-1993
Gertrude Bollhauer	11-19-1982
Alex Bearov	11-20-2011
Edward Sayre	11-21-2010
Patricia A. Buckley	11-23-1987
Nick DiBerardino	11-26-1999
Frank Alban Sr.	11-27-1987
Iris Wilson	11-27-2013
Elaine Manuele	11-27-2019

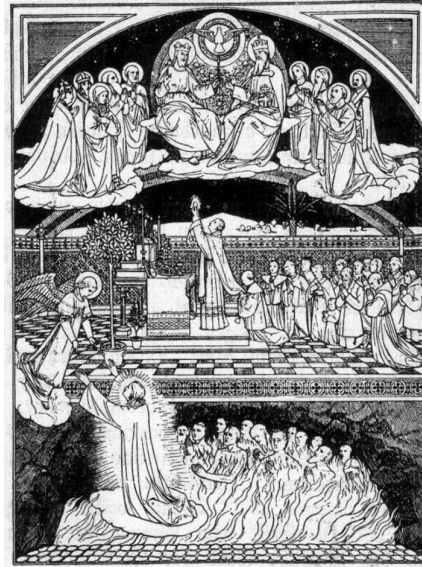


Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

✠ CALENDAR

- MON 11/6/23 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
8:00 AM Low Mass Most Rev. Okechukwu Bede Nkamuke – 10th ordination anniversary (*Gloria Zbilicki*)
11:25 AM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
- TUE 11/7/23 WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
7:00 AM Low Mass Mom & Dad – Anniversary (*Jacinta*)
8:00 AM Low Mass For my husband and our marriage on our 3rd wedding anniversary (*Victoria Cerise*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
1:00 PM Rosary Procession at St. Stephen's Cemetery
5:00 PM Low Mass Happy birthday Sylvia (*Rabjohns family*) (from 11/2)
- WED 11/8/23 OCTAVE DAY OF ALL SAINTS**
 HOLY FOUR CROWNED MARTYRS
7:00 AM Low Mass Conversion of family (*Collin Smith*)
8:00 AM Low Mass James Kolenich family (*C. Simpson family*)
11:25 AM High Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
5:10 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
- THU 11/9/23 DEDICATION OF ST. SAVIOR'S BASILICA**
 ST. THEODORE, M
7:00 AM Low Mass For the sanctification of priests (*Alter Christus Confraternity*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Paddy Omlor – Happy Birthday (*Renee Arlinghaus*)
11:25 AM High Mass †Frederick Woods (*David Kobza*)
5:00 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
- FRI 11/10/23 ST. ANDREW AVELLINO, C**
 SS. TRYPHON & COMPANIONS, MM
 ☞ **NO 8:00 AM Mass**
11:05 AM Confessions
11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 11/11/23 ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BPC**
 ST. MENNAS, M • VETERAN'S DAY
7:10 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
8:10 AM Salve, Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Poor Souls in thanksgiving for favors received (*Mr. & Mrs. William H. Young III*)
11:00 AM Veteran's Day Observance: Tolling of the Bell, Rosary for the Poor Souls
- SUN 11/12/23 PENTECOST XXIV • ST. MARTIN I, PM**
 PATRONAGE OF OUR LADY
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass For Helen Lane's intentions (*Patrick Omlor*)
9:00 AM High Mass †Jean Bischel (*Charlie Henry*)
10:40 AM Catechism Classes
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass †Mary McGuire (*John Brueggemann*)
4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
6:45 PM Martinmas Procession & Party

RELIEF OF THE HOLY SOULS



The Abbé Louvet writes: "One of my relations was a Religious in a community which she edified not by that heroism of virtue which shone forth in the saints, but by an ordinary virtue and great regularity of life. It happened that she lost a friend whom she had formerly known in

the world, and from the time she heard of her death, she made it her duty to recommend her to God. One evening, being very thirsty, her first impulse was to refresh herself with a glass of water, this being allowed by her Rule; but she remembered her deceased friend, and, for the benefit of her soul, refused herself this little gratification. Instead, then, of drinking this glass of water which she held in her hand, she poured it out, praying God to show mercy to the departed. This good Sister reminds us of King David, who, finding himself with his army in a place without water and oppressed with thirst, refused to drink the refreshing water which was brought to him from the cisterns of Bethlehem. Instead of raising it to his parched lips, he poured it out as a libation to the Lord, and Holy Scripture cites this act of the holy King as one most agreeable to God. Now, this slight mortification which our holy Religious imposed upon herself by denying herself this draught of water was so pleasing to God, that He permitted the departed soul to make it manifest by an apparition. On the following night she appeared to the Sister, heartily thanking her for the relief she had received. Those few drops of water, which, in the spirit of mortification she had denied herself, were changed into a refreshing bath, to temper the heat of Purgatorial fires." – *The Ave Maria*

Servers

- FRI 11/10** 5:45 PM **LOW:** Caggeseo
SAT 11/11 7:30 AM **LOW:** L. & J. Rabjohns
 8:20 AM **HIGH:** T. Lawrence, F. Caggeseo, J. Stewart
SUN 11/12 7:30 AM **LOW:** M. McConnell, Brueggemann
 9:00 AM **HIGH:** MCS: N. McClorey, D. Simpson **TH:** C. Arlinghaus **ACs:** C. VanderPutten, J. Hudson **TB:** P. & M. Caggeseo, A. & B. Constantino, I. Smith, T. England
 11:30 AM **LOW:** Capetillos
 4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** D. Simpson, G. Miller
 5:45 PM **LOW:** *Volunteer please!*