

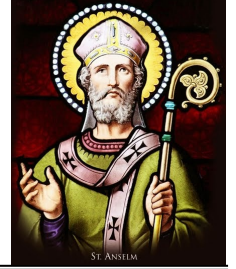
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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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April 21, 2024
EASTER III
ST. ANSELM, BPCD



¶ ST. JOSEPH SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM, Vespers and Benediction at 4:45.



¶ ST. MARK – GREATER LITANIES

Thursday, April 25th a solemn procession will take place at 11:00 AM, and High Mass will be celebrated, to implore the Divine blessing on the fruits of the earth. At the same time, beseech the Lord, in His mercy, to remove from us the chastisement which we have deserved for our sins, and to grant us the grace to avoid committing fresh offenses, as well as the grace of persevering in our spiritual resurrection. The Mass of St. Mark will be offered at 7 & 8 AM.



¶ OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Friday, April 26th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the second anniversary of the death of †Bishop Dolan. Come to Mass to plead for our Holy Mother Church as well as to pray for the repose of our late bishop's soul. A Solemn Requiem Mass and Absolution for †Bishop Dolan will be sung at 11:25. Low Masses at 8 & 5:45 will be in honor of the Mother of Good Counsel. We continue a triduum in her honor through Sunday.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER IV

Catechism classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Easter IV, second collect of St. Paul of the Cross, third of St. Vitalis. Preface of Easter.

¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, five weeks from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your **Easter Duty** of a worthy Holy Communion. *Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.* Pray and offer sacrifices for all to make a good Confession and Communion.

Lumen Christi

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

Bishop Daniel Dolan – Rest in peace
(James Kolenich)

Collection Report

Sunday, April 14th\$6,706.00
Thank you for your generosity.

CONGRATULATIONS to

Michael & Harmony McMahon on the baptism of their son, Brian Joseph, on Saturday, April 13, 2024.



Please Note: If you took a St. Joseph Cord before the 11:25 Mass on Wednesday, it has NOT been blessed.

**THE PROTECTOR & PATRON OF
HOLY MOTHER THE CHURCH**

The duties which Joseph once performed for Jesus and Mary he now performs for Holy Mother Church and all her children. He performs these functions for us with the same love, the same fidelity, the same strength which he once displayed with respect to Jesus and Mary. The liturgy of the day presents him in this way. We gratefully accept his protection as we recite the words of the Introit: "The Lord is our helper and protector; in Him our heart shall rejoice, and in His holy Name we have trusted, alleluia, alleluia." Then we make this request: "Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel [Holy Mother the Church], Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep." St. Joseph in turn assures us: "In whatever tribulation they shall cry to me, I will hear them, and be their protector always" (Alleluia verse). Then in the name of Holy Mother the Church we beg of St. Joseph: "Do thou, O Joseph, make us lead an innocent life; may it ever be shielded by thy patronage" (Alleluia verse).



O Holy Virgin, to whose feet we are led by our anxious uncertainty in our search for and attainment of what is true and good, invoking thee by the sweet title of Mother of Good Counsel, we beseech thee to come to our assistance when, along the road of this life, the darkness of error and of evil conspire towards our ruin by leading our minds and our hearts astray.



**THE SEVEN SORROWS &
SEVEN JOYS OF ST. JOSEPH**

1. The doubt of St. Joseph. (*Matt. 1:19*). The message of the Angel. (*Matt. 1:20*).
2. The poverty of Jesus' birth. (*Luke 2:7*). The birth of the Savior. (*Luke 2:7*).
3. The Circumcision. (*Luke 2:21*). The Holy Name of Jesus. (*Matt. 2:7*).
4. The prophecy of Simeon. (*Luke 2:34*). The effects of the Redemption. (*Luke 2:34*).
5. The flight into Egypt. (*Matt. 2:22*). The overthrow of the idols of Egypt. (*Is. 19:1*).
6. The return from Egypt. (*Matt. 2:22*). Life with Jesus and Mary at Nazareth. (*Luke 2:39*).
7. The loss of the Child Jesus. (*Luke 2:45*). The finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple. (*Luke 2:46*).



LILIES OF SAINT JOSEPH

Oh! of all the lovely flowers
That bedeck the garden bowers,
Or illumine, with rainbow light, the
woodland and the lea,
One is fair and the fairest,
Richer, rarer, than the rarest,
Ay, the sweet and stainless lily is the
queen of flowers for me.

When I see its snowy chalice,
Like a white and shining palace
From its stalk uprising grandly, I
bethink me of the rod
With its mystic lilies laden,
That to Israel's royal maiden
Showed the fitting Spouse selected by
the miracle of God.

Other blooms of earthly bowers
Sister are to starry flowers
That, within the fields above us, have
their bright, celestial birth.
But thy sheen, O royal lily!
Is the moonlight, calm and stilly,
Shedding streams of silvery splendor
o'er the firmament of earth.

Lily leaves of balm and brightness,
Ye have shined the fragrant whiteness,
From the angel wings reflected,
downward through the desert gloom.
And ye blossom sweetly, solely,
For the lighted altars holy,
Emblems of the blessed Joseph, types
of Mary's virgin bloom.

— Harriet M. Skidmore



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

I think it's been a pretty good week here in West Chester. Most of our First Communicants are ready and I'm confident that the rest soon will be. **Fr. Lehtoranta** tested them last week. This time each year is such a sweet time as we (parents, teachers, and clergy) do our part to prepare the way, St. John the Baptist-like, for Our Lord, Innocence itself, to enter into the innocent of heart. Don't you wish you could go back to your first Communion Day and do it all over again? Ah! That's a bit of a trick question. We should not look backwards with vain wishes, but look forward with a courageous heart and lots of good will. You get to receive Our Lord each day, if you choose. Let our children's First Communions renew your fervor, and pray for those who have lost their love for the Eucharistic King and who have not yet made their Easter Duty.

Congratulations to John and Julie (Hudson) Brueggemann on their wedding yesterday. **Fr. Brueggemann** did a find job—I believe it was his first wedding. There are a number of other weddings scheduled this summer, another encouraging sign of our growth here at St. Gertrude's!

Fr. McKenna told me that "Bishop" Vitus Hunder died a few days ago. Do you remember the name? He was the retired bishop of the Novus Ordo who "consecrated" the holy oils for the SSPX last year. The problem: he was consecrated in the invalid new rite of episcopal consecration and even ordained in the new rite of priestly ordination. Invalid bishop = invalidly consecrated holy oils. Invalidly consecrated holy oils = invalid Confirmations and Extreme Unction. This should give anyone who thinks well of the SSPX cause to rethink the organization. Mass in union with a heretic, acceptance of some priests and bishops of the New Rite, and now more invalid sacraments. Still think they are carrying on the sacred mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ?! They are on the same level as the Novus Ordo because their position leads right back to the Novus Ordo.

This Friday is a big, important day for us. April 26th is Fr. Lehtoranta's birthday, the feast of the Mother of Good Counsel (who continues to be so good to us, offering her good counsel), and the second anniversary of Bishop Dolan's death. A "quick" Pontifical Requiem Mass with Absolution will be sung at 11:25 AM. I hope you can come and pray for our beloved late pastor.

As always, I am edified and extremely grateful for all of you, my spiritual children—both here at St.

Gertrude's and in the missions, and I pray for you daily. Please keep me and all the clergy in your prayers.

— Bishop McGuire



FROM "WHAT IS A SAINT?" BY FRANK DUFF

Fear the postponed beginnings. A chill grows up, and our great destiny is forgotten.

Oh, my God! Grant that I have not in my indecision let that day come upon myself. I confess that Your work has never been anything to me but occupations for an idle moment. My heart has been set upon the things that pass. But henceforth I will give myself entirely to You. Give me the time, and faithfully do I promise now to serve You. Give me back the years that the worm and the locust have devoured, that I may one day restore them to You full of achievement.

And I do not ask for the big things—the life of the missionary or the monk, or those others I see around me so full of accomplishment. I do not ask for any of these; but simply set my face to follow out unswervingly, untiringly, the common life which day by day stretches before me, satisfied in it to love You, and try to make You loved. Nature rebels against this life with its never-ending round of trivial tasks and full of the temptation to take relief in amusement or change. It seems so hard to be great in the small things, to be heroic in the doing of the commonplace, but still this life is Your Will for me. There must be a great destiny in it. And so I am content.

And then to crown the rest, dear Jesus, I beg of You to give me this . . . fidelity to the end . . . to be at my post when the final call comes, and to take my last weary breath in your embrace. A valiant life . . . and faithful to the end. A short wish, dearest Jesus, but it covers all.



✠ CALENDAR

MON	4/22/24	SS. SOTER & CAIUS, PPM 8:00 AM Low Mass For the Poor Souls in thanksgiving (<i>JCS</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Our children, grandchildren & godchildren (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Hudson</i>)
TUE	4/23/24	ST. GEORGE, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Bill Oleyar</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Rev. Fr. Ned Joyce CJC (<i>Joe Druecker</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Seminarian Alfonso Capetillo (<i>Francis Caggese</i>)
WED	4/24/24	OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOSEPH ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Pierce Kiernan (<i>Victoria Cerise</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Rebecca Uhlenbrock (<i>Capetillo family</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Michael Caggese – Happy Birthday (<i>Dad & Mom</i>)
THU	4/25/24	ST. MARK, EV • GREATER LITANIES 7:00 AM Low Mass For the Zver family – Thank you! (<i>The Hudson family</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Sister Eulalia (<i>Levi Giese family</i>) 11:00 AM Greater Litanies Procession 11:25 AM High Mass For the Lawrence family – Thank you! (<i>The Hudson family</i>)
FRI	4/26/24	SS. CLETUS & MARCELLINUS, PPM <i>OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL</i> <i>OPENING OF TRIDUUM</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Lehtoranta (<i>Alter Christus</i>) 11:25 AM Pontifical Requiem †Bishop Dolan (<i>Alter Christus</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass †Bishop Daniel Dolan (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell & Family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	4/27/24	ST. PETER CANISIUS, CD <i>ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BPC</i> <i>OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION • TRIDUUM II</i> 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Joann Young (<i>Keith & Mary Christensen</i>) Regina Coeli 8:20 AM High Mass St. Philomena, pray for and guide me! (<i>Renee Arlinghaus</i>), Sermon Sodality Meeting
SUN	4/28/24	EASTER IV • ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, C ST. VITALIS, M • ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT, C ST. PETER CHANEL, M • TRIDUUM III 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Jacinta McConnell (<i>Ball Family</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Lisa Schmidt (<i>Marge Kitchen</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Intentions of Dan & Christy Hilliard (<i>A.M.B.</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Our Beloved Dead - April

Andrew Courter	4-03-2012
Carole K. Rogers	4-04-1987
Florence Roth	4-04-1988
Mary L. Blase	4-04-2004
Veronica Golembeski	4-08-1996
John M. Reis	4-10-1994
Sue (Maggie) Mincey	4-10-2007
Ellen G. Amyx	4-12-2005
Louis R. Bickett	4-12-2010
Cheryl Maki	4-13-2004
Alberta Courter	4-15-2008
Iole G. Feighery	4-16-2005
Walter C. Elbert	4-19-2001
Helen Tschosik	4-20-2020
Bishop Daniel Dolan	4-26-2022



Masses Offered Privately:

2x Thou knowest, O Lord (*Arlinghaus Family*)
 Janet Kukla – Healing/Health (*Joseph & Elizabeth Prell*)
 †Helen Herz (*Nathalie Andreotta*)
 Poor Souls on behalf of St. Jude
 Repose of the soul of †Mary Elizabeth Grumblatt (*Theresa Simpson*)
 Margaret Walz & Maria Bischel (*Regina Simpson*)
 My son Jay Tseng – special intentions (*H.Y.*)
 In honor of the Infant of Prague in thanksgiving for our clergy (*A.M.B.*)
 †Rosarita Wake (*Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Prell*)
 †Theresa Couch – RIP (*Sr. Eulalia*)
 †Judy Parlett – RIP (*Sr. Eulalia*)
 Thank you for all the birthday wishes! (*Sr. Eulalia*)
 For all my family & friends – Merry Christmas (*Sr. Eulalia*)
 Special intention CAV (*K/V*)
 2x †George Hagle (*Mike Hagle*)
 Mr. & Mrs. Edward Knoll (*Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Knoll*)
 9x For the Poor Souls in thanksgiving (*JCS*)
 †Lisa Schmidt (*Marge Kitchen*)
 Charles & Bev Simpson at Christmas (*Tom & Karen Simpson*)
 Special intention

Servers

FRI 4/26	5:45 PM LOW: B. Constantino, I. Smith
SAT 4/27	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:20 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, M. & P. Caggese
SUN 4/28	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, C. Brueggemann TH: N. Kolenich ACS: M. Kolenich, D. Hudson TBS: J. & I. Smith, A. Constantino, P. & F. Caggso, V. Horton 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: C. & J. Plucker