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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



May 12, 2024 SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE ASCENSION • SS. NEREUS & COMPANIONS, MM

¶ ASCENSION SUNDAY



Our mothers are remembered at all of the Masses today, especially at the High Mass, which is offered for them. Don't miss your Blessed Mother's **May Crowning** after the High Mass. Catechism classes are canceled today. Come back to church for May Devotions, in the afternoon after 4:45 PM Vespers, and receive the Eucharistic Benediction of Mary's Son.

¶ MAY DEVOTIONS

Please check the Calendar for the daily May Devotions, a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady.

¶ DAY OF RECOLLECTION

All *children* who are Confirmation candidates must attend an *obligatory Day of Recollection* on **Thursday, May 16th**. The day begins at **9:00 AM**. Please bring a lunch. Children should wear Sunday clothes and have a prayer book and rosary with them. The day concludes with May Devotions and Benediction at 2:45 PM.

¶ FRIDAY—PLEASE NOTE!

There will be **no evening Mass or devotions** on Friday, due to preparations for the Vigil of Pentecost. Benediction, the Sacred Heart Novena and the Pentecost Novena will take place after the 11:25 AM Low Mass.



First Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

Monday, May 13

Low Mass at 5:45 PM.

Procession begins at 7:15 PM.

Meet us in the First Watch Parking Lot, Union Center, West Chester.



Collection Report

Sunday, May 5 th	\$7,902.00
Second Collection.....	\$2,925.00
Alter Christus.....	\$336.00

¶ VIGIL OF PENTECOST

Saturday, May 18th, the Vigil of Pentecost, is a day of *fast and partial abstinence*. You are invited to the beautiful Vigil of Pentecost Mass and **ceremonies of Confirmation**. The Vigil begins at 8:00 AM, the Mass closer to 9:30. After Mass, there will be the enrollment in the Brown Scapular and individual photos. Those who assist at the Vigil and Mass may consider themselves as dispensed from the fast, but all may eat meat only once, at the principal meal.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST

Next Sunday is the great feast of Pentecost. There will be no Catechism Classes. Pentecost Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 *Set Your Missal:* Pentecost. Preface of Pentecost. Proper Communicantes and Hanc Igitur.

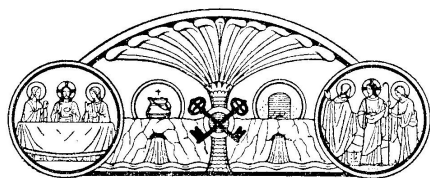
¶ EASTER DUTY

Trinity Sunday, two 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 these next two weeks for all to make a good Confession and Communion.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Joshua & Elizabeth Gunsher on the baptism of their daughter, Eugenia Solange, on Thursday, May 9, 2024.





ONE IN CHRIST

God wills that we bear with one another in charity. *Bear with one another charitably* (Eph 4:2). He does not want us to be scandalized or irritated with the evil He permits. He does not want our zeal to be transformed into impatience or bitterness. And He does not want us to complain about others, coming to the point of being persuaded that the ideal is in us or at least that we love it while others do not. In short, He does not want us to pray the prayer of the Pharisee.... The art of God consists in drawing good from evil.... We should support one another. Indeed, we should do something more. As St. Paul says, *You should carry each other's troubles* (Gal 6:2), just as Our Lord carried the burdens of us all on His shoulders.

Perfection, however, does not consist only of bearing with one another but also in returning good for evil. Before all else we must give good example which edifies and we must pray. When we are tempted to judge our neighbor severely, to be scandalized or irritated, we should pray and light will shine in us and in the soul for whom we are praying. We will draw the blessings of God upon him. Finally, we should place ourselves at the service of all with humility and discretion. Then, with the aid of prayer, the union of hearts as well as the desire of Our Lord will be realized: *That they may be one as We are one* (Jn 17:22). In the first centuries this union characterized the life of the Church in the world. An intimate union existed between the Hebrew convert, the Greek, and the Roman; between the ignorant and

the wise; between the rich and the poor. All formed one single family, that the sons of God, and earthly goods were held in common. The disciples of Christ were truly recognized by the sign that He Himself had given them. The pagans were forced to exclaim: "Look how they love one another!"

O Soul of the Mystical Body, Who vivifies the humanity of Christ, the Head, and every one of His members, reveal to us the profound life and unity of this Body that is glorious in heaven, suffers in purgatory, and struggles here below. Make us understand that even now we belong to the family of the saints and the family of God, and, despite the diversity of character, have us love one another as Christ loved us.

– Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.



Come, come, Holy Ghost! Come, union of the Father, contentment of the Word, glory of the angels. O Spirit of Truth, Thou art the reward of the saints, the refreshment of souls, light in darkness, wealth of the poor, treasure of those who love, abundance of food for the hungry, comfort of pilgrims, and in a word, the One Who contains all treasures.

– St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi



SONG OF THE ROSARY

There is one harp that any hand can play,
And from its strings what harmonies arise!
There is one song that any mouth can say,
A song that lingers when all singing dies:
When on their beds our Mother's children pray,
Immortal music charms the grateful skies.

– Joyce Kilmer



OUR LADY OF FATIMA

There has already begun an impressive response to Mary's plea. It is an immense gain that thousands are again learning to finger their long-forgotten beads and ponder the mysteries they recall. The grand old custom of the Family Rosary is quietly reappearing in many homes. Who will discount the beauty or the power of those tens-of-thousands passing on the sacred chorus of prayer, as the twilight Rosary follows the setting sun round the world?

As at Lourdes, so at Fatima, the Celestial Queen carried her sacred beads at every Apparition. While at Lourdes, she revealed her identity to St. Bernadette under the title "the Immaculate Conception," at Fatima, she told the children "I am the Lady of the Rosary."

Happy Mother's Day to each and every one of the mothers! How precious a role a mother has in life. She cooperates with God in the role of creation and sacrifices so much to raise the children she has brought into the world in such a way that she can give them back to God for all eternity. It is a thankless task much of the time, made all the more difficult by the unfair demands of a materialistic society. The world doesn't think much of motherhood, but the devil knows the importance of a good Catholic mother in the role of salvation and this is why motherhood is so badly attacked today. But Heaven also knows the importance of this vocation and holds it in great esteem. The greatest saint in heaven is a mother, after all! May she help you to be saintly mothers, too!

This past week was truly a prayerful week, just as Holy Mother Church intends the few days before the Ascension to be. Our prayer intentions were bundled up and then taken up to Heaven as Our Savior ascended. Have confidence that our Father will hear them!

What about those terrible storms a few days ago!? **Fr. McKenna** mentioned that some tornadoes occurred somewhere a little ways from Lebanon. This picture below was taken by **Fr. Brueggemann** during that storm (it was also the liturgical feast of the Apparition of St. Michael)! Good St. Michael is our angelic warrior, who watches over us and fights our battles. This picture is a reminder of that.



Fr. McKenna is in Dallas today, but should be home in time for the first of this year's Fatima processions on Monday evening. Mr. McKenna temporarily moved from Florida to Dallas to help out the Dallas mission's coordinator in one of his businesses. Mrs. McKenna was up in the Boston area taking care of her

sickly mother. So, the coordinator very charitably flew Mrs. McKenna out to Dallas for Mother's Day. Now the whole McKenna gang is in Dallas for the weekend and should have a good Mother's Day weekend together. Deo gratias!



Fr. Brueggemann is in Seattle again for the week, but should be back on Thursday. **Fr. Simpson** is always gone these days. When he comes back it's like we have a new priest around! Seriously, we do miss our priests when they are gone and are thankful for the presence of the priests who are always around! **Fr. Lehtoranta** continues his work in the school, which is fast approaching the end of another year.

You, our dear faithful, do so much to make St. Gertrude's such a wonderful place. May Our Lady shower her blessings upon you and keep you close to her Son.

– Bishop McGuire

O Mother Immaculate, Queen of the Rosary, we must learn to love those little beads. In every trial and sorrow they have always been a consolation to all who trust in you. Our joyful days are happier when you can share the things that cause delight. May your Rosary, O Mary, my Mother, always be for me my strength in weakness, my courage in time of trial, the consolation of all my days through all my life. May it be the steadying influence that I need when I find success and the support of my soul when failure marks my efforts. In all things, with childlike trust may I live my life, in peaceful union with your own, through the happy medium of the Rosary. Amen.



O Lord God, Who has graciously chosen St. Dymphna to be the patroness of those afflicted with mental and nervous disorders, and has caused her to be an inspiration and a symbol of charity to the thousands who invoke her intercession, grant, through the prayers of this pure, youthful martyr, relief and consolation to all who suffer from these disturbances, and especially to those for whom we pray. (*Here mention those for whom you wish to pray.*) We beg Thee to accept and to satisfy the prayers of St. Dymphna on our behalf. Grant to those we have particularly recommended patience in their sufferings and resignation to Thy divine will. Fill them with hope and, if it be in accord with Thy divine plan, bestow upon them the cure they so earnestly desire. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	5/13/24	ST. ROBERT BELLARMINI, BPCD <i>OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</i> PENTECOST NOVENA IV
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Aunts & Uncles (<i>K/V</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Robert & Cindy Horton (<i>Horton Family</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Andrew & Eliza Kiernan – We love you! (<i>Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan</i>)
	7:15 PM	Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
TUE	5/14/24	WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. BONIFACE, M PENTECOST NOVENA V
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Nick Kiernan – We love you! (<i>Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass Repose of the soul of †Patricia Beck (<i>TRCS</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Christian Mothers of Mary Immaculate, Omaha, NE (<i>Christina Horton</i>)
WED	5/15/24	ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C <i>ST. DYMPHNA, VM • PENTECOST NOVENA VI</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Patty & John Paul Zwick – We love you! (<i>Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan</i>)
	11:25 AM	High Mass †Sean Hinton (<i>Rebecca Hinton</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:10 PM	Low Mass Emily Capetillo – Thank you (<i>Love, Mom</i>)
THU	5/16/24	ST. UBALDUS, BPC • ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, M <i>ST. BRENDAN • PENTECOST NOVENA VII</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention SV (<i>K/V</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Pierce Kiernan – We love you! (<i>Kevin & Phyllis Kiernan</i>)
	9:00 AM	Opening of Confirmands' Day of Recollection
	11:25 AM	High Mass Second anniversary of †Sean Murray's death (<i>John Boyd</i>)
	3:10 PM	May Devotions
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Sophia Hudson (<i>Abigail Lawrence</i>)
FRI	5/17/24	ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C PENTECOST NOVENA VIII
	7:00 AM	Low Mass †Anica Manipon (<i>A.F.</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention deceased (<i>Nathalie Andreotta</i>)
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Special Intention – J.A. (<i>A.M.B.</i>) Sacred Heart Novena, Pentecost Novena, Benediction
	3:10 PM	May Devotions NO EVENING MASS
SAT	5/18/24	VIGIL OF PENTECOST <i>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</i> PENTECOST NOVENA IX
	7:40 AM	May Devotions, Closing of Pentecost Novena
	8:00 AM	Pentecost Vigil
	9:30 AM	(approx.) Pontifical Mass For our Confirmands followed by Confirmations

GLADNESS LIKE A RIVER

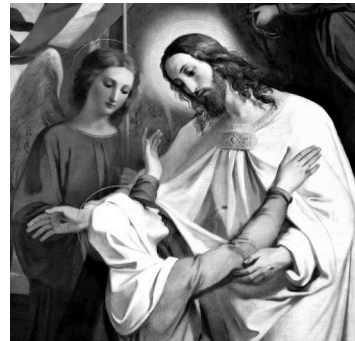
If you say the *Regina Coeli* in place of the *Angelus* during Eastertide at the noontime summit of the day, you may well continue with these words:

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!

For the Lord has truly risen, Alleluia!

Let us pray: O God, who gave joy to the world through the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord is risen, indeed! And that gladdens more than Mary's heart. It gladdens all the world. It is the good news: otherwise nothing in the world is really new, and your newspapers may as well begin with the obituaries, because that is where all the works of man must lead.



Think of the river of life that St. John saw in his vision, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb (Rv 22:1). How different, that river, from the muddy Tiber in the days of Hadrian, draining the city sewage of the city, and often red with blood; or from the Nile, that long snake of life in the desert. The Resurrection spreads its gladness like a sea, and it changes forever all that it touches. So when we pray these final words, we ask for the gladness of that eternal stream, the water that restores the soul. One drink of that and we shall never be thirsty again. – *Anthony Esolen*

Servers

SAT 5/18	8:00 AM PENTECOST VIGIL: <i>Posted in Sacristy</i>
SUN 5/19	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
	9:00 AM PONTIFICAL: <i>Posted in Sacristy</i>
	11:30 AM LOW: C. & J. Plucker
	4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith
	5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

SUN 5/19/24	PENTECOST SUNDAY
7:05 AM	Rosary
7:30 AM	Low Mass John & Julie – Blessings on your marriage (<i>Aunt Patsy</i>)
9:00 AM	Pontifical High Mass Bishop McGuire & SGG religious (<i>Mary Claire Brennan</i>)
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass †Felisbela Maria da Silva Lund (<i>The Hudson Family</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers, May Devotions, Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great