

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT + ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"

"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"

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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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October 26, 2025
CHRIST THE KING
PENTECOST XX



¶ CHRIST THE KING

Today we resume the Forty Hours Devotion. **We need adorers this afternoon, especially between 1 and 4 PM!** There are no Classes today. October Devotions with Rosary are at 4:00 PM. Solemn Vespers will be at 4:45 PM. **Note that the evening Mass is at 5:30, not 5:45. Closing ceremonies** are at 6:45, followed by refreshments.

¶ KNIGHTS OF ST. MARTIN

The Knights of St. Martin Men's Group have their meeting on **Thursday**, beginning with Mass at 5:30 PM.

¶ ALL HALLOWS' EVE

Friday is the Vigil of All Saints. There is traditionally **no fast** on this day in the United States, though all must still abstain from meat. The Friday evening Mass & Benediction will be as usual.

¶ ALL SAINTS DAY

First Saturday is a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 7:30, 9, and 11:30 AM. Solemn Vespers with October Devotions & Benediction are at 4:30 PM.

¶ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday. **Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!**



¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Contreras and his mother, Diane Puglielli, Ambrose, Sr. Claretia, Kathy Verity, and a special intention.



ALL SAINTS DAY PROCESSION & PARTY Sunday, November 2, 2025

Children should come dressed as a saint (arrive in church at 8:50 AM) and may give a brief presentation (not obligatory), which should be given by heart. (No notes please.) After the presentations, all are welcome to the All Saints Party.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ALL SAINTS

The **All Saints Day Procession** takes place before the High Mass next Sunday. The children should arrive at **8:50 AM**, dressed as a saint. All are welcome to the All Saints Party that follows. The second collection for our Oblates will be taken up at the Offertory, and the Little Church will be in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. The **Blessing of Religious Articles** will be available after All Masses.

The *Toties Quoties* Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls may be gained from noon Sunday until the church is closed on Monday. The Double Vespers of the Sunday & All Souls will be at 4:30 PM, with October Devotions and Benediction.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XXI, second collect of the Octave of All Saints. Trinity Preface.

¶ TOTIES QUOTIES

You may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions each time you make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, from noon November 2nd until midnight November 3rd—praying six Paters, six Aves and six Glorias for the intentions of Holy Mother Church. This wonderful indulgence is applicable only to the Poor Souls.

¶ POOR SOULS ENVELOPES

Envelopes for All Souls Day may be found in the vestibule. Fill one out with the names of loved ones you wish to be remembered in the Masses on All Souls Day, and return them in the collection, bookstore, or office.

Collection Report

Sunday, October 19th.....\$12,483.00

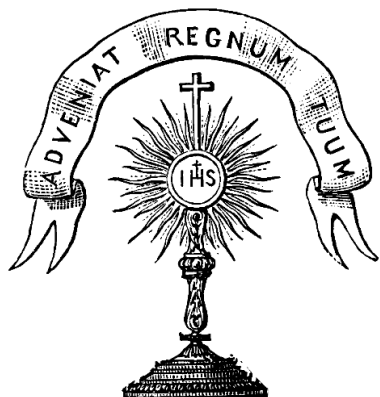
LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

Let us face the present trials to which divine Providence subjects us, but let us not lose heart or become discouraged. Let us fight valiantly and we will obtain the prize of strong souls. Remember...the words the divine Master one day said to the Apostles and which He says to you today: "Let not your heart be troubled." Yes...let not your hearts be troubled in the hour of trial, because Jesus promised His real assistance to those who follow Him....

Live tranquilly...follow the path on which the Lord has placed you, and, in a holy manner, diligently try to keep Jesus satisfied and pleased; this Jesus who suffers the abandonment of His Father for love of us, and by whom this heavenly Father wanted you to be accompanied. So just like a bee who is carefully making the honey of holy devout practices, also make the wax of domestic affairs, because if the former brings with it a sweetness pleasing to Christ, who while He lived in the world nourished Himself with butter and honey, as Scripture tells us, the latter superabounds with glory for Him, because it serves to make lighted candles for the edification of one's neighbor. God who has taken you by the hand with special care is guiding you to the port of eternal salvation: let us confide in Him and have no fear.

May Jesus make your hearts more and more His.

— Padre Pio



An elderly woman in the Hamilton area would like to attend Sunday Mass, but does not have a car. If anyone would be able to offer her a ride, please contact the office.



¶ NEW IN THE BOOKSTORE

Are you doing some early planning for the upcoming holidays? The bookstore has some gift ideas on the movable display and the coffee mug selection has been refreshed. Hard-to-find saint statues will also be trickling in over the next month. St. Gertrude, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, St. Philomena, St. Germaine, and a few of the Popes are just a few of the names to come. Stop in after Mass because there is always something new!



¶ MARTINMAS

Don't miss the Martinmas festivities! There will be a **lantern-lit procession** in the evening on **Sunday, November 9**, led by **St. Martin on horseback** and featuring special hymns to the saint. Some traditional Martinmas foods will be on offer in the social hall after the procession. A wonderful Catholic tradition!



OCTOBER DAYS

There is an aching sadness
In October days,
As I walk the woodlands
And the garden ways;
For in wind-blown blossom,
And in withered leaf,
Lo, my heart is seeing
Beauty torn by grief!

There is healing gladness
In the ways I go,
As October breezes
Wander to and fro;
For my heart is hearing
Flowers and strewn leaves sigh,
"Spring will be returning—
Beauty cannot die!"

— Edgar Daniel Kramer



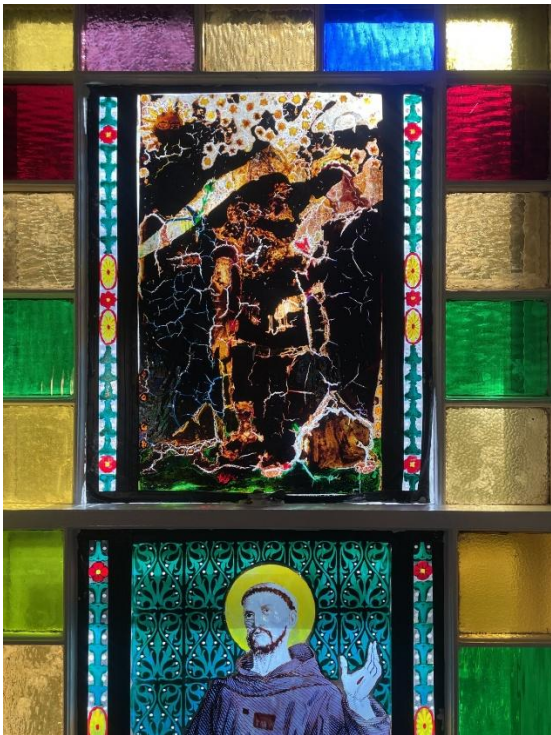
"There are too many Catholics who continue through a lifetime in a routine that is outwardly adequate and sufficient, but which the want of good motives, the strong infusion of vanity or self-seeking, and the coldness of divine charity, combine to rob of its supernatural value in the eyes of God, and of its merit unto everlasting life."

— Bishop Hedley

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Black Cat got himself hurt while I was away last weekend and has been hobbling along on three legs until we got him to the vet on Friday. (Thank you, Miss Mikesell!) He kept me company in my office for a couple of days, and we took walks back and forth between the rectory and church. He would walk part way, always wanting to stay close to my side, and then eventually allowing me to pick him up and carry him the rest of the way.

Last week's trip to Connecticut and New Jersey went well. **Fr. Rodriguez** organized a parish barbecue the day before Confirmations. **Fr. Richards, Br. Jerome, and Br. Gerard** and a couple of their parishioners came up from Sacred Heart in the Boston area. Even the grillster came all the way up from Boston! We had Mass at 4, which was well attended, and then a nice meal. The next day, Sunday, was a very busy one with twelve Confirmations in Connecticut and 3 more in New Jersey. The drive to New Jersey is a long one, but Father does it every other weekend, while on one of the other weekends he flies to Albuquerque, New Mexico, to offer Mass for a growing mission. Below, you can see the picture of the stained-glass window which was scorched by a demon that had been cast out of a soul and left the chapel. I told you about this in last week's bulletin.



Fr. McKenna has gone to Milwaukee for the weekend, but we are joined by one of our seminarians, Poncho Capetillo, whom **Fr. Ercoli** has so kindly permitted to assist us with Forty Hours. Bishops are pretty much useless when it comes to Forty Hours since they cannot do a

Solemn High Mass and a Pontifical is not practical during this devotion. So I will sit on the sidelines with my brother bishop, **Bishop Nkamuke**, and let everyone else take care of the ceremonies. This Forty Hours has snuck up on us, but it came at a perfect time. We can sure use the graces, and there are so many favors to ask, so much reparation to be made to the Sacred Heart, so much to thank Him for. Our Lord comes out of the tabernacle to be with you. All you have to do is show up—and there He is, the King of Kings, Almighty God, the Creator of Heaven and Earth, of angels and men, and of all things, and He has His heart ready to bestow graces.

Today is the feast of Christ the King. How fitting that it should also be the closing day of Forty Hours. It is a reminder that the true solution to all the political problems of the day is right here in the monstrance. A person can vote over and over again, but until Christ the King is allowed to reign there is no true hope that our country, or society in general, will be fixed in any meaningful way for any length of time. Until people have realized that the country and society will only be saved by the extension of the reign of Christ the King there will be no change for the better. So, fall on your knees before the tabernacle and pray for this intention. Sacred Heart of Jesus, Thy kingdom come!

– Bishop McGuire



All Saints Sunday is Next Week!

*Parents, help your children prepare a costume, and perhaps a brief presentation. The little saints should arrive in time for their procession at **8:50 AM** next Sunday.*

MON 10/27/25	VIGIL OF SS. SIMON & JUDE
8:00 AM	Low Mass Joseph Winrod – for complete physical healing (<i>Jane Childers</i>)
11:25 AM	Low Mass Cecilia Gunsher (<i>Elizabeth Gunsher</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
TUE 10/28/25	SS. SIMON & JUDE, APP
7:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Sister Eulalia & Sister Magdalen</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Alexander Childers – 21 st Birthday (<i>Jane Childers</i>)
11:25 AM	High Mass Alfonso T. Capetillo (<i>Nana & Grandpa</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
5:00 PM	Low Mass †Grandpa & †Grandma Bischel (<i>Andrew Richesson</i>)
WED 10/29/25	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY • FERIAL DAY
7:00 AM	Low Mass †Paula Doyle (<i>Zach Doyle</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Paul McGill (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>)
11:25 AM	High Mass Special Intentions – Deceased (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>)
2:45 PM	Exposition, October Devotions, Benediction
3:10 PM	(approx.) Holy Communion
5:10 PM	Low Mass Bishop McGuire & his intentions – Happy Birthday!
THU 10/30/25	FERIAL DAY
7:00 AM	Low Mass Intentions of Karen Simpson (<i>C. Simpson Family</i>)
8:00 AM	Low Mass Jeremiah, Ashley & Ivy Moore (<i>Donna Patton</i>)
11:25 AM	Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament SGG School families, clergy, & faculty (<i>A friend</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
☞ 5:30 PM	Low Mass Smith family & their intentions (<i>Joseph Simpson family</i>) Knights of St. Martin Meeting
FRI 10/31/25	VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS
8:00 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Cleo Speckert</i>)
11:00 AM	Confessions
11:25 AM	High Mass †Andy Hable (<i>Jennifer Richesson</i>)
3:00 PM	October Devotions
4:45 PM	First Vespers of All Saints
5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM	Low Mass In thanksgiving to the Infant of Prague (<i>Sister Eulalia</i>)
6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT 11/1/25	ALL SAINTS' DAY – HOLY DAY • FIRST SATURDAY
7:30 AM	Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritzge</i>)
9:00 AM	High Mass John Brueggemann – Happy Birthday! (<i>Julie Brueggemann</i>)
11:30 AM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
4:30 PM	Vespers, October Devotions, Benediction
SUN 11/2/25	PENTECOST XXI • WITHIN THE OCTAVE <i>OUR LADY OF SUFFRAGE</i>
7:05 AM	Rosary

PRAYER TO THE EUCHARISTIC HEART



O Eucharistic Heart, O Sovereign love of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has instituted the august Sacrament in order to dwell here below in our midst, in order to give to our souls Thy Flesh as food, and Thy Blood as drink; we believe firmly, Lord Jesus, in that supreme Love which has caused Thee to institute the Most Holy Eucharist. Here before this Victim, it is just that we should adore

this Love, that we should acknowledge and exalt it as the life-giving center of Thy Church. This Love urges us to approach Thee. Thou seemest to say to us: "Behold how I love you! In giving you My Flesh to eat and My Blood to drink, I desire by this close relation to awaken your love and to unite you to Myself. I wish to effect the transformation of your souls into that of your crucified Savior, Who is the Bread of eternal life. Give Me then your hearts, have life by living in Me, and you will live in God."

We recognize, O Lord, that such is the call of Thy Eucharistic Heart. We thank Thee, and we are ready—yes, we will respond to it. Grant us the grace that we may be fully penetrated with Thy sovereign Love, by which, on the eve of Thy Passion, Thou didst invite us to partake and to eat of Thy Sacred Body. Imprint deeply in our inmost souls the firm resolve to respond faithfully to this invitation. Grant us the devotion and reverence necessary to honor and receive worthily the gift of Thy Eucharistic Heart, bestowed as a last mark of Thy Love.

Servers

FRI 10/31: 5:45 PM Low: B. Constantino, I. Smith

BENEDICTION: MCs: D. Simpson, A. Constantino **TH:** M. Caggese **TBs:** B. Constantino, I. Smith

SAT 11/1: 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemanns

9:00 AM PONT: MCs: M. Simpson, A. McClorey **TH:** F. Caggese **ACS:** J. Rabjohns, A. Constantino **CROSS:** T. England **MITRE:** I. Smith **CROZIER:** F. Caggese **TBs:** T. Stanislawski, V. Siqueira, J. Smith, M. & J. Kolenich, T. England

11:30 AM Low: Capetillos

4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson **ACS:** I. Smith, B. Constantino **CROSS:** F. Caggese

SUN 11/2: 7:30 AM Low: M. Schneider, Brueggemann

9:00 AM High: MCs: C. Richesson, N. McClorey **TH:** S. Richesson **ACS:** D. Hudson, T. England **CROSS:** M. Caggese **TBs:** N. Hudson, A. & B. Constantino, J. Smith, Ma. Caggese, L. Rabjohns **BANNER:** I. Smith

11:30 AM Low: Kolenichs

4:30 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson **ACS:** I. Smith, A. Constantino **CROSS:** J. Smith

5:45 PM Low: N. McClorey

7:30 AM Low Mass Angela Schmidt (*Doloris Ritzge*)

8:50 AM Procession, High Mass Sylvia (KR)

All Saints Party

11:30 AM Low Mass William H. Young III (*From wife*)

4:30 PM Double Vespers, October Devotions, Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great