

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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April 19, 2026
EASTER II

¶ GOOD SHEPHERD

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers is available after all Masses. Catechism Classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ ST. JOSEPH'S SOLEMNITY

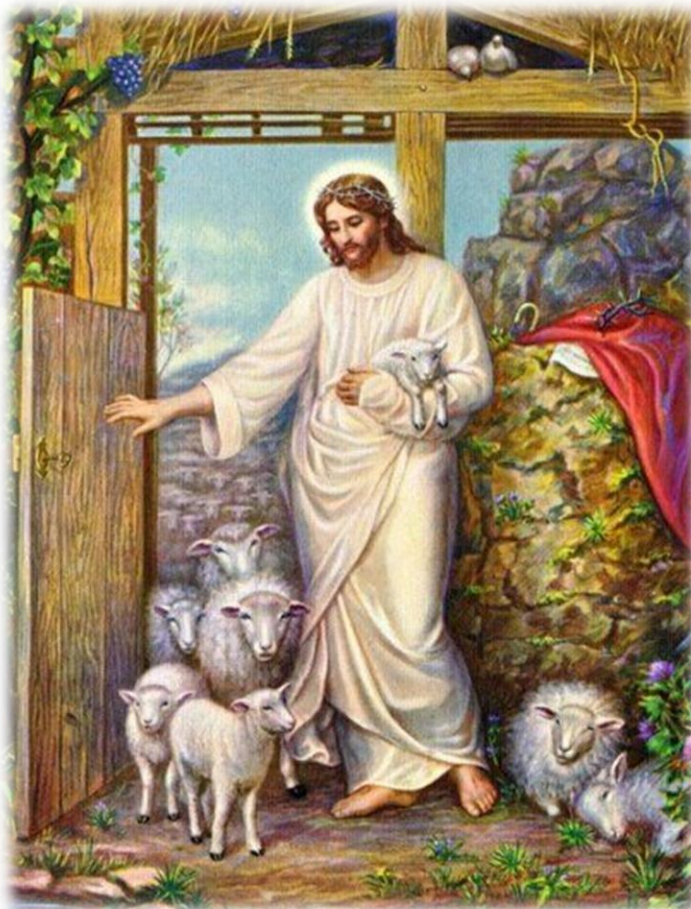
Wednesday is the solemnity of great St. Joseph. A special High Mass is sung at 11:25 AM, followed by the blessing of St. Joseph Cords. Low Masses are at 7 & 8 AM and 5:10 PM.

¶ MEN'S GROUP

The Knights of St. Martin meet on **Thursday**, with Mass at 5:30 PM.

¶ THE GREATER LITANIES

On **Saturday** the solemn procession and chanting of the Litany of the Saints will take place at **8:30 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.



¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER III/ST. JOSEPH

Next Sunday is the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel, and the Sunday within the Octave of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

Set Your Missal: Low Masses: Easter III, second collect of Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus, third within the octave of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Vidi Aquam, Preface of Easter. **High Mass:** Solemnity of St. Joseph, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Easter III. Preface of St. Joseph.

¶ OUTDOOR STATIONS

If you have adopted one of the outdoor Stations of the Cross, please look it over and make sure the flowerbed is tidy. If you are not able to take care of your Station anymore and would like to make it available to someone else, please contact the office. Thank you!

¶ MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Mass remembrance envelopes are available in the vestibule. To have your mother, living or deceased, remembered in a special way at Mass on Mother's Day, fill out an envelope and return to an usher or the bookstore, or drop it off at the church office.



Lumen Christi

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

Illuminations of Conscience for the Scanlon/Withers Families
(Maureen Scanlon)

Collection Report

Sunday, April 5th.....\$6,943.00
Lenten Self-Denial Folders.....\$1,733.00



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Rose Beckerich, who died on Saturday, April 11. Her funeral was this past Friday.

THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The Gospel tells us that the Lord went in search of the lost sheep. How are we to understand this search? It is thus: God seeks and searches for a humble, gentle, and poor-minded soul, one that is detached from earthly things and rests indifferent—though that does not mean a sluggard who sits down idly with his mantle over his head. I bid you prepare for God’s seeking by learning humility, by suffering every kind of oppression.

Now if anybody seeks anything earnestly, it is not in one little corner only, but in every corner and place till he finds it. And so God seeks you—let Him find you everywhere He may look, in all circumstances of your life. Whatever shame comes upon you, know that that is the place in which God is looking for a gentle and meek soul; therefore suffer yourself to be constantly trodden underfoot until you have well learned your lesson of meekness.

God is looking for a poor man; therefore if anyone will take from you your money, your property, or your friends, let him do so, that you may be found poor by God, Who is looking for you in just such a state. Let your inner life answer true to God’s searching, in purity and in poverty, in all enlightenment and detachment of spirit, after no matter what struggles and combats. In every occurrence of life God seeks you. What happens to you from friends or from foes, nay from your very mother or sister—no matter how it comes or from whom, all whatsoever that comes to you prepares you for God’s searching and finding. – *Fr. John Tauler, O.P. Fr. Tauler (d. 1361) was a German Dominican priest, a popular preacher, and a mystical theologian.*

Young man looking for full time employment in the West Chester Twp. area or within 20 miles. Open to customer service, office work, and factory work. Contact the office for information and resume. – Nicholas Rampulla.



¶ **LOOK AHEAD**

First Fatima Rosary Procession:

Wednesday, May 13

Ascension Thursday: May 14

Confirmands’ Day of Recollection

(for children): Thursday, May 21

Confirmations: Saturday, May 23

First Communions: Sunday, June 7

Girls’ Camp: June 16-18

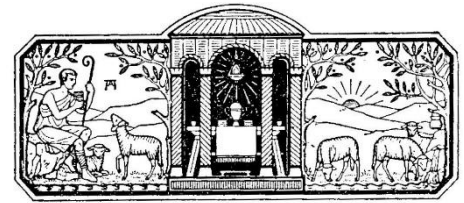
YAG 2026: July 10-12

Boys’ Camp: July 28-30



¶ **GUARD OF HONOR**

We are looking for volunteers for the All Night Adoration Guard of Honor. Hours **7-8 PM** and **1-2 AM** each need a volunteer. If you would like to take an hour, please contact the office at 513-645-4212 or parishoffice@sgg.org.



SHEPHERDS

When cares at night
Keep me from sleep,
In my mind’s sight
I count my sheep.

And as I scan
Their passing by,
I spy a Man
Who watches nigh.

A Shepherd He
Of gentle charms:
A lamb I see
Within His arms.

He looks at me,
I look at Him,
Till sheep and He
Grow misty-dim.

Thus sure I am
To sleep and rest
Just like a lamb
Upon His breast.

– *Fray Angelico Chavez, O.F.M.*



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

The carpenter bees are back with vengeance this year. It seems that there are more hovering about our doors this year than I can ever remember. I haven't seen any squirrels yet, but I know that some of the ladies from St. Monica Club are definitely not fond of the critters! The cats are doing well, patiently enduring their new eating schedule, which is hit or miss these days when the clergy are still getting caught up from Holy Week and Easter.

It is nice to have school back in session, which allows for a more routine day. Everyone has been gearing up for First Communion testing lately. I am confident that the parents and Sr. Ulrica have prepared them well. The testing was yesterday, for some people. We will let you know their results later.

Fr. Lehtoranta got back from his Milwaukee trip last weekend and then immediately went back to teaching classes, preparing daily sermons for the school Masses, and a spiritual conference for the oblates. It seems the weather is affecting him, as it is affecting many of us with seasonal allergies. This will soon pass, but the merit of bearing it patiently lasts for eternity. God grant us patience!

Fr. Simpson was busy with the roofers who came out last Thursday to inspect the roof. Soon enough, we should have the roofs repaired and then we can start repairing the water damage on the ceilings and in the bookstore. Someone is coming to look at the sanctuary floor at the end of April. With any luck, repairs will begin sometime in the summer once we get past all the big ceremonies. I anticipate that we will not be able to use the main altar for Masses for a while during the summer months, but we will manage.

The seminarians, Poncho Capetillo and Chris Bruggemann, returned home from a visit to Rome, but will return to the seminary this weekend. Everyone seems to have had a very nice time in Rome where they saw the four Basilicas, went to Siena to see St. Catherine, and then visited the beautiful city of Florence.

Rose Beckerich, who always came to the 7:30 Mass, died the Saturday before last. Many of you probably did not know her, but she was a longtime parishioner who was faithful to the end in her attendance at Mass. We will miss her devotion, humble kindness, and even her wit, but are hopeful that she had a saintly death. Her time in this vale of tears is over, but do not forget to pray for her speedy entrance into heaven. Getting to heaven is what life is all about. Rose's death during this Paschal season is yet another concrete reminder

of St. Paul's words which we read so often: "If you be risen with Christ, mind the things that are above..." Let us all set our eyes and hearts on heaven and strive with all our might and the help of God's grace to get there one day. As Bob Poggel, a dear soul from St. Hugh's in Milwaukee, used to say: "I want to see the Face of God!"

– Bishop McGuire



From left to right: Poncho Capetillo (3rd year), Chris Bruggemann (2nd year), Fr. Ercoli (rector), Peter Gray (1st year), Josh Balancio (3rd year)



*Fr. Ercoli, seminarians & parishioners under the symbol of *sedevacante*. Bishops Dolan & Pivarunas once had their picture taken here!*

✠ CALENDAR

MON	4/20/26	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Mom & Dad! <i>(Sister Eulalia & Sister Magdalen)</i> 11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Blessed Trinity John & Julie, Happy Anniversary <i>(Maria Brueggemann)</i>
TUE	4/21/26	ST. ANSELM, BPCD 7:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers <i>(The Fathers)</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Conversion of my family <i>(Jason Murray)</i> 11:25 AM High Mass †Henry Sieverding <i>(Maria Sieverding)</i> 5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Father! (Carlos) <i>(Garcia Family)</i>
WED	4/22/26	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH SS. SOTER & CAIUS, PPM 7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention <i>(Cleo Speckert)</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention <i>(Kathleen Yang)</i> 11:25 AM Solemn High Mass Intentions of the Catholic Mothers' Consortium Blessing of St. Joseph Cords 5:10 PM Low Mass Thanksgiving – St. Joseph <i>(JCS)</i>
THU	4/23/26	ST. GEORGE, M 7:00 AM Low Mass Michael Rabjohns <i>(KR)</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Fr. Simpson! <i>(Ballesteros Juniors)</i> 11:25 AM High Mass Sister Magdalen <i>(Your Godparents)</i> 5:30 PM Low Mass Fr. Thomas Simpson – Happy Birthday <i>(Karen Simpson)</i> Knights of St. Martin Meeting
FRI	4/24/26	ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Michael Caggese – Happy 18 th Birthday <i>(Dad & Mom)</i> 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass †Thelma Sieverding <i>(Maria Sieverding)</i> 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass The Holy Souls <i>(Arlinghaus Family)</i> Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	4/25/26	ST. MARK, EV • GREATER LITANIES 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Mark Lotarski <i>(The Fathers)</i> 8:05 AM Regina Coeli 8:30 AM Procession, High Mass To our Godchildren, Happy Birthday! <i>(Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Vines)</i>
SUN	4/26/26	EASTER III • SS. CLETUS & MARCELLINUS, PPM <i>OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Fr. Lehtoranta! <i>(The Fathers)</i> 9:00 AM High Mass †Bishop Dolan <i>(The Fathers)</i> 10:40 AM Catechism Class 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Jim Condit <i>(Maria Miller)</i> 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

"The face of a lion on the right side."

From out the cloud of amber light,
 Borne on the whirlwind from the north,
 Four living creatures winged and bright
 Before the Prophet's eye came forth.

The voice of God was in the Four
 Beneath that awful crystal mist,
 And every wondrous form they wore
 Foreshadowed an Evangelist.

The lion-faced, he told abroad
 The strength of love, the strength of faith;
 He shewed the Almighty Son of God,
 The Man Divine Who won by death.

O Lion of the Royal Tribe,
 Strong Son of God, and strong to save,
 All power and honor we ascribe
 To Thee Who only makest brave.

For strength to love, for will to speak,
 For fiery crown by Martyrs won,
 For suffering patience, strong and meek,
 We praise Thee, Lord, and Thee alone.



Servers

FRI 4/24	5:45 PM Low: B. & A. Constantino BENEDICTION: MCs: D. Simpson, A. Constantino TH: F. Caggese TBS: B. Constantino, Ma. Caggese
SAT 4/25	7:30 AM Low: Brueggemanns 8:30 AM PROCESSION & HIGH: MCs: C. Richesson, N. McClorey TH: M. Caggese ACs: J. Stewart, F. Caggese TBS: I. & J. Smith, Ma. Caggese, B. Constantino CROSS: D. Simpson
SUN 4/26	7:30 AM Low: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: D. Simpson, S. Richesson TH: D. Hudson ACs: F. Caggese, L. Rabjohns TBS: T. Stanislawski, V. Horton, V. Siqueira, Ma. Caggese, I. Smith, E. Garcia 11:30 AM Low: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: A. Constantino ACs: I. Smith, F. Caggese CROSS: D. Simpson 5:45 PM Low: Brueggemanns