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7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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July 12, 2026

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST

PRECIOUS BLOOD • PENTECOST VII

ST. JOHN GUALBERT, AB

SS. NABOR & FELIX, MM • ST. VERONICA, W

¶ PENTECOST VII

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood. We welcome our visitors who are attending the Young Adult Get-together.

We congratulate one of our oblates, Sr. Magdalen, who makes her Final Oblation today after the High Mass. Vespers & Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ ROSARY PROCESSION

On **Monday** we have the Fatima Rosary Procession for peace at **7:15 PM** in West Chester. We meet in the First Watch parking lot. Low Mass precedes the procession at 5:45 PM.

¶ ST. MONICA CLUB

The St. Monica Club meets on **Thursday**, feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, with Mass at 11:25 AM.



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Sellers, who died unexpectedly two weeks ago, and for her family.

PLEASE PRAY for
the repose of the
soul of †LeeAnn

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available after all Masses next Sunday. Please note, there will be no Vespers.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost VIII, second collect of St. Vincent de Paul. Trinity Preface.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for the conversion and good death of Victoria Roise, who is dying of cancer. Please continue to pray for Susan Ackley.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Michael & Marcie Hudson
on the baptism of
their son, Connor
Patrick, on Wednesday, July 8.



¶ BOYS' CAMP

Boys Camp is July 28-30. **Boys must be signed up in advance to attend.** Use the sign-up sheet in the vestibule, or email the office at parishoffice@sgg.org.

Flumen Christi

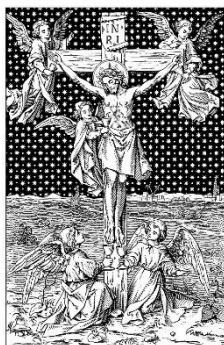
*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before
the Blessed Sacrament during the next
fortnight for the following intention:*

**Special intention – in
thanksgiving for kindnesses bestowed**
(Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Lyle)

Collection Report

Sunday, July 5th.....\$6,978.24
Second Collection.....\$3,448.00

THE EFFICACY OF OFFERING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS



St. Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, in one of her revelations, received a command from Almighty God to offer the Blood of Jesus Christ to disarm the anger of God about to fall on sinners. After this instruction received from Heaven she imposed upon herself the obligation of offering the Blood of Jesus Christ at least fifty times a day for the living and for the dead. The seraphic soul did this with such great fervor and piety that on many occasions she obtained the conversion of a multitude of sinners, and this our Lord showed her in a vision. One day when she was in ecstasy, she was heard to exclaim: "Every time that a creature offers the Blood by which she was redeemed, she offers to God a gift of infinite value, surpassing all other gifts."

PRAYER TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

O Precious Blood of Jesus Christ, shed that Thou mightest show mercy to all men, behold! we draw near to Thee; flow Thou upon us in Thy lavish abundance! Behold our heads, our hands, our wills, our minds, our memories, our affections, our works, our interior and exterior senses. Bathe them all, for all are sin-stained; purify them all, for all are corrupt; heal all, for all are sick. Do Thou so change us by Thine admirable virtue, that we may unite ourselves to Thee, O infinite purity! Cleanse us, adorn us, save us, crown us! Amen.

(This prayer composed for the Indians by the Missionaries of olden days, was found in the church of Michilimacinae, in the State of Michigan, on the 19th of July, 1832, and sent to Rome the 8th of Feb., 1833. It bears these letters: A.M.D.G., 1724.)

INVOCATIONS TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Precious Blood of Jesus, shed in the Circumcision, make me chaste of mind, heart and body.

Precious Blood of Jesus, oozing from every pore in the Agony in the Garden, grant me to love above all things the adorable Will of God.

Precious Blood of Jesus, flowing abundantly in the Scourging at the Pillar, inspire me with a keen sorrow for my sins and a love of suffering.

Precious Blood of Jesus, falling in profusion from under the Crown of Thorns, grant me a love of humiliations.

Precious Blood of Jesus, fructifying the Way of Calvary, fill me with courage to walk steadily in the Divine Footsteps.

Precious Blood of Jesus, shed so profusely in the Crucifixion, make me die entirely to self-love.

Precious Blood of Jesus, shed to the very last drop by the opening of the Sacred Heart, give me that generous love that sacrifices all for God.



Lamb of Calvary,

Thou only salvation of my soul, I beseech Thee to blot out in Thy Blood the sins of my entire life, and by the virtue of this same Blood, preserve me from the evils of this world, save me especially from a sudden and unprovided death and aid me in my last agony. Amen.

By the merits of this Most Precious Blood, O Jesus, be merciful to us and save from everlasting death the souls that are dear to me.



HYMN TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

Hail, Jesus, hail! Who for my sake
Sweet Blood from Mary's veins didst
take,
And shed it all for me;
O blessed be my Savior's Blood,
My life, my light, my only good,
To all eternity.

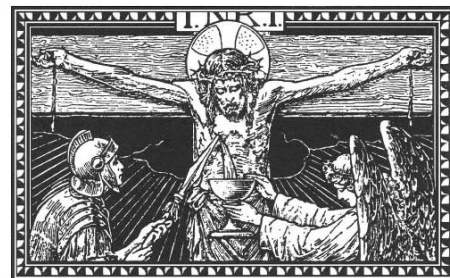
To endless ages let us praise
The Precious Blood whose price
could raise
The world from wrath and sin;
Whose streams our inward thirst
appease,
And heal the sinner's worst disease,
If he but bathe therein.

O sweetest Blood, that can implore
Pardon of God, and Heaven restore,
The Heaven which sin had lost;
While Abel's blood for vengeance
pleads,
What Jesus shed still intercedes
For those who wrong Him most.

Oh! to be sprinkled from the wells
Of Christ's own Sacred Blood excels
Earth's best and highest bliss:
The ministers of wrath divine
Hurt not the happy hearts that shine
With those red drops of His!

Ah! there is joy amid the Saints,
And Hell's despairing courage faints
When this sweet song we raise:
O louder then, and louder still,
Each with one mighty chorus fill,
The Precious Blood to praise! Amen.

(To all the faithful who say or sing the above hymn, Pius VII granted an Indulgence of 100 days; applicable to the souls in Purgatory.)



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

We welcome all our visitors to the annual YAG. It is always so nice to see our young fellow Catholics from throughout the country. God bless you all!

You may have noticed little additions to our landscape. Theresa, Michelle, and the Sisters have done a lot of weeding, tidying up, and even planted bushes and flowers around the property. There is even a new little statue of St. Joseph in the cloister garden. How encouraging to see these young ladies take an interest in this. The church yard is looking beautiful once again. All for the honor and glory of God! Thank you, ladies! Everything looks so nice.

Our seminarians are back home for the summer and seem to be doing very well. Peter Gray, who just finished his first year of seminary, will stay with us through the month of July. **Fr. Brueggemann** has been taking Peter on some sick calls. I remember when Fr. Cekada would take me and some of the Lotarski boys on sick calls when I was a seminarian. Fr. Cekada had it worked out so that he would go completely around 275, making detours to visit all of the sick people in one day. I remember that it took a while and that when we finished, he took us to a pancake house as a treat. I think Fr. Brueggemann plans to take a seminarian on one of his mission trips this summer, too. Things like this provide good memories; but even more importantly, they are edifying and offer good education for the seminarians.

Congratulations to Sr. Magdalen of the Holy Relics on her final oblation, which she will take today after the High Mass! What is an oblation, you might ask? Essentially, it is an offering of oneself to God for the service of His Church. More specifically, the Oblates of the Holy Face offer themselves to God for the service of this parish. They also promise to practice the spirit of the Evangelical Counsels. While they still live in the world, they are firmly resolved to strive for a higher degree of perfection in their spiritual life. Say an extra prayer or two (or more!) for Sr. Magdalen!

Fr. Lehtoranta performed the baptism of our newest parishioner, Connor Patrick Hudson, son of Michael and Marcie (Arlinghaus) Hudson. The baby was quite well behaved for his baptism, only crying a little bit at the pouring of the water. Congratulations to the Hudson family on this wonderful occasion.

Don't forget the Fatima Rosary Procession on Monday evening! We haven't had many attendees this year, but we are praying for a good turnout for the rest of the processions. Remember that Our Lady asked for

processions, and that processions in honor of Our Lady have always produced very good spiritual fruits throughout Church history. It may seem like a small devotion, but these small devotions are noticed in heaven and draw down graces from the Good God.

I am departing for Mexico this Tuesday and will be gone for about a week. Please pray for a safe and successful visit. The first stop is in Dos Ríos, where **Fr. Martín Gomez** will meet me and take me to his chapel, which he improves every year with whatever funds he can raise by going door to door. He is in a most beautiful location in a small village nestled in the more tropical part of the mountains and surrounded by two rivers (thus the name Dos Ríos). After a day or two in that location, I will finally be able to visit **Fr. Mardones** near Mexico City. If you remember, Father lost his leg due to diabetes, but he continues to say Mass seated in a wheelchair. Father has sent a few pictures of his chapel, which looks very beautiful. Finally, **Fr. Siordia** will drive me to his chapel in Cocoyoc, where he has a miraculous image of El Señor del Expiración, or Our Lord of the Expiration. His is an old chapel where the people are very firm in the Faith and have had many a struggle over the years. It will be good to see Father and his congregation again.

That is all for now. Stay close to Our Lady and remember to honor her at the Fatima Rosary Procession on Monday. Oh! and don't forget the feast of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel on Thursday! May she keep you and protect you on earth and lead you to heaven! My Mother, my Confidence!

– Bishop McGuire



THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The Blessed Curé of Ars, who was beatified only a few weeks later than Blessed Gaspar del Bufalo, the great promoter of the devotion to the Precious Blood, says: "Accustom yourselves to the following efficacious manner of prayer: ask the Blessed Virgin to offer to the Heavenly Father her Divine Son all covered with Blood and wounds for the conversion of sinners. This is a most excellent prayer. My children, remember this well. I never failed to obtain any grace that I asked of God in this manner."

Oh, what a powerful prayer, what a merciful and irresistible pleading, when the Mother of God offers by her immaculate hands, the redemptive Blood of Calvary, the Eucharistic Blood of the Mass, in our behalf for the conversion of sinners, for the propagation of the faith, for the sick and dying, and for the souls in Purgatory!

✠ CALENDAR

MON 7/13/26	ST. ANACLETUS, PM
	8:00 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †LeeAnn Sellers (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>)
	5:45 PM Low Mass Brendan Rabjohns (<i>KR</i>)
	7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession
TUE 7/14/26	ST. BONAVENTURE, BPCD
	SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
	7:00 AM Low Mass †Suzanne Clingman (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
	8:00 AM Low Mass Consolation of †LeeAnn Sellers' family (<i>Theresa Simpson</i>)
	5:00 PM Low Mass For all fallen away & lapsed Traditional Catholics (<i>Elizabeth Prell</i>)
WED 7/15/26	ST. HENRY II, EMPEROR OF GERMANY, C
	DIVISION OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES
	8:00 AM Low Mass †Victor Ritze (<i>Rose Beckerich</i>)
	11:25 AM Low Mass Special Intention – St. Joseph (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>)
	5:10 PM Low Mass Holy Souls (<i>Jane Childers</i>)
THU 7/16/26	OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
	7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Cleo Speckert</i>)
	8:00 AM Low Mass Philomena McConnell (<i>Jacinta McConnell</i>)
	11:25 AM Low Mass For our fallen away children (<i>St. Monica Club</i>)
	St. Monica Club Meeting
FRI 7/17/26	ST. ALEXIUS, C
	HUMILITY OF MARY
	CARMELITE MARTYRS OF COMPIEGNE
	8:00 AM Low Mass †Ann Garrison (<i>Michael Rabjohns</i>)
	5:15 PM Confessions, Rosary
	5:45 PM Low Mass †Elaine Perry & †Victor Ritze (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>)
	6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT 7/18/26	ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C
	SS. SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM
	7:05 AM Confessions
	7:30 AM Low Mass Felicity Lotarski – Happy Birthday (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>)
	8:05 AM Salve, Sermon
	8:15 AM High Mass †Diane Beattie (<i>Horton Family</i>)
SUN 7/19/26	PENTECOST VIII
	ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, C
	7:05 AM Rosary
	7:30 AM Low Mass For all my daughters, Lisa, Marta, Gina & Laura (<i>Regina Gilliam</i>)
	9:00 AM High Mass Happy Birthday, Kevin Kiernan (<i>Phyllis Kiernan</i>)
	11:05 AM Rosary
	11:30 AM Low Mass Happy Anniversary Alex! (<i>Whitney Ball</i>)
	5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

COME TO THE PROCESSION!

Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

in West Chester, First Watch Parking Lot

MONDAY, JULY 13, 7:15 PM



A FOUNTAIN FOR THE CLEANSING OF THE SINNER

The Blood of Christ shed and renewed daily for sins! Do we realize the enormous iniquity of sin, with which men sport and jest and which many drink like water? O terrible necessity of the Blood of Jesus, which alone is efficacious in wiping out sin! Sin frustrates the designs of God and destroys, as much as it can, the merits of our Redeemer's Blood. The sinner sees the Blood of his Savior flowing from His Sacred Wounds and yet by his sins he helps to widen and deepen those wounds. But what could inspire the penitent sinner with more confidence in God than a deep devotion to the Precious Blood? Who could lose faith in Jesus when he sees Him bleeding for us? "My daughter," writes St. Jane Frances de Chantal, "often consider how it is said in the Gospel that Jesus Christ loved us, and washed us in His Blood, and observe that He did not wait to love us until we were washed from our impurities; but He loved us when we were vile and impure creatures, and then washed us."



Servers

FRI 7/17	5:45 PM Low: Capetillos
	BENEDICTION: MCs: T. Capetillo, D. Simpson TH: J. Capetillo TBS: E. Garcia, J. Smith
SAT 7/18	7:30 AM Low: Rabjohns
	8:15 AM High: M. Simpson, A. & B. Constantino
SUN 7/19	7:30 AM Low: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
	9:00 AM High: MC: S. Richesson TH: J. Rabjohns ACs: M. Kolenich, F. Caggese TBS: S. & I. Smith, J. Kolenich, L. Rabjohns, T. Stanislawski, A. Constantino
	11:30 AM Low: Capetillos
	5:45 PM Low: C. Lorenz