

## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ APRIL 29, 2007 - SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH  
- EASTER III - ST. PETER MARTYR

Today is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, with commemoration and Last Gospel of Easter III. **Children's Confessions** are heard at **10:45 AM** today. We continue our traditional annual *Novena to St. Joseph today*, and begin the *Triduum in honor of the Holy Child Jesus, Doctor of the Sick*. The *Blessing of the Sick* follows all Masses. Votive **Vespers of St. Joseph** will be sung at **4:45 PM**.

### ✠ THIS WEEK

Please note the full and expanded Mass schedule this week, in order to allow you to keep one or more of the beautiful feast days with us... **Doctor Jesus, Ss Philip & James**, the **Opening of the Month of May**, the great **St. Athanasius**, the **Finding of the Holy Cross**, **St. Monica**, **First Friday, St. Pius V** and **Our Lady of Consolation**, **First Saturday**. If *each* one of our faithful would attend *one* Mass this week, how well they would be attended, how many graces would flow!

Note: As usual, the *Tuesday* and *Friday PM Masses* are at **5:45 PM**, the "extra" Masses this week on **Monday** and **Thursday** are at **5:00 PM**.

### ✠ TUESDAY - MAY DEVOTIONS

On Tuesday we **open the Month of May** at **3:00 PM** with the **Litany of Loretto** and **Benediction**. An afternoon **Mass is at 5:45 PM**. **Daily May Devotions are at 3:10 PM** - a short but sweet service to show our love for **Our Lady**. Parents, grandparents and just about everyone are cordially invited to join us on school days.

### ✠ THURSDAY - HOLY CROSS DAY

Thursday is a Feast of Devotion, the Eastertide Feast of the Cross—the Finding of the Holy Cross and the First Thursday of the month. **Mass is at 11:30 AM** followed by the **Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross** and the **Blessing of Palm Crosses**. Palm Crosses are powerful sacramentals. Be sure to take some home with you after the blessing. **An afternoon Mass is at 5:00 PM**.

### ✠ FIRST FRIDAY

The schedule is as follows:

**10:45 AM** Confessions

**11:30 AM** High Mass & Benediction

**3:10 PM** May Devotions

**5:00 PM** Opening of Our Lady of Consolation Pilgrimage

**5:20 PM** Stations of the Cross & Confessions

**5:45 PM** Low Mass, Exposition, Sacred Heart Novena, Confessions

### ADORATION CONTINUES ALL NIGHT

**7:00 PM** Pilgrimage Potluck Supper

**8:00 PM** Holy Hour & Meditated Rosary

**9:00 PM** Holy Communion

*The Intention of the All Night Adoration: In honor of Our Lady of Consolation for all of our intentions.*

### ✠ FIRST SATURDAY

*Reparation Intention: For false devotion and false apparitions.*

**6:30 AM** Low Mass

**7:00 AM** Confessions

**7:15 AM** Joyful Mysteries

**7:30 AM** Low Mass

**8:10 AM** First Sat. Devotions, Rosary

**8:45 AM** Closing Benediction

**9:00 AM** High Mass & Closing Procession followed by Pilgrims' Brunch

### ✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the First Sunday of the Month. **The Blessing of Religious Articles** follows all Masses. The **Special Monthly Second Collection** is for *Our Seminary*.

*Set your missal: May 6th.* Easter IV - St. John Before the Latin Gate. *Vidi Aquam*, with the commemoration of St. John Before the Latin Gate. **PREF: Easter.**

### ✠ CONGRATULATIONS...

to Erin Rose Coffey who was received into the Church and Confirmed Saturday, April 21st.

### ✠ PRAYERS PLEASE...

for the repose of the soul of the Mother of Joe Bayer, Stella; and for Bill Bendel who is sick.

### Rectors

SUNDAY - MAY 6, 2007

**7:30 AM** J. Androcta, Tom Kamphaus, John Wiesman, Kent Maki  
**9:00 AM** Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Berno Bruggemann,  
**11:30 AM** R. Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bichel, Tim Carney  
**5:45 PM** John Seyfried

### Servers

APRIL 30, - MAY 6, 2007

\*MON 04/30 5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney  
\*TUE 05/01 5:45 PM LOW: J. Bayer  
\*WED 05/02 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson  
\*THU 05/03 5:00 PM LOW: G. Keaveney  
\*FRI 05/04 5:45 PM LOW: Keaveney, Briggs, Ritze, Bayer  
\*SAT 05/05 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson  
7:30 AM LOW: G. Keaveney  
8:45 AM BENEDECTIONS: R. VandeRyt, G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, M. Briggs, C. Ritze  
9:00 AM HIGH & PROCESSION: R. VandeRyt, G. Keaveney, J. Bayer, M. Briggs, C. Ritze  
\*SUN 05/06 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Bruggemann  
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: F. Simpson, J. Lotarski;  
AC: B. Lotarski, T. Simpson; TH: S. Cozzens; TORCHES: F. & N. Puglielli, G. Wnek, S. Richardson  
11:30 AM LOW: C. Ritze, I. French  
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

### Collection Report

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007 ..... \$4051.00

## ✠ POETRY CORNER

### EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATIONS

"THY JOSEPH"

Dearest Jesus, although Thy own faithful foster-father and guardian did not live to see on earth the perpetuation of Thy Divine Presence that Thy love has wrought by means of the Most Blessed Sacrament, still, where could any soul turn more profitably than to Joseph to learn how to reverently care for Thee in the Sacrament of Thy Love.

Dearest Joseph, lover of the Sacred Heart, Great were thy privileges, great thy grace, Chosen indeed from out the Human Race In God's High Service for a special part. Hardened by honest toil were thy strong hands,  
And yet how soft unto the Child they were,  
For they were charged with love—and pure,  
And they were ready for His least commands;  
And so His fingers clung with love to thine,  
And thou felt weakness swiftly ebb away  
When they own God a helpless Baby lay  
Upon thy breast as 'gainst a wall a vine.

Semper per Mariam,

A. PAGE



### A PRAYER TO DOCTOR JESUS

'O Jesus, Who to make Thyself Man didst will to suffer and die for men, and to triumph over sin, suffering and death; I draw nigh to Thee full of confidence, asking Thee to grant me health of soul and body. Remedy my ills, pardon my sins so that I may love Thee with all my strength, serve Thee, and be useful to my neighbor. But if Thy will should be that with sickness I should share Thy sufferings, make me bear it with patience, resignation and joy, offering up my sufferings to purify my soul and remedy the needs of all the world. Amen.



## ✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D.)

### ✠ MAY ALTARS...

Are a beautiful custom for the Catholic home. Let the children (or the oldsters, or ...?) help decorate your May Altar with candles and flowers. As a focal point for prayers, it may revive the rosary (surely, at least one or two decades?) and with prayers, Our Lady may revive your family! "...I think that the abandonment of the family rosary is a main reason why so many Catholics have lost the faith. It seems to me the Church of the future is going to consist solely of those families who have been faithful to the rosary. But there will be vast numbers of people whose families used to be Catholic."

—OUR GLORIOUS FAITH

*And How to Lose It* - FR. HUGH THWAITES, S.J.



### ✠ MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day cards and the Mass remembrance envelopes are available from the ushers, in the vestibule and the Book Store. If you wish to have your mother remembered in a special way at Mass on Mother's Day, please fill out the remembrance envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the office by May 12th

### ✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 13th:** On Mother's Day, May 13th, the 90th Anniversary of Fatima, you are invited to two Processions. The morning procession is for May Crowning, in the evening at 7:00 PM we begin our annual Fatima Rosary Processions—all the more solemn this 90th anniversary year.
- **May 19th:** Italian Spring Wine Tasting
- **July 24 - 26th:** Boys' Camp
- **August 21 - 23rd:** Girls' Camp

### ✠ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

**Confirmation** will be

administered on **Saturday, May 26th**, during the Pentecost Vigil Mass. Enrollment in the Brown Scapular and individual photos are scheduled at the conclusion of the Pentecost Vigil. The **obligatory Day of Recollection for all confirmands is Thursday, May 24th, from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM.** This day will include testing appropriate to each age group. *Children need to KNOW all the questions pertaining to Confirmation.* If you have questions you may contact the Church Office. *Again, children must be registered in advance if not already registered for First Confession and get the necessary*



*Confirmation questions they MUST KNOW.*

If you or your children are not yet confirmed in the Traditional Rite, contact the office to arrange to be confirmed.



**First Holy Communion** will be administered during the **9:00 AM High Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday, June 10th.**



### THE GREAT PROMISE OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*"I promise thee in the excessive mercy of My Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who communicate on the First Friday in nine consecutive months, the grace of final penitence; they shall not die in My disgrace nor without receiving their Sacraments. My Divine Heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."*

Jesus made this magnificent promise to St. Margaret Mary for these reasons: (1) To show how important in His eyes is devotion to His Sacred Heart and, (2) to encourage us to practice it, especially by receiving Holy Communion in a spirit of reparation, particularly on Friday, the day He died for us, (3) To reassure those who are striving for virtue but who are sometimes worried about their salvation, (4) To encourage sinners to return to Him, lest they fall into despair.

*"I know of no other exercise of devotion in the spiritual life better calculated to raise a soul to the highest perfection... I am sure that if it were known how pleasing this devotion is to Jesus Christ, there is no Christian, however little his love for our adorable Savior, who would not begin to practice it at once."* (Words of St. Margaret Mary).

#### Conditions of the Promise:

1. The Communion must be on the First Friday.
2. The Nine First Fridays must be consecutive.
3. There must be the intention of making the Nine First Fridays.
4. The Communions must be Communions of Reparation.

#### FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAM

1. Assist at Holy Mass if duties permit. Receive Holy Communion with great love to make up for those who do not receive Him; who do not love the Sacred heart and who wound Him by sinful lives.
2. Offer and spend the day in loving reparation to the Heart of Jesus. Be kind to all with whom you associate. Do everything out of love for Jesus.

3. Visit Jesus during the day if possible. He is waiting for your visit. A Holy Hour or an hour of Night Adoration in the home on the eve would be a generous act of love.

4. Renew the Act of Consecration of your family to the Sacred Heart. Jesus wishes to reign in your home and especially in YOUR heart. Tell Him often how much you love Him and how you want to belong entirely to Him. Make the First Friday a monthly Feast of the Sacred Heart in your home.



### ACTS OF LOVE TO JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

I love Thee, O Jesus, a tiny Babe  
In Bethlehem's manger stall  
But I love Thee, my Love, in the Sacred Host  
A thousand times more than all.

Oh! Thy Infant Form was fair to see  
In Its lovely human guise,  
But Thy fair, sweet form in the Sacred Host  
Is more beautiful still to mine eyes.

And Thy Infant Voice was music sweet  
When it fell on Mary's ear.  
But the same sweet Voice my listening soul  
In its fervent prayer doth hear.

I love Thee, O Jesus, a growing Boy  
In Nazareth's humble house,  
But here more than all, Thou art my joy,  
My King, my God, my Spouse.

I love Thee, O Jesus, a comely youth  
Fairer than all to see,  
But fairer Thou art to eyes of faith  
Here where Thou dwellest for me.

I love Thee, O Jesus, on Thabor's height  
By radiance all surrounded.  
But I love Thee more in this Sign of Love  
Of limitless love unbounded.

Yes, I love Thee much on that mountain height  
Alone with Thy chosen three,  
But here Thou remainest both day and night,  
And I also am chosen by Thee.

I love Thee, O Jesus, on Calvary's Cross  
With its cruel arms extended.  
When I think of the cost of this Sacrament,  
My love with pain is blended.

I love Thee, O Jesus, taken down  
And laid in Thy Mother's arms.  
Come then, to my poor heart,  
For my whole soul feels Thy charms.

I love Thee, O Jesus, my very God  
In Heaven's highest sphere,  
But nowhere in Heaven or earth so much  
As in this sweet Sacrament here.

—HEART TALKS WITH JESUS

## ✠ THE CALENDAR

- MON 04/30/07** ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V - HOLY CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE SICK  
Dr. Jesus Triduum II  
St. Joseph Novena VII  
11:30 AM **High Mass** *Nacho Arteagas (H. O. & Becky Hinton)*  
4:15-6:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (Sharonville Park)  
St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (Sharonville Library)  
5:00 PM **Low Mass** *For All of our Sick in Honor of Dr. Jesus*
- TUES 05/01/07** SS PHILIP & JAMES, APP  
Conclusion of Dr. Jesus Triduum  
St. Joseph Novena VIII  
11:30 AM **High Mass** *Kevin D. Summers (Anita Swinney)*  
3:00 PM The Opening of the Month of May - Litany of Loretto & Benediction  
5:45 PM **Low Mass** *Special Intention (Linda Cardamone)*
- WED 05/02/07** OCTAVE DAY OF ST. JOSEPH - ST ATHANASIUS, BPCD  
Conclusion of St. Joseph Novena  
6:30 AM **Low Mass** *Special Intention (Kent Maki)*  
11:30 AM **High Mass** *Eldon Neukam (Bob Brueggemann)*  
3:10 PM May Devotions  
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- THUR 05/03/07** FINDING OF THE HOLY CROSS - FIRST THURSDAY - SS ALEXANDER & COMP, MM  
11:30 AM **High Mass & Blessing** with Relic of the True Cross *Holy Souls In Purgatory (E. Bartels)*  
Blessing of Palm Crosses  
3:10 PM May Devotions  
5:00 PM **Low Mass** *†Ishmael Sison (Keaveney Family)*  
7:00 PM Compline
- FRI 05/04/07** ST MONICA, W - FIRST FRIDAY  
10:45 AM Confessions  
11:30 AM **High Mass, Devotions & Benediction** *†Catherine Bischak - 2nd Anniversary (Katie Bischak)*  
3:10 PM May Devotions  
5:00 PM Opening of Our Lady of Consolation Pilgrimage  
5:20 PM Stations of the Cross / Confessions  
5:45 PM **Low Mass, Exposition & Sacred Heart** Novena *†Alexander Wozny (CKW & MAW)*  
7:00 PM Pilgrimage Potluck Supper  
8:00 PM Holy Hour  
9:00 PM Holy Communion
- SAT 05/05/07** ST PIUS V, PC - FIRST SATURDAY - OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION  
6:30 AM **Low Mass** *Poor Souls (A. Capetillo Family)*  
7:00 AM Confessions  
7:15 AM The Joyful Mysteries  
7:30 AM **Low Mass** *Cindy Beaver (Elizabeth & Marianna)*  
8:10 AM First Saturday Devotions, Rosary  
8:45 AM Benediction  
9:00 AM **High Mass & Closing Procession** followed by Pilgrims' Brunch *In Honor of Our Lady of Consolation*
- SUN 05/06/07** EASTER IV - ST JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE  
7:30 AM **Low Mass** *Lawrence Cooley (M/M Victory Ritze)*  
9:00 AM **High Mass** *For the People of St. Gertrude the Great*  
11:30 AM **Low Mass** *Karen Munson (R. Uhlenbrock)*  
5:45 PM **Low Mass** *For Those Who Come Late and Leave Early (Bishop Dolan)*

## ✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

The very essence of today's Solemnity of St. Joseph is thanksgiving. It is a feast of gratitude for all St. Joseph does for us all year round. Of course, as we remember how great and generous a saint he is, we ask for more — (how could we not?) especially for Holy Mother Church, today in such desperate straits. But let us beseech St. Joseph's generosity with great gratitude for all of God's goodness given us by him.



I wish to thank all of those who made yesterday's Jog-a-Thon such a stupendous success. We'll have all the facts and figures next week, but this week we all have a sense of a job well done, and lots of fun in the process for one of our best, and most enjoyable, fund-raising projects ever. Thank you so very much!

On a more somber note, I wish to thank those who showed their charity recently by attending Sue Mincey's funeral during Easter Week. It is a wonderful Act of Mercy to "bury the Dead" in this way — assisting at a Requiem Mass for one whose funeral would otherwise be very sparsely attended. As well, our "Rosary Chain" (as we should really call it) fulfills beautifully the obligation to "pray for the living and the dead." Contact Gerry Keaveney if you'd like to participate in this powerful apostolate.

Last Saturday was a busy and blessed one at church. At 10 o'clock our Fr. Cekada began testing the First Communion class, and I baptized an unusually well-behaved baby, and then received the Profession of Faith of an adult, with First Confession and Confirmation. Fr. Cekada had finished testing by then, and gave the little ones, delightful in their innocence and sincerity, a tour of the Confessional. A little spiritual talk introduced the Examination of Conscience, and then the children lined up for their first Confessions.

Penances said, the children did one last duty — a visit to Fr. Cekada's celebrated "candy box." I think everybody went home happy! It is always a refreshing wonder to work with the little ones, and a privilege to lead them to Jesus! Thank you as well to Sarah French, and all of our Catechism teachers.

We do, indeed, have so much to be thankful for!

Thank you, too, for being part of a great church — St. Gertrude the Great.

Bishop Dolan

## ✠ ST. JOSEPH AND PERSEVERANCE

Among the virtues which form part of fortitude, patience and perseverance are especially manifested in the holy Patriarch. What serenity of soul he displays in the face of persecution, unknown and without human assistance, in a life so full of privations and anxiety for his loved ones. And he preserved this strength and diligence perseveringly throughout his entire life.



# AN INVITATION

## THE SECOND ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT CHURCH WEST CHESTER, OHIO

You are invited this First Friday and First Saturday to attend a Eucharistic and Marian pilgrimage, honoring Our Lady under one of her most *consoling* titles, as we honor Her Son, Our Lord, in His Eucharistic Heart.

You are welcome to attend part or all of this pilgrimage. Please pray for its success.

### FIRST FRIDAY - MAY 4TH:

**5:00 PM:** We assemble in Helfta Hall to escort Our Lady of Consolation into the Church with our *Opening Procession*.

**5:20 PM (Approx):** When Our Lady of Consolation is enshrined at the Sacred Heart Altar, we will make "A Way of the Cross with Our Lady" before Mass. (Confessions will be heard.)

**5:45 PM:** *Votive Low Mass of the Sacred Heart* followed by *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament*, and the *All Night Adoration* in honor of Our Lady of Consolation. The Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart will be recited.

**7:00 PM (Approx):** After Devotions, you are invited to our First Friday Potluck Supper — please plan to bring something to share if you can, but most of all bring yourself!

**8:00 PM:** Holy Hour with meditated Rosary

**9:00 PM:** Holy Communion

***THE ADORATION CONTINUES ALL NIGHT***

## THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF CONSOLATION & POPE ST. PIUS V

### FIRST SATURDAY - MAY 5TH:

**6:30 AM:** Low Mass

**7:00 AM:** Confessions

**7:15 AM:** The Joyful Mysteries

**7:30 AM:** Low Mass

**8:10 AM:** First Saturday Devotions, the Glorious Mysteries

**8:45 AM:** Closing Benediction

**9:00 AM:** High Mass of Our Lady of Consolation, followed by concluding Procession. After Mass you are invited to a brunch in Helfta Hall.



# St. Gertrude the Great

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## Tour of Italy Wine Tasting

Saturday, May 19, 2007

5:30 pm

### Selections to be Served:

Mondoro - Asti - NV

Antinori - Orvieto Classico - 2005

Mastroberardino - Lacryma Christi - 2004

Maso Canali - Pinot Grigio - 2005

Calvano - Vino Nobile - 2000

Tedeschi - Valpolicella - 2004

Tedeschi - Amarone - 2001

Florio - Sweet Marsala - NV



Wines featured are from the Piedmont, Umbria, Campania, Alto Adige/Trentino, Tuscany, Veneto, and Sicily regions.

**Ticket Prices - 25.00 per person**

**Final Reservation date - May 12, 2007**

**Italian food pairings will be Offered**