

☞ MAY 6, 2007 - EASTER IV -
 COMMEMORATION AND LAST GOSPEL OF ST.
 JOHN BEFORE THE LATIN GATE

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



☞ **ALTER CHRISTUS**

The "little church" is in the vestibule this morning. the ushers are collecting alms for the Alter Christus Confraternity to support priests who might not otherwise receive help. Please be generous.

☞ **TUESDAY - APPARITION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL**

This feast commemorates an apparition of St. Michael on the summit of Monte Gargano, in Italy on the Adriatic coast, and the dedication of the sanctuary built on the site of the apparition.

FOR THE REIGN OF THE SACRED HEART

O Mary Immaculate, great Queen of Heaven and earth and our gentle advocate, deign, we beseech thee, to intercede for us. Ask God to send St. Michael and the holy Angels to ward off all the obstacles contrary to the reign of the Sacred Heart in our souls, our families, our country, and in the whole world.

And thou, O holy Michael, Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, from our hearts we beg thee to come to our aid.

Defend us against the rage of Satan, and through the divine poser bestowed upon thee by God, after securing victory for the Church here below, guide our souls to our eternal home. Amen.

St. Michael, First Champion of the Kingship of Christ, pray for us!

MAY DEVOTIONS

Each school day **May Devotions** are said at **3:10 PM** - a short but sweet service to show our love for Our Lady. All are cordially invited to join us on school days.



☞ **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.

☞ **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next Sunday is **Mother's Day** and the **90th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions**. The **Procession and May Crowning** take place *after* the High Mass. Children who attend Sunday Catechism and *all children who will be making their First Holy Communion* are expected to join us for the Procession and May Crowning. We renew our consecration to Our Blessed Mother after all Masses. The members of the *Rosary Confraternity* are asked to sit together at the **9:00 AM High Mass** on Our Lady's side and join in the procession.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEFORE OR DURING ALL MASSES.

Vespers, Benediction and May Devotions are at **4:45 PM**.

FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION: The **first** of our annual **Fatima Rosary Processions** (and the second of the day) will take place at **7:00 PM**. Members of the *Rosary Confraternity* and *all* parishioners, if you can, please make a sacrifice and pray this public rosary with us. We will meet in the parking lot of First Watch restaurant, at the corner of Union Center Blvd. and Floer Dr. Your witness and your prayers are sorely needed for our Church, our country and our families.

Set your missal: May 13th. Easter V - St. Robert Bellarmine, BpCD. *Vidi Aquam*, with the commemoration of St. Robert Bellarmine. Paschal Preface.

What shall we ask of the Mother of Jesus, if not that before and above all, she will form Jesus within us by communicating her faith and love to us?

—DOM COLUMBA MARMION

Ushers

SUNDAY - MAY 13, 2007

- 7:30 AM Joe Andreotta, Tom Kamphaus, John Wiesman, Kent Maki
- 9:00 AM Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Richard Smith, Bernie Brueggemann,
- 11:30 AM R. Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Jim Kolenich
- 5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

MAY 7, - MAY 13, 2007

- TUE 05/01 5:45 PM LOW: J. Bayer, G. Wnek
 - WED 05/02 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
 - FRI 05/04 5:45 PM LOW: Keaveny, Briggs, Ritze, Bayer
 - SAT 05/05 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson, G. Wnek
 9:00 AM HIGH: G. Keaveny, M. Briggs
 - SUN 05/06 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. VandeRyt, J. Lotarski;
- BANNER: S. Cozzens; CROSS: D. Poepelman; AC: R. Hill, L. Schappacher; TH: S. Cozzens; TORCHES: Eilerman Bros. / Poepelman Bros.
- 11:30 AM LOW: C. Ritze, A. Lotarski
 - 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
 - 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2007	\$5689.01
LENTEN COIN FOLDERS	\$ 897.50

*Thank you for your generosity!
 Remember St. Gertrude's in your will!*

MAYTIME

If Maytime in this golden land
 Is sweet as death,
 How heavenly fair it must have been
 In Nazareth!

If flowers here a glory are,
 What had they been
 Abloom about the feet of her
 Who is their Queen!

The little winds that here blow wild
 Grow gentle there,
 Adoringly had touched her cheek
 And kissed her hair.

And O, if heavens here are blue,
 What lovelier skies
 Had they beheld, deep mirrored in
 Their Lady's eyes!

When maytime here is loveliest
 I catch my breath
 To think how fair it must have been
 In Nazareth.

*Sister M. Madeleva
 from: OUR LADY IN POETRY, by Walter E. Croarkin*

(When the austerity of winter melts into the first fragrant breath of spring, Our Blessed Mother presides over a spiritual re-birth in our hearts in accordance with the re-birth of nature. In our climate it is usually May, "the month of our Mother." So lovely is our May that one cannot help wondering with the poet how much lovelier must have been a May when the Queen of the May was actually present.)

POWERFUL PRAYERS OF ST. PIUS V

O my Lord Jesus Christ crucified, Son of the most blessed Virgin Mary, open Thy ears, and listen to me as Thou didst listen to the Eternal Father on Mount Tabor. *Credo.*

II

O my Lord Jesus Christ crucified, Son of the most blessed Virgin Mary, open Thy eyes, and look upon me as Thou didst look from the tree of the cross upon Thy dear Mother sorrowing and afflicted. *Credo.*

III

O my Lord Jesus Christ crucified, Son of the most blessed Virgin Mary, open Thy blessed mouth, and speak to me as Thou didst speak to St. John when Thou didst give him for son to Thy own most beloved Mother. *Credo.*

IV

O my Lord Jesus Christ crucified, Son of the most blessed Virgin Mary, open Thy arms and embrace me as Thou didst open them upon the cross to embrace the whole human race. *Credo.*

V

O my Lord Jesus Christ crucified, Son of the most blessed Virgin Mary, open Thy heart and receive therein my heart, and hear me in all that I ask of Thee, if it be agreeable to Thy most holy will. *Credo.*

—St. Pius V

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT'D.)

♣ JOG-A-THON UP-DATE...

Attention all participants who were sponsored "by lap". We must have all the forms and donations turned in to the Church Office or the Book Store no later than May 20th. These forms were mailed to you this past week. The awards will be given out May 27th after the 9:00 AM Mass. Catechism Classes are cancelled.

♣ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **May 15th:** Parish Rogation Evening
5:45 PM Procession, 6:15 PM Mass
- **May 19th:** Italian Spring Wine Tasting
Wine Tasting ticket money may be turned in to either the Church Office or the Book Store. Please mark the outside of the envelope "For Wine Tasting". Tickets are \$25.00 each.
- **July 24th - 26th:** Boys' Camp
- **August 21st - 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.



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



♣ MASSES IN THE MISSIONS

The following Masses were offered in the missions:

(4) **Poor Souls** (*Mary Ann Wozny*)

Conversion of my Family (*Eileen Bartels*)

Bp. Joseph Santay (*Kirby & Jean Bischel*)

† **Repose of the soul of Grandma Margaret Loftus** (*Timothy Hopkins*)

(2) † **Martha Brueggemann** (*M/M Paul Arlinghaus*)

David Ostertag (*The Arlinghaus Family*)

Eileen Bartels' Special Intention (*Fran Amico*)



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

The Promise

Saint John 16: 1 - 15

Our Divine Lord was obliged to spend a great deal of time explaining to the Apostles the reasons for Calvary – "*Was it not necessary for Christ to suffer and so enter into His glory?*" Now that He is preparing for His Ascension into heaven, He has to explain that to them, too. Naturally, they would have liked to keep Him always with them, but no – "*It is expedient for you that I go. For if I do not go, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you*" (John 16, 1-15-).

It is in God's scheme of things that the work of our Redemption should be the combined work of all three persons of the Holy Trinity. It is God the Father who sends the Son on earth in human form to be our brother and our Redeemer. The Second Person, became man, lives for us and with us, teaches us the way of life, dies for us on the Cross, rises from the tomb. The Third Person of the Blessed Trinity supplies us with wisdom and understanding and fortitude and all His other gifts.

"*He will convict the world of sin and of justice and of judgment,*" says Christ in His promise. It is His work to supply us with the most convincing proofs (and the light to understand them) that the world and every man in the world who deliberately rejects Christ is a world and a man given over to sin. It is His to convince us that the only way of justice, the only way of salvation and of sanity and of sanctity, the only secure way for men and for nations, is the way of Christ; that the worldly way, the way of Satan, any way at all that deviates from the way of Christ, has already been tried, found wanting, condemned here and hereafter.

Such is the work of the Holy Spirit. Call it the sense of security in our Faith in Christ, the firm conviction that in following Christ and the way of Christ, we cannot possibly be wrong. With that personal sense of security must go a sense of fearsome anxiety for men and for a world that will not accept Christ. It is part of the deep suffering of any truly Christlike soul. The way is so clear, the path is so well marked, the going is so easy along the one right road. And the end of all other unhappiness, failure, strife, emptiness, wars here below and eternal

destruction to follow. It is this anxiety, coupled with our own sureness of the path of Christ and our loving sense of responsibility for our brothers of the world, that makes or should make of every Catholic under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, an apostle, a crusader for the cause of Christ.

It was the Holy Spirit who was to give to the Apostles this final burning conviction. On fire with it, every personal ambition and selfish desire (even the desire to keep Christ to themselves) turned to ashes. Their one consuming, overpowering passion was to make Christ known for the good of the world, to preach Christ in season and out of season. It explains the "*argue, increpa, obsecra*" of Saint Paul. "*Preach the word, be urgent in season, out of season; reprove, entreat, rebuke with all patience and teaching.*"

Naturally the Apostles did not understand all this when Christ spoke to them. They understood only that He was leaving them, and sadness filled their hearts. Only later they understood that even His leaving of them was for their own good, that His own work had to be finished completely before the Holy Spirit could come with all His wonderful gifts. Christ's life was not complete, His work had not received the final seal of approval until He ascended into heaven, to take His place, as God and man, at the right hand of God. Triumphant on earth through the Resurrection, His triumph had to be proclaimed by the Ascension in heaven. There as God and man, He had to enter into His Kingdom, and from there direct to the end of time the forces of His Kingdom on earth.

—THE EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

The Blessed Virgin is called Queen of Apostles, Queen of Prophets, Queen of Patriarchs, Queen of Martyrs, and Queen of All Saints. In fact, in her are gathered all the virtues, graces, and glories, which are found distributed among the blessed inhabitants of heaven.

—JAMES ALBERIONE

♣ LUMEN CHRISTI

For the next fortnight the Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament for:

SCHAPPACHER / MCCONNELL FAMILIES

Patsy McConnell Family

✠ THE CALENDAR

- MON 05/07/07 ST STANISLAUS, BPM**
11:30 AM High Mass †John J. Bischak, Jr. - 19th Anniversary (Katie Bischak)
3:10 PM May Devotions
4:15-6:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (Sharonville Park)
 St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (Sharonville Library)
- TUES 05/08/07 APPARITION OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL - OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART**
11:30 AM High Mass †Mr. Brian Richard John McGovern (Mrs. Janet M. Gaye)
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:45 PM Low Mass †Rosemary & Clifford Breitenstein & All Poor Souls (Steve & Becky Hammoor Family)
- WED 05/09/07 ST GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BPCD**
6:30 AM Low Mass Tom's Return to Good Health (C. Simpson Family)
11:30 AM High Mass Benefactors of St. Gertrude School
3:10 PM May Devotions
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal
- THUR 05/10/07 ST ANTONINUS, BPC - SS GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM**
11:30 AM High Mass †Robert Bloemker - Birthday Remembrance (Charlene A. Bloemker)
3:10 PM May Devotions
7:00 PM Compline
- FRI 05/11/07 FERIAL DAY**
11:00 AM Confessions
11:30 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
3:10 PM May Devotions
5:15 PM Confessions / Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass, Novena, Benediction, Confessions Louis Monnin (Dad) - Happy Birthday (Keith Monnin)
- SAT 05/12/07 SS NEREUS & COMP, MM**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass Joseph Reiss (MIM A. Capetillo)
8:45 AM Confessions
9:00 AM High Mass Amanda Schappacher (Marianna & Elizabeth)
- SUN 05/13/07 EASTER V - MOTHER'S DAY**
 ST ROBERT BELLARMINE, BPCD - OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 SECONDARY PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI
CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD BEFORE OR DURING ALL MASSES
7:30 AM Low Mass Kathy Schweitzer - Birthday (Vivian Bloemker)
9:00 AM High Mass, Procession & May Crowning For All of Our Mothers, Living & Deceased
11:30 AM Low Mass †Fr. Albert Hemmersbach (Kirby & Jean Bischel)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the People of St. Gertrude the Great
7:00 PM Fatima Rosary Procession

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Our great week of prayer has now concluded, with yesterday's pilgrimage and feast of Our Lady of Consolation, whose beautiful image is solemnly enthroned in our church for a year now, and this year serves as the focal point for our May altar.



Believe me, I appreciate each and every one of you who helped to make our Jog-A-Thon ("who'd a thunk it?") our GREATEST FUND RAISER EVER! I appreciate each and every one of you who made the effort to pray and worship with us last week for all of the beautiful feasts and devotions. But far more important is the fact that Our Lord will not let a single such good deed be lost or forgotten at the Last Day. "May He be your reward exceeding great."

This afternoon I fly to Tampa for my last teaching week at Most Holy Trinity Seminary. As it happens, it is a quiet week, though not without interest from a devotional viewpoint, as we keep the Paschal feast of St. Michael the Archangel on Tuesday, and along with him his Commander, Our Lady, under the powerful title "of the Sacred Heart."

Next week we must all gear up for more praying, with Sunday's double Procession ("of Our Lady, there is never enough!"), the Lesser Litanies, and, already, the 40th day of Easter, Ascension Thursday's Feast of Obligation. Then, the Holy Ghost Novena takes us right in to Confirmations and Pentecost. I can hardly believe it!

In the meanwhile let us pay our daily homage this sweet month of May to Mary our Mother. Is your May altar "up and running?" Family Rosary? Imitation of Our Lady's virtues? Remember, Our Lady is the quickest, shortest, surest way to Jesus. May Jesus and Mary bless you!

Bishop Dolan

✠ MARY, MEDIATRIX OF ALL GRACES

The Church teaches us to invoke Mary as *Mediatrice of All Graces*. This title summarizes what the Blessed Virgin is for us, in our relations with her beloved Son: the Mediatrix of grace, of mercy, the treasurer of all the graces which Jesus merited for us. "By the communion of sorrows and of will between Christ and Mary," says St. Pius X, "she merited to become the dispenser of all the benefits which Jesus acquired for us by shedding His Blood (Encyclical: *Ad Diem Illum*). Mary, who was associated in the closest and most intimate way with the life, the work, and the Passion of her Son, cooperated with Him in our redemption to such an extent that the grace, which Jesus alone could merit for us *condignly*, was merited also by Mary, although in a secondary

way and by *congruity* only. Thus Mary obtained real power over all the supernatural treasures acquired by her Son; and since she obtained them together with Him, she also distributes them to us with Him. Pope Leo XIII says, "It may be affirmed that, according to God's will, nothing comes to us without going through Mary's hands. Just as no one can approach the Almighty Father except through the Son, so no one can approach Christ except through His Mother" (Encyclical: *Octobri Mense*). After Jesus, who is the only Mediator, Mary is the Mediatrix: as Jesus continually intercedes with the Father in heaven on our behalf, so Mary intercedes with Jesus for us; she obtains and dispenses to us all the graces we need.

—FATHER GABRIEL OF SAINT MARY MAGDALEN, O.C.D.

St. Gertrude the Great

4900 Rialto Rd. West Chester, OH 45069
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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

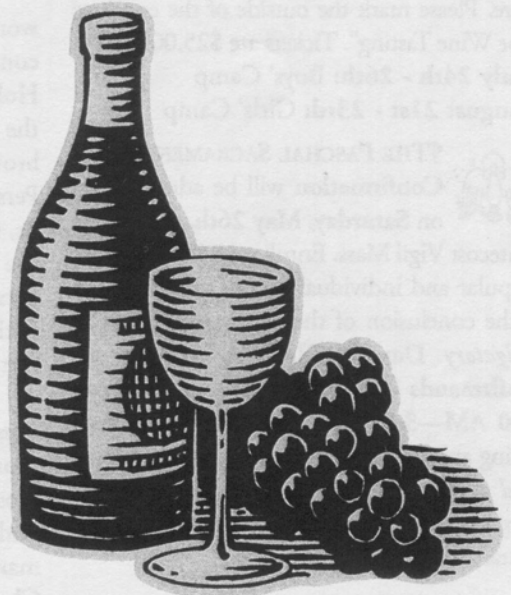
Calvano - Vino Nobile - 2000

Tedeschi - Valpolicella - 2004

Tedeschi - Amarone - 2001

Florio - Sweet Marsala - NV

Batasiolo - Barolo - 2001



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

