

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ OCTOBER 7, 2007 THE MOST HOLY ROSARY - PENTECOST XIX - ST. MARK, PC & COMB, MM

First Sunday of the Month –The **Blessing of Religious Articles** Follows the Low Masses at the Communion Rail. The **second collection** is for our *Seminary and Mission Support*. Vespers and Benediction with October Devotions at **4:30 PM**. **Someone** please attend!

The Rosary Confraternity will lead the outdoor procession after the 9:00 AM Mass. The Annual Rosary Confraternity Communion Breakfast follows the Mass and procession.

Rosaries will be blessed with (all indulgences)at all Masses.




The "Little Church" is in the vestibule today. The ushers are collecting alms for the **Alter Christus Confraternity** to support priests who might not otherwise receive help. Please be generous.

¶ THIS WEEK:
¶ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The **October Devotions** (Rosary, Litany and Prayer to St. Joseph) are recited **every school day at 3:10 PM**. Every **Wednesday** the **Rosary** is recited **before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at 3:10 PM**, with **Benediction and Holy Communion** at approximately **3:30 PM**. Join our children in prayer!

¶ OCTOBER FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

 Saturday, October 13th, The Rosary Confraternity is sponsoring the **90th Anniversary of Fatima Candlelight Rosary Procession** at 7:00 PM. We will meet in our usual location, at the First Watch Restaurant parking lot across from Rafferty's on Floer Road, which runs parallel with Mulhauser Road. You may enter Floer Road from either Union Center Blvd. or Muhlhauser Rd. This rosary procession will conclude our season. The darkness is closing in quickly. Come to spread some light.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

The Rosary is recited before the 7:30 and 11:30 AM Masses. Catechism classes are as usual at 10:30 AM.

Set your *missal*– **Pentecost XX** with the commemoration of St. Callistus I, PM, **PREFACE** of the Trinity

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 13th - Fatima 90th Anniversary Rosary Candlelight Procession**
- **October 14th - Autumn Bake Sale**
- **October 28th - Feast of Christ the King**, and afternoon adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Flee the arguments of worldly doctrine and avoid the poisoned words of heretics.

SAINT LEO THE GREAT

¶ LUMEN CHRISTI
For the next fortnight the Sanctuary Lamp will burn before the Blessed Sacrament:
McConnell Children and Grandchildren
Patsy McConnell

¶ Ushers

SUNDAY -OCTOBER 14TH, 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 Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, John French, Kirby Bischel
- 5:45 PM John Seyfried

¶ Servers

OCTOBER 8TH, - OCTOBER 14TH, 2007

- MON 10/08 5:00 PM LOW: J. Bayer
- TUE 10/09 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney
- WED 10/10 6:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
- THUR 10/11
- FRI 10/12 5:45 PM LOW & BEN: Keaveney, Briggs, Ritze, Bayer
- SAT 10/13 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
- SUN 10/14 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: T. Simpson AC: R. Hill, T. Simpson TH: D. Poepelman TORCH: S. Arlinghaus, T. Kunkel, N. McClorey, B. Lotarski
11:30 AM LOW: F. Puglielli, G. Wnek
4:30 PM VESPERS & BEN: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 \$4,445.02

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

MARY'S AUTUMN MAY

REV. ARTHUR RYAN

Say, dearest Mother Mary, can it be
That, having May, thou claim'st
October too?
The flowers of spring we plucked and gave
to thee,
And these sad leaves of autumn wilt
thou sue?

When evenings first were lengthening, calm
and warm,
We lit thy altar, gay with lily bloom;
Now falls the night full swift with
threatening storm,
And still thy tapers stay the advancing
gloom.

'Tis thine, and ten times welcome, Mother
dear!
This ripe and crisp October month is
thine.
What though our flowers and leaves be scant
and sere,
The Calendar of Love knows no
decline.

Accept these autumn wreaths—our chaplets
bright,
With crimson-yellow stained, like
sunset skies:
O star of Morn, be still our Star at night,
And bless our falling years as thou didst
bless their rise.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

FRANCIS A. GAFFNEY, O.P.

Lepanto marks the spot of victory,
O'er crescent cruel and strong, by forces
weak,
Of hallowed cross; of which, "if sign you
seek,"
'Tis white-robed Pius Fifth the Rosary
Lifted like the rod of Moses, meek;
Whilst Ottomans on Christians wrath
would wreak
And, as of old, engulfed them in the sea.

O Lady of the Rosary, today
Thy clients all beseech thee, hear their
prayer
And beg the Christ who raging storms did
quell,
Bid warring nations cease their blood fray;
His power and thine honor, we declare,
O thou All-Fair, thou Joy of Israel.

✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



MON	10/08/07	COLUMBUS DAY - ST. BRIDGET, W (NO SCHOOL) 4:30 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass - †Rosemary & Clifford Breitenstein & All Poor Souls (Steve & Becky Hammor & Family) 4:15-6:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (Sharonville Park) St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (Sharonville Park)
TUES	10/09/07	ST. JOHN LEONARD, C - Ss DENIS, BP & COMP, MM 11:30 AM High Mass - †Walter Drwiega (Stella Drwiega) 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:45 PM Low Mass - Mary Ann & Constance Wozny (Beckie Mattingly)
WED	10/10/07	ST. FRANCIS BORGIA, C 6:30 AM Low Mass - Tim & Gayle Bischel 11:30 AM High Mass - †Harry Hall (Ellen Hall) 3:00 PM Exposition - October Devotions & Benediction & Holy Communion
THUR	10/11/07	MATERNITY OF OUR LADY 11:30 AM High Mass - In honor of the Divine Maternity, for Poor Souls 3:10 PM October Devotions
FRI	10/12/07	FERIAL DAY - RESUMED SUNDAY MASS- OUR LADY OF EL PILAR 11:00 AM Confessions 11:30 AM High Mass - †Louise Cyr (Tom & Stella Simpson) 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:45 PM Low Mass- Novena & Benediction & Confessions My Parents (Mario Derksen)
SAT	10/13/07	OUR LADY OF FATIMA - ST. EDWARD, KING, C (N.B. Special Time: ONE Mass at 7:30) 7:15AM Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass - In honor of St. Monica Bischel for the Intentions of Jean & Kirby Bischel (Michael Briggs Family) 7:00 PM Candlelight Closing Fatima Rosary Procession
SUN	10/14/07	PENTECOST XXI- ST. CALLISTUS, I, PM 7:30 AM Low Mass- Families of Jim Bischel & Peters (M/M Victor Ritze) 9:00 AM High Mass- For the People of St. Gertrude 11:30 AM Low Mass -For all who responded to Monica Anne's Death with calls, cards, prayers, and kind deeds (Kirby & Jean Bischel) 5:45 PM Low Mass- †John J. Seyfried (J. Seyfried)

We're keeping up our prayers at this end (we'd better be!) but especially are we still praying for seasonal rain, now that we're planting the grass. Please pray with us for God to water the face of the earth with needed rain, and for our dear Lord to water hardened, dried out souls with the soft dew of His grace. Let us pray together, this Rosary Sunday, and promise many rosaries this October.

Different groups are sponsoring public rosaries this Saturday the 13th marking the 90th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. God bless everyone who is promoting the rosary. Our procession, as is customary, will be an evening candlelight one at 7 o'clock. Please invite yourself, your children, and someone else for the last of our Fatima Rosary Processions; sweet public homage to Our King and Our Queen.

This Saturday morning the one Mass will be at 7:30, since I'll be away. I'm still trying to get a clear idea of the best Saturday Mass schedule. Please, let me hear from you. Friday night attendance continues good, but weekday in general, poor. Don't you have a "Mass motive"?

Also, I'd love to hear your thoughts on what we can do to "keep the kids," that is to say, so as not to lose them in their later teen years. I'm sure you are all praying, especially for your own children, for perseverance or conversions. Well, remember the rosary! It really is powerful, especially for such a prayer as Our Lord would delight to hear.

Many thanks to our Rosarians and all who help to make this feast so beautiful. Thanks to Dr. Droleskey for coming up so far from Florida to speak this morning. Will someone be coming this afternoon to finish the Rosary with me, before the Blessed Sacrament?

Many thanks to Our Lady for the countless graces She showers on us all by means of the Holy Rosary. May she give each of you the gift of perseverance!

On Wednesday evening I will be leaving on a 12 day trip to Germany, France and Poland, in order to visit, encourage and confirm our beleaguered brethren and clergy in those lands. I would very much appreciate your good prayers for a safe and fruitful journey.

With a blessing, in Our Lady,

-Bishop Dolan

THE LITTLE FLOWER'S EVENING SCHEDULE

8:00 PM Free Time in silence.

(The Carmelites often took advantage of this time to say their Rosary)

Therese would admit, in her last manuscript, that this solitary recitation of the rosary was more difficult "than the application of an instrument of penance. I tried in vain to meditate on the mysteries of the rosary, but I could not keep my mind still." After a long period of discouragement over this, she understood that the Blessed Virgin saw her good will.

Therese also used this time for the composition of her poetry or plays. -"Therese and Lisieux," P. DESCOUVEMENT

PREDICTION OF ST. LOUIS MARIE GRIGNON DE MONTFORT

That as Christ first came to us through Mary, so too His second coming will be preceded by an age of Mary.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of *John J. Seyfried*, the father of our faithful parishoner and 5:45 PM usher, John Seyfried.

PRAYERS PLEASE...

Please pray as well for all of our sick and shut-in, including Jack and Diane Powell, Edna Harpen (who recently broke her ankle), Shirle Downing (who recently celebrated a birthday), Fred Hauserman (this "birthday boy" just turned 99, I believe!), and Eileen Bartels (who has good days and bad days, but sends her good wishes to all.) Are we missing anyone?

BOOKSTORE NEWS
New Arrivals!

A wonderful selection of greeting cards are now available for purchase in the bookstore. There are also many standing crucifixes that are perfect for a home shrine. Sick call sets and beautiful wall crucifixes are plentiful in addition to a variety of stylish rosaries. Come see what is new and begin your Christmas shopping before advent!

CHILDREN'S ALL SAINTS PROCESSION

The All Saints Day Procession and celebration will now take place on the Sunday within the Octave of All Saints. This year it is November 4th.

REQUEST FROM BISHOP DOLAN...

When you say the Rosary aloud, especially in church, say it softly: "These words are a kind of melody which soothes the ear and isolates us from the noise of the world around us,..." —FR GARRIGOU-LAGRANCE

Let us aim for that "melody in the ear" which is the name of Jesus and Mary when we say our Rosary aloud.

REMINDER

Parents, please remember to take your children to the bathroom before Mass. Children should only leave Holy Mass for an emergency, not for a little break from time to time. Children are forbidden to use the water fountain during Mass — parents and ushers please note! Our Blessed Savior suffered three hours of burning thirst at Calvary, which is the Mass.

A NEED FOR CHARITY...

A Sharonville parishoner is in need of a regular ride to Sunday Mass. If you are able to assist, please contact Mr. Kim LeBlanc at 513-769-3562. May Our Lady reward your generosity.

A TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Father Carlos Ercoli was ordained by Bishop Dolan ten years ago this month in Verrua Savoia, Italy, near Turin. Father Ercoli will be celebrating his tenth anniversary with a Solemn High Mass on **Saturday morning October 13th** at *Our Lady Queen of Martyrs*, Fraser, Michigan. You will certainly be welcome to attend. Please contact Father Ercoli (586-979-1272) for further information. Please keep Father Ercoli in your prayers for this happy occasion.

FEEDBACK?

This is actually a pun, as it refers to malfunctioning microphones and speakers. We're wondering how our new speakers are working. Can you hear the sermon? Is there any improvement? Are there still problem areas? We want your feedback!

Oh, don't forget, let us know how daily and Saturday Mass times are working out for you. (If "non applicable" applies, why, give them a try and get back to us). Thank you!

"We do not hesitate to affirm again publicly that We put great confidence in the Holy Rosary for the healing of evils which afflict our times."
—POPE PIUS XII

CHRIST'S BEAUTIFUL MOTHER

REV. ABRAM J. RYAN

O CHRIST! of Thy beautiful Mother
Must I hide her name down in my heart?
But, ah! even there one can see it—
With Thy Mother's name, how can I part?

On thy Name all Divine have I rested
In the days when my heart-trials came;
Sweet Christ, like to Thee I am human,
And I need Mary's pure human name.

Did I hear a voice? or was I dreaming?
I heard—or I sure seemed to hear—
"Who blames you for loving My Mother
Is wronging My Heart—do not fear.

"I am human e'en here in My heavens;
What I was I am still all the same;
And I still love My beautiful Mother—
And thou, child of mine, do the same."

I was happy—because I am human—
And Christ in the silences heard
"Our Father," "Hail Mary!" "Our Father,"
Repeated faithfully, word after word.

WASTE

G.A.S. KENNEDY

Waste of Muscle, waste of Brain
Waste of Patience, waste of Pain
Waste of Manhood, waste of Health,
Waste of Beauty, waste of Wealth
Waste of Blood, and waste of Tears,
Waste of Youth's most precious years,
Waste of ways the Saints have trod,
Waste of Glory, waste of God,—
War!

*"War is a punishment for sin."
"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."*

—OUR LADY OF FATIMA, 1917

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CANDLELIT ROSARY PROCESSION

Our Lady of Fatima implores us to pray the Rosary.
The Most Holy Rosary is the KEY to our salvation.



Please join us to pray for our
Families, Church, and Country

SATURDAY EVENING
OCT. 13, 2007

7:00 PM



Starting in the First Watch parking lot,
corner of Union Center and Floer Dr.



Autumn Bake Sale

(to help defray annual start-of-the academic year expenses)

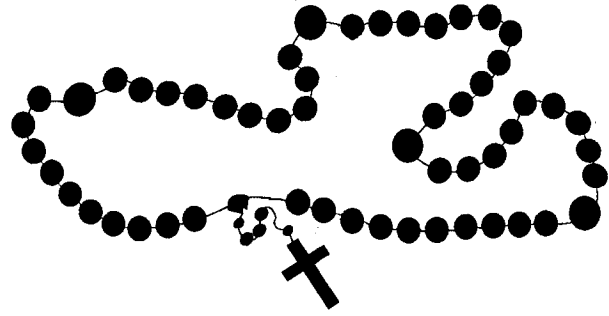
Sunday, October 14, 2007

Please bring your baked goods
to the Helfta Hall on either
Saturday, October 13
or on the day of the sale
Sunday, October 14

*Please be generous and help support
St. Gertrude the Great School.*



FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY



It is customary with men of the world to balance their accounts at the end of the year, and ascertain their profits. The Church is now preparing to do the same. We shall soon see her solemnly numbering her elect, taking an inventory of her holy relics, visiting the tombs of those who sleep in the Lord, and counting the sanctuaries, both new and old, that have been consecrated to her divine Spouse. But today's reckoning is a more solemn one, the profits more considerable: she opens her balance-sheet with the gain accruing to our Lady from the mysteries which compose the cycle. Christmas, the cross, the triumph of Jesus, these produce the holiness of us all; but before and above all, the holiness of Mary. The diadem which the Church thus offers first to the august Sovereign of the world, is rightly composed of the triple crown of these sanctifying mysteries, the causes of her joy, of her sorrow, and of her glory. The Joyful mysteries recall the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Birth of Jesus, Mary's Purification, and the Finding of our Lord in the temple. The Sorrowful mysteries bring before us the Agony of our blessed Lord, His being Scourged, and Crowned with Thorns, the Carrying of the Cross, and the Crucifixion. While, in the Glorious mysteries, we contemplate the Resurrection and Ascension of our Saviour, Pentecost, and the Assumption and Coronation of the Mother of God. Such is Mary's rosary; a new and fruitful vine, which began to blossom at Gabriel's salutation, and whose fragrant garlands form a link between earth and heaven.

The clouds hang thick o'er Israel's camp, as dawns the battle day. Arise! bright star of Dominic, and chase the gloom away. And where the foemen fiercest press thy radiance let us see. Shine o'er the banners of thy sons, and lead to victory.

In its present form, the rosary was made known to the world by St. Dominic at the time of the struggles with the Albigensians, that social war of such ill-omen for the Church. The rosary was then of more avail than armed forces against the power of satan; it is now the Church's last resource. It would seem that, the ancient forms of social prayer being no longer relished by the people, the holy Spirit has willed by this easy and ready summary of the liturgy to maintain, in the isolated devotion of these unhappy times, the essential of that life of prayer, faith, and Christian virtue,

which the public celebration of the Divine Office formerly kept up among the nations. Before the thirteenth century, popular piety was already familiar with what was called the psalter of the laity, that is, the angelical salutation repeated one hundred and fifty times; it was the distribution of these Hail Marys into decades, each devoted to the consideration of a particular mystery, that constituted the rosary. Such was the divine expedient, simple as the eternal Wisdom that conceived it, and far-reaching in its effects; for while it led wandering man to the Queen of Mercy, it obviated ignorance which is the food of heresy, and taught him to find once more 'the paths consecrated by the Blood of the Man-God, and by the tears of His Mother.'

As Pius then to Europe spake, so Leo speaks once more; the Rosary our weapon still, to wield in holy war. Ave Maria! from each tongue, shall rise the pleading word; Oh! doubt not that the prayer of faith, will now, as then be heard

Thus speaks the great Pontiff who, in the universal sorrow of these days, has again pointed out the means of salvation more than once experienced by our fathers. Leo XIII, in his encyclicals, has consecrated the present month to this devotion so dear to heaven; he has honoured our Lady in her litanies with a new title, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary; and he has given the final development to the solemnity of this day, by raising it to the rank of a second class feast, and by enriching it with a proper Office explaining its permanent object. Besides all this, the feast is a memorial of glorious victories, which do honour to the Christian name.

See o'er Lepanto's waters spread, the Moslem's dark array; A voice to Christendom went forth, and gave the word to pray; Jesus and Mary! names of strength invoked, and not in vain; they conquered in the hour of need, and conquer shall again.

Soliman II, the greatest of the Sultans, taking advantage of the confusion caused in the west by Luther, had filled the sixteenth century with terror by his exploits. He left to his son, Selim II, the prospect of being able at length to carry out the ambition of his race: to subjugate Rome and Vienna, the Pope and the emperor, to the power of the crescent. The Turkish fleet had already mastered the greater part of the Mediterranean, and was threatening Italy, when, on October 7, 1571, it came into action, in the Gulf of Lepanto, with the pontifical galleys supported by the fleets of Spain and Venice. It was Sunday; throughout the world the confraternities of the rosary were en-

gaged in their work of intercession. Supernaturally enlightened, St. Pius V watched from the Vatican the battle undertaken by the leader he had chosen, Don John of Austria, against the three hundred vessels of Islam. The illustrious Pontiff, whose life's work was now completed, did not survive to celebrate the anniversary of the triumph; but he perpetuated the memory of it by an annual commemoration of Our Lady of Victory. His successor, Gregory XIII, altered this title to Our Lady of the Rosary, and appointed the first Sunday of October for the new feast, authorizing its celebration in those churches which possessed an altar under that invocation.

A century and a half later, this limited concession was made general. As Innocent XI, in memory of the deliverance of Vienna by Sobieski, and extended the feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary to the whole Church; so, in 1716, Clement XI inscribed the Feast of the Rosary on the universal calendar, in gratitude for the victory gained by Prince Eugene at Peterwardein, on August 5, under the auspices of our Lady of the Snow. This victory was followed by the raising of the siege of Corfu, and completed a year later by the taking of Belgrade.

The joys experienced on the feasts of the Mother of God, are all gathered up and resumed in this one, for us, for the angels, and for our Lady herself. The mysteries of the Son and of the Mother are our instruction and our hope. Our Lady's mysteries are before all time in God's sight, like those of her divine Son; like these they will endure for all eternity; like them they rule the ages, which circle round the Word and Mary, preparing for both in the days of figures, perpetuating their presence by the incessant glorification of the most Holy Trinity, in whose name all Christians are baptized. Now the rosary honours all this series of mysteries; today's feast is a glance back

upon the cycle as it draws to its close. From these mysteries, from this view of them, we must draw the conclusion formulated by our Lady herself in this passage from Proverbs, which the Church applies to her: 'Now therefore, my children, consider my ways; imitate me, that you may find happiness.' Let us pray to her, rosary in hand, considering her at the same time, meditating on her life and her greatness, and watching, were it but for a quarter of an hour, at the entrance to the palace of this incomparable Queen. Let us congratulate the Queen of the Holy Rosary on her perfect life, all truth, and justice, and meekness, which won her the love of the supreme King.

And the angel being come in, said to her: *Hail, full of grace! the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. Blessed art thou among women*, repeated Elizabeth a few days later, *and blessed is the fruit of thy womb*. These two salutations, with the name of Mary added to the angel's greeting and the name of Jesus to Elizabeth's, constituted the *Ave Maria* in the time of St. Dominic, the promulgator of the rosary. The prayer, 'Holy Mary Mother of God' which now so beautifully completes the formula of praise, received the sanction of the Church in the sixteenth century.

The weapon which our Father gave, each hand shall fearless wield; who bear our Lady's Rosary, need neither sword or shield. With dauntless faith the ranks they face, of error and of sin; and, armed with those blest beads alone, the victory they win.

All grace, all light, all life, are to be found in our Lady; by her holy rosary she has multiplied flowers and fruits in the garden of the Church. Every offering acceptable to God, comes from Mary, with and by Jesus. The rosary, piously meditated, prepares us for the Sacrifice of the altar, that supereminent and august memorial of the mysteries which it imprints in the heart and mind of the Christian. The more faithful we are, the more assured will be our salvation and our progress in true life.

—Dom Prosper Guéranger O.S.B.
THE LITURGICAL YEAR

VESPER HYMN FROM THE FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Thee exulting with joy, thee wounded with the sword of sorrow, thee gift with everlasting glory, we sing, O Virgin Mother.

Hail, overflowing with gladness, when thou conceivest; when thou visitest thy cousin; when thou bringest forth thy Son, offerest him to God, findest Him in the temple, O happy Mother.

Hail, in thy bitter sorrow, when thou didst suffer in thy inmost heart the agony, the scourging, the thorns, and the cross of thy Son, O first of martyrs!

Hail, O Queen refulgent with glory in the triumphs of thy Son, in the fires of the Paraclete, in the honour and splendour of thy queenliness.

Come, O ye nations, gather roses from these mysteries, and wreath therewith garlands for the Mother of fair love.

Glory be to Thee, O Jesus born of the Virgin; together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, through everlasting ages. Amen.