


✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOVEMBER 11TH, 2007 - PENTECOST XXIV - VETERANS DAY - ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BPC - ST. MENNAS, M - PATRONAGE OF OUR LADY

Catechism classes resume today at **10:30 AM**.

It is the *Feast of the Patronage of Our Lady*, and the opening of our annual devotion of the 12 Sundays of *Our Mother of Good Counsel*.

Absolution at the Catafalque and **Rosary** for all those who have died in all of our wars are at **11:00 AM**.

 Our annual **Rosary Procession** for the Faithful departed, sponsored by the Rosary Confraternity, will be at **3:30 PM**. Members of the parish are invited to take part in this beautiful suffrage for the poor souls. We will be visiting St. Stephen's Cemetery in Hamilton.


ORDINATION NEWS

On **November 16**, The **REVEREND MISTER MARCUS RAMOLLA** will be *ordained to the priesthood* at St. Gertrude the Great at **10:00 AM**. A catered reception will follow in Helfta Hall. Children ages *11 & under* will be accommodated in one of the school classrooms. Miss Sharon Patton has graciously offered to supervise but is seeking other assistants.

Please RSVP using the sign-up sheet located in the vestibule or contact the church office. We are seeking volunteers to help with decorating the night before, to coordinate final touches in the hall on Friday and to facilitate clean up after the celebration. Any time that can be spared is greatly appreciated.

The abstinence on Friday is dispensed for those who attend the ordination.

ALL SAINTS' CONTEST WINNERS

 **Best Group Presentation & Costume:** Arlinghaus Children (Poor Souls)

Pre K Best Presentation: Kuebler Brothers (Joseph O.T.)

Pre K Best Costume: Cecilia Simpson (O.L. Consolation)

K Best Presentation: Nathan Harkleroad (St. Francis)

K Best Costume: Gabriel Kunkel (St. John, Ev.)

Gr. 1-2 Best Presentation: Joseph Simpson (St. Polycarp)

Gr. 1-2 Best Costume: Florence Lotarski (St. Margaret of Scotland)

Gr. 3-4 Best Presentation: Andrew Richesson (St. Gregory the Great)

Gr. 3-4 Best Costume: Peter Duff (St. Jerome)

Gr. 5-7 Best Presentation: Francis Puglielli (St. George)

Gr. 5-7 Best Costume: Thomas Simpson (St. George)

I thank our creative and devoted parents, and their dedicated young saints for a very impressive and edifying All Saints Sunday. How much we enjoyed seeing the little ones in their costumes which testified to so much imagination and hard work.

Thanks, too, to Mark and Joan Lotarski for the beautifully decorated Helfta Hall, the well organized program and the very nice party. Thanks for coaxing the nervous children and drying the tears of our traumatized saints.

I thank our fine panel of judges, and concur with their decisions. I was happy to see good Missal saints such as St. Jerome, and St. Margaret, as well as some of Our Lady's titles, and the Old Testament Josephs. My overall favorite was the "Purgatory Tableau" presented by the Arlinghaus children, replete with the plaintive, authentic cries of the Poor Souls.


Special detail mention goes to St. Apollonia, patroness of dentists and toothaches who had her teeth blacked out, and carried pliers.

I enjoyed the repartee, as well, with some of the adults and the ever witty Father Cekada.

"A fine time was had by all" thanks again. Blessed be God in His Saints!

—BISHOP DOLAN

ALTER CHRISTUS

 **\$134.00** were collected last week for Masses to support our good priests throughout the world, both materially and spiritually. God reward your generosity to our "other Christs," as well as the generous seminary collection last Sunday for our "future Christs".

Hahers FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16TH, 2007
10:00 AM Mark Lotarski, Dale Wilker, Jim Gebel, Richard Smith

Hahers SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18 TH, 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, Tim Carney, Kirby Bischel
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers NOVEMBER 12TH, - NOVEMBER 18TH, 2007
•MON 11/12 5:00 PM LOW: J. Bayer
•TUE 11/13 5:45 PM LOW: G. Keaveney
•WED 11/14 6:30 AM LOW: C & T Simpson
•FRI 11/16 9:00 AM HIGH: As Posted
•SAT 11/17 7:30 AM LOW: C. & T. Simpson
8:00 AM HIGH: C. Ritze, J. Bayer
•SUN 11/18 7:30 AM LOW: D. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: As Posted
11:30 AM LOW: Puglielli, G. Wnek
4:45 PM: VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2007 \$5,104.45
SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION.....\$1,455.00

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

✠ POETRY CORNER

POSTLUDE

How can you go to the cemetery Sunday after Sunday, and not believe in God.

How can you bring flowers, Sunday after Sunday, to the grave of your mother, the grave of your father,

Sunday after Sunday, and not believe in God.

And clear away a stray leaf, or water the harsh earth,

or freshen the burnt grass, or shovel up the raw snow, or make the sign of the cross,

and beg forgiveness of the past, the shadow of tomorrow.

How can you do it, do all of that, Sunday after Sunday,

in the name of love and the hereafter, though still, deep in your heart, still not believe in God.

—ROBERT MAZZOCCO



THE PEACEMAKER

Upon His will He binds a radiant chain,
For Freedom's sake he is no longer free,
It is His task, the slave of Liberty,
With His own blood to wipe away a stain.
That pain may cease, He yields His flesh to pain.

To banish war, he must a warrior be,
He dwells in Night, eternal Dawn to see,
And gladly dies, abundant life to gain.

What matters Death, if Freedom be not dead?
No flags are furled, if Freedom's flag be furled.
Who fights for Freedom, goes with joyful tread
To meet the fires of Hell against him hurled,
And has for captain Him whose thorn-wreathed head
Smiles from the Cross upon a conquered world.

—JOYCE KILMER



✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER



MON	11/12/07	ST. MARTIN I, PM 11:25 AM High Mass - <i>Benefactors of St. Gertrude School</i> 5:00 PM Low Mass - <i>For those whose names are on our altar</i> 4:15-6:00 PM Knights of the Sacred Heart (Sharonville Park) St. Angela Merici Girls' Group (Sharonville Library)
TUES	11/13/07	ST. DIDACUS, C - ST. STANISLAUS KOSTKA, C 11:25 AM High Mass - <i>For the repose of the souls of Jerry & Terry Evans & for the Evans Family (Michael Briggs Family)</i> 5:45 PM Low Mass - <i>Joseph Prell - Happy B'day (Beth & Kids)</i>
WED	11/14/07	ST. JOSAPHAT, BPM 6:30 AM Low Mass - <i>M/M Kirby Bischel (C. Simpson Family)</i> 11:25 AM High Mass - <i>†Walter Drwiega (Stella Drwiega)</i> 7:00 PM Choir Practice
THUR	11/15/07	ST. ALBERT THE GREAT, BPCD - SECONDARY PATRON OF THE ARCHDIOCESE 11:25 AM High Mass - Opening of the St. Gertrude Novena - <i>Rev. Mr. Marcus Ramolla (Dale & Debbie Wilker)</i> 7:00 PM Compline
FRI	11/16/07	ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT, V 9:45 AM Perpetual Novena to the Sacred Heart 10:00 AM Pontifical High Mass of Ordination 1:00 PM (Aprox.)- Ordination Reception
SAT	11/17/07	ST. GREGORY THAUMATURGUS, BPC - ST. HUGH OF LINCOLN, BPC - BL. PHILIPPINE DUSCHENE, V - OUR LADY OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE 7:30 AM Low Mass - <i>Laura Kathleen Mihalick (Michael Oleksa)</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass - <i>Rita Brueggemann - Happy B'day (Bernie Brueggemann)</i> 9:00 AM First Low Mass of Father Ramolla - Votive of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SUN	11/18/07	PENTECOST XXV - DEDICATION OF BASILICAS OF Ss PETER & PAUL 7:30 AM Low Mass - <i>Salvation of my children's Souls (Regina Gilliam)</i> 9:00 AM First Solemn High Mass of Father Ramolla 10:45 AM (Aprox.) Reception 11:30 AM Low Mass - <i>Tim & Gayle Bischel & Family (Dean & Carolyn McClorey)</i> 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass - <i>For the People of St. Gertrude's</i>

Winter poked its nose in last week, but we're hoping to coax back Autumn for a nice long stay, or at least to cover with warm sunshine the remaining happy events of the Poor Souls' month: The Rosary Procession this afternoon, this week's arrival of guest clergy and seminarians, Friday's Feast Day of St. Gertrude and Ordination of a priest, and First Masses next weekend. Sometimes "St. Martin's Summer" comes to favor us with fair weather. Let us ask today's saint for this grace.

October ended nicely with Christ the King and solemn adoration, while November came in with many prayers. I had an especially wonderful Holy Day. I hope you did, too. I'm happy to see that many of you take a personal or vacation day for the Holy Days. If you can, you should! Come to morning Mass, and enjoy a Sunday during the week. This is how our Catholic ancestors lived for many happy centuries.

I am very proud of our school boys who graced these special days with Gregorian chant, expertly rendered, and even chanted a good deal of the Office of the Dead. God reward their charity, as of all of you who gained the toties-quoties indulgences; going in and out, intent upon your prayers.

Plan to take advantage of the Ordination on Friday to see one of the Church's most moving ceremonies up close, and to inspire holy thoughts in your children's hearts. I do not know when we will ever again be privileged to have an Ordination at our church. Be its privileged participants on Friday.

Sometimes our faithful are asked why they do not participate in not only the "New Mass" (that's a "no brainer" for a Christian) but also in even Latin Masses which are said in the new one world church, or by those who recognize this anti-Christ entity as the Roman Catholic Church, which is a blasphemous lie.

Well, I think I just answered the question! We do not wish to participate in a sacrilege, or a lie. So, when family duty calls, we are respectful and polite but do not actively assist at what is non-Catholic worship, for all the Latin that it uses.

Before the changes, there were some Episcopalians in this country who would "say Mass" in Latin. It looked like the real thing, only better. But Catholics would not attend, because they knew better! Right pew, wrong church, you might say. The devil is the ape of God.

I hope no one will be offended by these and similar remarks heard at St. Gertrude's. But I also hope many of our Catholics will begin to figure out things for themselves, and "to cease offend Our Lord, already so much offended." (Our Lady at Fatima)

But what consolation is afforded the Sacred Heart of Jesus by the ordination of a true priest, who will offer the pure, unspotted oblation daily at the altar. Deo Gratias! With a blessing -

-Bishop Dolan

A VETERAN'S THOUGHTS...

We did not fight for a USA which would be dishonestly railroaded into Socialism against the people's will; we did not fight for a USA where successive governments, by their weakness and folly, would encourage crime and violence on an un-precedented scale; we did not fight for a USA where thugs and psychopaths could murder and maim and torture and never have a finger laid on them for it; we did not fight for a USA whose Congress would, time and again, betray its trust by legislating against the wishes of the country; we did not fight for a USA where children could be snatched from their homes and parents by night on nothing more than the principle of secret information; we did not fight for a USA whose churches and schools would be undermined by fashionable reformers; we did not fight for a USA where free choice could be anathematized as "discrimination"; we did not fight for a USA where to hold by truths and values which have been thought good and worthy for a thousand years would run the risk of being called "un-American"- that, really, is the greatest and most pitiful irony of all. (We could add more about unjust wars fomented against other countries in the name of "democracy", in addition to the wholesale slaughter of future citizens via abortion). Yet, we call ourselves "civilized". *On a natural level, these are good thoughts...But what must a Catholic say?*

✠ **TOTS, TEARS, AND THE TABLE OF OUR LORD**

1) We love to have our children walk in processions at church throughout the year. Last Sunday was a wonderful, and moving example. We were all charmed and touched—not so all the little ones. Some are terrified unto tears at the prospect of being away from mom for the duration, and put up quite a fuss beforehand, or escape from the front pews to find familial solace during the Mass.

Parents, let's spare everyone the trauma, and the tears. Allow those who are still too young to stay with you, and try for the procession another year.

2) Sometimes when I survey the Sunday Communion rail, bright with so many eager little faces, I fear we will have an unscheduled First Holy Communion. Although our parents are very good about teaching their children to bow the head or put a finger over their mouths if they are too young to receive, being children, the dear little ones don't always remember. Our ever helpful servers often place the paten under underage chins, and the priests may not be averting to the fact that a First Communion looms. Alas! what to do?

Parents, please leave older children in the pew, and take with you only those you really must. These must be trained to bow down their little heads for a blessing. Should they forget, Father will try to remind you. Let's all work together to keep our First Communions on Corpus Christi.

—Bishop Dolan

✠ **HELP WANTED**

The St. Gertrude church office is seeking to fill the full-time position of parish secretary. The hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM. This is a very interesting and gratifying job with nary a dull moment. Tasks are many and varied. A professional demeanor and pleasant telephone etiquette are preferred. Advanced computer skills in Microsoft Word and other software is necessary. Training is available until **November 23rd**, therefore we are seeking to fill the position immediatly. Please contact either Bishop Dolan or Father Cekada.

✠ **NEXT SUNDAY**

The First Solemn High Mass of Father Ramolla, is at **9:00 AM**. You are invited to a reception directly afterwards. The new priest's first blessing may be received after his Mass on Saturday or Sunday.

Catechism classes are cancelled.

Set your missal: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul; Nov. 18. Commemoration: from Epiphany VI & of the Octave. Last Gospel: of The Sunday

FOR OUR SOON TO BE ORDAINED FR. MARCUS RAMOLLA

Dearly beloved Brethren:—

It was the custom of the first Christians to fast and to pray, before the Apostles by the imposition of hands conferred the holy priesthood upon those whom God had chosen and whom the Holy Ghost was to send to preach the divine word (*Acts XXIII.3*). In accordance with this venerable custom holy Church enjoins on all her children to fast during the ember days which occur in the four seasons of the year, and which are specially set apart as the time of conferring holy orders upon her chosen ministers; and she admonishes all the faithful to unite in fervent prayer, in order to draw down blessings from the Throne of Mercy, and to importune God to give to His Church priests "according to His own heart," who shall be worthy of the sublime dignity which is about to be imparted to them.

You have strong reasons, dearly beloved Brethren, to heed this invitation of holy Church: for the priests are appointed by God to repel with undaunted courage the fierce attacks which are made especially in our day on the sanctuary of our holy faith; to be the chosen instruments of our Savior Jesus Christ, whereby you are to be redeemed and sanctified, that "He might cleanse to Himself a people acceptable, a pursuer of good works" (*Tit. II.14*). All this should be made manifest in the purity of their lives, in which they are to be a shining light for you; in the fidelity with which they are to watch over you; in the love wherewith they are to guide you; in the prayers which they are unceasingly to send up for you to the eternal High Priest in heaven.

Therefore, it has ever been deemed meet and just, right and available unto salvation, that the faithful, for whom "every priest is ordained in the things that appertain to God" (*Hebr. V. 1*), should also have an interest in the ordination of the clergy, and should be made acquainted with the names of those who are to be promoted to the dignity of the priesthood.

Now such a proof of the divine pleasure has been given to you, dearly beloved Brethren; and hence, in accordance with the mind of holy Church, I have to announce to you that on the *16th day of November* the holy

order of priesthood is to be conferred on **REVEREND MISTER MARCUS RAMOLLA**, he having proved himself worthy to be promoted to this sacred dignity.

All the members of this congregation are therefore earnestly requested to offer up their prayers for him, who has been chosen from among them, that his ordination may redound to the greater glory of the Most Adorable Trinity, to the honor and consolation of the holy Catholic Church, to the preservation of our holy faith, and to the salvation of himself and the Christian people.

Let us therefore invoke upon him the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Ghost.


7 Paters and 7 Aves

V. Pray for us Saint Gertrude the Great
R. That the Lord of the harvest may send forth laborers into His harvest.

Let us pray.

O Almighty and Eternal God! graciously hear our supplications, and pour down the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the plenitude of Thy heavenly gifts upon Thy servant whom Thou hast called to Thy holy ministry, that, with Thy help, he may faithfully discharge the sacred duties of the priesthood to Thy greater honor and glory, and for the salvation of souls, and finally enter with them into life everlasting, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reverend Mister Marcus Ramolla
requests the honor of your presence at his
Sacerdotal Ordination
to be conferred by
His Excellency
Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan
at St. Gertrude the Great Church
West Chester, Ohio
on the sixteenth day of November,
two thousand and seven.
at 10 o'clock in the morning.
Reception following.

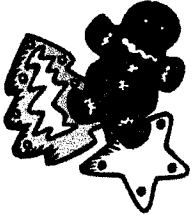


Solemn High Mass
Sunday, the eighteenth of November,
two thousand seven
at nine o'clock in the morning.
Reception immediatly following
in Helfta Hall

Craft, Raffle, & Bake

Sunday, December 16th

It is time for our craft and bake sale. This year we are combining the craft sale with a raffle. Raffle prizes include a beautiful (84"x 98") handmade log cabin quilt and an 1883 Haydock Family Bible. We need your support and cooperation to make this event a success.



There are several ways you can help:

- ☛ Donate creative crafts.
- ☛ Donate prizes for the raffle.
- ☛ Donate baked goods.
- ☛ Give of your time during the raffle and sale.



We are asking you to contribute handmade crafts and other creative items. Please deliver crafts to Helfta Hall no later than **December 2nd**.

We are asking you to donate new toys and gift items as prizes for the raffle. Please deliver these prizes to Helfta Hall no later than **December 2nd**.

We would like to sell a variety of baked goods. This includes smaller, individually sized treats, as well as a few larger items. Please deliver baked goods to Helfta Hall on Saturday, **December 15th**, or before the 9:00am Mass on **December 16th**.

Raffle ticket sales begin November 25th and will continue until the day of the raffle. Because tickets are sold in advance, we need an accurate list of the prizes, so please complete and return the following form by **November 18th**.

Please complete the form below and submit it to the church office or bookstore by November 18th.

How will you help?

Please check one or more of the following ways you would be able to help.

- Baked goods.
- Creative crafts. Briefly describe craft items you will be donating. _____

- Prizes for the raffle. Briefly list the prize(s) you will be donating. _____

- Time. The raffle/sale will continue throughout the morning. Please give your name and the times you are able to help.

Thank you for your generosity and cooperation.