

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ MARCH, 2010 • LENT III •

• LAETARE SUNDAY •

Catechism classes are at **10:40** this morning and **Lenten Vespers** and **Benediction** are at **4:45 PM**.

✠ THIS WEEK:

Only two weeks remain of our Lent before the Great Week which leads to Easter. Plan to assist at Mass during the week, and at **Stations** on **Wednesday** or **Friday**. Don't forget **St. Patrick** on **Wednesday**, and great **St. Joseph** on **Friday**. Finally, think of coming to help us cover all of the statues on **Saturday** for **Passiontide**.

✠ ST PATRICK'S DAY

The fast is traditionally dispensed on this great day for the Irish. Three Holy **Masses** (**8 AM**, **11:20 AM** and **4 PM**) {please note the special time} are offered, and children's **Stations** recited at **3:00 PM**.

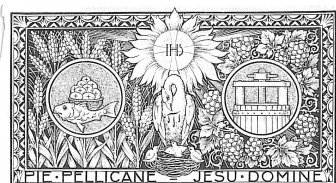
✠ ST JOSEPH'S DAY

Again, three **Masses** are offered on this great feast day of **St. Joseph**. **St. Joseph's Bread** will be blessed and distributed after the **11:20 High Mass**. A **special meal** in honor of St. Joseph (you're welcome to bring something to share) follows the **5:45 PM Mass**, as does the "**St. Joseph's Table**," the custom of donating food to be blessed and given to the poor. **Special Stations** of **St. Joseph** and **Sorrowful Mother Novena** with **Benediction** conclude the evening.

✠ NEXT SUNDAY:

Passion Sunday. Catechism classes and afternoon Vespers are as usual.

Set your Missal: Passion Sunday, no Judica Me, Commemoration of St. Benedict, Preface of the Cross.



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

✠ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS



First Testing & First Confessions: Saturday,

April 17th. (Baptismal Certificate must be presented before testing, and form filled out.)

• **Obligatory Day of Recollection for all First Communion Children:** Thursday, May 20th.

• **Confirmation:** Saturday, May 22nd.

• **First Holy Communion:** Sunday, June 6th.

Parents, please remember to submit to the Office *by March 11th*, the Baptismal certificates of children not baptized at St. Gertrude the Great. If your child is not enrolled in the school or Sunday School, please let us know if you are planning on bringing him to be tested in April. Unless we have the Baptismal certificate, we will be unable to do the necessary testing. Sometimes it is difficult to tell if a child is ready for the Sacraments. Please consult the priest. The Church earnestly desires all children to receive Our Lord as soon as possible.

✠ STATIONS IN LENT

At 3:00 PM on Wednesday, we offer the traditional Children's Stations of the Cross.

At 7:30 PM every Friday in Lent we offer the Stations of the Cross, Sermon, Sorrowful Mother Novena and Blessing of the Sick, Benediction and Holy Communion.



Collection Report

Sunday March 7th\$3,498.00
Second Collection\$802.00

*At your door, O Lord, do I knock;
from your treasury I ask for mercies.
Grant me to confess and renounce my sins.*

✠ POETRY CORNER

St. Patrick

Whatever legends round about you
cling,
Whatever nations argue you belong
Exclusively to them: these things I
know
That scarcely have found place in
any song.

What conqueror, what ruler even
now,
What leader of the people, quick or
dead,
Can boast: "I won a whole race to
my cause
Without a single drop of red blood
shed?"

For this you did, meek slave who
stood upright
In answer to a Heavenly call to
preach
To a pagan world the Trinity, and
hold
As an example, what was nearest
reach:
A simple shamrock, green with
hope—to plant
It in those loyal hearts that knew
the rout
Of long oppression, longer still to
be—
So deeply naught on earth could
root it out.

—Alma Roberts Giordan



Ushers

MARCH 21, 2010

7:30 AM Kent Maki, Scott Pepiot, Volunteer, Volunteer
9:00 AM Mike Briggs, Mark Lotarski, Steve Weigand, Paul Puglielli
11:30 AM Bob Uhlenbrock, Dennis Hille, Kirby Bischel, Volunteer
5:45 PM John Seyfried

Servers

MARCH 19, 20 AND 21, 2010

•FRI 3/19 5:45 PM LOW: Simpsons
7:30 PM STATIONS AND BENEDICTION:
Simpsons and A.D. Kinnett
•SAT 3/20 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:00 AM LOW: Mike Briggs
•SUN 3/21 7:30 AM LOW: A. & S. Brueggemann
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: R. Hill, J. Lotarski
TH: Brandon Lotarski AC's T. & J. Simpson
TORCH: J. Lacy, A. Wanke, S. Arlinghaus, A. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM LOW: A. D. Kinnett, N. McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: A. Beaver

✠ THE CALENDAR

MON	3/15/10	FERIAL DAY	ST CLEMENT MARY HOFBAUER
	11:20 AM	Low Mass	Gratitude-Holy Souls- for Ernie (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:00PM	Low Mass	The Most forgotten Souls in Purgatory (<i>Frances Mattingly</i>)
TUE	3/16/10	FERIAL DAY	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Pro-Life Cause (<i>Rosary Confraternity</i>)
	11:20 AM	Requiem High Mass	(<i>Purgatorial Society</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	†Mary Taylor (<i>Mary Black</i>)
WED	3/17/10	ST PATRICK, BPC	ST JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Ida Youngworth (<i>Puglielli Family</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass	Bishop Dolan - Thank you (<i>James Lacy</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	3:00 PM	Children's Stations	
	4:00 PM	Low Mass	Poor Souls - Nearest Release (<i>JES</i>)
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice	
THUR	3/18/10	ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BPCD	
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Alexandria Wilker (<i>Bob & Becky Uhlenbrock</i>)
	11:20 AM	Low Mass	†Ralph Patton (<i>Bernie Brueggemann</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:00 PM	Low Mass	Renee Sykes Happy Birthday - Better Health (<i>R. VandeRyt</i>)
FRI	3/19/10	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY	THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass	Poor Souls - Deceased Bischels
	11:00 AM	Confessions	
	11:20 AM	High Mass	†José Abella (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>)
	12:20 PM	Vespers	
	5:15 PM	Confessions and Rosary	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	Thanksgiving to St. Joseph for petitions granted (<i>Lynch Family</i>)
	6:45 PM	Parish Lenten Supper	
	7:30 PM	Stations, Sermon,	
		Sorrowful Mother Novena VIII Blessing of	
		the Sick and Benediction with Sacred Heart	
		Novena, Holy Communion, Confessions	
SAT	3/20/10	FERIAL DAY	ST PHOTINA & COMP., MM
	7:15 AM	Confessions	
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	Special Intention (<i>H.O. & Becky Hinton</i>)
	8:00 AM	Sermon, Low Mass	Poor Souls - Richard Rentschler (<i>Sis</i>)
SUN	3/21/10	PASSION SUNDAY	ST BENEDICT, AB
	7:30 AM	Low Mass	In deep & heartfelt gratitude to the Holy Trinity & Holy BVM for all they have done for us (<i>Dale & Linda Cardamone</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass	†Special intention - Deceased (<i>Andrea Stopes</i>)
	10:40 AM	Catechism Classes	
	11:30 AM	Low Mass	†Ralph Patton - Happy Birthday Dad - We love you (<i>Mom, Donna, Bud, Sharon, Lori, Julie</i>)
	4:45 PM	Lenten Vespers and Benediction	
	5:45 PM	Low Mass	For the people of St. Gertrude's

✠ BISHOP'S CORNER

Let us rejoice this Sunday not that Lent will too soon be over, but that God's mercies have given us yet another season of prayer and penance, that glorious and delightful time we call Lent.



Still, some standard rejoicing is on the calendar this week with the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph. I remember growing up in Detroit before the changes, and attending parochial school. The Irish of course celebrated St. Patrick, but how curious I thought it was that the Polish and Italians celebrated St. Joseph's Day. We never heard too much about him, and I remember thinking as a little boy that I should pray to him, because no one else did! Happily, our children get to hear plenty about great St. Joseph, and rightly so. See you on Friday!

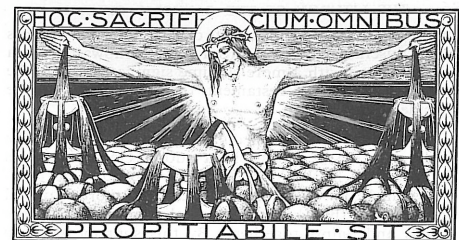
How consoling to consider that the life of the Church goes on, and always from strength to strength. We have a number of Catechumens preparing for Holy Baptism, and marriages to be blessed as well at this season. Thanks be to God for steady growth. Our Argentinian seminarian, German Fleiss, will be ordained a subdeacon this Saturday, "Sitientes." Our French subdeacon will be ordained a deacon next week on the Annunciation. What further cause for rejoicing, and prayers is this!

We are hoping to have our Girls' Camp here June 22-24, with some of the Sisters of St. Thomas Aquinas. Mark your calendars. I'm waiting to hear from Fr. Saavadra about the Boys' Camp. I got a kick out of a comment I heard about Girls' Camp being "too churchy" last year. Hellooo! We're a church, and God grant us the grace to put Him first in our lives, and in the hearts of our dear little ones.

Aren't the choirs sounding good these days? Both children and adults give great glory to God, and beauty to our ears. We even have a little "ad hoc" Lenten Fridays Girls Choir which is making a wonderful contribution. We are all looking forward to Holy Week and Easter.

God bless and keep you all, and reward you for your charity and prayers.

—Bishop Dolan



The Saviour dwelling in this desert of our body overcomes there all the factions of the devil, and, safe and secure from the thoughts of this world, he takes it for his habitation.

—Saints Maximus of Turin

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

I heard a priest remark at a First Mass that priests were “other Christs,” to walk the earth, to make men holy. If people bore this in mind, how could they ever dare to criticize a priest? Even if one would have to draw the conclusion that a priest was at fault, would it not be better to ignore his shortcomings, to leave everything to God? Who are we to judge anyone, least of all the representatives of Christ?

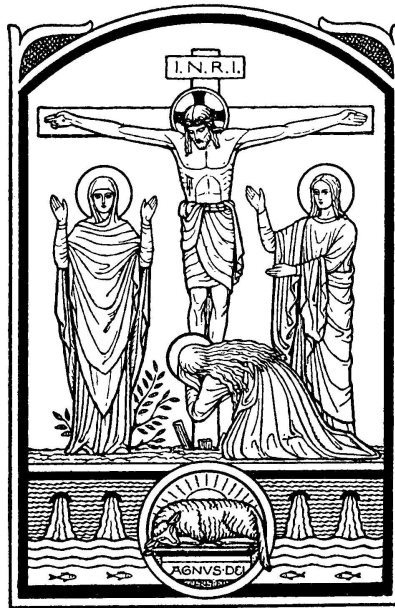
Was it not St. Catherine who overlooked some fault of a priest and coined the phrase: “Touch not God’s priests”? It would be far better if more had the childlike reverence for priests which the Irish of Ireland have, or the Polish woman who told me: “It is bad luck to say a word against a priest.” At all events, unkind words or deeds against a priest who holds the Sacred Host in his hands, cannot merit God’s blessing. Yet some speak disparagingly about priests or severely criticize them. Maybe ignorance excuses; however, would it not be better to say a prayer for them who are the shepherds of the flock, the apple of God’s eye, as it were?

Priests also have their shortcomings which no one realizes better than they. Lay people will be more prone to overlook the faults of a priest if they remember that the priest, too, must make allowances for his erring sheep. We need never pretend that a priest is blameless when his faults are quite apparent; however, a good Catholic will not pass judgement on God’s ministers. All of us, whether priest or layman, are eternally indebted to our priests who put us right with God when we fail, and, surely, those who hold a priest in reverence at all times will be blessed abundantly here and hereafter.

A SAD AFFAIR

One of the saddest affairs in life is the way in which we allow opportunities to advance in the way of God to pass us by unheeded. How marvelous is God’s patience! How longingly He looks for our amendment.

We should constantly strive to keep up with the “day’s opportunities.” These will keep us ever alert to the desires of the Heart of God. How horrible is neglect – neglect of God – of one’s neighbor – of one’s self!



Oh, yes, my Jesus! From now on, I want You alone to be my everything and my life.

—Saint Bernadette

And now that we are in Lent, I wish that you should get up early and hear Holy Mass and a sermon, then attend to the duties imposed on you.

—Saint Catherine de Ricci

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Please pray for Larry Reynolds, A Traditional Catholic on Death Row, scheduled to be executed on March 16th. Also please pray for Fr. McGilloway, CMRI, an old friend of ours, and for all of our sick and shut-in.

Also please remember to pray for the repose of the souls of Brian Roczen, the nephew of Ernie and Nora Nellenbach, and Rita Prell, the mother of Joe Prell.

LENTEN FRIDAYS

Each Friday in Lent the Church provides the main dish for a supper after the 5:45 P.M. Mass. You are invited! If you can, please do come, and perhaps bring a dish with you to share, or share a ride with someone who needs it. That way, many will be able to make the Lenten Evening of Recollection.

CALLING ALL COOKS

If you would like to prepare meals for our priests you can now go to our meal planning website, **cucina clerical** part of the Lotsa Helping Hands network, and sign up for any available days on the monthly calendar.

www.lotsahelpinghands.com/c/622747/



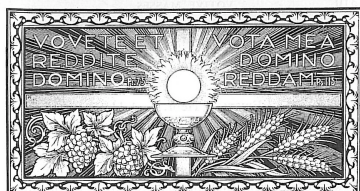
O Lord, be merciful unto your servant.

✠ A VISIT TO A SOUL IN PURGATORY

Oh, but now, what do you think of?

How keen is your delight as you look into the future. A little while, only a little painful while, (even though each moment of it seems like a hundred years because of your longings to be with God), and you will be with Him. Away from pain and sorrow; away from time and all the catastrophes and disappointments it brings. And with God—with God in eternal bliss, everlasting peace—in Heaven!

Truly you are blessed, Holy Soul, and now that you have already begun the adoration, praise, gratitude and love which in Heaven you will continue forever, permit me to unite with you, to continually bless, praise and adore—the Sweet, All Holy, Eternal One, Who is our Peace, our Joy, our Everlasting Repose, and our constant Love—the Most Holy, all True and Eternal God in Heaven!



Your beloved dead may be enrolled in the UNION OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, and receive daily the spiritual benefits of this Pious Union.

The Holy Souls suffering in their prison of Purgatory cry to us: "Have pity on me; Have pity on me! At least, you my friends." We have it in our power to help these suffering friends of God and He regards as done to Himself what we do for them. If we truly love Jesus Crucified, let us do all we can for the Holy Souls whom He has redeemed by His Most Precious Blood, but has left to our charity to set them free from the cleansing fires of Purgatory.

Efficacious Prayers for the Faithful Departed

Have mercy, O gentle Jesus! on the souls detained in Purgatory. Thou who for their ransom didst take upon Thyself our human nature and suffer the most cruel death, pity their sighs and the tears they shed when they raise their longing eyes towards Thee; and by virtue of Thy Passion cancel the penalty due to their sins.

May Thy Blood, O tender Jesus! Thy Precious Blood, descend into Purgatory to solace and refresh those who there languish in captivity! Reach forth Thy hand to them and lead them into the realms of refreshment, light and peace.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Precious Blood of Jesus Christ for the poor suffering souls. Amen.

300 days indulgence, each time. (Pius XI)

LENT AND THE POOR SOULS

*O Sweet Jesus, how You must love them so
To give us the strength and determination, to help the Poor Souls
And we hope to make it a habit that will carry on 'til our death
By working hard to relieve and expedite their sufferings,
'til we give up our last breath.*

*They languish in Purgatory unable to help themselves at all
'Til they're completely purged of any and all impurities, and are given the call
To come to You, their Beloved, in Heaven above
Where they'll share in the Beautiful Vision of your most awesome love.*

John Seyfried 3-1-10

Thank You Sweet Jesus for loving us so!

NOVENA FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O God of Mercy! I offer Thee the Blood of the Sweet Victim of Calvary for the relief and release of the Souls whom Thou lovest, now suffering in Purgatory and who long and sigh for the blessedness of seeing Thee and glorifying Thee in Heaven. Just indeed are Thy punishments; yet, I beseech Thee, to open to them the boundless treasures of the satisfaction of Thy Divine Son and grant them eternal rest and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Divine Jesus! At whose Name every knee doth bow in Heaven, on earth and in Hell! Sovereign Judge of the living and the dead! May Thy Name be honored by the deliverance of the souls for whom we pray!

Have mercy, O Gentle Jesus! on all the Souls in Purgatory but, especially, on those nearest and dearest to me; on all those for whom I should pray or whom Thou willest I should pray for. Pity their sighs and tears, and, by virtue of Thy Passion, cancel the penalty due to their sins. May Thy Precious Blood, O Jesus! descend into Purgatory to solace and refresh those who languish there in captivity!

Sorrowful Mother! Offer to the Eternal Father thy sighs, the pains and sorrows suffered by thee, so that, through their merits united to those of the Divine Crucified, the souls who suffer in Purgatory may be freed from their prison and may be clothed with glory in Heaven, there to sing the mercies of God forever. Amen.

To all who at any time during the year, make a Novena, for the Souls in Purgatory, with any formula of prayer, approved by competent authority, is granted:

300 days indulgence, each day.

A plenary indulgence, either during the Novena or on one of the eight days immediately following, on usual conditions of Confessions Communion, and prayers for the Church.

P. Pius IX
