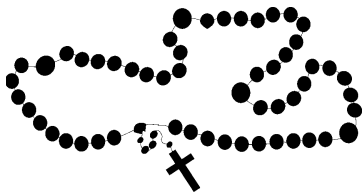


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Rosary Sunday

October 7, 2012



Let us all rejoice in the Lord, celebrating a festival-day in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for whose solemn festival the angels rejoice and give praise to the Son of God.



**The Most Reverend
Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor**

**The Rev. Anthony Cekada
The Rev. Charles McGuire
The Rev. Vili Lehtoranta**

Traditional Latin Mass

Sunday Masses

**7:30 AM Low Mass
9:00 AM High Mass
11:30 AM Low Mass
5:45 PM Low Mass**

Weekday Masses

See THE CALENDAR inside

New at St. Gertrude's? Welcome! In the vestibule you'll find a pamphlet explaining the traditional rules for the reception of Holy Communion. There is also a Visitor's Card to fill out if you want more information on St. Gertrude's or on the traditional Catholic Faith and the Latin Mass. A free information packet is available to newcomers; ask an Usher or inquire in the **Gift Shop**. Stop by **Helfta Hall**, our social hall, after Mass for refreshments.

Dress Code: *Ladies & Girls*—Please wear a modest dress and a head-covering. No tight fitting, low-cut, short, slit, or sleeveless dresses. No pants or shorts. *Men & Boys*—Please wear a shirt and tie, with either suit coat, jacket or sweater, and dress shoes. No T-shirts, sweat shirts, sweat pants, tennis shoes, sneakers, shorts, jeans or sports logo jackets.

Registration: Please complete a card at the Gift Shop or phone the church. Collection envelopes will be mailed.

Mass Intentions: Individual Mass intentions as well as Purgatorial Society enrollments are available in the vestibule, and may be given in with the collection or at the church office.

Votive Candles: You may light candles before the numerous shrines located throughout the main church as well as in the baptistery. The suggested donation for a seven-day votive candle is \$5.00. The suggested donation for six-hour votives is 50 cents.

Confessions: Fridays at 10:55 AM, Friday evenings and Saturday mornings (please consult *THE CALENDAR inside for times*); most Sundays before the morning Masses.

Baptisms: Saturday morning by appointment. *At least one parent as well as the sponsor (only one sponsor is required) must be practicing Roman Catholics who do not belong to the Novus Ordo religion. Novus Ordo and non-practicing Catholics may not serve as sponsors. The Church will provide a sponsor in case of necessity.* The Churching of New Mothers follows the baptismal ceremony.

Blessing of Religious Articles: First Sunday of the month after all Masses.

Blessing of Expectant Mothers: Third Sunday of the month after all Masses.

Rosary Chain: To request prayers for special intentions, or to assist in the Rosary Chain, please call the office.

✠ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✠ OCTOBER 7, 2012 • THE MOST HOLY ROSARY • PENTECOST XIX •

Today is Rosary Sunday, with the Blessing of Roses immediately following the High Mass. The Rosary Confraternity will then lead the outdoor procession, and our annual Communion Breakfast follows. No Sunday classes today. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available after all Low Masses. Rosaries will be blessed (with all indulgences) at all the Masses today. The second collection is for the support of our Seminary and Missions. Another Rosary is traditionally recited this afternoon at **Vespers** which begin at the *earlier time* of **4:30 PM** and conclude with **Benediction**.



✠ ALTER CHRISTUS

Don't forget the "little church" in the vestibule, which awaits your alms for the sanctification and support of priests. Please be generous, especially for this month of October traditionally dedicated to the support of missions.

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her more than Jesus did"

— Fr. Maximilian Kolbe

✠ THIS WEEK

No school tomorrow (**Monday**). Enjoy the Columbus Day holiday; remember you can make it a holy day by assisting at the 4:30 PM Rosary and 5 PM Mass. Continue to honor **Our Lady** on the great feast of her **Maternity** on **Thursday**, the devotional feast of *Nuestra Señora del Pilar* on **Friday**, and by attending the **Candlelight Rosary Procession** on Saturday, in honor of **Our Lady of Fatima**.

✠ OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

The **October Devotions** (Rosary, Litany and Prayer to St. Joseph) are recited **every school day** at **3:10 PM**. On **Wednesday** the Rosary is recited before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed at **3:00 PM**, with **Benediction** and **Holy Communion** at approximately **3:20 PM**. Come join our children in prayer!

✠ SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13TH: FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Our sixth and final 2012 *Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace* takes place on **Saturday**, August 13th, which is the 95th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. In keeping with our tradition, this autumn evening procession is by *candlelight*. All parishioners and their families are invited and encouraged to join with the members of the Rosary Confraternity to pray this public Rosary. Meet us in the parking lot at Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Drive in West Chester. The Procession will commence promptly at **7:15 PM**.

*"Give me an army saying the Rosary
and I will conquer the world"*
— Pope Pius IX

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

Catechism classes are at the usual time of 10:40 AM. The **Autumn Bake Sale** takes place in Helfta Hall after all Masses. Please support this important fundraiser for St. Gertrude the Great School!

Set Your Missal: Pentecost XX, with commemoration of St. Callistus I, Trinity Preface.

✠ PLEASE PRAY

Please pray for all our sick, especially Joan Wiegand who has had a stroke, Althea LeBlanc, and Elizabeth Smith.



Wedding Banns

Banns of Matrimony I:

Lauren Lawrence & Christopher Knoll.

Servers: OCTOBER 8 - 14, 2012

THU 10/11 11:20 AM HIGH: Simpsons, School Servers
FRI 10/12 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers
SAT 10/13 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
SUN 10/14 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: MC: R. Vande Ryt MASS
MC: B. Lotarski ACS: P. Omlor, Jos. Morgan
TH: J. Simpson TORCH: Nathan McClorey,
A. Soli, M. Simpson, C. Richesson
11:30 AM LOW: F. & N. Puglielli
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Ushers: OCTOBER 14, 2012

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

✠ THE POETRY CORNER

My Rosary

When days are dark and dreary
And life seems hard to me,
I long for words of comfort
And seek my rosary.

I say a prayer upon it
For courage to renew
The strength that seems depleted,
And find the skies more blue.

I bless the friends now living
For them a prayer is said,
And ask for God's compassion
Upon the righteous dead.

Upon my precious rosary
Each bead seems to entwine
A bit of sacred solace
That's like a holy shrine.

In sorrow or in sunshine
I seek my rosary,
And find it growing daily
More dear and dear to me.

— Cora May Preble

LUMEN CHRISTI

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn before
the Blessed Sacrament for the next
fortnight for the following intention:*

Health of Jerry Maringer

(Mr. & Mrs. Maki)

*"Most sweet, most amiable,
Immaculate Mary, you who are so
beautiful in the eyes of the Lord, ah,
disdain not to cast your compassionate eyes
on the wounds of my soul."*

— St. Alphonsus Liguori

✠ UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 28th:

Feast of **Christ the King**, with children's
All Saints Procession. Time to start
planning your costumes!

Collection Report

Sunday, September 30th\$2,947.00

✠ WHAT CATHOLICS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE ROSARY ✠

All Catholics Should Pray the Rosary
Why pray the Most Holy Rosary? The answer is quite simple: It is the request of the all powerful Virgin Queen and Mother, Mary.

The Woman-Made Psalter

The Most Holy Rosary is simply the Psalter of the Blessed Virgin Mary. When our most August Queen and Mother appeared to St. Dominic in the 13th century she gave him specific instructions on how to pray Her Psalter. Today when one says they “pray the Rosary” they often mean just a third of Her Psalter, for the Most Holy Rosary consists of all 15 Mysteries. The Rosary isn’t a “man made” prayer as most Protestants and even heretical Catholics claim. In fact, it is *woman made*, the Holy Theotokos Herself revealed this glorious and most perfect prayer.

The Mediatrix of All Grace

The will of the Blessed Virgin is completely conformed to that of Her Son, in other words – God. She is the most humble and chaste spouse of the Holy Ghost and will never do anything contrary to the will of God. Thus, we ought to trust the Blessed Mother just as God has, because She ultimately brings us to God. Mary is our Salvation, and Christ is the source of our Salvation. Mary is the Gate and Christ is the Key. It is only through Her that we are saved. God has so graced Her from the moment of conception to do His most perfect will, and because of this He has entrusted Her to be the Mediatrix of ALL grace. In other words, all earthly blessings pass through the very hands of the Virgin Queen.

Origin of the Rosary

There are different accounts of how the Rosary came to be, but what the



Church has declared is simple: Our Lady appeared to St. Dominic with beads and the instructions... of course over time it developed into what it is today. How do we know the Blessed Mother hasn’t an issue with how Her Psalter developed? Well, Her most recent apparition in Fatima states that she wants the Rosary to be prayed as it has been prayed for several centuries but to add a prayer:

*O Jesu mi, nostris delictis ignosce
Ab ignibus averni nos erue
Animas omnes in coelum trabe
Praesertim misericordiam maxime
tuam indigentes.*

(O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.)

A Weapon Against

Both Heresy & Danger

Many non-Catholics view the Rosary as a mindless babbling; that is due to ignorance. Little do they know that it is a meditation on the lives of Mary and Jesus: ad Jesum per Mariam. The Rosary since its beginning has been a weapon against both heresy and danger! Many Saints, such as St. Louis Marie de Montfort, and various Pontiffs would completely agree.

The Queen and Her Army

Pope Pius IX said, “Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world.” Notice this Pope said “army” with the “Rosary” and then

mentioning that they shall “conquer,” an odd statement to make, being that it takes weapons and skill to win war; however Our Heavenly Queen is far more powerful and witty than any of our lowly plots, etc. She alone experienced the Beatific Vision here on Earth – imagine the power she now has as Queen of all things seen and unseen?¹ Of the entire court of Angels and Archangels as well as the Saints? And of course, God will never deny His Mother anything!

¹*Mary and the Beatific Vision: She as a creature was alone in this grace – “Therefore, far above all the angels and all the saints so wondrously did God endow her with the abundance of all heavenly gifts poured from the treasury of His divinity that this mother, ever absolutely free of all stain of sin, all fair and perfect, would possess that fullness of holy innocence and sanctity than which, under God, one cannot even imagine anything greater, and which, outside of God, no mind can succeed in comprehending fully.*

“To them Mary is an almost infinite treasury, an inexhaustible abyss of these gifts, to such an extent that she was never subject to the curse and was, together with her Son, the only partaker of perpetual benediction.”

– Ineffabilis Deus, Pope Pius IX



**Through the study of books
one seeks God; by
meditation one finds him.**

- Padre Pio

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT

Autumn Bake Sale

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2012

Please bring your baked goods
to Helfta Hall on either:

**Saturday, October 13th
or**

Sunday, October 14th

*Proceeds help defray start of the
school year expenses.*

Thank you for your support and generosity!



Many are called, but few are chosen

Why I Am a Catholic

(continued from August 19, 2012 bulletin)

II. The Learned Way

Christ made the finding of His true Church easy for all people of good will. They have only to find the Church that speaks to them with the kind of authority that Christ clearly gave to His Church, and they know they have the one that will lead them to heaven.

Some men, however, with keen minds, with scholarly backgrounds, with an avid intellectual thirst, want more than a simple answer to the question of which is the true Church of Christ in the world. The simple answers must indeed be the beginnings of their submission; but they can seek and find much more about the true Church that will satisfy their minds.

Thus they can studiously explore the history of the Church from the time Christ founded it right down to the present day; they can compare the Catholic Church (*that is, the true or "traditional" Church* – Ed. Note.) with all the heresies and religious movements and sectarian creeds that have ever been originated among men; they can make a thorough study of all the dogmatic, moral and liturgical teachings of the Catholic Church, in order to see whether they may rightly be said to stem from the teachings of Christ. A whole lifetime can be spent in thus deepening one's knowledge of the true religion.

Some converts, for one reason or another, have found it necessary to make a very scholarly study of the Catholic Church before they could submit to her claim on their allegiance. Cardinal Newman, for example, made a study, not only of the words of Christ in the Bible about His Church, but of the extant writings of all the early fathers of the Church, before he became a Catholic. He wanted to make sure that the Catholic Church of his

day was the same Catholic Church that offered salvation to men in the first five centuries after Christ ascended into heaven. Some converts have to overcome objections against one particular feature of the teaching of the Catholic Church before they can submit to her, and thus must make a special study of that feature. In some cases it is the necessity of confession; in others the doctrine of purgatory; in others the position of the Mother of God in Catholic worship. Whatever the objections, any man can find, through honest study, an answer to them all.

(to be continued)

BISHOP SANBORN'S INSIGHTS

Why they persecute us: It is always amazing that, when the Modernists are engaged in protecting Modernist heresies, they summon all of the artillery which the Catholic Church used in the past against heresy. Ironically, it was the Modernists themselves who protested against Rome's fulminations when they were the deserved object of them. Now that they are supposedly in places of authority, they dust off the old siege guns only when the traditionalists are concerned. In the meantime the rest of the Church's institutions burn with heresy. Like Nero, they fiddle while Rome burns, because, like Nero, they set fire to Rome themselves, hoping to build upon its ashes a whole new religion. Then, like Nero, they crucify the Catholics.



ROSARY PROOF FOR A PROTESTANT

Monsignor Benson, in one of his early novels, gave us a beautiful explanation of the Rosary. An old nun is trying to make the devotion clear to a young Protestant girl named Isabel. The girl asks, "How can prayers said over and over again like that be any good?"

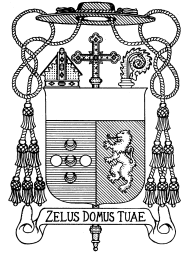
Mistress Margaret was silent for a moment.

"I saw young Mrs. Martin last week," she said, "with her little girl in her lap. She had her arms around her mother's neck, and was being rocked to and fro; and every time she was rocked she said 'Oh, mother.'"

"But, then," said Isabel, after a moment's silence, "she was only a child." "Except ye become as little children—" quoted Mistress Margaret softly. "...you see, my Isabel, we are nothing more than children with God and His Blessed Mother. To say, 'Hail Mary, Hail Mary,' is the best way of telling her how much we love her. And, then, this string of beads is like Our Lady's girdle, and her children love to finger it, and *(continued inside back cover)*

✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

I'm in my corner – the Bishop's Corner, that is – on the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. These are the days of the child, with the feasts and devotions of the angels, the rosary, and the Little Flower. God's Providence has been sending us "Little Flower weather" for a long time now. Mostly overcast and heavily humid, with much more rain than sun, our weather resembles St. Therese's native Normandy as well as the neighboring Brittany where we have our priests. This kind of humidity, over the long run, is hard to bear, but is typical of the kind of "little" sacrifice the Little Flower offered so naturally and simply to God. In addition (this always impressed me) they forgot to give her a blanket when she entered the convent, and she never asked for one, bearing the cold humid nights uncomplainingly. Did this contribute to her tuberculosis? She wore as well, during the humid days, her heavy woolen habit quite patiently. Small sacrifice + great love = great holiness. St. Therese, pray for us!



Remember our friends who left us to follow Fr. Ramolla three years ago. He has returned to Germany, having had himself made a bishop. The remnants of their group have joined **Bishop Pivarunas** and His Excellency happily gave them St. Therese of the Child Jesus as their patroness, leaving St. Albert the Great (a great peacemaker) again to us. His statue has been honored in the sanctuary all the way through. St. Therese protected us in an extraordinary fashion during this crisis (*Merci, Sainte Thérèse!*) and I know she will bless and protect them as well. They have a Sunday evening Mass now at the Holiday Inn in Sharonville, where the St. Gertrude priests used to stay years ago when we first bought the church. Small world! Bishop Pivarunas tells us that eventually their mission will move to a permanent location north of Cincinnati.

One of the blessings (and it is important to search for them) coming out of this sad and long division is that it has helped our friends at Immaculate Conception to move away from their policy of denying Holy Communion to some Catholics. More and more of our Cincinnati Catholics (Catholic, that is "traditional Catholic") tend to float among St. Gertrude, Little Flower and Immaculate Conception anymore. While not a good thing, it is understandable. Now, it would be difficult or impossible to keep track of this migrant population, and deny the Sacraments as needed. (Talk about "porous borders.") The Berlin Wall seems to be coming down brick by brick. This is something for which to be thankful. Still, it really is best for stability's sake for our Catholics to have one spiritual home, which they generally attend and faithfully support. Nevertheless, we welcome our visitors who come for a variety of reasons, and it is good to know that this is becoming the de facto policy of other churches, too. "I was a stranger, and you took me in."

It was on a Rosary Sunday, the feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, that the recently deceased †**Fr. Paul Schoonbroodt** of Staffeshausen, Belgium once had an extraordinary grace. For his Catholic faith and Mass, this parish priest was being persecuted by the Novus Ordo bishop. That day, he noticed a number of Sacred Hosts, seemingly stained with blood. He set them aside in the tabernacle, keeping these miraculous Hosts for some six months, but saying nothing to anyone. On the very day of his "excommunication" and removal from his parish by the Novus Ordo bishop, December 12, 1988, blood appeared on his priest's Host after the Consecration. Then Father understood. He only spoke publicly of this apparent miracle a short while before his untimely death this Pentecost. Fr. Schoonbroodt joined firm Catholic faith with a winning charity in his work for souls in his parish and far flung missions. Doubtless St. Therese, patroness of the missions, had something to do with this, too. May she smile and cast a rose upon us all, priests and prelates and faithful, fervent but flawed, dedicated and yet so divided. She is a miracle worker, though, so let us have confidence. Most of all, smile with her at God, our loving Father, and with her, say "yes" to His holy will. The Little Flower reminds us He sends suffering to those whom He loves, so what are you going to do?

Today we go back to our traditional Rosary Sunday blessing of the roses after Mass, and the Rosary Procession and Communion Breakfast. Thanks to all, especially the Confraternity and **Fr. Lehtoranta**, who worked so hard to honor Our Lady of the Rosary. Remember, she cannot resist when invoked by this name, and by the recitation of her rosary itself. How have you done this first week of October?

May the Little Flower keep us in her Holy Childhood, beads in hand, and gentle forgiving love in our hearts.

–Bishop Dolan

✠ THE CALENDAR

✠ THE HOLY ROSARY

*All Sunday Masses and most weekday Masses are webcast
Please check our website!*

MON	10/8/12	ST BRIDGET, W COLUMBUS DAY 4:30 PM October Devotions 5:00 PM Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
TUE	10/9/12	ST JOHN LEONARD, C ST DENIS, BP & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Special Intention Deceased (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Mr. & Mrs. Courter (<i>Maria Miller</i>) 3:10 PM October Devotions
WED	10/10/12	ST FRANCIS BORGIA, C 11:20 AM High Mass †David Patin (<i>Helen Patin</i>) 3:00 PM Exposition, Rosary, October Devotions 3:20 PM Benediction, Holy Communion 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THU	10/11/12	MATERNITY OF OUR LADY 8:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude-Honor/Glory of God & salvation of our country (<i>DJR</i>) Triduum I 11:20 AM High Mass Mother of Perpetual Help-Poor Souls (<i>JCS</i>) 3:10 PM October Devotions
FRI	10/12/12	FERIAL DAY <i>OUR LADY OF EL PILAR</i> 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass Sharon Patton (<i>Katie Bischak</i>) 3:10 PM October Devotions 5:20 PM Confessions 5:45 PM Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude-Honor/Glory of God & salvation of our country (<i>DJR</i>) Triduum II 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
SAT	10/13/12	ST EDWARD, KING, C <i>OUR LADY OF FATIMA</i> 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls-Gratitude-Honor/Glory of God & salvation of our country (<i>DJR</i>) Triduum III 7:15 PM Final Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace (Union Centre Blvd. & Floer Dr.)
SUN	10/14/12	PENTECOST XX ST CALLISTUS I, PM 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Gratitude to benefactors (<i>Kent Maki</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Don Gilker (<i>Bishop Dolan & the faithful of St. Gertrude</i>) 10:40 AM Sunday Classes 11:05 AM Rosary

ROSARY PROOF (*continued*) whisper to her. And then we say our Our Fathers too; and all the while we are talking, she is showing us pictures of her dear Child, and we look at all the great things He did for us, one by one; and then we turn the page and begin again."

Those who have profited most from the Rosary are the ones who have thus understood it. With hearts full of love they have rested close by the side of our heavenly Mother; and, whispering words of endearment to her, they have gazed the while at those wonderful pictures which the changing mysteries recall, seeing always something new and beautiful. And when they have come to the end of the book, with the insatiable interest of a child, they have gone back to the beginning and turned every page over again.

The Rosary Novena devotion should do much to spread this practice. It combines three things which are dear to God in a very remarkable scheme: frequent Communion, the practice of the virtues, and devotion to Mary in the Rosary. One who will carry it out faithfully will have besieged Heaven in a way that must make him heard.

— Rev. Raymond P. Lawrence

THE ROSARY NOVENA

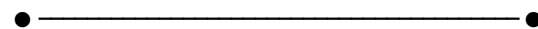
The Novena consists of five decades of the Rosary each day for 27 days in petition; then immediately five decades each day for 27 days in thanksgiving, *whether or not the request has been granted*.

The meditations vary from day to day. On the first day meditate on the Joyful Mysteries; on the second day the Sorrowful Mysteries; on the third day the Glorious Mysteries; on the fourth day meditate again on the Joyful Mysteries; and so on throughout the 54 days.

A laborious Novena, but a *Novena of Love*. You who are sincere will not find it too difficult, if you really wish to obtain your request.

Should you not obtain the favor you seek, be assured that the Rosary Queen, who knows what each one stands most in need of, has heard your prayer. You will not have prayed in vain. No prayer ever went unheard. And Our Blessed Lady has *never been known to fail*.

Look upon each Hail Mary as a rare and beautiful rose, which you lay at Mary's feet. These spiritual roses, bound in a wreath with Holy Communion and Spiritual Communion, will be a most pleasing and acceptable gift to her, and she will open wide the channel of her choicest graces to you.



11:30 AM **Low Mass** Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Patton family*)

5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the People of St. Gertrude the Great