

ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor
Rev. Anthony Cekada, Rev. Charles McGuire,
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta, Rev. Stephen McKenna

September 14, 2014 Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Pentecost XIV



THOU ALONE, O HOLY CROSS, WAST
WORTHY TO BEAR THE KING OF HEAVEN

✠ TODAY

The blessing with the relic of the True Cross will be given after all Masses today. First Vespers of the Seven Sorrows of Mary are sung this afternoon at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.



✠ ALTER CHRISTUS

Alms enough for 20 Masses were received this month. God bless you for your generosity.

"With the cross we are freed from the restraint of the enemy and we clutch on to the strength of salvation."

— St. Theodore the Estudite

✠ EMBER DAYS OF SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, Friday and Saturday this week are the Fall Ember Days. All Catholics, age seven and older, must keep the *abstinence*: partial on Wednesday and Saturday, total as always on Friday. All between the ages of 21 and 59 are also bound to follow the Church laws of *fast* — one full meal a day. Do you have any questions about the laws of fast and abstinence? *Ask a priest!*

✠ NEXT SUNDAY

The blessing of expectant mothers will be available after all Masses. Our annual **parish picnic** takes place at Sharon Woods Park (Council Bluff Shelter) from 1:00-5:00 PM. We'll provide the hamburgers, hot dogs, and beverages. Feel free to bring a side dish or dessert to share; most importantly, bring yourself!

Set Your Missal: St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist, with commemoration and proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XV; Preface of the Apostles.

*By the sign of the holy Cross,
deliver us from our enemies, O our God!
Indulgence of 3 years — Raccolla No. 188*

✠ EMERGENCY CALLS

If no one is available to answer your call to church (*your call is important to us!*) you are welcome to leave a message. If you are calling for an emergency (generally speaking, if a priest is needed to give the Last Rites) be sure to listen to the entire message which will tell you to press "2" if a priest is needed to minister to the dying or gravely ill. The call will then be sent on to all of the priests who have cellphones. Somebody is bound to have his phone on, or to check it soon, and attend to your request. Thank you.

*Lord, I give Thee thanks for that Thou
didst die upon the Cross for my sins.*

— St. Paul of the Cross
(Indulgence of 300 days)

✠ OUR SICK

Please remember two of the daughters of Ken and Regina Gilliam in your prayers, as well as the parents and the whole family. Laura was in a very serious car accident last week, and is having multiple surgeries at University Hospital. Meanwhile, Martha had emergency surgery herself in Kentucky. Pray also for young Alex Fulton, a student at our school, who was hospitalized last week.

UPCOMING!



ROSARY CONFRATERNITY COMMUNION BREAKFAST

All are invited to attend our annual **Rosary Sunday** Communion Breakfast, this year featuring a fascinating talk by Fr. Bede Nkamuke on his journey to the priesthood, plus a chance to win some great prizes, and of course a delicious catered breakfast. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, October 5th!** Tickets are just \$7 each for adults, \$6 for teens, \$4 for little ones, or \$27 for the whole family. Tickets will be available to purchase beginning next Sunday; contact the Church office this week if you would like to reserve your tickets!

✠ WEDDING BANNS: SECOND TIME

Marie Boyd & Sean Murray



Servers: SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2014

MON 9/15 11:20 AM HIGH: MC: B. Lotarski
ACs: N. McClorey, J. Simpson
TH: T. Simpson TORCH: A. Soli, C. Richesson, N. & P. McClorey CROSS: J. Lacy

FRI 9/19 5:45 PM LOW: Friday Night Servers

SAT 9/20 7:30 AM LOW: Simpsons
8:10 AM LOW: M. Briggs

SUN 9/21 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T.G. Simpson, T. Simpson
ACs: S. & L. Arlinghaus
TH: A. Richesson TORCH: C. Richesson, A. Soli, T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM LOW: P. Omlor, A.D. Kinnett
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller

Collection Report

Sunday, September 8th\$4,612.00
Second Collection\$1,040.00

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Richard of St. Victor says: "In martyrs, the intensity of their love mitigated their sufferings, but with Mary it was different; the more she loved, the more she suffered, and the greater was her martyrdom."

To her was wanting that great support which the martyrs enjoyed in their sufferings. During their torments, they directed their inward gaze toward Our Lord, by whose grace and love they were strengthened and consoled. The flames of the love of Jesus cooled the fires of torture, softened the strokes of the scourges, and blunted the sharpness of the sword.

But in her anguish, where could Mary turn her gaze as she stood beneath the Cross? Upon Jesus? Ah, it was precisely the sight of her divine Son that caused her the most intense suffering. Her one consolation at the sufferings of her Son was the knowledge that through His death we would be redeemed. She offered her Son willingly for our salvation; yes, the sacrifice she made in union with Him was so great that St. Alphonsus says, "Two hung upon one Cross."

St. Thomas wrote that omnipotence itself could not invent a "greater greatness." It was necessary that Mary's sorrows should correspond to her holiness, for the sufferings and tribulations of the saints always keep pace with their sanctity.

The picture of Mary filled with sorrow on Calvary teaches us that on earth pain is the twin sister of love.

— "Devotion to the Sorrowful Mother"

TODAY IN CATHOLIC HISTORY

It is nearly six centuries since there died at Ravenna a Florentine exile, known then as a poet and a mysterious character. His poetry had not indeed been read by many, and vague rumors had gone around that he used to go to hell and come back again at pleasure. This was Durante Alighieri, whom the world knows as **Dante**. He had spent his youth in Florence when the city was ruled by factions, now one and now another prevailing, and sending to exile or death the opposition's leaders. Of all this and of the resultant evils Dante was a witness later on, an unwilling participant, giving and taking like the others; and finally an exile from the city of his youth and his love.

He carried with him, however, the soul of poet, — a soul that had been early touched by the two master influences of a pure love and a lofty patriotism. With those two in his heart, he wandered from city to city, seeking rest and finding none. In the intervals of rage and despondency, he betook himself to the consolations of his art, and gave us the immortal *Divina Commedia*, in which he tells of wandering through hell, purgatory and heaven, witnessing the punishments and rewards of those who had gone before him. It is the theology of the Medieval world made concrete — nay, made of everlasting interest through the genius of one who was the child of his age both in knowledge and in sufferings. His denunciations of abuses then prevalent in the Church, and his condemnations of several Popes, have caused him to be counted by some among the forerunners of the Reformation. But though he flayed abuses and Papal policy, "there is no trace in his writings of doubt or dissatisfaction respecting any part of the teaching of the Church in matters of doctrine authoritatively laid down." He died **September 14, 1321**, at Ravenna.

— *The Ave Maria* (1918)

SONNET OF THE STATIONS

- I For me sweet Innocence is doomed to die
- II Upon the cross which He receives with smiles;
- III But as He goes, He falls 'mid jeering aisles
- IV While Mary's eyes meet His, and two hearts cry.
- V He totters, Simon helps Him, passing by,
- VI A woman wipes His Face, despite the files
- VII Of soldiers, and again He falls 'mid riles —
- VIII Yet can console those women weeping nigh.
- IX Christ, help me carry on, though oft I fall,
- X And strip from me whatever earth can give;
- XI Come, crucify my flesh, my will, my all,
- XII And let me die for love of You, and live.
- XIII In Mary may I rest after the strife,
- XIV And then, entombed with You, arise to life.

— Amen.

— *Fray Angelico Chavez*



O Cross, chosen and prepared for such ineffable good, the work that was accomplished on thee exalts thee more than all the praises of human or angelic thought and tongue.

In thee and through thee is my life and my salvation; in thee and through thee is the whole and all my good; "forbid that I should glory save in thee."

In what way, then, shall I praise thee, how shall I exalt thee, with what love shall I pray to thee, and with what joy shall I glory in thee?

By thee the world is renewed and made beautiful with truth, governed by the light of righteousness; by thee, sinful humanity is justified.

— *St. Anselm*



UPON A GARDINER.

FROM "WIT RESTOR'D" (1658)

Could he forget his death, that every houre
Was emblem'd to it by the fading flowre?
Should he not minde his end? Yes, needs he must
That still was conversant 'mongst bedds of dust.
If he that thinkes on death well lives and dyes
The gardner, sure, is gon to Paradise.

With thanks to this Summer's gardeners
— *Bishop Dolan*



✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

Two Tuesdays in a row, we've buried good Catholic men, prayerful devout Catholics, five men altogether this year. They are at rest from their labors and earthly sufferings, and with God, or very near to Him. But we are diminished by their loss. As we pray for them, we pray Almighty God to raise us up five, ten, fifteen more such men; examples to others, strong in their faith, active in church, generous in giving of themselves. The work must and does go on, and we must go on, but this is the help we require, and beg of God's grace.

A secret strength of St. Gertrude the Great all of these years, in the face of every opposition, both within and without, has been the "secret" quiet nocturnal adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for over 30 years. This quiet devotion to the Blessed Sacrament along with the great public devotion of Forty Hours and Corpus Christi, has solved so many problems, and brought us untold graces. Men, we could use you to watch an hour in adoration with us. Why not? Contact Bishop Dolan or Tom Simpson for more details, or to be put on the schedule. Our Forty Hours this year is scheduled for the weekend of Christ the King, October 24th-26th.

I was truly edified to see so many of you at William Harris' funeral, serving (as you are, after all) as his "family." God reward you by inspiring you with some of his great devotion to the Poor Souls. This was **Fr. Nkamuke's** first funeral, and he did a fine job. **Fr. Lehtoranta** took him to Calvary Cemetery in Dayton, and showed him how the burial is done here. Although funeral customs are different in Nigeria (burial is generally in the family compound), still this is a good training for a new priest.

William Harris was one of the "shovel brigade" for a number of years in West Chester. They would clean the path for the monthly Rosary Procession, shoveling away the goose droppings in all weather, thus "preparing the way of the Lord." What an act of penance! The shovel brigade is no more, and we Rosary marchers have had plenty of opportunity to get in a little Fatima penance along with our processional prayers. Thank you for coming yesterday on a Saturday morning. Already next month we will have our last and candlelight procession on Columbus Day. I have been vaguely thinking about moving the procession across the street next year, where it is a bit quieter. That way we would not have to compete with the cars and traffic – and geese.

We had a beautiful birthday celebration for our Blessed Mother last Monday. Several homeschooling families swelled our ranks for the Solemn Mass celebrated

by our celebrated author **Fr. Cekada**. After Mass a beautiful procession conducted us to the grotto, where Katie had set up a second shrine to the Infant Mary (we have two), replete with seeds and seedlings, pansies waiting to be blessed. Afterwards the children sang their way to Helfta Hall, and enjoyed some cake after one more song...Happy Birthday. This is such a nice way to start the new school year.

Tomorrow we conclude our Novena for the Nativity of Mary, and sing the Solemn Mass of her Seven Sorrows, one of September's principal devotions, along with today's, the Holy Cross. Days of grace and days of blessing are these.

We are blessed to be having our beautiful High Masses each school day now as well as by having our Sunday choir back singing in the back. Today's High Mass marks the official opening of a new season at St. Gertrude the Great, but we've been busy for a while now.

Fr. McKenna has returned with tales of his travels with **Bishop Sanborn** through Poland, Austria, Germany, and Hungary. His Excellency met with several German-speaking priests and is expecting a seminarian they are sending him. The Budapest chapel, formerly Pius X and the "Resistance," is now simply logically Catholic, holding no communion with the Great Impostor and arch-heretic Francis. Our **Fr. Valerii** has been studying the Latin Mass off and on with **Fr. Trytek** in Krakow, and is well accepted by the Polish faithful. His old city and house in eastern Ukraine are all caught up in the bloody conflict there.

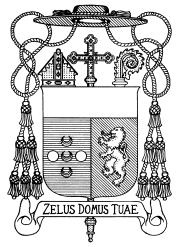
Fr. Cekada has been doing a series of shows on his "Work of Human Hands" about the New Mass. Last week's topic was Art & Architecture in the Liturgical Revolution. Many of the bleak, modern 1950s Cincinnati churches (such as the "other St. Gertrude") were obviously preparing the way for Vatican II. Tune in at: restorationradionetwork.org. Also check out Bishop Sanborn's interesting blog at inveritatablog.com. The more we read, the more we learn, the stronger we become in our faith, the better equipped we are as apostles.

May Our Lord send us many lay apostles as well as priests to continue the work of the Church.

Don't forget the Ember Days this week, and the parish picnic next Sunday.

May the Holy Cross be your protection. Make it well and often, and honor it in your home.

– Bishop Dolan



✠ THE CALENDAR

All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at SGGResources.org

MON	9/15/14	SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY ST NICOMEDES, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Honor of the BVM, Mother of P.H., BVM, O.L. Lourdes, relief of all faithful departed & conv. of sinners (<i>P. Omlor</i>) 11:20 AM Solemn High Mass Triduum intentions 5:00 PM Low Mass Souls longest in Purgatory (<i>William Harris</i>)
TUE	9/16/14	SS CORNELIUS, P & CYPRIAN, BP, MM <i>SS EUPHEMIA, LUCY & GEMINIANUS, MM</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Cucina Clerical-for our cooks (<i>The Fathers</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Special int. deceased FS (<i>McCloy family</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Sharon Patton (<i>Alex</i>)
WED	9/17/14	STIGMATA OF ST FRANCIS EMBER WEDNESDAY FAST 7:00 AM Low Mass Honor of the BVM, Mother of P.H., BVM, O.L. Lourdes, relief of all faithful departed & conv. of sinners (<i>P. Omlor</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Marianne Youngworth (<i>Paul & Karen Puglielli</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Grandmother Blanche Ciarkowski-100th birthday (<i>McCloy family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Dominic Manzardo (<i>Ralph & Jennifer Zageri</i>) 6:30 PM Choir Practice
THU	9/18/14	ST JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C ➡ 6:00 AM Low Mass †Fr. Martin Stepanich (<i>Samantha</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Jerome and †Honor Gerrard (<i>St. Gertrude the Great Church</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †H.O. Hinton (<i>Rick & Theresa Hill</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †William Harris (<i>Friends</i>)
FRI	9/19/14	ST JANUARIUS, BP & COMPANIONS, MM EMBER FRIDAY FAST <i>OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE : Opening of Triduum</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass †Madison-Merry Christmas (<i>Sharon</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass †Dr. John Powell (<i>Katie Bischak</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Peter (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction
SAT	9/20/14	ST EUSTACE & COMPANIONS, MM EMBER SATURDAY FAST VIGIL OF ST MATTHEW 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Family conversions (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) 8:10 AM Triduum, Low Mass †June Keller (<i>Rosary Confraternity</i>) 2:00 PM Wedding of Sarah Kitchen and Patrick Hipple
SUN	9/21/14	ST MATTHEW, APEV PENTECOST XV 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Gilliam families (<i>Dan & Mary</i>)

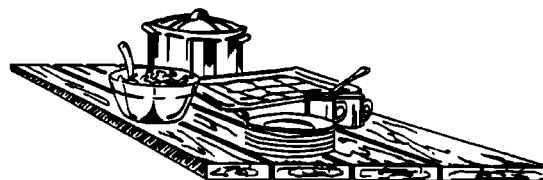
PARISH PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2014

**Sharon Woods Park
at Council Bluff Shelter**

Enter Park at Main Entrance from Lebanon Road (Rt 42) – Take third right – Council Bluff will be the second Picnic Area

**.FUN .GAMES . FOOD .
FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
PICNIC BEGINS AT 1:00 PM**



*Please bring a dish to share:
(Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Cole Slaw,
Fruit, Chips, Dessert, etc.)*

*(Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Soft Drinks
will be provided)
See you there!!*

*“The sign of the Cross makes kings
of all those reborn in Christ”
– St. Leo the Great*

9:00 AM High Mass	Most forsaken/helpless souls (<i>William Harris</i>)
10:40 AM Sunday Catechism Classes	
11:05 AM Rosary	
11:30 AM Low Mass	†“Uncle Dan” McCloy (<i>Dean & Carolyn McCloy</i>)
1:00 PM Parish Picnic at Sharon Woods Park	
5:45 PM Low Mass	For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

The following Mass was offered by Bp. Dolan on 9/6/14:
†Anna Mary Robben (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)