

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

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April 19, 2015 EASTER II



¶ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Today the blessing of expectant mothers is available at the communion rail, after all Masses. Sunday classes for adults and children are at 10:40 AM. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction.

"By the grace of God we can do everything. We can remain unhurt in the midst of the fire, like the three holy youths in the furnace of Babylon."

—St. Benedict Joseph Labre

¶ ALTER CHRISTUS



\$684 was received this month for the support and sanctification of priests. May God reward you for your generosity!

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER III

Sunday classes for adults and children will be at 10:40 AM. **Our school presents its annual Spring Program after the 11:30 AM Mass, followed by a family-style spaghetti dinner.** You are welcome!

There are no Vespers. Compline will be chanted after the 5:45 PM Mass.

Set Your Missal: Easter III, with collects of Sts. Cletus & Marcellinus and of the Blessed Virgin. Preface of Easter.

Lumen Christi

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

**For the health and intentions of
Linda F. Pilkenton
(Edward Peschi)**



I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD: I KNOW MY SHEEP, AND MY SHEEP KNOW ME

DEAR ST. FRANCIS

Some creatures of our God and King
Distract one at funeral moments
Trundle across the floor on six legs
In their own gospel procession

Other creatures of our God and Queen
Pop in and out feeding young
At the frantic nestbox when I try to join
In spirit in committal prayers.

—Diana Downing

Collection Report

Sunday, April 12th.....\$4,205.00
Thank you for your generosity! Remember
St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

¶ THIS WEEK

Several special observances draw our attention back to church after our Easter rest. **Wednesday** we celebrate **St. Joseph's** Easter feast, his **Solemnity**, with a **Solemn High Mass** at **11:20 AM**. His annual novena opens on **Tuesday**, and continues, as do his Masses and commemorations, for the Octave.

On **Friday**, we open the triduum to Our Mother of Good Counsel. Her feast day is next Sunday. Let us observe it with particular devotion and great gratitude.

The venerable and very powerful prayer of the **Greater Litanies**, which affords such protection to body and soul, comes on **Saturday**. The **procession** is at **7:30 AM**, followed by the penitential High Mass at approximately **8:05 AM**. This Mass is followed by the Mass of St. Mark at about **9:00 AM**. Please note the special times and come and pray with us.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS...

Ron Boehm and Yvonne, two very dear former members, are both ailing. Fr. Mardones is recovering from his stroke. Remember Anny Reilly in your prayers. Angela Segrist sends thanks for prayers for her granddaughter, Kelsie Crow, tragically slain at Easter.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	4/20/15	FERIAL DAY
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Brian Brockman family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
	11:20 AM	Votive High Mass of the Blessed Trinity Martin Alter family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
TUE	4/21/15	ST. ANSELM, BPCD
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls
	11:20 AM	High Mass Gratitude – Poor Souls (<i>Mary Brueggemann</i>) Opening of the St. Joseph Novena
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Jesse Craill family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
	5:50 PM	First Vespers of St. Joseph
WED	4/22/15	SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH
		STS. SOTER & CAIUS, PPM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Darlene & Kenny Mulvaney (<i>The Wilkers</i>)
	11:20 AM	Solemn High Mass In honor of St. Joseph for the Catholic Church (<i>Bishop Dolan</i>) Novena II
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Andrew M. Prell (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
	5:50 PM	Second Vespers of St. Joseph
THU	4/23/15	ST. GEORGE, M
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Joachim Current – Happy Birthday (<i>Samantha</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass John Brockman family (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
	11:20 AM	High Mass All those I have sponsored in Baptism & Confirmation (<i>Sharon Patton</i>) Novena III
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Mrs. Margaret O'Brien (<i>The Hille Family</i>)
FRI	4/24/15	ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, M
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Megan & Bree Keaveney (<i>The Wilkers</i>)
	10:55 AM	Confessions
	11:20 AM	High Mass †Special Intention – Deceased (<i>Sharon Patton</i>) Novena IV
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Dominic Current – Happy Birthday (<i>Samantha</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction, Triduum to Our Mother of Good Counsel
SAT	4/25/15	ST. MARK, EV
		GREATER LITANIES
		N.B. Special Schedule!
	7:10 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Greater Litanies Procession
	8:05 AM	High Mass Intentions of Joshua Gunsher family (<i>Simpson Family</i>)
	8:50 AM	(approx.) Novena & Triduum
	9:00 AM	Low Mass of St. Mark Happy St. Mark's Day, Mark (<i>The Fathers</i>)
SUN	4/26/15	EASTER III
		STS. CLETUS & MARCELLUS, PPM
		OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Thanksgiving for past intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. David Marko</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass Mr. Richard Vande Ryt – Thank you (<i>The Altar Boys</i>)
	10:40 AM	Sunday Catechism Classes

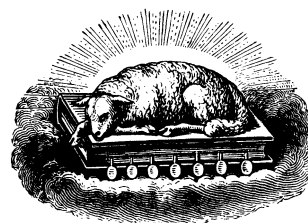
The Blessing of Saint Benedict Joseph Labre

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Jesus Christ, the King of glory, came in peace.
 God was made man.
 The Word was made flesh.
 Christ was born of the Virgin Mary.
 Christ passed through the midst of them in peace.
 Christ was crucified.
 Christ died.
 Christ was buried.
 Christ is risen.
 Christ ascended into heaven.
 Christ conquers, Christ reigns, Christ commands.
 From every lightening bolt may Christ defend us.
 Jesus is with us.
Our Father – Hail Mary – Glory be

In June 1771, early in his career as a pilgrim recluse, Saint Benedict Joseph visited Fabriano, Italy, to venerate the relics of Saint Romuald, the founder of the Camaldolese monks. Being treated with kindness by a local family, and desiring to thank his benefactors, he wrote out in Latin this set of aspirations, drawn from, or inspired by Holy Scripture, the Creeds, the Papal Laudes, and his own piety, exhorting his hosts to pray in these words for protection against thunder, lightening and earthquake. Just a few years later, during his lifetime, a devastating earthquake did strike Fabriano, but the home of this family and the houses immediately around it stood firm and unharmed. Subsequently, copies of this "blessing" were printed and distributed at Fabriano.

Saint Benedict Joseph, pray for us.



Servers

SUN 04/26:

7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T. & J. Simpson MC: B. Lotarski CROSS: L. Arlinghaus TH: S. Arlinghaus ACs: A. & C. Richesson TORCH: M. Simpson, T. Lawrence, C. Arlinghaus, J. Lacy, A. Soli, L. Arlinghaus
 11:30 AM LOW: N. & N. McClorey
 5:45 PM LOW: J. Murray, G. Miller

11:30 AM **Low Mass** Patricia Patton (*Mary Rose Peter*)
 12:45 AM **School Spring Program & Parish Spaghetti Dinner**
 5:45 PM **Low Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
 6:55 PM **Compline**

Things are stirring at church after a rest, a little rest which followed the great work of the Great Week. Of course the daily round of Masses (High Masses!) continued with prayers and ministrations to the sick and administrative work, calls and correspondence, all the while. But now the calendar calls us to return for holy observances, St Joseph's annual eight-day feast, the Greater Litanies, as well as novenas and tridiums. "No rest for the wicked," my mother used to say, quoting her own mother. Well, since we *are* rather wicked, let us give ourselves no rest in the service of our Risen God and King.

Doby is back from his Winter travels, and trying valiantly to keep up with the grass between rainstorms. The grass of course is back, positively Gaelic in its green, thriving on all of the wet; bright with lion's teeth, dandelions, little yellow buttons of Spring color. You can look on them as a weed or as a Spring salad in the making. Our lawn would yield a delicious meal. One of these days....

The kind cooks of the Cucina Clerical are bringing fine meals again, now that the mysterious terra incognita of the vegan diet has been passed. Katie is feeling much better, and says she is bored at home, so she's driving her walker around church like a pro. We're planning for May, and putting away some of the Paschal decorations.

April wouldn't be April without all of the charming cuteness of the little ones offering their Spring Program of poetry and song, and maybe a dance or two. They're practicing as I write this, and good Dominic O'Donnell and family are planning the traditional spaghetti dinner. All that would be missing is *you* for next Sunday, so don't miss it, or we'd miss you!

Brendan "18" Lotarski is graduating from High School—already!—on Trinity Sunday, and had an abbreviated but enjoyable Senior Trip to the Ford Museum in Detroit the other day, along with our other high schoolers. Graduation time approaches, the summer is almost here. Memories of our own "March madness" seem to fade with the now fine weather.

West Chester Township invited me to say a little prayer before their monthly meeting Tuesday evening, and it was an interesting experience, a "slice of life," as we like to say. Of course, the local government hereabouts is conservative and "Fox TV Republican." The Council president mentioned as a matter of course that he was just at the NRA convention, and was therefore hoarse. The council business was unexceptionable, a good example of subsidiarity, I said in my remarks. They were selling some older crown Vics from the police fleet, buying a somewhat pricey treadmill for a firehouse, and seeing about asphalt for paving streets. Paving streets is good government, about the best you could hope for. Now, if only they knew

when to stop...

But the first matter of the evening was a grand celebration, something akin to winning a war, or discovering a cure for a deadly disease. It required multiple rounds of applause, both a movie with stirring music and a real life presentation, balloons, broad smiles, and speeches from all and sundry. It strained and exhausted all of the superlatives our language has to offer. I have never been so proud. We will never see this again in our lifetimes. What virtue, what dexterity, what skill combined with sterling academic achievement, and long hours, years of edifying sacrifice. It seems the Lakota High School girls won the state basketball championship. Slice of life.

We forwent the speeches, and somebody must have forgotten the balloons, but you know our school boys did really very well last month in the district fencing championships, placing second. I note this with some pride myself, and not only for the hard work and talent shown by a very small team of boys, but also because of the intrinsic worth of this classical discipline in the education of young men. Maybe next year we'll do the movie.

Puccini was patrolling the perimeters last week, and chasing off the Iranian invader, the Persian who comes regularly to trouble our cats, always a very loud and bizarre sounding affair. Maybe they fight in Farsi. Caravaggio has troubles of his own and was under the weather. The other night Fr. Cekada and I removed a tick from his paw, which required tweezers, hydrogen peroxide, gloves, (he Googled the instructions) as well as me holding the wrapped up cat so he wouldn't scratch. Mission accomplished. I wonder if St. Jerome had similar adventures when he removed the splinter from the grateful lion's paw?

Blessed Good Shepherd Sunday to you. Don't forget the good quiet saint, St. Joseph, this week. He certainly won't forget you as this "shepherd in Israel" guides and cares for the Catholic Church he protects.



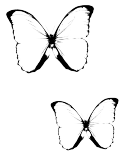
—Bishop Dolan



A BROAD MINDED BISHOP REBUKES THE VERMINOUS ST. FRANCIS

If Brother Francis pardoned Brother Flea,
There still seems need of such strange charity,
Seeing he is, for all his gay goodwill,
Bitten by funny little creatures still.

—G. K. Chesterton



St. Gertrude the Great School
Spring Program!



SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH

IN HELFTA HALL AFTER THE 11:30 AM MASS



*A charming, heartwarming performance by the children,
followed by a family-style spaghetti dinner!*



DON'T MISS IT! We want YOU to come!

Contributions gratefully accepted...



**THE ANNUAL FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
PROTECTOR OF THE CHURCH**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND

With Solemn High Mass at 11:20 AM

(Novena prayed Tuesday, April 21st through Wednesday, April 29th.)

Also, the **GREATER LITANIES**

Commence on **SATURDAY, APRIL 25TH**

With the procession at **7:30 AM**

Followed by Mass at approximately **8:05 AM.**

COME AND ATTEND THESE BEAUTIFUL AND SACRED CEREMONIES!

TWO POWERFUL PRAYERS FOR THE NEEDS OF HOLY MOTHER CHURCH.

If we don't pray, how would we ever receive?



THE GOOD SHEPHERD



The Gospel tells us that the Lord went in search of the lost sheep. How are we to understand this search? It is thus: God seeks and searches for a humble, gentle, and poor-minded

soul, one that is detached from earthly things and rests indifferent—though that does not mean a sluggard who sits down idly with his mantle over his head. I bid you prepare for God's seeking by learning humility, by suffering every kind of oppression.

Now if anybody seeks anything earnestly, it is not in one little corner only, but in every corner and place till he finds it. And so God seeks you—let Him find you everywhere He may look, in all circumstances of your life. Whatever shame comes upon you, know that that is the place in which God is looking for a gentle and meek soul; therefore suffer yourself to be constantly trodden underfoot until you have well learned your lesson of meekness.

God is looking for a poor man; therefore if anyone will take from you your money, your property, or your friends, let him do so, that you may be found poor by God, Who is looking for you in just such a state. Let your inner life answer true to God's searching, in purity and in poverty, in all enlightenment and detachment of spirit, after no matter what struggles and combats. In every occurrence of life God seeks you. What happens to you from friends or from foes, nay from your very mother or sister—no matter how it comes or from whom, all whatsoever that comes to you prepares you for God's searching and finding.

—Fr. John Tauler, O.P.

Father Tauler (d. 1361) was a German Dominican priest, a popular preacher, and a mystical theologian.

ACT OF REPARATION FOR ALL THE OUTRAGES WHICH JESUS SUFFERED IN HIS HOLY FACE

I adore and praise Thee, O my divine Jesus, Son of the Living God! I desire to make satisfaction for all the outrages Thou hast received for me, the most miserable of Thy creatures, in all the members of Thy blessed Body, and particularly in Thy Adorable Face, disfigured by blows, and defiled by spittle, and hardly to be recognized through the cruel treatment which Thou didst receive from the impious Jews.



I salute You, O blessed Eyes, all bathed in tears which You shed for my salvation.

I salute You, O blessed Ears, assailed by blasphemies, insults and cruel mockeries.

I salute You, O blessed Mouth, filled with graces and tenderness for sinners, but embittered with vinegar and gall by the monstrous ingratitude of that people whom Thou didst choose from among all others. In reparation for all these ignominies, I offer Thee all the homage which is given Thee in those holy places where Thou art pleased to be honored with a special worship, uniting myself therewith.

SHEPHERDS

When cares at night
Keep me from sleep,
In my mind's sight
I count my sheep.

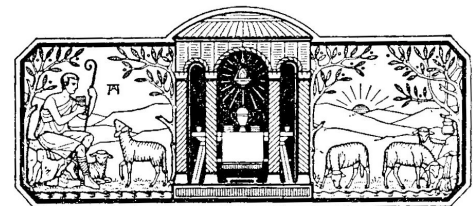
And as I scan
Their passing by,
I spy a Man
Who watches nigh.

A Shepherd He
Of gentle charms:
A lamb I see
Within His arms.

He looks at me,
I look at Him,
Till sheep and He
Grow misty-dim.

Thus sure I am
To sleep and rest
Just like a lamb
Upon His breast.

—Fray Angelico Chavez, O.F.M.



Our Beloved Dead ~ April

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Andrew Courter	4-03-2012
Carole K. Rogers	4-04-1987
Florence Roth	4-04-1988
Mary L. Blase	4-04-2004
Veronica Golembeski	4-08-1996
John M. Reis	4-10-1994
Sue (Maggie) Mincey	4-10-2007
Ellen G. Amyx	4-12-2005
Louis R. Bickett	4-12-2010
Alberta Courter	4-15-2008
Iole G. Feighery	4-16-2005
Walter C. Elbert	4-19-2001

GO TO JOSEPH



Ite ad Joseph, et quicquid dixerit vobis facite—Go to Joseph, and do all that he shall say to you, said Pharaoh to those of his subjects who were beginning to feel the effects of famine and poverty.

Ite ad Joseph. Go to Joseph, you whom the want of spiritual goods has reduced to the most wretched poverty; before long you will meet

with abundance.

Ite ad Joseph, et quicquid dixerit vobis facite. Go to Joseph, you who in prayer feel only dryness and distaste. Let anyone who does not know how to pray go to that great master and he will be well taught.

Ite ad Joseph. Go to Joseph, you who, intending to follow in the footsteps of the God of virgins, feel in this body of death the rebellion of the flesh and the shameful outbursts of concupiscence.

Ite ad Joseph. Go to Joseph, you who are still unsure that you belong to God, you who because of some slight trouble are ready to leave His service and return to the world, and you will learn from his steadfastness how to stand firm amid the storms that would drive you from the path of virtue.

Ite. Go to him, you who are his Son's ministers. You owe him part of the substance of Christ Himself Who nourishes you with His Body; and His adorable Blood was formed with Saint Joseph's toil and sweat.

Go to him, finally, all of you who want to be Christians not in name only but in deed. Not only will you find in him a powerful protector, but you will discover, too, a model of that strong, tender, and grateful love which is the whole of the law and the essence of Christianity.

—Father Pierre Collet, C.M.

Father Pierre Colet (d. 1770), a native of France, was a theologian and a member of Congregation of Priests of the Mission (the Lazarists).

Go to Joseph this Wednesday at 11:20 AM!

JESUS, LOVER OF SOULS, give me a bit of Your great love for men. I am so self-centered, so wrapped up in myself and my own small world that I forget the hunger that is abroad among men. Yet, I must reach out a helping hand to them, and I must have them realize Your love for them, and the love of all Your earthly friends for them. Give me the grace to touch the aching heart tenderly, and to speak the words that will be as balm to troubled souls. Above all, give me the grace to make them know that You will never forget them, that "Somebody" cares. Amen.

WHY WE MUST LOVE THE MAGNIFICAT

A divine pedagogy works behind the scenes of the liturgy. God prepares the human race to welcome the Gift of Redemption by acquainting us with the woman who has introduced Christ into the world. In her *Magnificat*, Mary announces the gifts with which God adorns her. Because Mary knows that she has received everything from God, she harbors no misgivings about proclaiming her virtues. Everything that she embodies "proclaims the greatness of the Lord."

Theologians estimate that some fifty virtues comprise a complete Christian life. Mary practices them all. What is more, she keeps them with high excellence. Some persons think that this ideal is one they can never reach. Mary's pedestal stands too high for them. Such a defeatist reaction would sadden our Lady. The *Magnificat* makes it plain that what we find impossible, God makes possible.

This promise includes our prayer of thanksgiving. Why should one love the *Magnificat* prayer? How else may one hope to thank God suitably for all the good that He bestows on us? The whole Church prays the *Magnificat* in



the evening, at vespers. Come to hear it sung this afternoon. It is also a very powerful exorcism, which the devil cannot resist. Those who have discovered the secret of Mary's virtues will pray the *Magnificat* at other times, especially after Mass.

—Reflection based on Luke 1:46-56
and *The Magnificat*

**Heavenly Father, make my heart a Magnificat heart.
Permit me to sing Your praises throughout the whole day.
Sustain me with the knowledge that everything that is good in
others comes from You.**

My soul magnifies the Lord;
and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior,
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid:
for behold, all generations shall call me blessed,
Because He Who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is His Name,
And His mercy is from generation to generation,
on those who fear Him.
He has shown might with His arm;
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart.
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,
and has exalted the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich He has sent away empty.
He has given help to Israel, His servant, mindful of His mercy,
Even as He spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his posterity forever.