

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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Rev. Charles McGuire • Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

April 24, 2016

EASTER IV

ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN, M



¶ OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

You are invited to our annual School Spring Program after the 11:30 AM Mass today, followed by a festive spaghetti dinner. There is no charge, but free will donations for our school are gratefully accepted. Sunday Classes are at 10:40 AM. No Vespers today, but Sunday Compline will be sung at 6:55 PM.

¶ ST. MARK – GREATER LITANIES

Monday, April 25th a solemn procession will take place at 11:00 AM, and High Mass will be celebrated, to implore the Divine blessing on the fruits of the earth. At the same time, beseech the Lord, in His mercy, to remove from us the chastisement which we have deserved for our sins, and to grant us the grace to avoid committing fresh offenses, as well as the grace of persevering in our spiritual resurrection. The Mass of St. Mark will be offered at 8:00 AM.

¶ OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

Tuesday, April 26th, is the feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel. Come to her Mass to plead for her help and guidance for our Holy Mother Church.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

In your prayers please remember Gary Amyx, Sr. Jeanne Marie, Nancy Seyfried, Gloria Madaffari, and Fr. Cekada, as well as all of our sick and shut in.



IF I GO NOT, THE PARACLETE WILL
NOT COME TO YOU

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: STS. PHILIP & JAMES

The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available at the Communion rail after all Masses. The second collection will be taken up for the support of our seminary. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

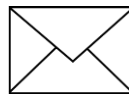
📖 Set Your Missal: Sts. Philip & James, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Easter V. Preface of the Apostles.

¶ WE GET LETTERS

Dear Bishop Dolan,

Thank you for this beautiful Easter Mass. I watched [it] on my laptop which was set on a coffee table and before which I could kneel on the floor. My church, St. Sylvia's in Tivoli, NY, is now closed so this is [the] only Traditional Latin Mass that is available to me.

Thank you,
Wm. Peter Smith



¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS

Confirmation will be administered on Saturday, May 14th, during the Pentecost Vigil Mass. Enrollment in the Brown Scapular and individual photos are scheduled at the conclusion of the Pentecost Vigil. The *obligatory* Day of Recollection for all First Communicants is Thursday, May 12th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

First Holy Communion will be administered during the 9:00 AM High Mass on Corpus Christi Sunday, May 29th.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

The Girls' Camp is scheduled for June 22-24, with the St. John's Bonfire and Parish Picnic on June 23rd. The Boys' Camp will be July 26-28.

¶ MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES

Envelopes will be found in the pews. To have your mother, living or deceased, remembered in a special way at Mass on Mother's Day, fill out an envelope and return it to an usher or to the Gift Shop today, or drop it off at the church office.



Collection Report

Sunday, April 17th\$3,615.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

ENDLESS MIRACLE OF LOVE

Perhaps is it most difficult of all to realize, or to believe, that the Risen Christ is hidden in our own lives. Difficult not only for others, but for ourselves.

If His purpose in indwelling men is to radiate the light and heat of His love through the whole world, how can we honestly believe that He chooses people for such a mission who have no great talents, no work of importance, nothing to show for the work they have done, and no influence; people moreover whose circumstances, humanly speaking, are, by God's own will for them, both cramping and inescapable?

But it is precisely from such lives that His love can and does radiate. We know nothing about the "many miracles" which were not written down. But what we do know of what things He did and how He did them in His Risen Life, shows us that the power of His endless miracle of love is given to the most circumscribed lives, and the means whereby it is worked are means that belong to us all....

He used these means to bring peace, to comfort, to give courage, to restore self-respect, to change fear to love, shame to joy....

To the stricken world in the person of Magdalen, compassion: "Why are you weeping, for whom are you seeking?"

To the apostles, His first word, "Peace!"

To Thomas, "Believe" because of the wounds—"the courage of faith."...

The only condition for finding and recognizing the Risen Christ today is that we love Him: not power, chance or virtue, but only love.

-Caryll Houselander, "The Risen Christ"

When I begin to pray I do not see Jesus with my eyes, but I know He is there before me, and my soul finds rest in His presence. I hear His voice which at times is as piercing as a sword, and penetrates into the inner senses of my spirit. His words are words of life. When I see Him in this manner and hear His voice, it is not a beautiful corporeal form that I see. Nor do I hear the sound of a human voice, but I see a light, great and infinite. I hear a voice, inarticulate yet strong, that to the soul is more powerful than the loudest sound of storm or wind.

Try to think of a light that fills the whole universe, that penetrates and kindles it. At the same time, a light that gives life and animation to all things, so that all things that exist are imbued with, or encircled in it, and in it and through it have life. Thus I see God and in Him all creatures. He is a burning fire. It burns but does not consume. On the contrary, it gives light and warmth and joy. The more it burns, the more happy and perfect it makes those encircled by its rays. And the more anxious do they become to be burning in His fire. Thus do I see the souls in God.

-St. Gemma Galgani (1878-1903)

We, who believe that God is ever with the world He has created, and that even in our materialistic age His arm is not shortened—however much our vision is restricted—should thank Him for this powerful manifestation of His grace in Gemma Galgani. Her life demonstrates so clearly that the supernatural world is as sure, as real and as near to us as the world about which our senses tell us.

-Aidan Gasquet, O.S.B.



COUNSEL

Though sin hath marked thy brother's brow,
Love him in sin's despite,
But for his darkness, haply thou
Hadst never known the light.

Be thou an angel to his life,
And not a demon grim—
Since with himself he is at strife,
Oh be at peace with him.

Speak gently of his evil ways
And all his pleas allow,
For since he knows not why he
strays
From virtue, how shouldst thou?

Love him, though all thy love he
slights,
For ah, thou canst not say
But that his prayerless days and
nights
Have taught thee how to pray.

Outside themselves all thing have
laws,
The atom and the sun—
Thou art thyself, perhaps, the
cause
Of sins which he has done.

If guiltless thou, why surely then
Thy place is by his side—
It was for sinners, not just men,
That Christ the Savior died.

-Alice Cary



There was a wild turkey in the cloister garden the other day. It was probably charmed, as were we all, by the vernal beauty of this peaceful oasis, all abloom with tulips and daffodils. Mark Lotarski caught the visitor on film, and posted the picture on our website.

One of the blessings of an early Easter is that all of April is given over to the Resurrection and then good St. Joseph, and finally to Our Lady's cherished titles and devotions: Our Lady of Consolation, the Mother of Good Counsel. We return to Easter thoughts on this fourth Sunday after, but already are looking towards Ascension and Pentecost and the great culmination of Corpus Christi.

Today we have our annual School Program and Spaghetti Dinner: Fine, wholesome, and terribly cute entertainment, followed by an excellent spaghetti dinner. This is priceless today, so we're not charging anything for it. We're calling it "A Spring Fling." Hope to see you there.

These beautiful Spring days have flung several of us about terribly with allergies and their assorted symptoms. Please do keep **Fr. Cekada** in your prayers, as he continues to be troubled by his infection. And always so much work to do! God's Holy Will be done.

Speaking of work, consider the wonderful lesson of the *Mystical Body* of Christ. We rightly refuse to be "one with" or *una cum* the heretics of the *Novus Ordo*. But we should remember that we *are* one with Our Lord in the one true Church, and with each other as well.

This true communion is demonstrated not only at the Communion Rail, but also at church in general. If everybody does *something*, at least a little, it would get done, and done well, without being a burden for the same few who do so much. So, help us by *your* contribution not only in the collection, but also by cleaning. An hour or two some Saturday, a little gardening in the evening, some ironing at home or church, these are all needs of ours. Drop off a meal, pick up a project, or a broom or a rake. If everyone does a little, it would get done. If you need a suggestion, speak to me.

The same Mystical Body approach applies to *assisting* at some from time to time of the extra Masses and ceremonies we offer at St. Gertrude all week long. Help us out! Encourage the troops. Come to morning or afternoon Mass, to Friday night devotions. Come to Sunday afternoon Vespers *sometimes*. If you did it,

any of the above, what help you would give, what encouragement. Why not organize an activity or get together for Sunday "sixish" or Friday after seven by saying "see you after Benediction"?



The coming month of May, with its feasts and devotions and sacraments will call for just such a spirit. No Vespers today (they resume next Sunday) but we do chant Compline after the last Mass. Tomorrow we keep the ancient and powerful prayer of the Procession of the Greater Litanies. The school children wouldn't mind if you joined them! The angels would be positively gleeful to see you. Assist actively, devoutly, at the sacred ceremonies and you *will be assisting!*

Let us ask today's St. Fidelis to be faithful, dear faithful. To give is a great way to assure you and yours will continue to receive all the graces you need. I pray for you to receive this blessing, and "pass it on."

Yours in Our Mother of Good Counsel,

Bishop Dolan

PROFICISCERE

Only then, the terror of thy teaching,
The height of thy magnificence is measured.
Only then, O Holy Roman Catholic Church,
The power of thy words, enduring ever,
The glory which alone is thine, is seen,
Striking the soul, and ringing
With an everlasting earnestness.

Then, too, stand out like mountains towering,
Thy Mysteries (O Tantum Sacramentum!)...
And thundering rain their meaning
On the mind.

And all that stirred saints' souls is felt,
And now, that cry is on the lips:
"Lord, Jesus, Come!"

-Clifford Stevens



St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,
pray for us.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	4/25/16	ST. MARK, EV GREATER LITANIES 8:00 AM Low Mass Bonnie Otten – surgery (<i>Bob & Becky</i>) 11:00 AM Greater Litanies 11:20 AM Rogation Day High Mass Happy St. Mark's Day, Mr. Lotarski
TUE	4/26/16	STS. CLETUS & MARCELLINUS, PPMM OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL 8:00 AM Low Mass Bernard H. Landry – April 26 (<i>Mother Joan Landry</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass Happy Birthday, Fr. Lehtoranta! 5:00 PM Low Mass †Albert Montello (<i>Karen Puglielli</i>)
WED	4/27/16	ST. PETER CANISIUS, CD ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BPC ST. PETER CHANEL, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Mr. Shawn O'Connor (<i>Ken Schroepfer Family</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass In honor of St. Francis of Paola for Jenny (<i>A.M. Omlor</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Raymond Stork (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
THU	4/28/16	ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS, C ST. VITALIS, M ST. LOUIS DE MONTFORT, C 8:00 AM Low Mass Mr. Shawn O'Connor (<i>Ken Schroepfer Family</i>) 11:20 AM High Mass †Mother Angelica Rizzo (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass †Ray Trower (<i>Rob & Jane Brockman</i>)
FRI	4/29/16	ST. PETER MARTYR ST. JOSEPH COTTOLENGO, C 8:00 AM Low Mass All our Benefactors (<i>Ken Schroepfer Family</i>) 10:55 AM Confessions 11:20 AM High Mass †Shirley Reagan (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski & family</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Mom (<i>Joseph Simpson</i>) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	4/30/16	ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, V HOLY CHILD JESUS, DOCTOR OF THE SICK 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM High Mass Happy Birthday Dad (<i>Joseph Simpson</i>) 8:20 AM Sermon & Low Mass All the faithful departed (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>)
SUN	5/1/16	STS. PHILIP & JAMES, APP EASTER V ST. PEREGRINE, C 7:30 AM Low Mass Our Children (<i>Paul & Karen Puglielli</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass In honor of the Blessed Mother for Mom (<i>Simpson kids</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:30 AM Low Mass Happy Anniversary Dennis & Jeanne (<i>Robert & Aubrey Uhlenbrock</i>) (from 4/30) 4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great



"TO MAKE HIS SAINTS God breaks their human hearts so that He can remodel them on His own Divine One.

He breaks the human heart again and again but only to refashion it closer to His own.

Who knows but that is the secret of the seven swords scabbarded in Mary's Immaculate breast?

Sanctity costs, doesn't it? Yes, it costs much but the price is always in our purses. We fail to purchase it not because we're poor but because we won't pay the price!"

-St. Stephen Harding
Abbot of Citeaux (Feast Day April 17)



THE RISEN LORD
OUR CHRIST

I know not how that Bethlehem's Babe
Could in the God-head be;
I only know the Manger Child
Has brought God's life to me.

I know not how that Calvary's cross
A world from sin could free:
I only know its matchless love
Has brought God's love to me.

I know not how that Joseph's tomb
Could solve death's mystery:
I only know a living Christ,
Our immortality.

-Harry Webb Farrington

Servers

SUN 5/1

7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: B. Lotarski, A. Richesson TH: L. Arlinghaus ACs: C. Richesson, P. Omlor TORCH: C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, M. & D. Simpson
11:30 AM LOW: Nicholas & Peter McClorey
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller