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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September 11, 2016

Solemnity of the Most Holy Name of Mary

Pentecost XVII

Sts. Protus & Hyacinth

¶ Pentecost XVII

Sunday Catechism Classes begin at 10:40 AM today. If your children are not enrolled, it is not too late—enroll them today! Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ Alter Christus

$215 was received this month for Masses for the support of priests. God reward your charity!

¶ Next Sunday: Solemnity of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady

Sunday Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. The Blessing of the Sick will be given after all Masses. Our parish picnic will be from 1-5 PM in Sharon Woods Park. There will be no Vespers. 🕮 *Set Your Missal:* High Mass: Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XVIII, and St. Joseph Cupertino. Preface of the Blessed Virgin. Low Masses: Pentecost XVIII, with a commemoration of St. Joseph Cupertino. Trinity Preface.

¶ Parish Picnic

Our annual Parish Picnic is next Sunday, September 18th. Join us anytime between 1-5 PM at the *"Cardinal Crest Shelter"* in Sharon Woods Park for an afternoon of games, good food and great company. We're providing the hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks; you bring the rest. *(Please note the different shelter this year. Park map provided elsewhere in the bulletin.)*

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself

¶ Special Feasts

This Wednesday and Thursday we keep the great September Feasts of the Holy Cross and the Mother of Sorrows. The Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross follows the 11:20 AM High Mass Wednesday. Wednesday also offers the early morning Mass at 7:00 AM.

¶ Your Prayers

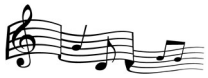
Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Joan Fey, Sr. Dolorosa, Lee Daulton, and continued recovery for Sr. Jeanne Marie.

¶ Fatima Rosary Procession

Tuesday, September 13th, marks the fifth of the apparitions of Our Lady at Fatima. Join us for the procession at 7:15 PM in West Chester, after the 5:45 PM Low Mass. This is a wonderful opportunity to console the Mother of Sorrows and make reparation by publicly praying Our Lady's Rosary.

¶ Wednesday Choir Practice

The first choir practice of the new season is this Wednesday, September 14th, at 6:30 PM. If you would like to sing and would like to take a more active part in the liturgical life at St. Gertrude, please join us. Thank you for the wonderful congregational singing this summer.



¶ Marian Intentions

Mass Intention Envelopes are in the pews for three more Marian Masses. Fill one out if you have not yet done so.

¶ Rosary Sunday

Rosary Sunday falls on October 2 this year. We are looking for ticket salesmen and social hall decorators, as well as someone to sell roses the day of. If you would like to help, please call the office at 513-645-4212.

Wedding Banns

Second time:

Philip Brockman & Samantha Vanek

¶ Upcoming Events

Forty Hours: October 21-23.

All Saints Sunday Procession & Party: November 6.

Collection Report

Sunday, August 4th.....$4,469.00
Second Collection.....$1,059.00

Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

THE HOLY NAME OF MARY

This verse ends: *And the Virgin's name was Mary* (Lk 1:27). Let us now say a few words about this name, which means "star of the sea" and is so becoming to the Virgin Mother. Surely she is very fittingly likened to a star. The star sends forth its ray without harm to itself. In the same way the Virgin brought forth her Son with no injury to herself. The ray no more diminishes the star's brightness than does the Son His Mother's integrity. She is indeed that noble star risen out of Jacob whose beam enlightens this earthly globe. She it is whose brightness both twinkles in the highest heaven and pierces the pit of hell, and is shed upon earth, warming our hearts far more than our bodies, fostering virtue and cauterizing vice. She, I tell you, is that splendid and wondrous star suspended as by necessity over this great wide sea, radiant with merit and brilliant in example.

In Honor of the Holy Name of Mary

Ah, Mother most loving, what comfort, what sweetness, what confidence fill my soul when I pronounce thy name or even think of thee. I thank my God that He has given thee, for my good, this name so sweet, so lovely, so powerful. But oh my Lady, I am not satisfied with merely pronouncing thy name. I desire to speak thy name at every hour, that when the moment of my death shall arrive, thou mayest grant me the grace to utter it then, ever repeating: I love Thee, Jesus and Mary, I give Thee my heart and my soul. Amen. *–St. Alphonsus*

¶ HELP!

We're losing our fulltime janitor for Brendan's departure to be a brother, and are looking for some help, especially on Monday morning. Let me know. In the meantime, alas, there is nobody to clean up after you or the children. But if everybody throws trash away, pick up a little, does the dishes in the sink, it won't be so bad. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

–Bishop Dolan

AFTER BENEDICTION

Last night's monstrance sun was done
And blessed we made our way
*Januis clausis** and alarms armed
(more than the apostles had).
But the moon had risen
Slim silver with just two stars attendant
Silver glued against the sunset's Dusky hue
A pink which lingered
(I would, too)
reluctant to be sent to bed.
But it was time
And off we sped.

* *"The doors being shut"* a phrase from the Gospel of Low Sunday.

This poem was inspired by the beautiful sky years ago after a weekday evening Benediction. Come sometime *on Friday night. – Bishop Dolan*

NAME OF MARY

Dear, honored name, beloved for human ties,
But loved and honored first that One was given
In living proof, to erring mortal eyes,
That our poor flesh is near akin to heaven.

Sweet word of dual meaning: one of grace,
And born of our kind Advocate above,
And one, by mercy linked to that dear face
That blessed my childhood with its mother-love,

And taught me first the simple prayer: "To thee,
Poor banished sons of Eve, we send our cries."
Through mist of year, those words recall to me
A childish face upturned to loving eyes.

And yet, to some the name of Mary bears
No special meaning and no gracious power;
In that dear word they seek for hidden snares,
As wasps find poison in the sweetest flower.

But faithful hearts can see, o'er doubts and fears,
The Virgin-link that binds the Lord to earth;
Which, to the upturned trusting face, appears
Greater than angel, though of human birth.

The sweet-faced moon reflects, on cheerless night,
The rays of hidden sun that rise tomorrow;
So, unseen God still lets His promised light,
Through holy Mary, shine upon our sorrow.

-John Boyle O'Reilly

✠ The Bishop's Corner ✠

Difficult weather dogged us for our back to school week, hot and humid. But we soldiered on. Good St. Joseph helped us, as we met Monday for his Mass, consecrating our labor to God through "the Carpenter." Our Lady's birthday dawned all rose, for she is the Dawn of Salvation. The beautiful Solemn High Mass, procession, seedling blessing and little party all went very well, as did the Vespers. Our visiting French seminarian **Mr. Damien Dutertre** (no relation to the Philippines' president!) is an excellent singer, and rendered Our Lady's antiphons flawlessly. How beautiful it was, I thought Wednesday evening, to sing her praises in one prayer after another, and then conclude with the Angelus. Her "venerated cradle" invites all of us today to be devoted to her infancy.

Some devout apparitionists came to the Solemn Mass. It seems they had come from neighboring states, for an annual "apparition of Our Lady" right here in West Chester. Who knew? We'll stick with Fatima, and I hope you will as well. See you Tuesday evening for the Rosary Procession?

Today we keep the Solemnity of Mary's Holy Name, such a powerful prayer. This is the actual anniversary of the noble Polish King's arrival to relieve Vienna, with his small, force-marched army, besieged by a larger Mohammedan force. Tomorrow's feast day marks the victory, a real Rosary victory. We need more of these. Too many sad anniversaries. But for this we need those willing to wage the weapons of our calling, prayer and particularly the Rosary.

Friday afternoon the school children were playing a little basketball at the newly arrived hoop near the garage, and having a great time in the sunshine. The Sisters kindly organized this project for us, as we lost our last basket some time ago. I think they perhaps had the "young Fathers" in mind, but they're too busy. Maybe one of these days! In the meantime the children are duly grateful.

We are grateful for your prayers for **Fr. Cekada**. The St. Anthony Thirteen Tuesdays concluded this past Tuesday with an excellent attendance. Father continues recovering from the chemotherapy, and his strength—and voice—are slowly returning.

I'm still enjoying, and very much, our lovely cloister garden. **Fr. McKenna** submitted some nature notes for me. He reports being almost mistaken for a zinnia ("that big flower" was his technical term) by a hummingbird which was persistently buzzing about him. Our pretty regular rain will keep things green this Fall. Out back of the rectory one of the few surviving Monarch butterflies was visiting the butterfly bush. They are majestic creatures, and the bush was for them. I hope it comes again. Thanks to those of you who are maintaining the flower beds at the outdoor Stations of the Cross. The grounds and grotto looked good for Thursday's procession.

Three important days fall in a row this week: Tuesday's West Chester procession (pilgrims welcome!), Wednesday's Holy Cross, and Thursday's Seven Sorrows.

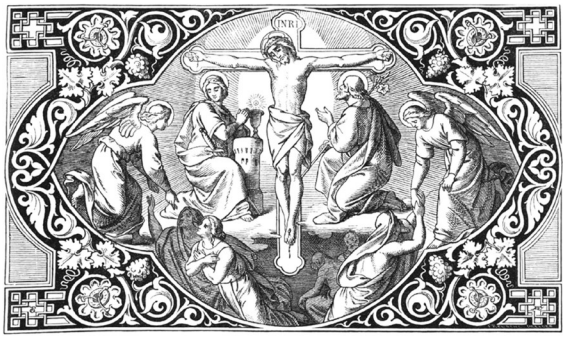
Next Sunday it's the annual Parish Picnic at Sharon Woods, don't forget. Hope to see you there! Plan to join us for our Rosary Sunday Confraternity Breakfast, a beloved tradition.

Rosemary and Ian Ford certainly had a beautiful wedding last Saturday. It was touching to consider the "passing on of the torch" as a second generation Gertrudian solemnly pledged her troth. May God bless them.

God bless you as well, wherever you fit into the picture. I hope to see a great turnout for our first Catechism Classes this Sunday with the good Sisters and lay teachers.

Yours in Our Lady of Sorrows,

Bishop Dolan



Seven Infallible Ways of Shortening Your Purgatory

1. To lovingly use the merits of Jesus Christ.
2. To offer Mass frequently for the Dead.
3. To have Mass offered now in reparation for your sins.
4. To consecrate Monday—and offer all your works—for the Departed.
5. To gain all the indulgences you can.
6. To promote the Family Rosary.
7. Especially efficacious in shortening your purgatory are: Fervent Communions, Visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, Works of Spiritual and Corporal Mercy.

Annual Parish Picnic

Next Sunday, September 18th, 1-5 PM in Sharon Woods Park at the Cardinal Crest Shelter

Please bring a dish to share: baked beans, potato salad, Cole slaw, fruit, chips, dessert, etc. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided.

Enter park at main entrance from Lebanon Rd. (Rt. 42). Take second right – Cardinal Crest will be the first picnic area.

ROSARY SUNDAY

October 2, 2016

Roses will be available with a donation. One rose for $3, two roses for $5, five roses for $10. They will then be blessed and carried in the Rosary Procession.

ROSARY CONFRATERNITY BREAKFAST

follows the High Mass.

Tickets will be available for purchase: $25 for families or $7 for an individual.

Be sure to bring your ticket to the breakfast and add it to the drawing box.

✠ Mary's Name

O you, whoever you are, who feel that in the tidal wave of this world you are nearer to being tossed about among the squalls and gales than treading on dry land, if you do not want to founder in the tempest, do not avert your eyes from the brightness of this star. When the wind of temptation blows up within you, when you strike upon the rock of tribulation, gaze up at this star, call out to Mary. Whether you are being tossed about by the waves of pride or ambition or slander or jealousy, gaze up at this star, call out to Mary. When rage or greed or fleshly desires are battering the skiff of your soul, gaze up at Mary. When the immensity of your sins weighs you down and you are bewildered by the loathsomeness of your conscience, when the terrifying thought of judgment appalls you and you begin to founder in the gulf of sadness and despair, think of Mary.

In dangers, in hardships, in every doubt, think of Mary, call out to Mary. Keep her in your mouth, keep her in your heart. Follow the example of her life and you will obtain the favor of her prayer. Following her, you will never go astray. Asking her help, you will never despair. Keeping her in your thoughts, you will never wander away. With your hand in hers, you will never stumble. With her protecting you, you will not be afraid. With her leading you, you will never tire. Her kindness will see you through to the end. Then you will know by your own experience how true it is that *the Virgin's name was Mary.*

-St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Bernard of Clairvaux († 1153) is considered the last of the Fathers of the Church and is a Doctor of the Church.

Our Beloved Dead - September

Name	Date of Death
Earl Eugene Roth	9-02-1988
William Harris	9-03-2014
Dennis Kramer	9-04-1981
Josephine Boyce	9-05-1982
Bernard Reid	9-08-1983
Don Gilker	9-08-2012
Eliza B. Kohlbrand	9-09-1985
Sr. M. Gerard Vincent	9-12-2002
Jill Wright	9-15-2012
Frederick G. Herington	9-21-1990
Matilda Hauserman	9-29-2000
Ronald E. Kitchen	9-30-2002
Kenneth J. Ripperger	9-30-2005

Your Weakness

Your weaknesses will save you if you bring them to God, Who is the source of all Strength. "When I am weak then I am strong," says the Apostle. God became a weak mortal man that we might receive *the strength of God*. Do not do God the injustice of thinking that He will not strengthen you to avoid every mortal sin. And should you have the misfortune to fall do not do Him the injustice of thinking He will not gladly and sweetly pardon you. Your weakness will soon blossom into virtues if you think kindly of God and treat Him as a loving and interested Father. "Most Loving Father have mercy on me, Thy humble and weak child."

✠ The Catechism Corner

" I believe in the Resurrection of the Body."

In the life of the celebrated chemist, Michael Faraday, we read this little incident. One of his workmen carelessly bumped over a silver cup, which fell into a jar of strong acid. In a short time the silver cup completely disappeared. It was dissolved or melted in the acid, as a cup of sugar in a jar of water. It seemed utterly lost, and the question came up: "Can it ever be restored again?" Some said it could; others said it could not.

But the great chemist, Faraday himself, mixed a few chemicals and put them in the jar of acid. In a little while every piece and particle of the silver cup was drawn to the bottom and gathered in a shapeless mass. This was sent to the silversmith, who restored the cup to the same size and shape it had had before. Only that it was a great deal brighter.

If a chemist like Faraday, however skilled, can restore an apparently lost mass of silver, then surely the Almighty Chemist can restore human bodies which have been dissolved and mingled with the earth after death. In the eleventh article of the Creed we pray: "I believe in the Resurrection of the Body." That means we believe we shall all rise at the Judgment Day with the same bodies we had while on this earth.

✠ CALENDAR

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

MON 9/12/16 THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
8:00 AM **Low Mass** For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (The Fathers)
11:20 AM **High Mass** Marian Feast Day Intentions
5:00 PM **Low Mass** †Sr. Gerard Vincent (C. Simpson family)

TUE 9/13/16 FERIAL DAY
8:00 AM **Low Mass** George Roderick O'Connor (The Ken Schroepfer Family)
11:20 AM **Requiem High Mass** Purgatorial Society
☞ **5:45 PM** **Low Mass** Special Intention, Deceased (Mr. & Mrs. David Marko)
7:15 PM **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace**

WED 9/14/16 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
☞ **7:00 AM** **Low Mass** Bernadette Schroepfer (The Ken Schroepfer Family)
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Special Intentions (DJR)
11:20 AM **High Mass** Thanksgiving for safe travels for our priests (Mr. & Mrs. David Marko)
Blessing with the Relic of the True Cross
5:00 PM **Low Mass** Joe Tomasi – health (Justin Soeder)
6:30 PM **First Choir Practice of the New Season**

THU 9/15/16 SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY
ST. NICOMEDES, M
8:00 AM **Low Mass** Special Intention (Mr. & Mrs. Scott Richesson)
11:20 AM **High Mass** Marian Feast Day Intentions
5:00 PM **Low Mass** Holy Souls (Kolenich Family)

FRI 9/16/16 SS. CORNELIUS, P & CYPRIAN, BPMM
SS. EUPHEMIA, LUCY, & GEMINIANUS, MM
8:00 AM **Low Mass** †John Wiesman (Mr. & Mrs. Tom Simpson)
10:55 AM **Confessions**
11:20 AM **High Mass** Francisco & Jacinta McConnell (Fr. Lehtoranta)
5:15 PM **Confessions & Rosary**
5:45 PM **Low Mass** †Robert Dennis Madden
6:30 PM **Sacred Heart Novena & Benediction**

SAT 9/17/16 STIGMATA OF ST. FRANCIS
7:10 AM **Confessions**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** Fr. Cekada (Patsy McConnell)
8:05 AM **Salve & Sermon**
8:15 AM **High Mass** Holy Souls – Intentions of L.A. (TRCS)

SUN 9/18/16 SOLEMNITY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY
PENTECOST XVIII • ST. JOSEPH CUPERTINO, C
7:05 AM **Rosary**
7:30 AM **Low Mass** Victor Ritze (Doris Ritze)
9:00 AM **High Mass** For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
10:40 AM **Sunday Catechism Classes**
11:05 AM **Rosary**
11:30 AM **Low Mass** †John Wiesman (Connie Kamphaus)
1:00 PM **Parish Picnic**
5:45 PM **Low Mass** Fr. Anthony Cekada (Kenneth J. Schroepfer Family)

✠ LATIN FOR YOU

20 LATIN PHRASES YOU SHOULD BE USING

11. EX NIHILO NIHIL FIT
Supposedly a quote by the Roman philosopher Lucretius, the Latin motto *ex nihilo nihil fit* means "nothing comes from nothing," and is used as a reminder that hard work is always required in order to achieve something.

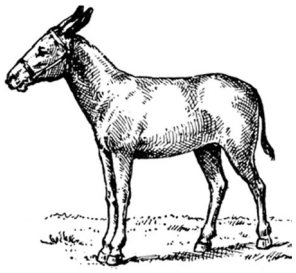
12. FELIX CULPA
Originally a religious term referring to consequences of the Biblical Fall of Man and the sins of Adam and Eve, a *felix culpa* is literally a "happy fault"—an apparent mistake or disaster that actually ends up having surprisingly beneficial consequences.

THE SAINT AS DONKEY

"When you see anyone in need of assistance, either for body or soul, do not ask why someone else did not help him, but be thankful for the opportunity to do it yourself." *–St. John Chrysostom.*

"Seek nothing in this world except what Jesus Christ sought—to sanctify men, to work, to suffer, to die for their salvation." *–St. Peter Claver.*

In the spring of every year St. Peter left the town to visit the Negroes on the plantations, and when he found a settlement he would never leave it till the last slave had had a chance to receive the sacraments. But Father Claver's activies were bitterly criticized by many and difficulties were put in his way. He once wrote: "The humble donkey must be my model. When he is evilly spoken of, he is dumb. When he is despised and ignored, he is still dumb. Whatever happens he never complains, for he is only a donkey. So also must God's servant be."



"Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is scanalized, and I am not on fire?" *-2. Cor. xi, 29.*

Servers

WED 9/14 **11:20 AM:** School servers **TH:** P. Omlor

SUN 9/18 **7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM HIGH: CHAPLAINS: T.G. Simpson, J. Simpson **TH:** S. Arlinghaus **ACs:** L. Arlinghaus, P. Omlor **CROSS:** T. Lawrence **TORCH:** M. & D. Simpson, C. Arlinghaus, D. Holbrook, C. Richesson, T. Lawrence
11:30 AM LOW: Nicholas & Peter McClorey
5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller