

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

August 11, 2019

PENTECOST IX

SS. TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM

ST. PHILOMENA, VM



¶ PENTECOST IX

Today we close the Triduum to St. Philomena. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

☞ *"We must sow the seed, not hoard it."* – St. Dominic ☞

¶ ROSARY PROCESSION THIS WEEK!

Tuesday is the feast of Our Lady, Refuge of Sinners. We continue our **Summer Novena**, the Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony with a novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, following the 8:00 & 11:25 AM and 5:45 PM Masses.

The **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace** will be at **7:15 PM** in West Chester.

☞ *"Without prayer, we have neither light nor strength, to advance in the way which leads to God."* – St. Alphonsus Liguori ☞

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: PENTECOST X

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail following all Masses next Sunday. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost X. Second collect: within the Octave of the Assumption. Third of St. Agapitus. Trinity Preface.

¶ UPCOMING

Parish Picnic: Sunday, September 15. Sharon Woods Park, Cardinal Crest Shelter, 1 PM.



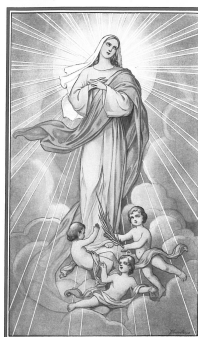
¶ THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

On **Thursday** we keep the Summer Holy Day of Obligation, Our Lady's Assumption. The **7:00 AM** Mass is the Workers' Mass, with no sermon.

At **9:00 AM** we bless the First Fruits and Flowers in the cloister. Bring some produce, herbs, and flowers from your garden. Bring your children, who represent the angels who filled the sepulchre of Our Lady with beautiful flowers. After the blessing, we process into church for the Profession Ceremony of the Sisters. Pontifical High Mass follows at approximately 9:30 AM.

Vespers is at 4:30 PM followed by Exposition, with Rosary and Benediction at 5:10. The final Mass of the day is at 5:45 PM.

☞ *"The root of all evil is pride; that of all good is charity."* – Cardinal Bona ☞



¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Beth Prell, recovering from surgery; Joseph McMahan; Fr. Francis Miller, having surgery tomorrow; and for the success of the Assumption Pilgrimage at Our Lady Queen of the Prairies in North Dakota.

¶ NOTE CARDS

The Sisters have produced another set of beautiful, inspirational note cards. Visit the Gift Shop. Send notes to people.

¶ COMMUNION FOR THE SICK

Please contact the priests when a church member is hospitalized or too ill to attend Mass.

☞ *"To accept death with resignation, outweighs all other penance."* – St. Alphonsus Liguori ☞

¶ DECORUM IN CHURCH

Respect for God in the Blessed Sacrament requires a reverent silence. Please turn off cell phones and keep children well behaved. Both young and old should wear dignified and modest clothes in church, and women should wear a modest dress or skirt, and a veil or hat. Veils are available in the vestibule. Men should wear shirt and tie as well as a jacket or sweater. Please dress up, not down.

Collection Report

Sunday, August 4th.....\$5,507.00
Second Collection.....\$1,141.00
Alter Christus.....\$125.00

AN ASSUMPTION PRAYER

O God, care for the stubborn earth of Thy people's hearts, that sown with the seed of Thy Word, watered with the rivers of life, warmed by the light of Thy forgiving love, they might bring forth the fruit Thou desirest, after the example of Our Lady, First Fruits of Thy harvest, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LOVE'S SOLACE

There is never a life without sadness,
 There is never a heart free from pain;
 If one seeks in this world for true
 solace,
 He seeks for it ever in vain.
 So, when your young heart comes to
 sorrow,
 The first and the deepest you've
 known.
 'Tis the touch of God's sickle at har-
 vest,
 Since He reaps in the fields He has
 sown.

— Sister Imelda, O.S.D.

PRAYER IN HONOR OF ST.
 PHILOMENA FOR A SPECIAL
 REQUEST

Illustrious Virgin and Martyr Saint Philomena, behold me prostrate before the throne whereon it has pleased the Most Holy Trinity to set thee. Full of confidence in thy protection, I entreat thee to intercede for me with God. Ah! from the heights of Heaven deign to cast a glance upon thy humble client. Spouse of Christ, sustain me in suffering, fortify me in temptation, protect me in the dangers surrounding me, obtain for me the graces necessary to me and, in particular (*here specify your petition*). Above all, assist me at the hour of my death. Amen. Saint Philomena, powerful with God, pray for us.



MARY WILL GATHER US INTO
 THE BARN

What mysterious power is it that a mother has over a son that, when he confesses his guilt, she strives to minimize it, even when it shocks her heart.... The impure are rarely tolerant of the pure, but only the pure can understand the impure. The more saintly the soul of a confessor, the less he dwells on the gravity of the offense and the more on the love of the offender. Goodness always lifts the burden of conscience, and it never throws a stone to add to its weight.

There are many sheaves in the field that the priests and sisters and the faithful are unable to gather in. It is Mary's role to follow these reapers to gather the sinners in. As Nathaniel Hawthorne said: "I have always envied the Catholics that sweet, sacred, Virgin Mother who stands between them and the Deity, intercepting somewhat His awful splendor, but permitting His love to stream on the worshiper more intelligibly to human comprehension through the medium of a woman's tenderness."

Mary will assist us if we but call upon her. There is not a single unhappy soul or sinner in the world who calls upon Mary who is left without mercy. Anyone who invokes her will have the wounds of his soul healed. Sin is a crime of *lése-majesté*, but the Blessed Mother is the refuge. Saint Anselm said that she "was made the Mother of God more for sinners than for the just"—which could hardly be doubted, since Our Lord Himself said that He came not to save the just but to call sinners to repent.

— Archbp. Fulton J. Sheen

✠ "Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest, after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us." — St. Alphonsus Liguori ✠

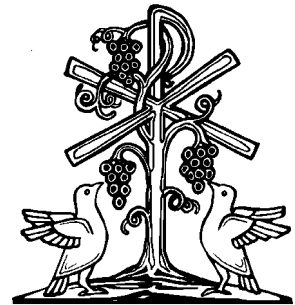
PRAYERS FOR THEE

To pray for thee is sweet to me,
 When morn's bright beams are stealing
 Along the earth and o'er the sea
 And convent bells are pealing.

To pray for thee is sweet to me
 When evening shades are falling,
 And day's bright orb sinks to the sea,
 And Vesper bells are calling.

To pray for thee will ever be
 My joy 'till life's last even'.
 And if on earth thou then should'st be,
 I'll pray for thee in Heaven.

Pray for someone when morn beams bright at daily Mass, or on Sundays when "Vesper bells are calling" you.



MOUNTAIN SPARROW

Unseen bird, whose waterfall of notes
 Slid down the sky,
 Like a nun's song I once heard
 Whose haunting celestial notes
 Of unmatched beauty,
 Captured the essence
 Of ecstasy and sorrow.

Like so many things we give
 Wrong names to, this bird
 Whose madrigal reverberated
 In crevices of canyons
 I later learned was a canyon wren

—Still, to me, my "mountain sparrow"
 Building its nests as the psalmist wrote
 "Upon Your altars"...
 Spoke to me of heights I could not reach
 Until I lived my life beneath
 The shadow of its wings,
 Content not to even know the names of
 My own passage.

— Anne Wilson

I write this on the feast of the patron saint of parish priests, the Curé of Ars. His very name and image remind us of the importance of priests, and of praying for priests. What good would a roomful of gold do, asks St. John Marie Vianney, if there were no one to open the door? His Friday feast opened our annual Triduum to his beloved saint, Philomena. Her image graces our altar today, and we poor sinners are cheered to remember that “with Philomena, nothing is impossible.” Many souls are discovering this little saint and great martyr who was unceremoniously dumped by John XXIII. We have never forgotten her, nor she us.



Thank you for remembering our seminarians, especially in the food department. This week our local vocations are enjoying a little time with their family. **Fr. Lehtoranta** is taking the Nigerian seminarians with him to Milwaukee to celebrate the Assumption.

Meanwhile, we are all preparing for that greatest of Mary's feasts on Thursday. Bring some flowers or garden produce to be blessed. Bless your children by allowing them to walk in the procession into church for the High Mass. After the children have presented the flowers to Our Lady, the Sisters will present their vows, their Profession, in a simple but moving ceremony. The Mass follows, and afterwards you are invited to a little reception (of course!) in Helfta Hall.

Meanwhile, **Fr. McKenna** will be reviving the Assumption pilgrimage and procession to Our Lady of the Prairies in Powers Lake, North Dakota. For years after the changes this shrine and school was a beacon for Catholics from throughout the country. It has been almost abandoned for years now, but we would like to revive this venerable sanctuary in Our Lady's honor. Please join us in prayer these days for its success.

Processions are the order of the day. Please don't forget Tuesday evening's Fatima Rosary Procession which prepares us for Thursday's great and Holy Day. Last month we had over a hundred in attendance. What a beautiful homage for Our Lady it would be to continue these devout numbers.

The Assumption is Summer's Highlight, and afterwards, alas, it dwindles into Autumn. But September has its own glories, and glories of Mary! Enjoy these last Summer days. Many are already “back to school” but we keep to the old ways, after Labor Day.

May Mary Assumed in Heaven draw you after her to glory!

– Bishop Dolan

Question: I've heard the argument that if there was no Pope, along with now only a handful of validly consecrated bishops in the world, who for the most part don't associate with the VII sect, we would have no visible hierarchy. I know that's a stupid argument because every time the pope dies the church doesn't disappear. However, I was wondering, what is the definition of visibility? The only thing I can find is in Denzinger that says “The Church is visible because it is a body.”

Answer: Pre-Vatican II theologians actually discussed the possibility that a large number of Catholics, clergy and laity alike, would be deceived into adhering to a false religion. Here's a striking quote from Fr. Sylvester Berry:

“The prophecies of the Apocalypse show that Satan will imitate the Church of Christ to deceive mankind; he will set up a church of Satan in opposition to the Church of Christ. Antichrist will assume the role of Messiah; his prophet will act the part of Pope, and there will be imitations of the Sacraments of the Church. There will also be lying wonders in imitation of the miracles wrought in the Church.” (*The Church of Christ*, 119)

“There seems to be no reason why a false Church might not become universal, even more universal than the true one, at least for a time.” (ibid. 155)

If anything, this sounds like the false religion of the Conciliar Church, with its new doctrines, corrupt moral principles, evil disciplines, and heretical/sacrilegious worship.

Our Lord Himself says such a defection is possible: “The son of man, when he cometh, think ye that he will find faith upon the earth?”

Catholic ecclesiology teaches that the institution of the papacy, as Christ founded it, and the Church together with it, continues to exist even if the Holy See is vacant for a long time. See Appendix 4 to [Traditionalists, Infallibility and the Pope](#).

The “visible Church” is to be found wherever there are faithful and clergy who reject the Vatican II religion, together with its pseudo-hierarchy, and who still practice the traditional and unsullied Catholic faith in doctrine, discipline and worship.

Though in comparison with the Conciliar Church, the numbers in this remnant Church are tiny, nevertheless it is visible enough for those who seek the true faith to find it. I have been amazed again and again to hear from Catholics young and old—but especially the young—who compare the V2 religion in their parish churches to what they have read about historic Catholicism, conclude that they must reject the new religion outright, begin to seek out the old and the true, and end up finding it.

Fatima Rosary Procession in West Chester



5:45 PM Low Mass

7:15 PM Tuesday! Pray for peace!



THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

7:00 AM WORKERS MASS

9:00 AM BLESSING OF FIRST FRUITS & FLOWERS

IN THE CLOISTER. Bring your Garden Produce and Flowers to be blessed. We process into church for the PROFESSION CEREMONY OF THE SISTERS

9:30 AM (APPROX.) PONTIFICAL HIGH MASS

4:30 PM VESPERS & EXPOSITION

5:10 PM ROSARY & BENEDICTION

5:45 PM FINAL MASS OF THE DAY



✠ PRAYERS FOR TODAY

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, QUEEN OF THE PRAIRIES

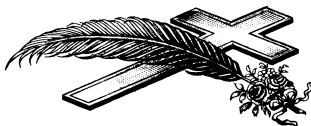
Mother of God, Our Mother and Queen, thou who didst bring into this world, Jesus, the divine Grain which was to be crushed on Calvary, to become the daily Bread of our souls and the source of our strength and consolation in our pilgrimage through this vale of tears into eternity!

Watch, we beseech thee, O Our Lady, over our fields, our home, our country, and grant that we, thy unworthy children, growing the grain which is to become the food of man's body in the daily bread, and the food of his soul in the Blessed Eucharist, may enjoy peace, plenty and happiness, in the fields of this world, while awaiting the enjoyment of thy presence in the ever-fertile fields of heaven. Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of the Prairies, pray for us!

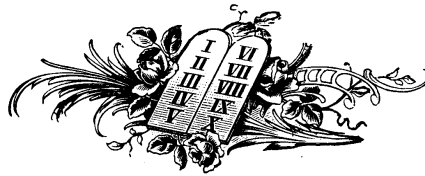


“Heretics are to be converted by an example of humility and other virtues far more readily than by any external display or verbal battles. So let us arm ourselves with devout prayers and set off, showing signs of genuine humility and go barefooted to combat Goliath.” – *St. Dominic*



Our Beloved Dead ~ August

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Suzanne Nies	8-01-2011
Joanne Fornes	8-01-2011
Edward H. Staarmann	8-03-1981
Rev. Fr. Francis Fenton	8-03-1995
Sr. M. Monica, CMRI	8-05-1997
John Wiesman	8-07-2016
Rev. Denis Philomena, CMRI	8-10-1994
Bill Tamagni	8-10-2009
Thomas Kamphaus	8-10-2010
Helen Mary (<i>Currin</i>) Jackson	8-11-2003
Shirle Ann Downing	8-11-2012
Virgil P. McCormick	8-16-2004
Frank J. Cekada	8-16-2009
Barbara Ann Desborough	8-17-1993
Regina Marie Rose Shawhan	8-18-1989
Susan Marie Menefee	8-19-2015
Beatrice Lutkehaus	8-20-2018
Earl Joseph Desborough	8-22-1983
Sr. M. Judith	8-28-2002
Dr. John Powell	8-28-2014
Connie Kamphaus	8-28-2018
Andrew Zunzer	8-29-2012



“Were you to ask, ‘what are the means of overcoming temptations,’ I would answer: the first means is prayer, the second is prayer, the third is prayer; and should you ask me a thousand times, I would repeat the same.” – *St. Alphonsus Liguori*

THE VISIBILITY OF THE CHURCH TODAY

The very *purpose* of the Church's visibility is to make her manifest as “the column of truth among the nations.” This can hardly be a quality that can be attributed to the V2 establishment, which is the exact *opposite*: a sewer of error. How could one be drawn to the truth Christ revealed if the institution He founded universally teaches errors in faith and morals?

PHILOMENA, MY LOVE

St. Philomena was tried in a furnace of pain,
Her soul, purged by suffering, no blemish remained.

The whip, the arrows, the anchor, the axe,
Her spirit, withstood all these mortal attacks.

Enlightened by faith, how bravely she fought.

A youth of thirteen, what lessons she taught!

God clothed her His champion, so modest and pure,
Upheld from above, her strength did endure!

Heroic little Saint of generosity and love,
Obtain for us oceans of grace from above!

All powerful advocate, our anchor of hope,
Beloved of God, hailed by Prince and Pope!

Be thou my love, dear Daughter of Light,
Lead me on home, through darkest of night!



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ST. ANTHONY: THE PATRON OF PADUA
THE GLORY OF LISBON

(continued)

- MON 8/12/19 ST. CLARE, V**
W 8:00 AM Low Mass William H. Young III (*Happy Birthday from your wife*)
- TUE 8/13/19 SS. HYPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM**
*ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, C • OUR LADY REFUGE OF SINNERS
 SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES*
W 8:00 AM Low Mass Next Soul to be released from Purgatory (*Mike Sieverding*)
11:25 AM Low Mass †Irene Ulanowski (*Colleen Eldracher*)
5:45 PM Low Mass Andy Hoxie –Thank you! (*Fr. McGuire*)
7:15 PM Rosary Procession for Peace in West Chester
- WED 8/14/19 VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION • ST. EUSEBIUS, C**
W 8:00 AM Low Mass †Kathy Reimer (*Christopher Browne*)
 ☞ **5:10 PM Low Mass** Special Intentions (*Veronica Briggs*)
5:55 PM First Vespers of the Assumption
- THU 8/15/19 THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY HOLY DAY**
7:00 AM Workers' Mass For recovering alcoholics (*Shyam Suyambu*)
9:00 AM Blessing of First Fruits, Procession, Sisters' Profession of Vows
W 9:30 AM (approx.) Pontifical High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
4:30 PM Vespers & Exposition
5:10 PM Rosary & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass Colleen Eldracher (*Colleen & Bernadette Schroepfer*)
- FRI 8/16/19 ST. JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY**
ST. ROCH, C
8:00 AM Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (*The Fathers*)
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
W 5:45 PM Low Mass †Virgil McCormick (*Margaret & Albert Daniel Kinnett*)
6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
- SAT 8/17/19 ST. HYACINTH, C • OCTAVE OF ST. LAWRENCE**
7:15 AM Confessions
7:30 AM Low Mass In Thanksgiving for all who prayed for Dad's soul (*Mike Briggs Family*)
8:10 AM Salve & Sermon
8:20 AM High Mass Mr. & Mrs. Levi Giese (*Ken & Colleen Schroepfer Family*)
- SUN 8/18/19 PENTECOST X • WITHIN THE OCTAVE**
ST. AGAPITUS, M • ST. HELENA, EMPRESS
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass For my Dad (*Alex McConnell*)
9:00 AM High Mass Mr. & Mrs. David Marko 40th Anniversary (*Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze*)
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Poor Souls (*Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Young III*)
4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

Finally, at Spoleto, in Italy, on Whit-Sunday, in the year of Our Lord 1232, Pope Gregory IX, surrounded by a multitude of cardinals and prelates from every part of the world, presided over a splendid celebration, which has a living interest today, as it had for the thousands who then thronged the sacred edifice. Great was the joy and exultation of clergy and laity alike, and nothing was spared to emphasize the triumph of the heroic servant of God. What a thrill must have passed through the assemblage when the Sovereign Pontiff arose to make his final pronouncement! With upraised hand, in the name of the Triune God, he declared "the blessed priest of Christ, Anthony, to be enrolled in the calendar of saints."

The same Pope appointed the 13th of June—his "birthday to immortality,"—in the forcible words of the Roman Missal—to be set apart as the confessor's feast; and to all who visited his tomb on the festival or during the succeeding eight days was granted a year's indulgence. Processions to the shrine became thenceforth increasingly frequent, one of the first having consisted of the malcontents of the Bridge's Head, walking barefoot and in the garb of penitents. The most notable of the pilgrimages however—those headed by the Bishop—were organized by the various guilds of workmen.



Servers

- THU 8/15** 7:00 AM **LOW:** B. Lotarski
 9:00 AM **PONT:** MCs: R. VandeRyt, J. Lacy, P. Omlor **TH:** D. McConnell **ACs:** M. Simpson, T. Lawrence **CROSS:** C. Arlinghaus **BOOK:** A. McConnell **BUGIA:** P. Omlor **MITRE:** C. Richesson **CROZIER:** D. Simpson **TRAIN & GREMIALE:** S. Richesson **TORCH:** C. Arlinghaus, A. McConnell, J. & N. Kolenich
 5:30 PM **BENEDICTION & LOW:** P. & Na. McClorey
- SUN 8/18** 7:30 AM **LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.
 9:00 AM **HIGH:** CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, J. Lacy **TH:** C. Richesson **ACs:** D. Simpson, J. Stewart **TORCH:** C. VanderPutten, C. Arlinghaus, T. Lawrence, S. Richesson
 11:30 AM **LOW:** A.D. Kinnett, J. Kolenich
 4:45 PM **VESPERS & BENEDICTION:** G. Miller
 5:45 PM **LOW:** G. Miller