



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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May 10, 2020

MOTHER'S DAY • EASTER IV

ST. ANTONINUS, BPC • SS. GORDIAN & EPIMACHUS, MM

¶ MOTHER'S DAY

Happy Mother's Day! This Sunday our mothers are remembered at all the Masses, but especially at the High Mass offered for those whose names are on our altar. The Procession and May Crowning takes place *after the High Mass*. We renew our consecration to Our Blessed Mother after all Masses. There are no Sunday Classes. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THIS WEEK

Monday is traditionally devoted to the Poor Souls. Hear the beautiful Requiem High Mass for them at 11:25 AM. A grouping of ancient martyrs is honored on **Tuesday**, including the Teen Saint Pancras. **Wednesday** is a special day for us as it honors Our Lady of Fatima and one of our Cincinnati patronal saints, St. Robert Bellarmine. Come to church **Thursday** and hear St. Boniface's interesting story—truth is stranger than fiction. **Friday** we finish the school week with the teachers' saint, John Baptist de la Salle. St. John Nepomucene, Martyr of the Seal of the Confessional comes on **Saturday** with the peace-loving pontiff St. Ubaldus.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, †Angelique Howard, all of the sick and unemployed suffering under the Covid Conspiracy, all of our sick and shut in who are denied access to a priest, all of our deceased, and for all of our benefactors.



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

Conversion of all my adult children
(Dillon)



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Robert Brockman, who passed away on Friday. His Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday, May 12, with Rosary beforehand at 11 AM.

¶ FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

Our first **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace** takes place at 7:15 PM in West Chester on Wednesday, the 13th. Members of the *Rosary Confraternity* and *all* parishioners, if you can, please make a sacrifice and pray this public rosary with us. We will meet in the parking lot of the First Watch restaurant, at the corner of Union Centre Blvd. and Floer Dr. Your witness and your prayers are sorely needed for our Church, our country and our families. Low Mass is beforehand at 5:45 PM.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: EASTER V

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail next Sunday. Sunday Classes will be at 10:40 AM. Vespers with May Devotions and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Easter V, second collect of St. Paschal Baylon. Preface of Easter.

¶ FREE PIANO TO A GOOD HOME!

A parishioner is trying to find a good home for the spinet piano that used to belong to her mother. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Easter Flower Offering
Loretta & Fred Otis
Ralph Otis

Collection Report

Sunday, May 3rd.....\$6,555.00
Second Collection.....\$1,374.00
Alter Christus Confraternity.....\$50.00

GIVING LIFE TO THE WORLD

Mary obtains for [souls] the heavenly Father's blessing.... Clad in new, precious, and sweet-smelling garments, with body and soul well-prepared and dressed, they confidently approach their heavenly Father.... He partakes with joy of what Mary, their Mother, has prepared for Him, recognizing in it the merits and good odor of His Son and His Blessed Mother, He gives them a twofold blessing, the blessing of the dew of heaven, namely divine grace, which is the seed of glory. *God has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing*, and also the blessing of the fertility of the earth, for as a provident Father, He gives them their daily bread and an ample supply of the goods of the earth....

The second charitable duty that Our Lady fulfills toward her faithful servants is that she provides them with everything they need for soul and body.... She also nourishes them with the most delicious food from the banquet table of God. She gives them the Son she has borne, the Bread of Life, to be their food. "Dear children," she says, in the words of divine wisdom, "take your fill of my fruits," that is to say, of the Fruit of Life, Jesus, "whom I brought into the world for you." "Come," she repeats in another passage, "eat the bread which is Jesus. Drink the wine of His love...."

As Mary is the treasurer and dispenser of the gifts and graces of the Most High God, she reserves a choice portion, indeed the choicest portion, to nourish and sustain her children and servants. They grow strong on the Bread of Life; they are made joyful with the wine that brings forth virgins. They are carried at her breast. They bear with ease the yoke of Christ scarcely feeling its weight because of the oil of devotion with which she has softened its wood.

– St. Louis Grignion de Montfort

St. Louis de Montfort († 1716) was a great French missionary preacher especially renowned for fostering devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Help support the business of a parishioner impacted by the government lockdown:



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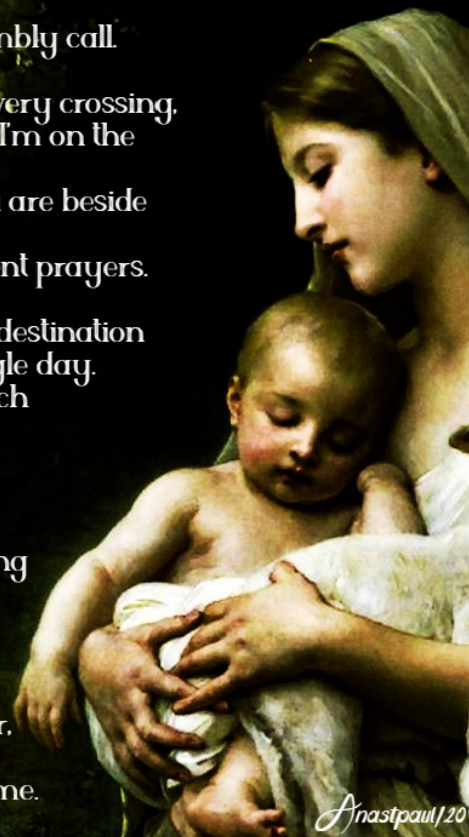
Take My Hand, O Blessed Mother

Take my hand,
O Blessed Mother,
hold me firmly lest I fall.
I am nervous when I'm
walking
and to thee I humbly call.

Guide me over every crossing,
watch me when I'm on the
stairs,
let me know you are beside
me,
listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination
safely, every single day.
Help me with each
undertaking,
as the hours
go on their way.

And when evening
falls upon me
and I fear
to be alone,
take my hand,
O Blessed Mother,
once again
and lead me home.
Amen



OUR LADY OF GREAT CONSOLATION

She stands secure above the
world's unrest
To plead with God the sorrows of
our race;
A mother's smile relights her
thoughtful face
As each lone soul creeps sadly to
her breast.
Within her arms (O arms so softly
pressed
About her Babe!) each one may
find a place



Who yearns for love and that all-sacred grace
With which at last earth's weary ones are blest.

Each one to her can falter out the tale
Of tasks attempted, how results would fail
The soul's ideal and the heart's desire;
And when, at last, the childish murmurs cease,
With soothing glance she gives the griever peace
And strength to brave the daytime's purging fire.

– Howard V. Sutherland

Happy Mothers Day! In years gone by at St. Gertrude the Great, this holiday vied with Easter and Christmas for churchgoing, this dear festival of our own mother, and of the Blessed Mother. The situation is different now. The first generation is pretty much gone, and the priorities have changed. But still, and always, there remains the mother! God bless all who help for today and these beautiful days of May. God bless our mothers. Isn't the May Altar beautiful in the Queen's white and blue?

Vespers and Benediction ran a bit over last Sunday, and it was a blessing brought by the Blessed Mother, giving her Son "a good crowd" to bless from the Monstrance. We sing the Litany of Loretto in May, and that takes a few minutes longer, so the 5:45 flock (except for the "Cushion Club," who carefully wait out the sermon) was in place already, joining the Vesper Devout in pretty nice numbers for Benediction. Oh, if only you knew how pleasing it is to Our Lady to honor her and her Son at Vespers and Devotions you'd come, every one! The village Pontmain was saved from the Germans in the Franco-Prussian War by Our Lady of Hope, who appeared there for this very reason. The villagers always returned to church the afternoon of the Lord's Day. It is *His* day, after all. That, and the devout pastor who "enthroned the crucifix" in every home in his parish. Do you have one in a place of honor?

Last week's cold wet took us back to March, didn't it? While none of us would care to repeat the dreadful events of the Covid Conspiracy (which is certainly not yet over), still we must repeat our acts of gratitude and confidence. We have been so blessed. Was it perhaps because of our many prayers, solemn liturgy *and* devotions that we were spared? In any case, our daily Mass attendance is higher than ever before, and it is *mostly young people*. May this be a lasting fruit from all of this grief.

The enemy certainly plans permanent changes for us, and it remains to be seen if they will succeed. Remember St. John Capistrano's program: Initiative, Organization, Action! And prayers, always prayers. There seems to be some stirring of a resistance to the masked Communist/Fascist One Worlders who are planning to take over our country, our world, because 0.0023 percent of us have died of this year's flu.

Nobody talks about the 22 million Americans now out of work though. But there is that Texas lady with the improbable last name of Luther who not only talked, she acted. She and her staff of hair stylists needed to feed their children, and reopened. She was jailed, but the popular out-roar (the serfs) intimidated the governor into releasing her. "Do not go gently..." Make an out-roar. They'll hear you both in Heaven (prayer), and earth (protest).

A Novus Ordo priest on Twitter summarized it nicely. "Maybe the US has a fighting chance if we priests can muster up enough courage as a Texas hair stylist." A good goal for all of us. Be with me on this.



I am amazed and edified to read that some of the main "R & R" types of the Conciliar Church's conservative wing (Vigano, Schneider, Matt, etc.), have not only understood but are actually *doing* something about this Covid Conspiracy. They're famous for publishing letters to no purpose, but this one actually will do much good. They warn the coronavirus is being used by world leaders to impose a dictatorship over ordinary people, denying them their basic rights, "the disturbing prelude to the realization of a world government beyond all control." Amen, Brother Ben!

The Pius X Society, no stranger to the imposition of a dictatorship and denying followers basic rights, has mocked the very idea of a conspiracy. I am still amazed at how our Kentucky cousins have been "neutralized" after just a few years under the Pius X Society. One blogger notes they have "totally lost the basic common sense even so-called conservative and traditional Catholics still possess." Much could be said on the subject.

Rob Brockman died on Friday, well fortified with the Sacraments of Holy Church. Rob and his wife Jane and children were members here since the early 80s, so long faithful to the 7:30 each Sunday, after which Rob would quietly light a candle to the Blessed Mother. He died on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, who receives the soul and presents it in the sight of the Most High. Rob and Jane often attended the Tuesday Mass as well. One year they started with the 13 Tuesdays of St. Anthony, and decided to continue. His funeral is scheduled for Tuesday. May he rest in peace.

With a prayer to the Blessed Mother for you all, for our church and children and especially for our mothers, living and deceased.

– Bishop Dolan

A DEDICATION

The beautiful entablature, drawing the six statues in the sanctuary together and joining them to the altar, is dedicated by the generous cabinetmaker who produced them, to the memory of Richie VandeRyt. "Whenever he served, there was order, in every detail of the Mass through his direction. I propose that these platforms give a finished kind of detail to the sanctuary, that he would've liked."

What a sacrifice you would ask if you requested a child not to love his own mother! How wondrously sweet to fulfill our task of loving our Heavenly Mother!

✠ CALENDAR

MON	5/11/20	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intentions (<i>P.T. & A.M. Omlor</i>) 11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 3:10 PM May Devotions
TUE	5/12/20	SS. NEREUS & COMPANIONS, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass †Mary Macchia (<i>Rose Simpson Wellman</i>) 11:00 AM Rosary, Requiem High Mass †Robert Brockman 3:10 PM May Devotions ☞ 5:10 PM Low Mass †Steve Briggs (<i>Christopher Browne</i>)
WED	5/13/20	ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE, BPCD <i>OUR LADY OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intentions – My son David (<i>HY</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Special Intention (<i>Jennifer Richesson</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions ☞ 5:45 PM Low Mass In thanksgiving to Our Lady for prayers answered (<i>RMAS</i>) 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
THU	5/14/20	ST. BONIFACE, M ☞ 7:00 AM Low Mass My Mother (<i>Tobias Bayer</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass For my soul & all the Poor Souls (<i>Steve Briggs</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Mr. Richard VandeRyt (<i>Mary Rizzo</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions
FRI	5/15/20	ST. JOHN BAPTIST DE LA SALLE, C <i>ST. DYMPHNA, VM</i> 8:00 AM Low Mass For my children & Godchildren (<i>Mary L.</i>) 11:05 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass †Richard C. VandeRyt (<i>St. Gertrude the Great School</i>) 3:10 PM May Devotions 5:15 PM Rosary & Confessions 5:45 PM Low Mass Special Intention (In thanksgiving) (<i>JC Simpson</i>) 6:30 PM Novena & Benediction
SAT	5/16/20	ST. UBALDUS, BPC <i>ST. JOHN NEPOMUCENE, M • ST. BRENDAN, C</i> 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Jude Smith (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 8:05 AM Regina Coeli, May Devotions, Sermon 8:35 AM High Mass Fr. Cekada's recovery (<i>Rebecca Stump</i>)
SUN	5/17/20	EASTER V <i>ST. PASCHAL BAYLON, C</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Rich VandeRyt (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass †Richard VandeRyt (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Becky Uhlenbrock – Good Health (<i>The Fathers</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers, May Devotions, & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

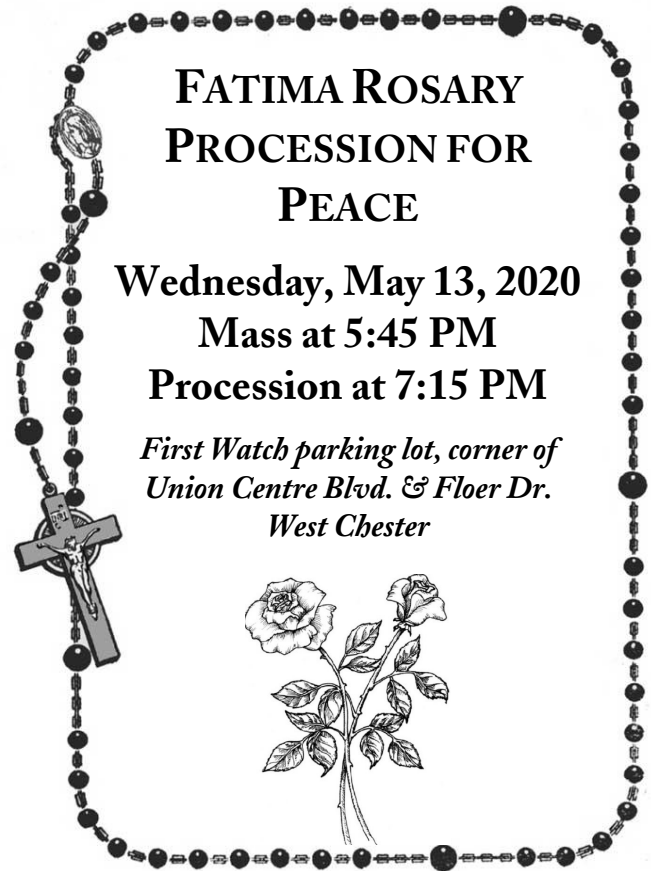
Mass said Privately by Bishop Dolan: †Joe Stugmyer (Patsy McConnell)

BLESSED MOTHER

What will be the joy of the loving servant of Mary when he sees for the first time and experiences the celestial tenderness of her maternal love.

Mary is the unusual mother in this: that God filled her heart with love enough to pour it out upon the whole world.

He would not have given her the privilege of being our mother, without giving her corresponding love to perfectly fulfill that office. Can anyone imagine a mother without love for her children?



"We are her sons. Whether we remain faithful like the beloved apostle, or have become slaves of sin. A mother does not cease to love her sons when she sees them being led astray, by error or by vice. She loves them more than ever and does not give up appealing to them to return to the straight path. It should be a great consolation to us to realize that we have Mary as our Mother. She loves us very much and takes a maternal interest in us, whether we are leading good lives or have fallen into sin. In life and in death, she is our most powerful protectress."

– Antonio Cardinal Bacci

Servers

SUN 5/17 7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros.
9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: J. Lacy, M. Simpson TH: Na. McClorey ACs: P. Omlor, J. Kolenich TORCH: D. & T. England, J. Stewart, C. Arlinghaus
11:30 AM Low: A McClorey, N. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM Low: G. Miller