

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 9, 2020

PENTECOST X

ST. JOHN VIANNEY, C

ST. ROMANUS, M • ST. EMIGDIUS, BPM

¶ PENTECOST X

Today we begin a Triduum to St. Philomena. There are no Vespers.

¶ THIS WEEK

Our feast day week opens with a Feast of Devotion for **St. Lawrence**, one of the great saints of the Roman Catholic Church. The great miracle worker **St. Philomena** comes on **Tuesday**, and shares our devotions with **Our Mother of Perpetual Help** and **St. Anthony**. Our **Fatima Rosary Procession** for Peace is on **Thursday** at **7:15 PM** in West Chester. **Mass** beforehand at **5:45 PM**. The **Holy Day Masses** are at **7:30 AM** and **9:00 AM**.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ST. JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY

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

📖 **Set Your Missal:** St. Joachim, with commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XI. Preface of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Fr. Cekada, Edmund Strauss, and all of the intentions that have been recommended to us.

"We should consider those moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament as the happiest of our lives."
— St. John Vianney

I Love You, O My God

By St. John Marie Baptiste Vianney (1786-1859)

I love You,
O my God
and my only desire is
to love You
until the last breath
of my life.
I love You,
O my infinitely
lovable God
and I would rather die
loving You,
than live without
loving You.
I love You, Lord
and the only grace
I ask,
is to love You
eternally My God,
if my tongue
cannot say
in every moment
that I love You,
I want my heart
to repeat it to You
as often as I
draw breath.
Amen



"The Holy Spirit leads us along, as a mother leads her two year old child by the hand, as a sighted person leads a blind one. We should say each morning: 'Oh my God, send me Your Holy Spirit who will make me understand what I am and what You are...' A soul who possesses the Holy Spirit enjoys an exquisite taste in prayer, it never loses the holy presence of God."

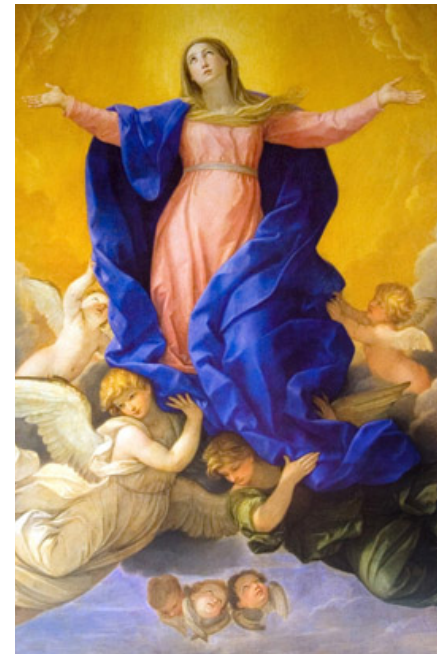
— St. John Vianney

Collection Report

Sunday, August 2nd.....\$5,101.00
Second Collection.....\$1,481.00
Alter Christus.....\$114.00

¶ FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

On Saturday we keep the Summer Holy Day of Obligation, Our Lady's Assumption. The Low Mass is at **7:30 AM**. At **9:00 AM** we bless the First Fruits and Flowers at the grotto. 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 Pontifical High Mass, at approximately **9:30**.



*Fatima Rosary Procession
for Peace*

Thursday, 7:15 PM

LIKE THE TEACHER AND MASTER

Our perfect rest is Paradise. Here below we must stay near Jesus, and upon earth, Jesus presents Himself above all upon the cross: That is His official portrait. He gives us little joys so that we may be able to endure life and merit our heaven, but He blends a portion of the cross with them. He will certainly give you the grace to manage your affairs if you confide yourself to His love. Don't think too much of the future. Live in the present. The future will bring its own grace when the trial comes....

Blosius, a great Benedictine mystic, says that the best form of mortification is to accept with all our heart, in spite of our repugnance, all that God sends or permits, good and evil, joy and suffering. I try to do this. Let us try to do it together, and to help one another to reach that absolute abandonment into the hands of God....

Keep your soul set at large and act with the holy liberty of the children of God who has taken possession of your soul, and if you abandon yourself without reserve to His wisdom and love, He will send you many mortifications far better than any you could choose for yourself.

When a soul is yielded up to Jesus, out of love and without reserve, He takes her, He keeps her near His Heart, and by a providence full of divine wisdom and love, He provides her with a thousand occasions of practicing patience. Now patience has a perfect work. Patience perfects our soul, for, as St. Benedict says: "It is by patience that we share in the sufferings of Christ."

— Bl. Columba Marmion, O.S.B.



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.

Fatima Rosary Procession in West Chester



5:45 PM Low Mass
7:15 PM Thursday
Pray for peace!

THE ASSUMPTION

Tears glistened in their shining eyes,
As on May fields the morning dew—
The Seraphim attentive stood
Till silently "The Twelve" withdrew.

Enraptured choirs of angels sang,
Bearing the Queen through realms of space,
And lauded at the Starry Throne
The glorious gladness of God's face!

Father and Son and Spouse rejoiced
That Mary Queen of Heaven should reign!...

And Thomas saw white roses bloom
Within the tomb where She had lain.

— Rev. Paul A. Stauder, S.J.



"There is one thing everyone can do, whether they find it hard to meditate or not, and that is to make up their mind in the morning, to cultivate some particular virtue during the day, to practice the interior Presence of God and to live their life in union with Him." — St. John Vianney

"To serve the Queen of Heaven is already to reign there and to live under her commands, is more than to govern."

— St. John Vianney

What a delightful taste of Autumn Wednesday's cool bright morning brought us, and lingered for a few days. Wednesday fittingly, for it was the feast of *Our Lady of the Snows*. Such a refreshing prospect would snow be in the midst of Summer heat. These beautiful mornings are a reminder and invitation to prayer, to Mass even as you start your day. Daily Mass attendance continues relatively strong. On Sundays we continue to attract visitors, who take the place of former regulars. People float anymore, but our anchor is the steady Catholic, our virtual as well as actual faithful.

We wonder what the world, the future, holds for us in these days of worldwide Marxist revolution. It seems that all of the "news" and all of the rules are based on lies, lies within lies, within lies. We do well to concentrate on our Faith, our family, our friends, and to move away from the other things, for they have been taken away from us in large measure, anyway. The rest is only servitude and deception. How sad it is to see a masked nation, muzzled like dogs, as **Fr. Lehtoranta** commented after his recent trip to Milwaukee. Mass brainwashing, the paralysis of fear. "Be not afraid of their fear."

We envy the Sisters, in a way, as they have moved now to rural Louisiana, and to a more contemplative life. (St. Benedict is joining them, but we're thinking this opens up a space for God's Grandmother, good St. Anne.) But the truth is that no one can, or will be allowed to escape the coming New World Order. They will come for everyone in due time. That is why a sane, spiritual, balanced but realistic viewpoint is crucial. Reorder your priorities, so that you may not be caught unprepared.

But in the meantime, do what you can. Thursday's public procession is a good opportunity. Come and pray with us, while you still can. How many threatened revolutions and Godless regimes were defeated by the Rosary?

And if Thursday evening's Rosary Procession is important, and it is, how much more so the Saturday feast of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation? Let us give God His due, and honor His Mother, and They shall look after us.

Fr. McGuire is taking a short break these days. I've gone to Milwaukee (with some trepidation), my first trip since **Fr. Cekada's** strokes started in January, and the Plandemic was imposed in March. But the faithful at St. Hugh need Confirmation, and **Fr. McKenna** is kindly looking after Father, still weak

after his latest hospital stay. Busy days these, much juggling of schedules and many arrangements to make things work. But everyone helps in different ways.

I still need to figure out a way, if possible, to attend to my foreign missions, for an Ordination and Confirmations. How life has changed in a few months' time.

But on the local front and the bright side, we are anticipating an excellent school enrollment for September, our largest in years. Several families have moved here for the school, others for the Church. It is an excellent instinct to gather together around the Mass and Blessed Sacrament. The angels have surely protected us here. St. Gertrude the Great is, in a way, as much a monastic or religious community, as it is a church, and certainly a kind of family. Thank you for being part of it, for assisting us, and each other, in so many ways. "Juncta juvant," they say. "It helps to be together," you could translate this.

But pray, pray very hard. The lesson of last week's Transfiguration is to seek Jesus, to see "no one, but only Jesus," and then, strengthened, to do your duty. He touches us, the Lord does, and tells us not to be afraid.

Pax vobis.

– Bishop Dolan



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

5:45 PM Votive Low Mass of the Immaculate Heart
7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession



FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION

8:00 AM Low Mass of the Vigil, opening of the Assumption Novena
5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary
5:45 PM Low Mass of the Vigil
6:30 PM Opening of the Assumption Novena, Devotions, Benediction



SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, HOLY DAY

7:30 AM Low Mass
9:00 AM Blessing of First Fruits & Flowers at the grotto. *Bring your Garden Produce and Flowers to be blessed.*
9:30 AM (approx.) Pontifical High Mass

MON	8/10/20	ST. LAWRENCE, M
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
TUE	8/11/20	SS. TIBURTIUS, M & SUSANNA, VM <i>ST. PHILOMENA, VM</i> <i>Summer Novena IX follows all Masses</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Elaine Clingman (<i>Suzanne & Chris Clingman</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Christopher Richesson – Happy Birthday (<i>Fr. Lehtoranta</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass Thank you St. Philomena (<i>Regina Schneider</i>)
WED	8/12/20	ST. CLARE, V
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Intentions of Rob & Corinne Sheahan (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>) <i>No 8 AM Mass</i>
	5:10 PM	Low Mass †Robert Brockman (<i>Mary Colsmeier</i>)
THU	8/13/20	SS. HIPPOLYTUS & CASSIAN, MM <i>ST. JOHN BERCHMANS, C</i> <i>OUR LADY REFUGE OF SINNERS</i>
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Ethan Bubba (<i>Hunter Lumbatis</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Irene Ulanowski & †Jan Groen (<i>Colleen Eldracher</i>)
	☞ 5:45 PM	Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary †Ambassador Lawrence J. Pezzulo (<i>Anny Reilly</i>)
	7:15 PM	Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace
FRI	8/14/20	VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION <i>ST. EUSEBIUS, C</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass David Tseng – for health, safety & spiritual guidance (H.Y.) Opening of Assumption Novena
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Hunter Lumbatis (<i>William Young</i>)
	6:30 PM	Assumption Novena, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	8/15/20	THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY <i>HOLY DAY</i>
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday Dad (<i>Daniel Brueggemann</i>)
	9:00 AM	Blessing of First Fruits, Procession
	9:30 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
SUN	8/16/20	ST. JOACHIM, FATHER OF OUR LADY <i>PENTECOST XI</i> <i>ST. ROCH, C</i>
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Nathalie Andreotta – Happy Birthday (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass †Virgil McCormick (<i>Margaret & Albert Daniel Kinnett</i>)
	4:45 PM	Vespers with Benediction
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Grayson’s cardiologist & cardiac surgeon team – special intentions (<i>Marge Kitchen</i>)

THE MASS: REDEMPTION’S POWER

According to the definition of the Church, the redemptive act of Christ has an infinite value and efficacy. It makes satisfaction for any guilt whatsoever, repairs fully any offense against God, even though its gravity is infinite. It satisfies for all the sins of men, and still more. It compensates for all the rebellions against God, all the apostasies, all the acts of despair and presumption, all the feelings of hatred, and all kinds of crime. It merits all graces for even the most degraded souls, provided they are not stubbornly fixed in evil. It is impossible to think of a limit to the efficacy of the redemptive act.

– Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.

✠ *Jesus fed five thousand, but only five hundred followed Him after lunch. He had twelve Apostles, but only three went further in the Garden, and only one stood with Him at the cross. The closer you get to the cross, the smaller the crowd becomes.* ✠

Life itself teaches us that the strength of a soul in the midst of trial and temptations comes from its practical and experiential consciousness of the infinite value of Redemption, of the omnipotent efficacy of Christ’s death on the cross. In the confessional one day a poor woman was explaining to the priest the moral anguish in which she found herself. She was abandoned by her husband, her sons, and by all; she was seriously calumniated by those on whom she should have been able to rely; she was sick and tormented by hunger. The priest, seeing that he was dealing with a true Christian, said to her directly: “Our Lord suffered more than you, for love of you.” That poor woman, with full conviction, exclaimed: “That’s true, it’s really true!” She again found her strength and was able to continue on her way.

– Fr. Reginald Garrigou-Lagrange, O.P.

“It is no longer a question of having freedom to indulge folly, but of not having freedom to refuse folly.”

– G.K. Chesterton

§ Servers

SAT 8/15	7:30 AM Low: T. Bayer 9:00 AM High: MCs: J. Lacy, P. Omlor, M. Simpson TH: C. Richesson ACs: D. McConnell, N. McClorey CROSS: A. McConnell BOOK: P. McClorey BUGIA: A. McClorey MITRE: D. Simpson CROZIER: C. Arlinghaus TRAIN/GREMIALE: S. Richesson TORCH: S. Richesson, N. Kolenich, D. England, T. England, A. McClorey, P. McClorey
SUN 8/16	7:30 AM Low: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM High: CHAPLAINS: P. Omlor, M. Simpson TH: D. Simpson ACs: C. Arlinghaus, T. England TORCH: D. England, M., N., & J. Kolenich 11:30 AM Low: Na. McClorey, A.D. Kinnett 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM Low: G. Miller