

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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June 6, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE • PENTECOST II • ST. NORBERT, BPC



¶ CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY

Today we celebrate the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi**. **First Holy Communions** take place during the High Mass, with the annual outdoor **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** following. (The Blessing of Religious Articles will be transferred to the 20th.)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues until after the Procession. Plan to make a visit! **Exposition and Vespers** are at **4:45**, followed by the final Benediction of the day. Sunday classes are finished for the season.

¶ THIS WEEK

Calling all Christians! Come and adore your God. Come to Mass and Holy Communion and Benediction. Bring back each First Communicant for another sweet Communion with Jesus in the Sacred Heart.

Each day during the Octave, Mass will be offered before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed, followed by Benediction. Consult the Calendar. On Friday we make Reparation for our neglect and sins, and those of others, by the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Saturday's St. John of Sahagun also marks the feast of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.



¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Girls' Camp: June 15-17

St. John's Eve Parish Picnic & Bonfire: Wednesday, June 23

2021 YAG: July 9-11

Boys' Camp: July 27-29



Congratulations
to our

First Communicants:

Samson England

Andrew Mann

Isaac Smith

Catherine Alter

Lily Kamphaus

Eleanora McGinnis

Madalyn McKnight

Cecilia Miller

Clara Plucker

Molly Plucker

Clara Young

¶ GAIN THE INDULGENCES!

The faithful who visit the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi and during the Octave may obtain a plenary indulgence on each day on the condition of confession and Holy Communion within eight days.

The faithful who receive Holy Communion for the first time or are present at the First Communion of others are granted a plenary indulgence on the usual conditions.

¶ THE SACRED HEART

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday, June 11th, should be marked with special fervor in our families where He has been enthroned as King of Love. Decorate your Sacred Heart shrine, renew your consecrations as a family and receive Holy Communion at the 8, 11:25 AM or the 5:45 PM Mass.


This feast offers us an opportunity to make reparation to His Sacred Heart for our coldness and indifference to the Blessed Sacrament, as well as to remember just how much He loves us. Make an effort to attend an extra Mass in His honor during the Octave.

Remember, this is a feast Our Lord specifically requested personally of St. Margaret Mary. Shouldn't you come?

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SACRED HEART

The **St. Anthony Blessing of Lilies**

follows the 7:30 AM Mass next Sunday. The High Mass is the **Graduation Mass** for our St. Gertrude the Great High School Seniors. Vespers with Sacred Heart Devotions will be

at 4:45 PM, followed by Benediction. Our second **Fatima Rosary Procession** for Peace takes place in West Chester at 7:15 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Sunday within the Octave of the Sacred Heart, with commemorations of Pentecost III and St. Anthony of Padua. Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost III. Preface of the Sacred Heart.



FOOD THAT ENDURES

In this ineffable mystery of the Eucharist, Jesus Christ is the true nourishment of our souls. When we receive His Body and Blood, His life permeates ours down to the depths of our heart. We remain in Him, and He remains in us, not just in a spiritual manner by grace but substantially and corporeally, to the point of becoming in a sort of way one body and blood with us. After Communion, the Savior furthermore resides in us by His virtue. He animates us, keeps us in the life of grace, fortifies us against the temptations of the devil and the violence of our passions, weakens the ardor of our concupiscence, enlightens our souls, increases the divine love in our hearts, consoles us in all our pains and afflictions, and finally gives a pledge of eternal bliss for our souls and a seed of the resurrection and glorious immortality for our bodies.

Oh my Jesus, give me the grace to perceive the blessings of the Bread of Angels descended from heaven for me! For as Thou deignest to be my nourishment, prepare my heart as well, that I may receive Thee worthily and frequently. Give me a habitual disposition of living faith, firm hope, ardent charity, profound humility, complete confidence, and perfect gratitude. May the benefit of this Food serve especially to animate me entirely to Thy Spirit, so that I may live no more except for Thee, by Thee, and through Thee. Amen.

— *Blessed Hyacinthe-Marie Cormier*



Lumen Christi

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

**Leonard & Michael Tarulli –
restore their health and St. Michael’s
protection from evil**
(Maureen Scanlon)

¶ **SUMMER MODESTY**

Summer is here and the temperature is high, but modesty does not take a break, and neither does our dress code. **Ladies and girls**, please remember Mary-like modesty: dresses and skirts must be below the knee, and no sleeveless, “cap” sleeved, sheer, or revealing tops are to be worn in church at any time. Your head must be covered. **Men and boys must wear a coat and tie to Sunday and Holy Day Mass.** Our church is kept cool so that you can easily follow this common sense dress code, which reflects the basic rules of Catholic modesty, fraternal charity, and the reverence and respect that is due to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and to His day.



¶ **YOUR PRAYERS**

Please pray for Rhonda Soeder, in hospital; Rick Woods, cancer; Nancy Seyfried, chemo; one special intention, and for Fr. Nkamuke’s safety.

Collection Report

Sunday, May 30th\$6,541.00

According to Croatian tradition, when a couple prepares to marry, they don’t tell them they’ve found the perfect person at church. Instead, the priest says to them “You have found your cross. It is a cross to love, to carry with you, a cross that is not thrown away but treasured.”

TO A LITTLE FRIEND

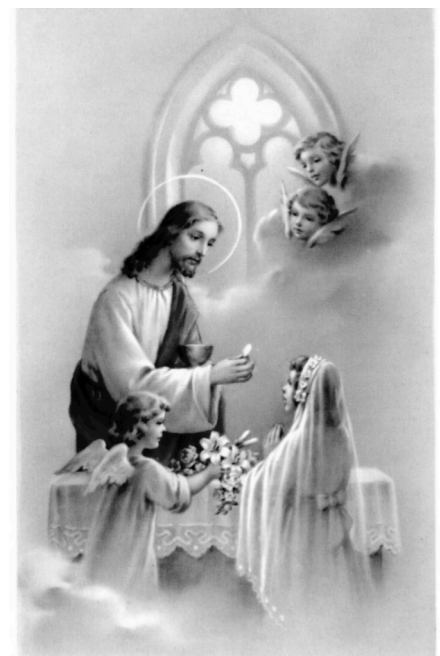
May angel faces smile upon thee, dear
And angel voices sing a joyful lay;
May golden sunshine flood the heavens clear,
Thy First Communion Day!

May all the love those angel smiles suggest,
And all the sweetness of their voices gay,
Unite, to make the happiest and best,
Thy First Communion Day!

May our dear Lord come down from heaven above
To rule within thy heart in holy sway,
And find a dwelling-place of purest love,
Thy First Communion Day!

An old, old friend—a priest—at Holy Mass
Will fondly think of thee, and often pray
That paradise be promised thee, sweet lass,
Thy First Communion Day!

— *T.A.M.*



“I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me, shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me, shall never thirst.”

Memorial Day. "No rest for the wicked," as my mother used to say, and her mother before her. We were up and at it early Monday, after a memorable Pentecost weekend, to honor our Queen, close Mary's month with prayer and remember our dead. All was done, and fairly expeditiously. Later that morning Fr. McKenna barbequed some lunch for us, which we all enjoyed. After a wee bit of rest our front porch chef and I headed south to beautiful Kentucky (you can see why people are crazy attached to the Commonwealth) for a fine party honoring our three (there was a fourth, but he was working) home school graduates. The Arlinghaus home (I always wanted to write that) is actually quite an estate, perfect for the many faithful who gathered for this happy occasion in such a bucolic setting. A wonderful party with perfect weather.

I came to honor our graduates, but somehow got in on the honors, with a birthday cake (I managed to blow out all seventy candles!), "vintage wine," cards and good wishes. Our school children at church hosted me for fast food and cupcakes on Pentecost Thursday. So, I've been doing quite a bit of celebrating. Many, many thanks for cards, cakes and good wishes. I was very touched.

The weather went south on Tuesday, dark, heavy and finally wet for days, inducing a lethargy felt even by the cats. Probably God sent it to make the Corpus Christi glory within our church all the more splendid. The altar glowed with golden flowers and candles, unseen angels and faithful adorers around the Lamb upon His throne.

The weather broke on First Friday morning, welcome energizing sun waiting when the fog lifted. Daily adoration continues all *eight* days of the Octave, but today is the high point, with First Communion and Procession and three Benedictions.

We always hope for and welcome those who will adore with us these last days now of Corpus Christi, leading up to Friday's feast (it's a *family* feast, remember) of the Sacred Heart. You all should make an effort to come again even once on a weekday, *even* if it's against your religion. You won't regret it in the big picture of things.

But save a bit of your fire for *next* Sunday evening, when we meet for the June Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace in West Chester. It's also St. Anthony's Day, so lilies will be blessed in the morning, after the 7:30 AM Mass. The High Mass is the Graduation Mass for our High School Seniors.

Last Tuesday we had an excellent Tea Party meeting. Dr. Frank explained to us *how* the bad guys managed to steal the national election last year. Once he broke down the figures, he was able accurately to predict how each

county "voted," for the bloodless coup d'état which took our country, part of the ongoing Communist revolution.



Your Masses and Communion of Reparation are everything these June Sacred Heart days. Make them, offer them in reparation, and you are not only pious but patriotic!

May the Sacred Heart be King of Love in your home.

– Bishop Dolan

"A root of mass stupidity in our contemporary society is the cultural indoctrination of a 'civic virtue' called conformity. Among the first things a 'conformer' sacrifices, in exchange for an addict-like transient sedative of compliance to group-think, is his own mind.

"Thus, the collectivist hive-mind measures 'intelligence,' not by critical thinking powers, but by how obedient one is to prevailing consensus!"



Sunday Gospel Meditation
YOUR CHOICE

Now they make excuses. Not flimsy ones
but events they could've foreseen.
You do not marry Tuesday and know nothing
of it on Monday. I've invited you many times

and always excuses. It's insulting!
Now shanks of lamb lie on the platter,
wine poured in my best goblets and I am ashamed
with an empty banquet hall. For months

I've planned this feast: pigeon eggs,
grouse livers, roasted locusts with vinegar,
walnut bread still warm. Now hear this!
Not one drop of my Hebron wine will ever

flow down your throats. I'm not a weak flame.
If you blow out my candle, you'll sit in the dark.
By choice you exclude yourselves. And yes,
it matters whether you come or not. But be under

no illusion; it will not all turn out as you wish....

Life's not a game of chess where,
after I check your King, we box the pieces
to start again tomorrow. No second game.

– Fr. Kilian McDonnell

This is rather severe, isn't it. But some of our people need it. It's a great poem, as it makes the Gospel parable quite alive.

✠ CALENDAR

MON	6/7/21	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 8:00 AM Low Mass Alyssa Smith (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 5:00 PM Exposition, Vespers 5:45 PM High Mass, Benediction Fr. Nkamuke & his Nigerian Missions (<i>Richesson Family</i>)
TUE	6/8/21	WITHIN THE OCTAVE 7:00 AM Low Mass Hunter Lumbatis (<i>Alexander Krawczyk</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass, Exposition Mary Miller – 90 th Birthday (<i>Denise & John Riggs</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass, Benediction In thanksgiving to my parents †John & †Virginia (<i>Amy</i>)
WED	6/9/21	WITHIN THE OCTAVE • Ss. PRIMUS & FELICIAN, MM <i>OUR LADY MOTHER OF GRACE</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Rich VandeRyt (<i>Mary & children</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass, Exposition Fr. McGuire (<i>Soli Family</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass, Benediction †Ed Strauss 5:15 PM Low Mass †Chuck Bellavia (1 st Anniversary)
THU	6/10/21	OCTAVE DAY OF CORPUS CHRISTI <i>ST. MARGARET, W</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Veronica Briggs</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass, Exposition Happy Anniversary Joseph & Jacinta Young (<i>Bill & Terri Young</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass, Benediction Fr. Philip Eldracher – Special Intentions (<i>Christy Nguyen</i>)
FRI	6/11/21	SACRED HEART OF JESUS 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention Deceased (<i>Yen Nguyen</i>) 11:06 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass School servers & choir – thanks for your dedication (<i>A friend</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Anthony Brueggemann & seminarians (<i>Dan, Mary & family</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	6/12/21	ST. JOHN OF SAHAGUN, C <i>Ss. BASILIDES & COMPANIONS, MM</i> <i>MOST PURE HEART OF MARY</i> 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Mom (<i>Vincent Brueggemann</i>) 8:05 AM Salve & Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass For my family (<i>Jason Murray</i>)
SUN	6/13/21	SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE SACRED HEART <i>PENTECOST III • ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, CD</i> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Donna Akers (<i>Arlinghaus</i>) Blessing of Lilies 9:00 AM High Mass †Fr. Anthony Cekada (<i>St. Gertrude the Great School</i>) St. Gertrude the Great School Graduations 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass To Our Lady – Mary Undoer of Knots for favors received (<i>Joe Druecker</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace

CATECHISM CORNER

Every Christian is, moreover, bound to keep the commandments of God's Church.

1. We must sanctify Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation by devout attendance at Holy Mass, and by resting from servile work.

2. We must strictly observe those days of fasting and abstinence appointed by ecclesiastical authority.

3. We must humbly confess our sins at least once a year to a priest. (To be continued.)

"The evil was not in bread and circuses, per se, but in the willingness of the people to sell their rights as free men for full bellies and the excitement of games which would serve to distract them from the other human hungers which bread and circuses can never appease."

– Marcus Tullius Cicero



Our Beloved Dead – June

Rose Gough	6-03-2001
Dr. Philip Binzel	6-06-2003
Joyce Rentschler	6-06-2009
Alexander Fulton	6-06-2015
Phillip Schmelzer	6-10-2019
Betty C. Wilson	6-10-1998
Angela Segrist	6-12-2019
Filomena Murawski	6-13-1998
Huland "H.O." Hinton	6-13-2014
Peter Francis Butler	6-14-1989
Fairbanks Blanton,	6-19-1990
Thomas Payne	6-20-2014
Gwyn Ritze	6-22-1998
Jacob A. Nies	6-23-1991
Loraine Gates	6-27-2018
Joan Landry	6-27-2020
Brian Joseph McMahan	6-30-2016

Servers

MON 6/7	5:45 PM HIGH: P. Omlor, M. & D. Simpson
TUE 6/8	9:00 AM HIGH: School boys
WED 6/9	9:00 AM HIGH: P. Omlor, M. & D. Simpson
THU 6/10	9:00 AM HIGH: School boys
FRI 6/11	11:25 AM HIGH: School boys
SUN 6/13	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros. 9:00 AM HIGH: MC: P. Omlor CHAPLAINS: C. Richesson, J. Lacy CROSS: S. Richesson TH: Na. McClorey ACS: A. McClorey, A. McConnell TORCH: C. VanderPutten, J. Stewart, J. & C. McGinnis 11:30 AM LOW: J. & N. Kolenich 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller 5:45 PM LOW: G. Miller