



ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

4900 Rialto Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069 • (513) 645-4212
parishoffice@sgg.org • bpdolan@sgg.org • www.sgg.org • www.SGGResources.org
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

Most Reverend Daniel L. Dolan, Pastor • Rev. Charles McGuire
Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Stephen McKenna

February 13, 2022 SEPTUAGESIMA



¶ SEPTUAGESIMA



Today we close our triduum to Our Lady of Lourdes, with the Blessing of the Sick after all

Masses. The Blessing of Religious Articles will be available afterwards. Don't miss the **St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale** in Helfta Hall. Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.



¶ THIS WEEK

Monday is St. Valentine's Day.

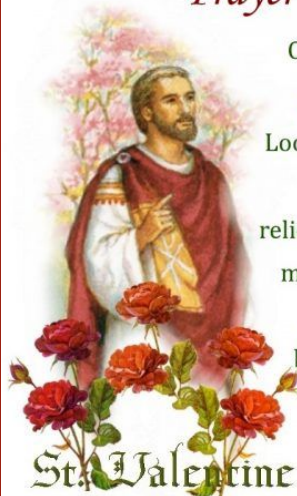
Pray for our young people who are courting or engaged. On **Wednesday** we pray for all of our Purgatorial Society members at the monthly Requiem High Mass. **Friday** is the feast of St. Bernadette, and the second week of the **Sorrowful Mother Novena**, which follows the evening Mass, along with another Blessing of the Sick. Send us the names of the sick for whom you wish us to pray.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: SEXAGESIMA

The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail after all Masses. Catechism Classes at 10:40 AM, Vespers with Benediction at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Sexagesima, second collect of Our Lady & All the Saints, third for the Church. Trinity Preface.

Prayer to Saint Valentine



O glorious advocate and protector, St. Valentine, look with pity upon our wants, hear our prayers, relieve by your intercession the miseries under which we labor, and obtain for us the divine blessing, that we may be found worthy to join you in praising the Almighty for all eternity: through the merits of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Share Catholic
www.ShareCatholic.com

A Valentine

No flowers are sweet enough to send!
No written words, to such a friend,
Can half my love impart.
So, kneeling here before His shrine,
I leave for you a valentine
Within the Sacred Heart.

— Alice Pauline Clark

Lumen Christi

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

That I may be able to attend church regularly.
(Matthew Rand)

Collection Report

Sunday, February 6th.....\$5,084.00
Second Collection.....\$2,160.00

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

Sodality of Charity Meeting: Saturday, February 26.

Ash Wednesday: March 2, a day of ashes and Holy Masses to start Lent.

The first of Lenten Friday Evenings of Recollection: March 4, with 5:45 PM Mass followed by supper and Stations.

Altar Boy Day: Saturday, March 5
St. Joseph's Feast Day with St. Joseph's Table for the poor: Saturday, March 19.

Children's Day of Recollection: Wednesday, March 23.

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Friday, March 25.

Seminarian Sunday: March 27 after morning Masses.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Ralph Otis, Margaret Sutton, Kevin Weller, Deborah Eby and the repose of the soul of †Roman Zimmerman.



Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us

PRAYER FOR SEPTUAGESIMA
SUNDAY



Bless, O Lord, this new liturgical season which opens today. By penetrating its spirit may we be disposed, with Thine aid, for a serious reform of our spiritual lives. Let us then, with St. Paul, "run in the race" that we may "receive the prize." Infuse in us, O Lord, new strength to take up more eagerly the course which will lead us to win the "incorruptible crown" of sanctity. As we begin this prelude to Lent, the traditional time for spiritual reform, grant unto us a generous spirit to struggle to overcome ourselves, to conquer evil and achieve goodness; denial of self by humility; denial of the body by physical mortification. Only those who struggle and exert themselves will win the prize. Therefore let us also run in such a way as to obtain the reward. Amen.

¶ BOOKSTORE NEWS

New items and books just arrived. Kitchen Madonna cutting boards make a great wedding gift. Lenten reading is available on the movable shelf. First Communion cards, essentials and dresses are on display.



"In order to destroy the Catholic Church from within, party members were to be planted in seminaries and within diocesan organizations... I, myself, put some 1,200 men in Catholic seminaries... You will not recognize the Catholic Church."

- Bella Dodd

¶ LENTEN FRIDAY SUPPERS
Please provide dinner for Lenten Friday night devotions.

Potlucks can be nice, but the last several years we have had one or two persons cook each Friday for anyone attending the Lenten evening of recollection. You can enjoy the rest of Lenten Fridays without worrying about what to eat!

If you are new to SGG, Mass is at 5:45, with dinner, Stations of the Cross and sermon following.

Volunteers will be cooking meatless and for about 50 people. Your meal cost can be reimbursed; just turn in your outlay to the office. No dessert, but fruit may be provided. Drinks are usually water, tea, coffee, or maybe fruit juice. Each party signing up will pick the Friday that works for them, provide the set up, meal, and clean up. Paper products are supplied and located in the movable counter. Have a friend to help? A partner really lightens the load. It is suggested that one person make the main dish, the other partner provides drinks, bread, sides, and fruit.

March 4, 11, 18 & 25 and April 1 & 8 are the dates available. Team up and take your pick. Please let us know your date and menu so we can keep everything in order. We like to publish the menu ahead so everyone knows the easy delights available to them. You can email sgg-bookstore@gmail.com or the office parishoffice@sgg.org with questions and signup.

Let's plan ahead for a great Lent!

¶ LOST & FOUND

Have you been missing something? The Lost and Found is located in the social hall on the pew. There is quite the collection. Many children's books, missals, umbrellas, and even earrings can be found in the boxes there. Children's jackets and head coverings too. Please help us find the owners before the season gets busy. Uncollected nice items will be sent to the missions.



A PRIEST'S PRAYER TO OUR LADY

Mother of God, in thy surpassing grace
The Christian priest his glorious type may trace,

His functions study in thy life divine,
And blushing sigh for virtues like to thine.

What Holy Order to his soul should be
Was thy Conception's sanctity to thee;
A sacramental fount, a living well,
Whence all thy mighty stream of graces fell:—

That purest love, which, in thy lowly womb,
Made Heaven's great Exile find a royal home—
That thrill of rapturous joy, when Jesus prest
His infant lips upon thy Virgin Breast—

That strength to bear thy more than martyr's sword,
And murmur still: "The handmaid of the Lord."

Then, Lady, look with pity upon one
Who bears the priestly image of thy Son;

By whose unworthy hands and trembling breath

The Victim-Priest renews His mystic death;
Whose functions bind him to thy highest care,
While conscience cries: "Presumptuous man, beware!"

O glorious Queen, thy lamp was kindled bright

In thy Conception; yet through all the night,
Waiting the King of kings, thy prudent toil
Trimmed and replenished it with purest oil:

My priestly lamp burns dim; oh! Pray thy Spouse

Within my sluggish spirit to arouse
The grace the priestly character demands,
Pledged by the Pontiff's venerable hands.



*For Fr. Stephen McKenna,
who was ordained on the Feast of Our
Lady of Lourdes, February 11, 2012*

Septuagesima, the Church's Easter countdown, marks the first stirrings of "Holy Spring," and our penitential response as we begin to prepare for the Feast of Feasts. Start your Lenten planning now, so that when March and Ashes come in like a lion, you may be ready for the combat.



It's only February, but Spring keeps on popping up, doesn't it? I don't know what the Protestant groundhog did on February 2 in Pennsylvania, but here in West Chester Candlemas dawned "dark and grey, which means that winter will go away." Attendance has continued strong despite both seasonal and new afflictions, and of course the ice and snow. Tim Hopkins, who manages Mass on crutches, could not risk the ice, so warmer weather is a blessing for him and others, for us all.

Speaking of blessings, the Christmas put away was done on First Saturday almost entirely by our young people, some of them too young even to be "young adults." Behold the next generation at St. Gertrude the Great. Some of these dystopian days, so dark and heavy, we all need a bit of hope. That same cheering spirit warmed us on a dark Candlemas, with its beautiful Mass, the fine participation. Our Lord allows thus far our life to go on, and even seems to be granting us another breather, a bit of respite from the antics of the Scamdemic.

Speaking of hope, our young adults are now welcome to register for July's YAG. This comes just in time for St. Valentine's Day. By a curious route, this early Roman priest and martyr has come to be honored as the patron of courtship. May he bless our youth and our not so young who feel themselves called to the married state for God's glory and their own salvation. Courage!

We are cheered as well to be celebrating the tenth priestly anniversary of **Fr. Stephen McKenna**, our tireless missionary whose rounds take him each month from relatively balmy Texas to deeply frozen North Dakota. Happy trails to you, dear Father, with every blessing and great spiritual fruit for your labor in the Lord's vineyard.

Help for this Covid crazy world seems to have unexpectedly come from the North, the quiet Canadians quietly rising up with their trucks to refuse the New World Order. God's speed to them as they stay put, and all who resist the insanity. But Our Lord Jesus Christ is the King, and He the Key to victory.

With a prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes for all of our sick and dying today, especially for those still slowed by this lingering illness.

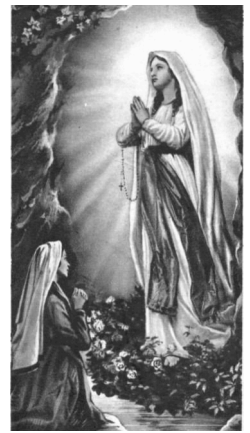
– **Bishop Dolan**

ST. BERNADETTE PRAYS

Jesus came to earth to be my model. I will follow the example of Jesus and walk generously in His steps.

Divine Heart of my Jesus, grant that I may love You always more and more.

O Mary, receive my heart as an expiatory victim for my offences. O Mother, come to my help, give me the grace of dying to myself, so that I no longer live, but in Jesus and for Jesus. O Mother, for love of you I sacrifice all creatures so that my heart may belong entirely to you and to my Jesus.



O my Jesus, I want to follow and imitate You. My Jesus, make me love You. Love me, then crucify me as much as You will. Jesus, my God. I love You above all things. Gentle Jesus, do not be my judge but my Savior.

Love triumphs, love is joyful. One who loves the Sacred Heart of Jesus rejoices.

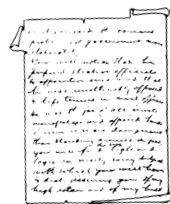
O my dear Jesus, the desires of my heart rise to You alone. Jesus, full of grief, who are also the refuge of all grief-stricken souls, Your love teaches me that from Your desolation I must draw all the strength I need.

– *St. Bernadette Soubiroux*



"Kindness is my only guiding star. In its light, I sail a straight route, and I have my motto written on my sail: 'To live in love.'"

– *St. Thérèse of Lisieux*



In his letter of regret over the death of Father Hudson, Mr. Mark Spearman expresses preference for the word *dies* rather than for its euphemistic substitute, *passed on*. To Mr. Spearman, *died* is a direct, exact, simple verb which expresses an ever-recurring reality. *Passed on* is a weak substitute which seems borrowed from a Christian Science Manual. The word *died* is of Catholic association and tradition; *passed on* is not. We agree with Mr. Spearman. Death is death—and beautiful, if the life before it has been beautiful. Christ died. It is not written that He "passed on." It would seem strange, not to say ludicrous, to write that Our Lord "passed on from the Cross." Well, if Christ "died," we should want to "die" with Him. In fact and in the word that expresses that fact. – *Ave Maria, 1934*

This euphemism has become quite popular. Fr. Cekada could not bear it. Knowing this, I sometimes would use it deliberately, and unflinchingly there would be a reaction! – *Bp. Dolan*

I am not one of those clergy who seem almost obsessed with the Pius X Society, constantly commenting upon them in writing and sermons. But I thought the following commentary from Bishop Williamson would be of interest, since he addresses the question as to why the majority of traditional clergy never say anything at all about the current Communist Revolution, or even refuse their followers an exemption letter from the death jab.

The current Pius X Superior General (SG) recently spoke, justifying the Society's position concerning the Scamdemic. These are Bishop Williamson's Eleison Comments on the question.

His first argument for the Society standing back from the whole Covid controversy is that it is a medical question which does not come under the religious mission of the Society. And this argument he says is the main reason for the Society not to commit itself officially one way or the other. However, is the abolition of God, of Christ and of the Catholic Church not a religious question? The objective investigation team of the German lawyer Reiner Fuellmich has interviewed hundreds of doctors and politicians ever since Covid burst on the world scene in March of 2020, and their serious conclusion is that the Covid onslaught is "the greatest crime ever committed against mankind as a whole." Fuellmich is convinced that the jab or "vaccine" was not invented for the Covid virus, but the virus was invented to impose the jab, either to depopulate, i.e. kill, millions of human beings, or so change their genome as to render them more docile slaves of the surviving elite. That is why so many people make the same accusation, that Covid is a fraud, medical in deceptive appearance, but in reality utterly political, part of a massive and unbelievably wicked fraud to take power over the whole world.

Objection: priests should stand back, because who can tell for sure whether people like Fuellmich are not simply "conspiracy theorists"? Answer: Were Covid not a fraud, would it need such a mass of shifting lies to promote and protect it? Is an honest mind really so incapable of discovering the objective truth?

The SG even admits in his second argument that the Globalist Conspiracy to replace the Catholic Church and God's natural order with another universal man-made authority, started 300 years ago, with Masonry. The Church has long known all about Freemasonry, he says, so we need not worry about Covid. However, if Covid is being tied through the Globalists to Judeo-masonry, the Church's prime organized enemy, as the Popes have recognized since the 1730s, then we can sit back and relax? Should not Covid be worrying priests all the more, not the less? Or has the SSPX also been infiltrated by Freemasonry? To ask the question is to fear the answer, when its SG argues in such a way.

His third argument, from the anti-"vaccine" alliance,

is equally contorted. He says that the SSPX cannot afford to join the anti-"vaccine" alliance because it includes left-wingers opposing the "vaccine" in the name of human dignity and human rights, just like abortionists claim that abortion is part of human dignity and a human right. However, there is no comparison between these two "human rights." The right of any man or woman to refuse anything going into their body which they do not want in their body is a true human right over one's own body. Abortion is no human right at all, even of the mother, because the foetus is never part of her own body that belongs to her, because from the moment of conception it is a substance distinct from the mother's substance, by blood-type, fingerprint and genetic composition. Therefore anyone, left-wing or right-wing, who claims that the two rights are comparable, is talking nonsense, and to oppose the "vaccine" the SSPX need have no fear of being associated with them. The business of an SG is to talk Catholic sense, not worry too much about the multitudes talking nonsense.

Kyrie eleison.



CATECHISM CORNER:

WHAT EVERY CATHOLIC MUST BELIEVE

We must believe that on Easter Sunday morning, the third day after His burial, Christ made Himself alive again, that is, rose from the dead, and kept appearing for forty days to His apostles and to many others in proof of this fact; that His Resurrection is the final and all-convincing proof that Jesus was what He claimed to be, namely God; that the merits which the Redeemer won for us by His Passion and Death are stored up in the Risen Christ Who distributes these graces to us through prayer and through the channels of the seven sacraments; that it is the Risen Christ who dwells in our tabernacles; that our own resurrection and entrance into heaven is made possible only because Jesus Christ rose from the dead.



SUNDAY SEVEN: SEVEN THINGS THE DEVIL LOVES

1. To see you despise authority—this caused his fall, and made him accursed forever.
2. To see you the victim of envy, jealousy, revenge or any other passion.
3. To see you complacent in the little you do for God, and not desire greater holiness.
4. To hear you criticize your neighbor, not for the sake of justice, but because of your own hurt feelings.
5. To see you grow bitter because of reverses.
6. To see you stubbornly cling to your own will, when you know you are wrong.
7. To treat others as others treat you, just as pagans do.

SEMINARIAN SUNDAY

MARCH 27th

Bring your labels!

NAME
PHONE #

\$1 a ticket or six for \$5

BE GENEROUS!

Great Cause

Great Prizes



Fontanini Heirloom
Crucifixion &
Light up
Resurrection Set
5" Figures
Original Boxes



CHOOSE YOUR PRIZE

Sterling Silver Rosary with
Coronation of Virgin Mary
porcelain holder



Our Lady of Pontmain / Our Lady of Hope
18" x 24" Framed Oil Painting
by parish artist



Select what prize you want, by putting tickets in the corresponding box.

Gift Cards \$ worth will be announced. (There is still time to donate.)

Questions or more information? Email sggbookstore@gmail.com or call Arlinghaus family at 859-801-7143

MON	2/14/22	ST. VALENTINE, PRM 8:00 AM Low Mass For the sick and all who have asked for our prayers (<i>Dan & Mary</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass †Stella Simpson – 10 th Anniversary 2/14 (<i>Tom & Karen Simpson</i>)
TUE	2/15/22	SS. FAUSTINUS & JOVITA, MM <i>PRAYER OF OUR LORD IN THE GARDEN</i> 7:00 AM Low Mass Alyssa Smith (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Joseph & Josephine Krebs (<i>Rose Beckerich</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass Happy Birthday †Joe Andreotta (<i>Nathalie Andreotta</i>)
WED	2/16/22	FERIAL DAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Rev. Mr. Okerulu – congratulations on your subdiaconate (<i>Judy</i>) 11:25 AM Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society 5:15 PM Low Mass †Mike Briggs (<i>Renee Arlinghaus</i>)
THU	2/17/22	FERIAL DAY • THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT 7:00 AM Low Mass My children & godchildren (<i>Mary L.</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Pierce Kiernan – Thank you! (<i>Nathaniel Arnold</i>) 11:25 AM Votive High Mass of the Blessed Sacrament Children, in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren (<i>Kirby & Jean Bischel</i>)
FRI	2/18/22	ST. SIMEON, BPM • ST. BERNADETTE, V 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Lehtoranta for being there for our family (<i>The Andreottas</i>) 11:06 AM Confessions 11:25 AM High Mass of St. Bernadette Margaret Omlor (<i>Patrick Omlor</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Infant of Prague Novena Week VIII 5:45 PM Low Mass Our Deacons (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) 6:30 PM Sorrowful Mother Novena II, Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	2/19/22	OUR LADY'S SATURDAY 7:15 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Veronica Briggs</i>) 8:05 AM Ave & Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass For my family (<i>Jason Murray</i>)
SUN	2/20/22	SEXAGESIMA 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass Blessed Mother (<i>Regina Schneider</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass Our Deceased Ushers (<i>A.M.B. & J.H.</i>) 10:40 AM Catechism Classes 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving (<i>Capetillo Family</i>) 4:45 PM Vespers & Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THE MAJESTY OF MARY

Mary, then, has appeared to me in a new light since I have visited Lourdes. I shall in future not only hate to offend her, but fear it also. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of that Mother who allows the broken sufferer to crawl across France to her feet—and then to crawl back again. She is one of the Maries of Chartres, that reveals herself here, dark, mighty, dominant, and all but inexorable; not the Mary of an ecclesiastical shop, who dwells amid tinsel and tuberoses. She is *Sede Sapientiae, Turris Eburnea, Virgo Paritura*, strong and tall and glorious, pierced by seven swords, yet serene as she looks to her Son.

Yet, at the same time, the tenderness of her great heart shows itself at Lourdes almost beyond bearing. She is so great and so loving! It affects those to whom one speaks—the quiet doctors, even those who, through some confusion of mind or some sin, find it hard to believe; the strong brancardiers, who carry their quivering burdens with such infinite care; the very sick themselves, coming back from the piscines in agony, yet with the faces of those who come down from the altar after Holy Communion. The whole place is alive with Mary and the love of God—from the inadequate statue at the Grotto to the brazen garlands in the square, even as far as the illuminated castle and the rockets that burst and bang against the steady stars. If I were sick of some deadly disease, and it were revealed to me that I must die, yet none the less I should go to Lourdes; for if I should not be healed by Mary, I could at least learn how to suffer as a Christian ought. God has chosen this place—He only knows why, as He, too, alone chooses which man shall suffer and which be glad—He has chosen this place to show His power; and therefore has sent His Mother there, that we may look through her to Him.

Is this, then, all subjectivity and romantic dreaming? Well, but there are the miracles!

– Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson (d. 1914)



ST. BERNADETTE SPEAKS

“As I raised my head to look at the grotto, I saw a Lady dressed in white. I was startled and, thinking I was seeing things, I rubbed my eyes, but to no avail. I was still looking. The same Lady was still there; then I put my hand in my pocket and found my rosary. I wanted to make the sign of the cross, but I couldn’t lift my hand to my forehead. My hand dropped down. I was seized by even greater astonishment. The Lady took the rosary she held in her hands and made the sign of the cross. I then tried a second time to cross myself and was able to. As soon as I’d made the sign of the cross, my great shock left me. I knelt down and recited the rosary before this lovely Lady. She ran the beads of her rosary through her fingers, but without moving her lips. When I had finished my rosary, she motioned to me to approach, but I didn’t dare. Then she suddenly disappeared.”

Servers **FRI 2/18 5:45 PM LOW:** Capetillo Bros.
SAT 2/19 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.
8:15 AM HIGH: P. Omlor, Kolenichs
SUN 2/20 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann Bros.

9:00 AM SOL.HIGH: MCS: P. Omlor, T. Lawrence **TH:** C. Arlinghaus (M. Simpson) **ACs:** T. England, J. McGinnis **TORCH:** J. Stewart, 3 McGinnises
11:30 AM LOW: A. McClorey, M. Kolenich
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: G. Miller
5:45 PM LOW: Seminarian