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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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September 8, 2024
NATIVITY OF OUR LADY
PENTECOST XVI • ST. ADRIAN, M

¶ PENTECOST XVI

The Blessing of Seeds and Seedlings takes place after the High Mass today, and there is a little party for the children with cupcakes following the blessing. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We close our Thirteen Tuesdays of St. Anthony with the novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help this week after all the Masses. Come to participate in these powerful devotions! Masses are at 7:00, 8:00 and 11:25 AM, and 5:00 PM.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Thursday is the feast of the **Most Holy Name of Mary**. Masses are at 7:00, 8:00 & 11:25 AM and 5:00 PM. **Saturday** we have the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, with the blessing and veneration of the relic of the True Cross after both Masses.

¶ ROSARY PROCESSION

Our September Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace is this **Friday**, the 13th, in West Chester. Join us for Mass beforehand at 5:45 and for the Rosary at 7:15 PM in the First Watch parking lot.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of



†Richard McKenna, the grandfather of Fr. McKenna, who died last week.



Lumen Christi

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

For the wellbeing, salvation & protection of my loved ones
(*Marie Arribasplata*)

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the feast of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. The Blessing of the Sick will be available at the Communion Rail. (The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be moved to the following Sunday.) Sunday Catechism Classes will be at 10:40 AM. There will be no Vespers due to the **Parish Picnic** at Sharon Woods Park. Everyone is invited! Join us anytime between 1-5 PM at the Council Bluff Shelter. We're providing hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks. Bring a dish to share or a favorite game if you would like. 📖 **Set Your Missal:** Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost XVII. Preface of the Blessed Virgin. In Low Masses, third collect of St. Nicomedes.

¶ MARIAN INTENTIONS

Forms are in the vestibule for three more Marian Masses. Fill one out and return it to the office or bookstore.

¶ LOOK AHEAD

Rosary Sunday: October 6
Fall Festival: Sunday, October 20
Forty Hours Devotion: October 25-27
All Saints Procession & Party: 11/3

Wedding Banns
First time: Denis Vander Putten & Aimee Clemens

FEAST OF OUR LADY'S NATIVITY

The Christian Church should celebrate a festival in honor of the birth into this world of the Mother of Christ. In this she emphasizes the fact of Mary's entire freedom from stain. The birthday of the saints is that on which they first see the light of eternal day in the kingdom of bliss; the feasts of martyrs, for example, have often been referred to as their natalitia (birthday). These are the days on which the Church rejoices, rather than on those which saw the entry into a sinful world of beings tainted by Original Sin. There are, however, two exceptions: festivals are celebrated in honor of the birth of the Immaculate Virgin, and that of the Forerunner of Christ; for the latter was cleansed from stain in his mother's womb by the power of the unborn Savior, and by means of the salutation of the Virgin Mother....

For the Epistle, the Church has appointed the Lesson from the book of Proverbs, so often used with reference to Our Lady. In it are applied to Mary praises spoken of holy Wisdom, and exhortations pointing out the way of life. "Now, therefore, ye children hear me. Blessed are they that keep my ways.... He that shall find me shall find life, and shall have salvation from the Lord" (Prv 8:32, 35). The little Virgin is born into this world to be an example to all, and from her cradle she begins to teach the way of salvation....

The joy which is the dominant characteristic of this feast is expressed very beautifully in the ancient antiphon to the Magnificat for the Second Vespers, with which both Eastern and Western Churches conclude the Divine Office of the day. With a translation of it we will bring our considerations to a close: "Thy birth, O Virgin Mother of God, brought joy to the whole world; for out of thee arose the Sun of Justice, Christ our God; Who, taking off the curse, hath bestowed blessing; and, defeating death, hath given us life everlasting."

- Dom Michael Barrett (d. 1924), Benedictine priest, historian, author and monk of St. Benedict's Abbey in Fort Augustus, Scotland.



¶ **CLERGY MEALS**

The cupboards are bare! Don't let our priests go hungry. Check the calendar and sign up where you are able. If you would like to be added to the community on Lotsa Helping Hands, please call or email the office. Thank you for your efforts!

¶ **CATHOLIC MOTHERS**


On Thursday, September 19, after the evening Mass, we will have the first meeting our new **Catholic Mothers' Consortium** group. The evening includes a Mass offered for the members of the group, a potluck, sermon and more. Open to all married or widowed women of SGG. Please pick up a flyer in the vestibule to learn more and we hope to see you there!



¶ **NEW BOOKS AVAILABLE!**

The reprint of Fr. Cekada's articles, *The Collected Writings of Fr. Anthony Cekada*, compiled in three volumes by Fr. Lehtoranta, are available once again in our bookstore and on our website, sggresources.org. You will also find Fr. Lehtoranta's newest book, *My Vocation is Love: How St. Therese Conquered Depression Through the Holy Face Devotion* available as well, for the low price of \$8. Pick up your copies today!

Fatima Rosary Procession



Friday, September 13
 5:45 PM: Low Mass
 7:15 PM in West Chester

THE ANGELS' BIRTHDAY SONG TO MARY

Hail to the Flower of grace divine!
 Heiress, hail of David's line!
 Hail redemption's heroine!
 Hail to the Virgin pre-elect!
 Hail to the work without defect
 Of the supernal Architect!

Hail to her ordained of old
 Deep in enmities untold,
 Ere the blue waves of ocean rolled
 Ere the primordial founts had sprung
 Ere in ether the globe was hung,
 Ere the morning stars had sung!

Welcome the beatific morn
 When the Mother of life was born,
 Whom all lovely gifts adorn!
 What a thrill of ecstatic mirth
 Danced along through heaven and earth
 At the tidings of Mary's birth!

How was hell to its centre stirred!
 How sang Hades when it heard
 Of her coming, so long deferred!
 Happy, happy, the angel band
 Chosen by Mary's side to stand
 As her defense on either hand!

Safe beneath their viewless wings
 Mother-elect of the King of kings,
 Fear no harm from hurtful things!
 What though Eden vanished be,
 More than Eden we find in thee!
 Thou our joy and jubilee!



Collection Report

Sunday, August 25 th	\$9,009.00
Sunday, September 1 st	\$9,421.00
Second Collection.....	\$2,629.00
Alter Christus.....	\$550.00

This month of September is always a beautiful one in so many ways. The cooler evenings make for a pleasant time outside and a better night's sleep. One can sense that autumn is not long in coming. But it is also the time when a more stable routine returns for us here at St. Gertrude the Great. The summers are hectic with travel, camps, retreats, and similar things. September means the start of our school and a more regular schedule as far as traveling goes.

Speaking of travel, the last couple of weeks have been anything but regular for the Fathers! I was away on vacation for the last two Sundays and returned home for two days only to turn around and leave for St. Hugh of Lincoln to administer the sacrament of Confirmation. Normally, it isn't a good idea to be away for so many weekends in a row, but it cannot always be helped—we have so many places that need our attention these days. Next month, for example, Confirmations will be given in Boston and Connecticut; and in November I plan to go to Mexico, and finally to France in January. I digress! **Fr. McKenna's** grandfather passed away last week, which meant that Father had to go to Boston—please keep the soul of his grandfather, Richard, in your prayers. Father managed still to take care of the Milwaukee chapel, thankfully. However, **Fr. Brueggemann** covered for him at Holy Face Mission and **Fr. Simpson** is going to Dallas, Austin, and El Paso in his stead this weekend. I am edified by the young Fathers' patience with all of the last-minute schedule changes.

Fr. Lehtoranta and Fr. Brueggemann await their seminary teaching schedule, but this should be ready soon. Fr. Lehtoranta was able to take a day or two to go to Pennsylvania to meet some of the cast from the old television program *Little House on the Prairie*. He even had breakfast with them! It was good for Father to get away one last time before school. At this time he is normally working on a few other big projects, too, such as the yearly Ordo which so many of our priests look forward to receiving. It is really the best one that exists today since it is modeled after the old Cincinnati Ordos from before the Council. Speaking of projects, Father recently finished writing a book about St. Therese and how she overcame sadness and depression. It was originally intended to be an article, but just kept growing and growing until it became a book! I have begun reading it and it is most interesting—and is quite an easy read. Thank you very much for writing this book, Father!

Poor Fr. McKenna has been dragging his tail feathers with so much travel and the death of his grandfather. He is home today and will be here next

weekend as well to ensure that he isn't too overwhelmed with travel. Besides, he is very useful in so many ways and we don't often have him here for very long.



School has begun, as I mentioned. It is always so great to see the children together again. We have quite a few new students. Sr. Ulrica commented that the first graders she has this year are more well-behaved than in years past. When she arrived on the first day the students were already quietly sitting at their desks ready to begin the day. Note, those children were in Mrs. Swinney's kindergarten class last year. She always did keep a well-ordered classroom and the children were well disciplined, while at the same time the children always knew that their teacher loved them. The fruit of Mrs. Swinney's work is apparent. We are still very thankful to her for her dedicated work.

We are still house shopping for the Oblates' new home. Some kind souls sent in some of their findings, but none of the options will work since we need a house that will allow for growth. We have three oblates at this time, with two more who are interested. They cannot come until there is a house since they are both from out of state. We aren't looking for a big house, just something that will house them comfortably and allow for some growth. Close to church and in a safe neighborhood.

St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, our seminary in Seattle, begins next week. Poncho Capetillo returns and seems to be quite happy at the seminary. Christopher Brueggemann also leaves for the seminary this year. Keep both of them in your prayers. How sorely we need priests, holy and well-trained priests, these days!

You are in my prayers!

— Bishop McGuire



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**1-5 PM in Sharon Woods Park,
Council Bluff Shelter.**

(Tell the person at the park gate that you are with St. Gertrude the Great. Parking has been prepaid!)

**We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, and drinks.
Bring a dish to share or a favorite game if you would like,
but most of all, bring yourself!**

✠ CALENDAR

MON	9/9/24	ST. PETER CLAVER, C • ST. GORGONIUS, M 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Bishop McGuire (<i>Erika McKnight</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Henry Sieverding (<i>TRCS</i>)
TUE	9/10/24	ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO, C CLOSING OF THE SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 7:00 AM Low Mass Poor Souls – Thank you St. Anthony (<i>C. Simpson family</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving to Our Mother of Perpetual Help, St. Joseph & St. Anthony (<i>Judy</i>) 11:25 AM High Mass For Patrick & Colleen & their families (<i>Sr. Eulalia</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Souls in my care (<i>Collin Smith</i>)
WED	9/11/24	SS. PROTUS & HYACINTH, MM 7:00 AM Low Mass Expansion of the Missions (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) (rescheduled) 8:00 AM Low Mass Holy Souls in Purgatory (<i>Nathalie Andreotta</i>) 11:25 AM Requiem High Mass †Fr. Anthony Cekada 5:10 PM Low Mass Will Long
THU	9/12/24	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY 7:00 AM Low Mass St. Dymphna 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention CB (<i>K/V</i>) (rescheduled) 11:25 AM High Mass Intentions submitted for the September Marian Quadriduum Sisters' Renewal of Oblation 5:00 PM Low Mass Miss Janet & her intentions (<i>Sr. Eulalia</i>)
FRI	9/13/24	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY TRIDUUM TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS 8:00 AM Low Mass Thank you my friends & benefactors (<i>Janet Strauss</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Repose of the souls of †Shirley Donovan & †Richard McKenna (<i>TRCS</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Poncho Capetillo – Happy Birthday (<i>Love, Nana & Grandpa</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession
SAT	9/14/24	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS TRIDUUM DAY II • <i>BLESSING & VENERATION OF THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS FOLLOWS BOTH MASSES</i> 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Briggs & Schmelzer Families Living & Deceased (<i>AMB</i>) 8:10 AM Salve, Sermon 8:20 AM High Mass For my husband, Kevin Kiernan (<i>Phyllis Kiernan</i>)
SUN	9/15/24	SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY PENTECOST XVII • ST. NICOMEDES, M TRIDUUM DAY III 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Edward J. Marko (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)



SERMON OF ST. AUGUSTINE

Dearly beloved, the day of the blessed and ever venerable Virgin Mary so long desired, is here. Let our land rejoice in the greatest exultation. Let it shine in the light of the birth of such a Virgin. For she is the flower of the field; from her bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed. Their sin is blotted out. That unhappy curse of Eve in which it was said: *In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children*, is, in the case of Mary, ended, for she bore the Lord in joy.

Eve mourned; Mary rejoiced. Eve carried tears in her womb, Mary joy. Eve gave birth to the sinner, Mary to innocence. The mother of the human race brought punishment into the world; the Mother of the Lord salvation. Eve was the source of sin, Mary of grace. Eve harmed by bringing death, Mary helped by giving life. The former wounded, the latter healed. Obedience replaced disobedience; fidelity atones for infidelity.

Now Mary may play melodies upon the organ. Now may the active fingers of the young Mother strike the timbrels. Now may choirs sing out with joy. Now let the sweetest Songs mingle with the varying harmonies. Hear how she, our timbrel-player, sings: *My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. Because He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaid, for, behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. Because He Who is mighty has done great things for me.* The miraculous new birth conquered the prevalent error. The canticle of Mary silenced the wailing of Eve.

Servers

FRI 9/13	5:45 PM Low: Capetillos
SAT 9/14	7:30 AM Low: Brueggemanns 8:20 AM High: M. Simpson, J. Stewart, M. Caggese
SUN 9/15	7:30 AM Low: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM High: MCS: T. Lawrence, C. Brueggemann TH: C. Arlinghaus ACs: F. Caggese, J. Hudson TBs: N. & D. Hudson, J. & I. Smith, A. Constantino, M. Simpson 11:30 AM Low: Kolenichs 5:45 PM Low: <i>Volunteer Please!</i>

9:00 AM	High Mass Intentions submitted for the September Marian Quadriduum
10:40 AM	Catechism Classes
11:05 AM	Rosary
11:30 AM	Low Mass Joe Druecker – Thank you (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
1:00 PM	Parish Picnic at Sharon Woods Park ☞ No Vespers
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great