
ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

"Invenies me in corde Gertrudis"

"You will find Me in the heart of Gertrude"

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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 8, 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY



Our Newest Soldiers of Christ

Dominic *Martin* Alter

Alexander *Athanasius* Childers

Benjamin *Michael* Childers

Joshua *Philip* Childers

Basil *Jerome* Constantino

Liam *Peter* Lotarski

Victor *Anthony* Siqueira

Sebastian *Patrick* Smith

Gavin *Camillus* Wright

Adam *Anthony* Young

Agnes *Bernadette* Brueggemann

Jane *Frances* Childers

Bernadette *Cecilia* Horton

Olivia *Agnes* McKnight

Kathleen *Joan* Yang

¶ **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

Today is Pentecost Sunday, after Easter the greatest feast of the year, for it marks the completion of the liturgical cycle with the Descent of the Holy Ghost. Catechism Classes are out for the summer. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ **PENTECOST MONDAY & TUESDAY**

Monday and **Tuesday** are feasts of devotion, formerly holy days. Try especially to assist at Mass on those days. (The church office will be closed on Monday.)

¶ **EMBER DAYS**

Wednesday, Friday and **Saturday** of this week are the summer **Ember Days**. All Catholics age seven and older must observe partial abstinence on Wednesday and Saturday. All those between the ages of 21 and 59 inclusive are obliged to follow the church laws of fast—one full meal a day. The Ember Days were instituted to beg God's blessings upon those to be ordained and for the new season of the year.

¶ **ST. ANTHONY & OUR LADY**

Our second Fatima Rosary Procession coincides with the feast of the beloved St. Anthony of Padua on **Friday**. Lilies will be blessed at 5:35 PM. The Rosary Procession will take place at 7:15 PM in West Chester.

¶ **CMC MEETING**


The Catholic Mothers Consortium will meet after the 5 PM Mass on Thursday, May 12.

¶ **NEXT SUNDAY: TRINITY SUNDAY**

Last day on which to fulfill your Easter Duty. Next Sunday is Father's Day, and the High Mass will be for all of the names that have been submitted. **St. Gertrude the Great School graduations** take place after the High Mass. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available at the Communion Rail. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. **Set Your Missal:** Trinity Sunday, with a commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost I. Trinity Preface.

Collection Report

Thursday, May 29 th	\$2,938.00
Sunday, June 1 st	\$7,531.00
Second Collection.....	\$3,335.00



GRILLER NEEDED!

The church is looking for someone who would be willing to take on the job of grilling for two annual events: The St. John the Baptist Barbecue in June and the Parish Picnic in September. Everything is provided. If someone is interested in volunteering, please contact the office!

¶ **FATHER'S DAY ENVELOPES**

Envelopes for Father's Day are in the vestibule. Fill one out and return it to the office, bookstore, or collection before Father's Day, to have your intentions placed on the altar.



¶ **EASTER DUTY**

Trinity Sunday, one week from today, is the last day on which to fulfill your **Easter Duty** of a worthy Holy Communion. **Those who neglect this duty are no longer Catholics in good standing and sin mortally.** Pray and offer sacrifices these next two weeks for all to make a good Confession and Communion.

Congratulations

to Joseph and Jacinta Young on the baptism of their daughter, Gabriella Mae, and to Daniel & Diane Stanislowski on the baptism of their son, Hugh Christopher, both on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday, June 7.



A MORNING HYMN TO THE HOLY GHOST

Come down, O Lord, that we may know
 The rooted sins that in us grow!
 Come down, O Lord, that we may see
 The lives of others tenderly,
 And as the splendor toward us leans
 Learn what the love of neighbor means.

No privilege, O Lord, we ask,
 But strength to do the needed task,—
 Not only to forgive, but let
 Us have the solace to forget,—
 To lose in Thee the constant thought
 Of self that earthly rules have taught!

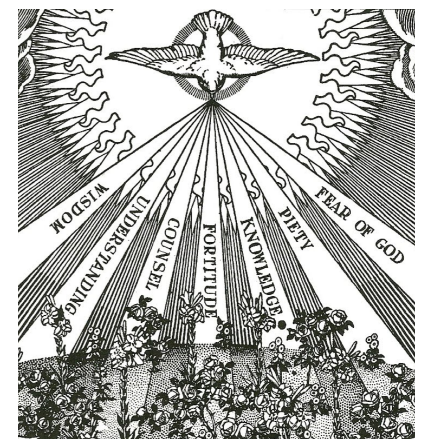
To walk beneath Thy wings, O Dove
 Of peace, clothed in Thy sheltering
 love;

How hard for us unless Thou give
 The light to see, the light to live,—
 As one who in a storm doth spy
 Above an azure patch of sky!

To value simple things in life,
 To shun the labyrinth of strife;
 To find the hedge-buds by the way,
 And make the best of every day;
 With grateful hearts to hail the light,
 With grateful hearts to say good-night.

Come, Holy Spirit, Three in One,
 And light our darkness by the Sun,
 That Thy pure fire may in us burn,
 And all our wishes to Thee turn,—
 As flames go up, our hearts aspire
 To be as flax to Thy desire!

— Maurice Francis Egan



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

Blessed Pentecost to one and all! Weekends like the one we just had are times that we must file away in our minds, so that when more difficult times come and our imagination gets the better of us and tries to pull us into a downward spiral of negative thoughts, we can remember the good things God has done for us. Yesterday's Vigil was one of the most encouraging as two babies were baptized with the newly blessed baptismal water, and some fifteen Catholics received the sacrament of Confirmation and became Soldiers of Jesus Christ. Then, of course, Our Lady the Mediatrix of All Graces had her part as several souls were enrolled in her Brown Scapular—a sacramental more important today than it ever has been. Heaven certainly has been busy with us these past few days.

Although today is Pentecost Sunday and marks the actual day when the Holy Ghost descended upon Our Lady, the Apostles, and Disciples, our celebration continues all week long. Monday and Tuesday were, in times past, Holy Days of Obligation, but are now feasts of devotion. Still, we should do our best to make Mass on those days. Each day of the week has a different liturgical text referring to the workings of the Holy Ghost. There is a booklet called "The Holy Ghost: Our Greatest Friend." Truly, He is our Greatest Friend. A friend always wishes to be with his friends and to do good to them. Look at all the good He has done for us from the very moment we were baptized when He made our souls His Temple, His very dwelling place, as long as we remain in the state of sanctifying grace. Come and honor this Great Friend and thank Him for all that He has done in your soul and in the Catholic Church.

Christian Wright has not written a sermon in quite a while, so I was quite happy when he submitted his most recent one which you can find below. It is quite edifying! The children did a pretty good job at the Confirmand's Day of Recollection, although at one point they all had the giggles and had to get it out of them. Naturally, it was after lunch! The practice which we ran for Confirmation and First Holy Communion was most entertaining. Some had to be taught which knee to genuflect on, while others nearly fell down trying to genuflect on the proper knee. It was quite entertaining. Parents, keep an eye on them and teach them these basic practices even when they are young.

Fr. Lehtoranta has been quite busy with the end of school, teaching seminary courses, and helping with the Day of Recollection. It has been a busy year for

him and I hope he gets a little rest soon.

Fr. Brueggemann and **Fr. Simpson** have been helping in the sacristy, while **Fr. McKenna** is out and about once again.

They all really do a lot and I am glad God has given us such good priests.

May the Holy Ghost bestow many and great graces upon you this beautiful Pentecost Week!

– **Bishop McGuire**



The Descent of the Holy Ghost

At the Last Supper Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity, to the apostles. The Holy Spirit would strengthen them and be with them always. After our Lord's ascension into heaven, His apostles and disciples gathered together in an upper room with Mary His Mother, and the holy women, numbering about one hundred and twenty persons, they spent their time in prayer. On the tenth day a sound like a mighty wind filled the whole house, and tongues of fire came down upon the head of each one of them. The apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in many strange tongues. Before the descent of the Holy Spirit, the apostles were afraid. After they had received the Holy Spirit, they were filled with courage and feared nothing. Peter, who had denied his Master three times, came forth with the other apostles, and stood before the crowd.

"Men of Israel," he said, "hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth whom you have crucified and put to death by the hands of wicked men, God has raised up. We are all witnesses. And now that He has been taken up into heaven and is at the right of God, He has poured forth His Holy Spirit, which you see and hear, even as He promised." About three thousand persons were converted by this first sermon. They were baptized and united with the rest of the disciples. And they continued faithfully in the teaching of the apostles and in the Communion of the breaking of the bread and in prayer. After the feast of Pentecost, the apostles went out into the world and preached Christ crucified. They performed many miracles and converted many people. The Church founded by Jesus Christ, will last to the end of time because He sent the Holy Spirit to strengthen, guide, and keep it from error, and because He said, "Behold, I am with you all days, even to the end of the world."

✠ CALENDAR

MON	6/9/25	PENTECOST MONDAY 8:00 AM Low Mass Anthony Gray (<i>KR</i>) 5:45 PM High Mass Happy Birthday, Steven Cerise (<i>Love, Mom & Dad</i>)
TUE	6/10/25	PENTECOST TUESDAY 7:00 AM Low Mass Matt & Leanne Giese (<i>Levi Giese family</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass †Mike Briggs (<i>Margaret Sutton</i>) 5:45 PM High Mass For †Mary McGuire (<i>Erika McKnight</i>)
WED	6/11/25	ST. BARNABAS, AP <small>EMBER WEDNESDAY FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</small> 7:00 AM Low Mass Brendan (<i>KR</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Happy Birthday Mr. & Mrs. Simpson (<i>Ursula</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass †Nancy Seyfried (<i>JCS</i>)
THU	6/12/25	PENTECOST THURSDAY • ST. JOHN OF SAHAGUN, C <small>ST. BASILIDES & COMPANIONS, MM</small> 7:00 AM Low Mass †Tom Simpson (<i>Christopher Browne</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass Tanya & Matteo (<i>The Oblate Sisters</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Intentions of the CMC CMC Meeting
FRI	6/13/25	EMBER FRIDAY • ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA <small>FAST</small> 8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention deceased (<i>KR</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Thou knowest, O Lord (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:35 PM Blessing of Lilies 5:45 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday, Eliza Kiernan (<i>Love, Mom & Dad</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction 7:15 PM Fatima Rosary Procession
SAT	6/14/25	EMBER SATURDAY <small>FAST & PARTIAL ABSTINENCE</small> <small>ST. BASIL THE GREAT, BPCD</small> 7:05 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass Happy Fathers Day Dad (<i>The Brueggemann girls</i>) 8:05 AM Regina Coeli, Sermon 8:15 AM High Mass The servers at our wedding (<i>Will & Kayla Long</i>)
SUN	6/15/25	TRINITY SUNDAY • FATHER'S DAY <small>PENTECOST I • SS. VITUS & COMPANIONS, MM</small> 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Alan C. Lotarski, 1 st Anniversary (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass All the fathers whose names have been submitted St. Gertrude the Great Graduation Ceremony 11:30 AM Low Mass Happy Anniversary Mom & Dad (<i>Your children</i>) 11:05 AM Rosary 4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE



...The gift of knowledge teaches us to know creatures; and this knowledge is not less necessary to our salvation than is even the knowledge of God. By this gift the Holy Spirit renders three great services to the soul: 1st. He shows it all created things in their true light; He divests riches, honors, pleasures, all earthly goods, of the seductive charm which surrounds them, and points out how fragile they are, how vain, of how short duration, how incapable of making us happy, how hurtful and dangerous they are to our salvation. The soul, surprised at the light appearing to it, feels nothing now but horror for them, as being despicable things supremely unworthy of it; and this it is which peoples cloisters, and which gives to the world so many generous, charitable, and devoted Christians. 2nd. The Holy Spirit, by the gift of knowledge, teaches us to use all visible beings as so many steps to raise us up to God, who has created them for us; to make of the whole of nature, as it were, a great book full of the divinity, in which everything speaks of God, everything preaches love; lastly, to see in all that exists a mirror in which are reflected from all sides the goodness, the wisdom, the power, the providence of God, or a harmonious concert calling upon all hearts to love the Supreme Good. Therein consists the knowledge the Holy Spirit teaches preachers, the great art of worthily announcing the word of God, and directors of consciences the art of directing souls, of strengthening them in their weaknesses, of consoling them in their sorrows, of making them walk in the way where God wills them to be, of correcting their defects, and raising them to the practice of virtues. Oh, how precious this gift is! How we ought to desire it and to prepare ourselves to receive it! Have we ever known up to the present moment what it really is?

— *Hamon's Meditations*

Servers

MON 6/9	5:45 PM HIGH: MC: M. Simpson TH: N. Kolenich ACS: I. Smith, M. Kolenich TBS: J. Smith, Ma. & P. Caggese, J. Kolenich
TUE 6/10	5:45 PM HIGH: MC: N. McClorey TH: F. Caggese ACS: M. Caggese, J. Rabjohns TBS: L. Rabjohns, J. & I. Smith, P. Caggese
FRI 6/13	5:45 PM LOW: A. Constantino, P. Caggese
SAT 6/14	7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns 8:15 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, F. Caggese, I. Smith
SUN 6/15	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCs: M. Simpson, C. Richesson TH: T. England ACS: A. Constantino, F. Caggese TBS: W. & T. Young, I. Wright, T. Stanislawski, M. Drevenak, Ma. Caggese 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, F. Caggese 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey