

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 15, 2025

TRINITY SUNDAY

FATHER'S DAY • PENTECOST I
Ss. VITUS & COMPANIONS, MM

¶ TRINITY SUNDAY

Happy Father's Day Today is Trinity Sunday, the last day on which to fulfill your Easter Duty. The High Mass is offered for all of our fathers on Father's Day. St. Gertrude the Great School graduations take place after the High Mass. The Blessing of Expectant Mothers will be available after all Masses. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

On **Tuesday** we begin the Summer Novena of the Thirteen Tuesdays to St. Anthony of Padua, with a novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. Submit your intentions for the novena online or use the slips provided in the vestibule.

¶ CORPUS CHRISTI

On **Thursday** of this week we celebrate the great feast of Corpus Christi. Perhaps you could stir yourself to hear Holy Mass, or visit the Blessed Sacrament Exposed. All Day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament begins after the 8 AM Mass. High Mass is at 11:25. Closing Benediction is at 3:15. Adorers are needed especially before Mass, and afterwards until 2 PM.

¶ SCHOOL ENROLLMENTS

Enrollments for St. Gertrude the Great School are now open. Please email the school at sggschool@sgg.org.



¶ ALL NIGHT ADORATION

The combined **All Night Adoration for June and July** is this **Friday, June 20**. The men of the Guard of Honor are asked to be faithful to their posts in watching one hour with Our Lord during the night. If you are not able to make your hour, please contact the office immediately.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

First Holy Communion will take place during the High Mass next Sunday. The annual outdoor **Procession of the Blessed Sacrament** follows the Mass. If you are attending the 11:30 Mass, why not come a little early (*approximately 10:40 AM*) for outdoor Benediction, and to join in the procession. Rosary Confraternity members should wear their medals and take part as a group in the procession. Vespers are at 4:45 PM, followed by the final Benediction of the day.

Set Your Missal: **High Mass:** Corpus Christi, with commemoration and proper Last Gospel of the Sunday within the Octave; Preface of the Nativity. **Low Masses:** Sunday within the Octave of Corpus Christi, with a commemoration of the Octave. Nativity Preface.

Lumen Christi

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

Special Intention (*John Boyd*)

Collection Report

Sunday, June 8th.....\$6,238.00

Wedding Banns

First time: Michael Hudson & Marcella Arlinghaus

THE FATHER'S WORKS

There is no title that gives a greater right to be loved than this one. But how is God our Father? In a way which can belong to no one but to Himself. He is the Creator of our body and our soul, and the author of their union.

I hold from Him alone my natural faculties and qualities, whatever they be; He is my Father. I only live from one moment to another by Him. He is my Father. He is always ministering to my wants, my comforts, even to my pleasures: for I experience none unless it be He Who procures them for me. He could take from me all that He has given, when I make a wrong use of it; He could annihilate me, and of His great goodness He does not do it.

What other father can be compared to Him? If it is a sacred and indispensable duty that children should love their parents, how much more am I required to love God? But faith teaches me that God is my Father, by a title more excellent than that of Creator. That is but in the order of nature; while the other is above nature. Reason clearly understands the first; but the second is a mystery which surpasses our intelligence.

— Fr. Jean-Nicolas Grou, S.J.



CORPUS CHRISTI

Every day comes from God. They unfailingly succeed one another through His loving kindness. God allows man six days for his labor and his needs, but the seventh He reserves for Himself. Sunday is therefore more particularly the day of the Lord. But of all the days there is one which is, in a more excellent manner, the day of God: Fête-Dieu, as the French put it, which, done literally into English, would read God's Feast Day. That is truly the day which the Lord has made for Himself, for His own glory, and for the manifestation of His love. Corpus Christi! God's Feast Day! What a beautiful name!

This feast day of God is the only day dedicated exclusively to the honor of His adorable Person, of His living presence in our midst. The other feasts commemorate some mystery of His life; they are beautiful, they glorify God and are a rich source of graces, but they are only reminders, anniversaries of the past. Our Savior is no longer personally present in those mysteries; He accomplished them once for all. But Corpus Christi is an actual mystery; the object of this feast is our Lord's person, living and present in our midst. That is why the celebration of it has a character all its own. No relics or symbols of the past are exposed, but the very Object of the feast, which is living. How glorious for our Lord's presence is this feast, on which all acknowledge His presence and adore Him!

— Bl. Peter Julian Eymard

CORPUS CHRISTI COMPLAINT

"I do not like to be alone—I want you!"

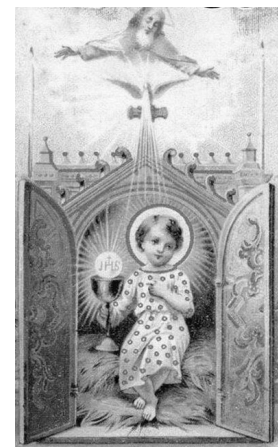
I have not seen your face today,
Where *were* you?
A hundred others came to pray,
Where *were you*?
From out My prison I have gazed
At many who have, kneeling, praised—
I wanted *you*.

I wanted you—you did not come,
Where *were* you?
I waited there, in silence, dumb—
Where *were you*?
Ah! Could you not one moment spare?
Ah! Surely you a little care!
I wanted *you*.

You had no time—ah! so you said,
Where *were* you?
While My sad Heart in silence bled,
Where *were you*?
Among your friends long hours you
spent,
While I—My loving Heart was rent,
In solitude.

I do not like to be alone,
I *wanted* you;
Much more than all the friends you
own,
I *want* you.
Tomorrow you will surely come,
Remember, I am helpless, dumb—
Uncomforted.

The feast of Corpus Christi is this Thursday. Adorers are needed throughout the day. Plan to make a visit!



✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

It is a beautifully sunny Friday morning, the feast of St. Anthony, as this is being written, and we are eagerly awaiting our second of this year's Fatima Rosary Procession. Of course, the weather is predicting rain and thunderstorms beginning at 5pm. Last month, they predicted the same and we watched as the storm broke up just before it reached West Chester. Bishop Dolan always prayed for good weather for these events and was usually heard, many times against all odds. His go-to was the Holy Child Jesus. So, we are praying again for good weather and are hopeful that the Good God will answer our prayers so that we can honor Our Lady and pray for the graces that this world so desperately needs.

Pentecost weekend was a delightful one, so very encouraging, as fifteen new confirmands were made Soldiers of Christ. The ceremonies were excellently performed by both choir and servers. There was the mitre incident at the sermon though...and the work sacristy trashcan that caught on fire just before the 11:30 Mass. Thankfully, one of our servers walked in and saw it or I'm not sure what would have happened. Fr. Cekada was always very cautious about votive lights and things that might start fires in church, as I remember. It was rather entertaining sometimes! But he was right. I remember my mother telling me how her childhood church, St. Peter's in Chillicothe, burned down because of a votive candle. When they rebuilt, they did so in a more modern 1950s style that is not so very impressive. Well, God took care of things for us, and as Fr. Cekada always said, "All's well that ends." (That's not a typo, either!)

Today is graduation day for our school. Matthew Schneider finished his 8th grade year and will be moving on to High School. We are very happy with his efforts in all subjects and most especially at the altar. Joseph Lodrini has graduated High School. We are very proud of this young man. The clergy and teachers have appreciated his hard work and the respect he shows inside and outside of the classroom. As he begins this new phase of his life, I am hopeful that he will always remember that he has a home and a family who cares about him right here at St. Gertrude's. After today, the school faculty and students officially begin their break, and I pray that it is a beneficial one.

Corpus Christi is this Thursday, don't forget! Adoration begins after the 8:00 Mass and lasts for most of the day. The Office will be chanted and a Solemn High Mass offered. These are the two most powerful prayers. In fact, the Divine Office is an extension

of the Mass, and so is even more powerful than the Rosary. Most people do not realize that. I think this is the reason why there are not many people who come to Vespers on Sunday. Not only is it the second most powerful prayer, but it is also the greatest way to honor God after the Holy Mass. The Divine Office is filled with prayers from heaven, and by this I mean the Psalms, which were inspired by the Holy Ghost Himself. We are saying to God the very words that He has written and told us to say to Him. How can this prayer not be so very pleasing to Him and helpful to us!? There is also the devotional part of the day that is so consoling, though. Think of it! We are invited by Our Lord to come and sit in His presence and to ask Him whatever we want, and to speak to Him heart to heart. "Come to Me all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

– Bishop McGuire



PRAYER FOR FATHER'S DAY

Dear St. Joseph, head of the Holy Family, guardian of Jesus and Mary, patron of the Universal Church, look down with love and compassion on all Catholic families throughout the world, and particularly on our fathers. Bring peace and holiness into our homes, that we may ever lead a life like that which thou didst lead with Jesus and Mary at Nazareth.

Pour down on our homes the graces which will enable fathers to be as dutiful, as pious, and pure as thee. Teach our children to imitate the Child Jesus in their holiness and obedience, so that they also may increase daily in wisdom, and age, and grace before God and man. Thus may our Catholic homes on earth foreshadow in their peace and love the happiness of our home in heaven, where we shall praise and love the Sacred Heart of Jesus, our Lord, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.


✠ CALENDAR

MON	6/16/25	RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY • FERIAI DAY <i>St. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS, C</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Happy Birthday, Nick Kiernan (<i>Love, Mom & Dad</i>) (from 6/15)
	11:25 AM	Requiem High Mass Purgatorial Society
TUE	6/17/25	FERIAL DAY • OPENING OF THE SUMMER NOVENA
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls (<i>Florence Swinney</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For those who have miscarried or lost a child (<i>Phyllis Kiernan</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Poor Souls in Purgatory in honor of St. Anthony – Thank you (<i>Scott & Cari Hudson</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Evelyn Waugh, & all devout Catholic misanthropes (<i>Elizabeth Gunsher</i>)
WED	6/18/25	ST. EPHREM, CD • SS. MARK & MARCELLIANUS, MM
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Special intentions (<i>Mom & Dad</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Andrea England (<i>KR</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass All who helped with the Altar of Repose – Thank you (<i>Sister Regina</i>)
	5:10 PM	Low Mass The Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)
THU	6/19/25	CORPUS CHRISTI
	7:00 AM	Low Mass Intentions of Fr. Brueggemann (<i>Christopher Browne</i>)
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intention deceased (<i>KR</i>) followed by Exposition
	9:00 AM	Offices of Matins, Lauds, Prime, Tierce
	11:25 AM	Solemn High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed Oblate Sisters – Thank you
	2:00 PM	Offices of Sext & None
	2:30 PM	Solemn Vespers, Compline
	3:15 PM	Closing Benediction
FRI	6/20/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. SILVERIUS, PM
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Intentions of Fr. Simpson (<i>Christopher Browne</i>)
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass The Altar Servers of St. Gertrude the Great (<i>Mark Cash</i>)
	5:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed †Thomas Simpson (<i>Phyllis Rampulla</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena <i>All Night Adoration</i>
SAT	6/21/25	WITHIN THE OCTAVE • ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, C
	7:05 AM	Rosary, Confessions
	7:30 AM	High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed †Tom Simpson (<i>Patsy McConnell</i>)
		Salve, Benediction
	8:30 AM	Sermon
	8:40 AM	Low Mass Ballesteros Family – Thank you! (<i>Sr. Regina</i>)
SUN	6/22/25	SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE ST. PAULINUS OF NOLA, BPC
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass The Holy Souls (<i>Arlinghaus Family</i>)

All Night Adoration Guard of Honor June/July 2025

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM:	David Swinney, Joseph Vines
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM:	Tim Giese, Michael Simpson
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM:	Collin Smith, Justin Soeder
10:00 PM - 11:00 PM:	Anthony Caggese, <i>Volunteer needed!</i>
11:00 PM - 12:00 AM:	James Kolenich, Paul Puglielli
12:00 AM - 1:00 AM:	Levi Giese, Alfonso Capetillo
1:00 AM - 2:00 AM:	Keith Elflein, Dan Stanislawski
2:00 AM - 3:00 AM:	Dan & Philip Brueggemann
3:00 AM - 4:00 AM:	McConnell Brothers
4:00 AM-5:00 AM:	Matthew Giese, Bruno Siqueira
5:00 AM - 6:00 AM:	Joseph Simpson, Bill Herman
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM:	John Riggs, Robert Rosendale

✠ *If you cannot make your hour, please contact the church office immediately: (513) 645-4212.*
 ✠ *If you have finished your hour but no one has arrived to relieve you, please call Fr. Brueggemann (513-378-2705) or Fr. Simpson (513-378-2870) to substitute.*



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!

SERVERS

THU 6/19	11:25 AM HIGH: MCS: D. Simpson, N. McClorey TH: A. McClorey CROSS: M. Caggese ACS: F. Caggese, A. Constantino MITRE: I. Smith CROZIER: P. Caggese TBS: J. Smith, B. Constantino, Ma. Caggese, T. Stanislawski, M. Drevenak, V. Horton
FRI 6/20	5:45 PM LOW: M. & F. Caggese
SAT 6/21	7:30 AM HIGH: M. Simpson, P. Caggese, B. Constantino 8:40 AM LOW: Rabjohns
SUN 6/22	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, C. Richesson TH: S. Richesson CROSS: D. Hudson ACS: J. Rabjohns, M. Caggese MITRE: I. Smith CROZIER: F. Caggese UMBRELLA: D. Simpson BANNER: J. Stewart BELLS: P. Caggese TBS: P. Caggese, B. & A. Constantino, J. Hudson, L. Rabjohns, J. Smith 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, F. Caggese 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey

9:00 AM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, High Mass before the Blessed Sacrament Exposed For our First Communicants (<i>Bishop McGuire</i>) Corpus Christi Procession, Benediction
11:30 AM	Low Mass For the Holy Souls most forgotten (<i>Joseph Druecker</i>)
4:45 PM	Vespers, Benediction
5:45 PM	Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great