

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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July 6, 2025

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST
PRECIOUS BLOOD • PENTECOST IV
OCTAVE DAY OF SS. PETER & PAUL**

¶ MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Today is the Solemnity of the Most Precious Blood. The second collection for our Oblates is taken up at the Offertory, and the "Little Church" is in the vestibule to receive your alms for poor priests. The Blessing of Religious Articles is available at the Communion Rail following all Masses. Vespers with Benediction are at 4:45 PM.

¶ FIRST OBLATION

Sr. Regina's First Oblation as an Oblate of the Holy Face takes place this Saturday, July 12, after the High Mass.

MORNING OFFERING

This day I will do all for the honor and glory of the Precious Blood of my Savior, in union with His Sacred Heart and the Sacred Heart of Mary, and with the same intention which they had while praying, laboring and suffering here on earth.

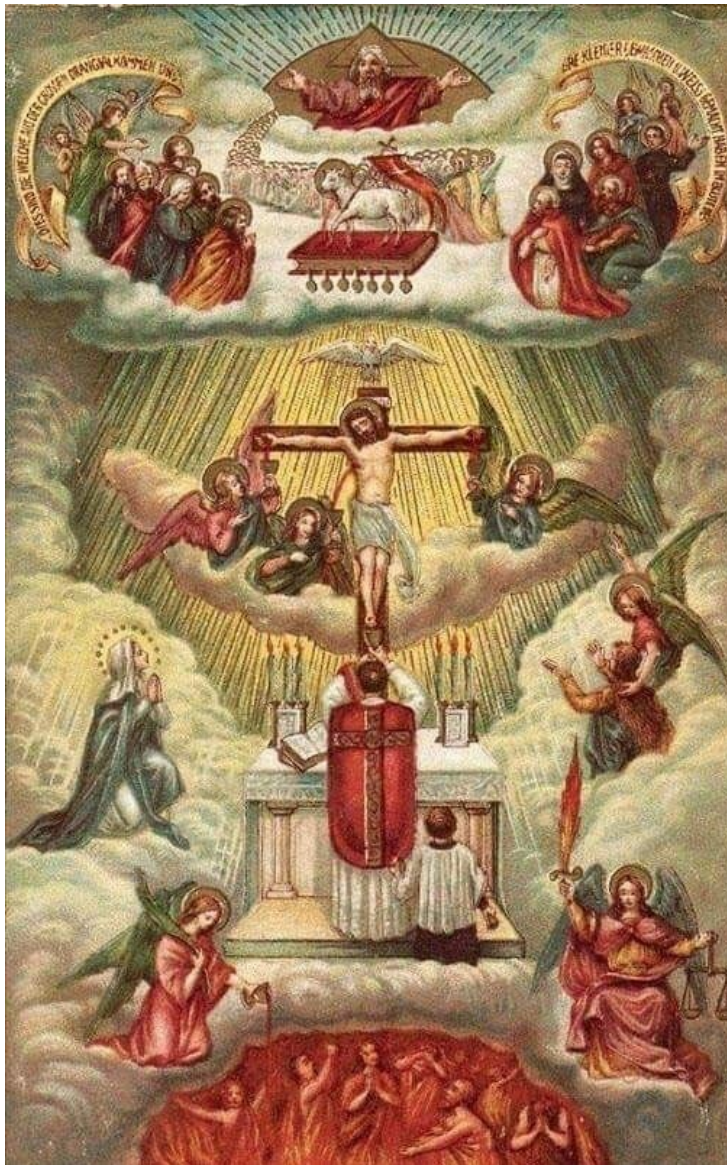
Eternal Father, sign me with the Blood of the Immaculate Lamb, as Thou didst sign the dwellings of Thy people.

O Jesus, wash me more and more in Thy Precious Blood and clothe me with Thy merits.

O Holy Ghost, apply the fruits of the Precious Blood to my soul.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 29th\$6,121.00



¶ YOUNG ADULT GET-TOGETHER

The 2025 YAG is this weekend. Please see yagincincy.org for the schedule for this event.

¶ DRESS CODE

Summer is here and the temperature is warm, but ladies please remember to dress modestly and not wear sleeveless, sheer or revealing tops to church. Men must wear a coat and tie to Sunday Mass. Our church is kept cool so that you can easily follow this common sense dress code.

PRAYER TO BE SAID AT MASS

*While the Precious Blood is
Present in the Chalice*

O God, Whose goodness is infinite, and Whose property it is always to have mercy and to spare, the children of a sinful world seek Thy mercy through the heart of Thy Mother. In the sweet heart of Thy Mother Mary they seek refuge. May the pleading of that heart be heard by Thee. May the Precious Blood that heart furnished, the Precious Blood present upon Thy altar, appease Thy justice, rightly irritated by the sins of men. May Thy Holy Spirit

move upon the troubled waters of this fallen world, and let there be light the light of Thy mercy, O God, most Holy Trinity, Whose mercy is magnificent and will shine by Mary forever and ever. Amen.

– Precious Blood Manual

¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM. Our third **Fatima Rosary Procession for Peace** takes place at 7:15 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost V, second collect of St. Anacletus. Trinity Preface.

POPE PIUS IX AND THE FEAST OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Historically, many dioceses have been assigned not one, but two days to which the Office of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ has been assigned, the Office being in both cases the same.

Why? The Divine Office was at first granted only to the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood. Later, as one of the Offices of the Fridays of Lent, it was assigned to the Friday after the fourth Sunday in Lent. In many dioceses of the United States, these Offices were adopted also by the fourth Provincial Council of Baltimore, in 1840.

In 1849, Pope Pius IX went into exile at Gaeta with the saintly priest, Don Giovanni Merlini, third Superior General of the Fathers of the Most Precious Blood. Upon arrival in Gaeta, Fr. Merlini suggested that the Pope make a vow to extend the feast of the Most Precious Blood to the entire Church.

Although His Holiness seriously considered this suggestion, a few days later sent Joseph Stella, his Domestic Prelate, to Fr. Merlini with the message: "The Pope does not deem it expedient to bind himself by a vow. Instead, His Holiness is pleased to extend the Feast Day immediately to all Christendom."

This was Saturday, June 30, 1849, the day the French conquered Rome and the Republicans capitulated. It was the Saturday before the first Sunday of July. On Friday, August 10, 1849, Pope Pius IX decreed that thenceforth every first Sunday of July should be dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ with the rank of a Double of the First Class. (*Decree Redempti Sumus, Decreta Authentica S.R.C. Rome: 1898, II, No. 2978*)



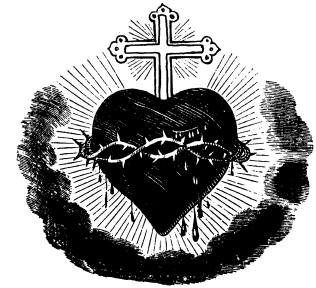
Our Beloved Dead – July

Jean Bischel	7-02-2023
James Paul Peter	7-04-2003
Melissa C. Brown	7-05-1985
Peter J. Gebel	7-08-2020
James N. Zambo	7-11-1990
Clifford A. Breitenstein	7-11-2004
Frances R. Mattingly	7-11-2017
Paul O'Connor	7-12-2020
Rev. Philip S. Sheridan	7-14-1990
Joan I. Briggs	7-15-1990
Mary A. Kolb	7-15-1997
Barbara Cordes	7-27-2009
William J. Bendel	7-31-2008
Loretta Mikesell	7-31-2023



FOR LOVED ONES DEPARTED

One hour with Thee in silent adoration
 In the dim quiet of Thy holy place,
 Pleading for those who weep in desolation
 Craving the pity of Thy Sacred Face.
 What joy, e'en though in sorrow, thus to be
 One little hour, my God, with them and Thee!
 One hour with Thee—it is the old, old fashion
 Hands clasped in theirs, I seek the Sacred Heart;
 Unlock the bounty of Thy sweet compassion,
 Reach down Thy hand and take them where Thou art.
 If still my loved ones suffer, set them free,
 In this one hour, my God, with Thee.



AN AVOWAL

"Who wounded Thee, dear Lord?
 Can my love make amends?"
*"Wounded I am to death
 In the house of My friends."*

"Mine could not be the hand
 That wove those plaits of thorn,
 Tearing Thy tortured brow,
 Making Thy crown of scorn.

"That sword, it was not mine
 That pierced Thy breast in twain?"
*"Wounded I am by thee,
 Yea, thou wilt wound again."*

"Jesus, my Lord, my King,
 This thing from me was hid.
 That I could wound my Love—
 I knew not what I did!"

– Bessie Pryor Palmer

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

It has been a nice week here in West Chester despite the rainy weather and cloudy skies. **Fr. Lehtoranta** returned from his recent visit to our Faithful at St. Hugh of Lincoln. I was happy to hear that Mr. and Mrs. Poggel, two long time Trads who remember the days of Fr. Hugh Wish and who were with Fr. Cekada in the early days, are still doing well. Mr. Poggel used to drive the clergy everywhere and always had interesting tales to tell—many of them quite entertaining! **Fr. Brueggemann** got a little time with his family this past week, but came back to us on Thursday.

Fr. Julian Larrabee's priestly anniversary was on the feast of the Precious Blood. I cannot remember how many years it has been since his ordination, since the years just sort of run together anymore. Father is stationed out in California and works with **Fr. Thomas Zapp**, though many of you remember him from his days right here at St. Gertrude's when he taught in the school.

Fr. Nicolas Benegas recently sent two altar stones to be consecrated. They were consecrated on Wednesday in a ceremony that took quite a while. Thank you, **Fr. Simpson**, for organizing and serving for it again! Thanks also to Nathan and Austin McClorey for serving. Fr. Benegas wanted to watch the ceremony on livestream, so we recorded it. If you're interested in watching it you can find it on our YouTube channel. It would be nice to do this consecration with all the chant one day, but we just did not have the personnel nor the time to do it this time.

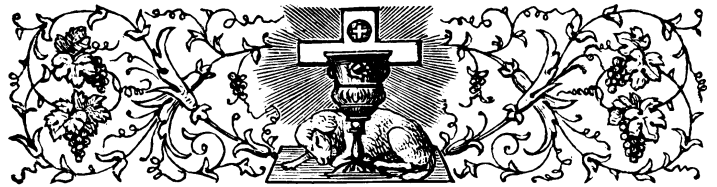
Fr. Lehtoranta and Fr. Brueggemann will hold down the fort this week while **Fr. McKenna** and Fr. Simpson head out to Seattle for a spiritual retreat. This year's theme is the Sacred Heart and the Priesthood. I am in Seattle already, administering Confirmations today. Mr. Poncho Capetillo and Mr. Joshua Balancio will receive Clerical Tonsure this Friday at the end of the retreat. **Bishop Nkamuke** tells me that he is giving his priests a retreat at the same time. This is really great news! Our priests travel so much and do so much work that it is necessary for them to recharge their spiritual batteries. One day, though, someone needs to do a Bishop's Retreat!

The YAG begins this Friday, which is always a great time! But the big event is Sr. Regina's First Oblation as an Oblate of the Holy Face, which takes place after the High Mass this Saturday. Although I will not be present for this event (I'll be in Seattle), I will be there in spirit and assure Sister of my prayers. Sister teaches in our school and does the flower arrangements

for the altar each week. Besides this, she helps in the choir and sacristy. All the work that the oblates do really takes a burden off the clergy's shoulders and allows us to focus on more pastoral issues. It takes a lot of humility to be a good oblate. People sometimes scoff at them because they are not real nuns. EXACTLY! They are not nuns, they are oblates—souls who offer themselves to the service of the Church without taking vows and without entering a convent; souls who choose not to marry, but to pursue a higher degree of spiritual perfection by dedicating their lives to the needs of the Church. They are extremely useful in the Church and parish because they are not tied down by a strict Rule or schedule. Oblates go wherever they need to go, do whatever needs to be done, whenever it needs to be done, doing even the most menial tasks for the glory of God. They are truly missionary in spirit. It is a beautiful vocation.



– Bishop McGuire



GLORY TO THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Blessed are they that wash their robes in the Blood of the Lamb! (Apoc. 21:14)

The devotion to the Precious Blood exists from the beginning of ages, since it was the first imparted to fallen man. We must thence infer that it ought to be a devotion as widespread as the world. Is not everybody redeemed by the Precious Blood? Is it not to this Precious Blood that each of us owes our salvation? And if, hereafter, an everlasting crown rests upon our brow, will it not be the purchase of this Divine Blood?

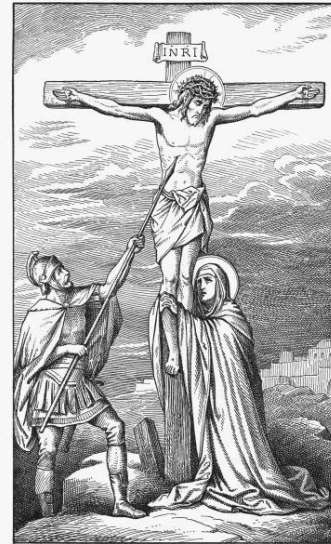
The Sacred Heart has indeed loved us with a love of surpassing tenderness; and to that love we owe Its long-suffering with us; and yet, neither the Sacred Heart nor the gaping wounds of Jesus have been our Redemption. That which has redeemed us—freed us from hell—is the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since, therefore, our salvation is the fruit of that Blood, since to It we are indebted for Heaven, with its unfading joys, is it not just that we should embrace devotion to the Precious Blood, render It special worship?

✠ CALENDAR

MON	7/7/25	SS. CYRIL & METHODIUS, BPPCC <i>ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, C</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For all who cook for us and for our devoted drivers (<i>The Fathers</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Anthony Caggese & his intentions
TUE	7/8/25	ST. ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF PORTUGAL, W SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Alan Lotarski (<i>Florence Swinney</i>)
	5:00 PM	Low Mass †Peter J. Gebel Jr. – 5 th anniversary of death (<i>Willia</i>)
WED	7/9/25	FERIAL DAY <i>OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE</i> <i>SS. JOHN FISCHER, BP & THOMAS MORE, MM</i> <i>MARTYRS OF GORKUM • ST. MARIA GORETTI, VM</i> <i>ST. VERONICA GIULIANI, V</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass For a good priests' retreat (<i>The Oblates</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Special Intention – St. Joseph (<i>Michelle Mikesell</i>)
THU	7/10/25	SEVEN HOLY BROTHERS, MM <i>SS. RUFINA & SECUNDA, VVMM</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass Special intentions (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Scott Richesson</i>)
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Purgatorial Society
FRI	7/11/25	ST. CAMILLUS OF LELLIS, C <i>ST. SYMPHOROSA & HER SEVEN SONS, MM</i>
	8:00 AM	Low Mass †Tom Simpson (<i>David Kobza</i>)
	11:00 AM	Confessions
	11:25 AM	Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Eleanor E. Kent (<i>Faith Ballesteros</i>)
	5:15 PM	Confessions & Rosary
	5:45 PM	Low Mass Mr. & Mrs. William Long – Congratulations! (<i>C. Simpson family</i>)
	6:30 PM	Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	7/12/25	ST. JOHN GUALBERT, AB <i>SS. NABOR & FELIX, MM</i> <i>ST. VERONICA, W</i>
	7:05 AM	Confessions
	7:30 AM	Low Mass Sister Regina's intentions
	8:05 AM	Salve, Sermon
	8:15 AM	High Mass Sr. Regina (<i>The Fathers</i>) First Oblation of Sr. Regina
SUN	7/13/25	PENTECOST V <i>ST. ANACLETUS, PM</i>
	7:05 AM	Rosary
	7:30 AM	Low Mass †Salvatore Zuccaro – Rest in Peace (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>)
	9:00 AM	High Mass Brendan Rabjohns (<i>KR</i>)
	11:05 AM	Rosary
	11:30 AM	Low Mass St. Philomena – Thank you (<i>J. Hille</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

THERE CAME FORTH BLOOD AND WATER



One of the soldiers raises a spear and thrusts it violently into the dead body of Jesus. So savagely is the spear-thrust given, that the side of Our Lord is opened and the Sacred Heart is pierced, “and immediately there came forth Blood and water.” Naturally, even were there some few drops in life’s final stronghold, the heart, they would not flow when life was ended. But behold! Blood, bright, red, glorious and

triumphant Blood leaps forth—and not Blood alone, but water, pure, fresh and sparkling water comes forth. It is true Blood, it is true water—a portent and prodigy, a miracle so astounding, that in relating it the Evangelist reminds us he was there, an eye-witness, and he is inspired to pledge his personal veracity in attestation of the mysterious event. He sees the sacred Body, and well may he think that every drop of the Precious Blood is shed. Like mountain springs and streams in the burning summer-tide, each Fountain of the Savior is dry, and the red Blood darkens and hardens round the edge of His wounds and the seams of the scourging. Yet Jesus is not content. For, now in death, the holy Head of Jesus bends down towards His side, as if to point out more of His Treasures. No one could dream that He Who has been so prodigal still has treasures left—a sealed and secret Fountain, a hidden store of sweetest Blood to bestow after death as a legacy of love. Dearest Lord! Thy last miracle is like Thy first—“Thou hast kept the best wine until now” (John II, 10). “You shall draw waters with joy out of the Savior’s Fountains” (Is XII, 3).

– “*The Blood of the Lamb*” by Digby Best.

SERVERS

FRI 7/11	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 7/12	7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemanns 8:15 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, F. Caggese, M. Simpson
SUN 7/13	7:30 AM LOW: M. Schneider, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: M. Simpson, A. McClorey TH: N. McClorey ACS: M. Kolenich, M. Caggese TBS: A. Constantino, I. Smith, Ma. & P. Caggese, T. Stanislawski, V. Horton 11:30 AM LOW: Capetillos 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: TH: D. Simpson ACS: I. Smith, P. Caggese 5:45 PM LOW: P. McClorey