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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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Rev. Vili Lehtoranta • Rev. Thomas Simpson • Rev. Anthony Brueggemann

June 23, 2024
PENTECOST V



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A quiet summer Sunday. A good day to come back for Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.

¶ ST. JOHN'S BONFIRE

Come to the High Mass **tomorrow** evening at 5:30, and stay for the potluck, barbecue, and **Blessing of St. John's Bonfire**.

¶ THE SUMMER NOVENA

We continue the Summer Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Anthony on **Tuesday**, following all the Masses. **Don't forget** to turn in your petitions to St. Anthony, to be placed at his feet during the novena.

¶ FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tuesday is the feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Come to one of the Masses to honor Our Lady under this great title. **Saturday** is the feast of Ss. Peter & Paul, and the ordination anniversary of many priests, including †Bishop Dolan and †Fr. Cekada.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of †Alan Lotarski, Mark Lotarski's brother, who died on Saturday, June 15, 2024; and the repose of the soul of †Laura Faith, daughter of Linda Faith, who died last week.

Collection Report

Sunday, June 16th.....\$7,480.00



Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Monday, June 24

High Mass at 5:30 PM

*Parish barbecue & potluck following
Evening closes with the Blessing of the
Bonfire, campfire songs, and Rosary*



¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday is the Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul. Vespers and Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.

📖 **Set Your Missal: Low Masses:** Pentecost VI, second collect of St. Paul, third of St. Peter, fourth of St. John the Baptist. Trinity Preface. **High Mass:** Solemnity of Ss. Peter & Paul, with a commemoration and Proper Last Gospel of Pentecost VI. Preface of the Apostles.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Shannon Schwab, Bob Poggel, and Ben Morgan.

¶ UPCOMING EVENTS

YAG 2024: July 12-14

Boys Camp: July 23-25

"There are two good rules which ought to be written on every heart: Never believe anything bad about anybody, unless you positively know it is true; never tell even that, unless you feel it is absolutely necessary, and that God is listening while you tell it." – Van Dyke



Check out the **Summer Reading Program** in the Little Flower Library! Prizes for most books read!
The Library is located at the end of the school hallway.



"Whatever sunshine is in our lives is the sunshine of God's presence; and the clouds that cross our paths are often the shadow of His hand stretched out to help us." – Anon.

AN UNHEARD OF GRACE

Whenever in the scriptures a name is imposed, or changed for people, by God, it is indicative of great praise and virtue. It was good that our Redeemer’s precursor was ordered to be called John. The name John means “the grace of the Lord,” or “in whom there is grace.” He received a special grace beyond other saints, that of being Christ’s precursor, and he came to proclaim a heretofore unheard-of grace to the world, that of entry into heaven. Therefore he who was full of grace himself, and who brought the good news of God’s grace to the rest of mankind, expressed even by his name a proclamation of grace. It was rightly foretold that there was to be cause for exultation for many at his birth, since it was through him that the Author of their regeneration was manifested to the world.

We should note that there was the same proclamation of praise for John by the angels as that declared by the evangelist for his parents. It was testified that they were just before God, and that John was great in the sight of the Lord. How great he was in the sight of the Lord, the Lord Himself suggested, since He alone granted him the virtue of his greatness and knew of it as well, saying, “Among those born of women there has risen none greater than John the Baptist” (Matt 11:11).

- St. Bede the Venerable, Homily 11.19



NOT A VAIN DREAM

It is related of a certain man who never went to church, that when he heard the bells ring he would say to his wife, “Go thou to church for thee and me.” One night he dreamt that both he and his wife were dead, and that they knocked together at heaven’s gate for entrance. St. Peter, who is supposed to guard the gate, admitted the wife, but refused entrance to the husband, saying: “She is gone in both for herself and thee.” When he awoke he resolved to go to church for himself in future.



Our Beloved Dead – June

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| Rose Gough | 6-03-2001 |
| Dr. Philip Binzel | 6-06-2003 |
| Joyce Rentschler | 6-06-2009 |
| Alexander Fulton | 6-06-2015 |
| Phillip Schmelzer | 6-10-2019 |
| Betty C. Wilson | 6-10-1998 |
| Angela Segrist | 6-12-2019 |
| Filomena Murawski | 6-13-1998 |
| Huland “H.O.” Hinton | 6-13-2014 |
| Peter Francis Butler | 6-14-1989 |
| Alan Lotarski | 6-15-2024 |
| Fairbanks Blanton, | 6-19-1990 |
| Thomas Payne | 6-20-2014 |
| Gwyn Ritze | 6-22-1998 |
| Jacob A. Nies | 6-23-1991 |
| Loraine Gates | 6-27-2018 |
| Joan Landry | 6-27-2020 |
| Brian Joseph McMahon | 6-30-2016 |

A PRAYER IN RHYME

I confess, O Lord! to Thee
 All my shame and misery;
 To the blessed Mother-Maid,
 Whom the Son of God obeyed;
 Michael and his heavenly host,
 That in battle were not lost;
 John, who did the Lord baptize
 'Neath Judea's wondering skies;
 To St. Peter and St. Paul,
 And the Twelve Apostles all;
 To the saints, our God who love,
 Here in trials or above—
 That I've sinned and grievously
 By omission that occurred,
 By my thought and work and word,
 Sadly and most seriously
 Through my fault and mine alone—
 Through my fault and all my own!
 Held, compelled, misled by none—
 Through my grievous fault alone!

Therefore may the Mother-Maid,
 Whom the Son of God obeyed;
 Michael and his heavenly host,
 That in battle were not lost;
 John, who did the Lord baptize
 'Neath Judea's wondering skies;
 May St. Peter and St. Paul,
 And the Twelve Apostles all;
 May the saints, in charity,
 Pray to God our Lord for me!

- Father O'Kennedy



So much has happened over the last couple of weeks that my head is swimming as I try to decide what to write about in today's "Note." In fact, as I was reviewing all of the events and remembering who I've seen lately I found myself thinking, "Well, I haven't seen this or that person at Mass for a while." It took me a moment to realize that they haven't been seen at Mass, not because they were absent, but because I was absent. The ten days away were good days filled with truly pastoral work, but St. Gertrude's will always be home. It is so good to be back!

Firstly, the priest's retreat in Seattle went very smoothly, thanks to your prayers. **Fr. Ercoli** and **Fr. Romero** worked very hard to put things together for all of the visiting clergy. In total, there were six priests and three seminarians present. It was nice to see our priests in a more relaxed environment. Life at St. Gertrude's is often quite intense and there is no shortage of work to be done. Actually, it is harder to find time for a break than it is to stay busy. This makes a spiritual retreat all the more necessary for our clergy. A priest's retreat is a little bit different from the usual seminary retreat inasmuch as a priest's retreat includes some outings at which the priests are allowed to talk. This is done to encourage the clergy and to build up closer friendships among them, many of whom do not often get the chance to visit other priests. Fr. Ercoli planned a ferry ride out to an island, a barbecue, and a walk in the mountainous forests. The subject of the retreat itself was, for the most part, St. Paul the Apostle. Each day began with the singing of Prime, then each priest said Mass. We ate all of our meals in common, lunch and dinner including a reading from books on the *Curè d'Ar*s and St. Vincent de Paul. Two conferences were given each day, and we prayed the Rosary and paid a Visit to the Blessed Sacrament together. At the end of the day Compline was sung.

At the end of the retreat, the last two minor orders, Exorcist and Acolyte, were given to one of our seminarians, **Josè Santos Casas**, who hails from Spain. The Order of Exorcist gives the power to exorcise demons; that of Acolyte, the duty of carrying the candle during Mass and of presenting the wine and water to the priest. Each order requires its own special virtues to be cultivated as the young seminarian approaches closer to the priesthood.

Right now we have three seminarians at our seminary, which is named St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, after the patron of seminarians. It was thanks to

St. Charles that official seminaries were formed around the time of the Council of Trent. This was done because of the amount of false teachings going around, especially during the time of the Protestant Reformation. It was necessary that the priests know how to combat the errors prevalent at that time, so official houses of study were formed.

Confirmations were given at St. Joseph's Church in Mt. Vernon, WA—also run by Frs. Ercoli and Romero. Following all of that, I was able to visit **Fr. Peter Raleigh** at Holy Innocents Church in Trinidad, Colorado, where ten Confirmations were given. Father has a lovely chapel which he has been steadily working to remodel since 2014. A lot of work has been put into the building, but it does look very nice. Hopefully, pictures can be provided eventually. I'm not much of a picture taker, so none are to be had at this time.

The Girl's Camp was a hit! As always, we had a very good attendance and a very well-behaved group of girls. This year's activities included a bike ride at a park in or near Loveland, a day of swimming, and Rosary Processions too! St. Philomena was this year's patroness, so St. Philomena Cords were being made as well. The play which the girls do on the last day of camp was most excellent this year. The little ones marched to the tune of "The Ants Go Marching." The ants who were marching two by two forgot to stop and tie their shoe, which caused a little confusion when the ants marching three by three came in! Things were quickly put back in order and the ants kept marching. The older girls put on a play that was inspired by one of **Fr. Lehtoranta's** sermons in which he talked about Lady Jane. The play was well done, and the moral lesson at the end was most edifying. A big thank you to the Camp Committee for all the work you put into this year's camp.

Tomorrow is the parish bonfire. I hope you will join us for the Solemn High Mass, barbecue, and the blessing of the fire. It is always such an enjoyable and edifying evening!

— Bishop McGuire



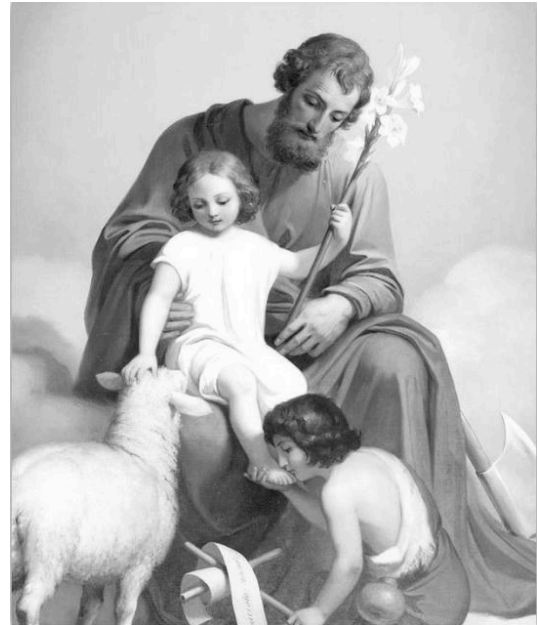
"Go first and be reconciled with thy brother." Matthew 5:24

✠ CALENDAR

MON	6/24/24	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST 8:00 AM Low Mass †Alan C. Lotarski (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Mark Lotarski</i>) 5:30 PM Solemn High Mass Mr. & Mrs. Hudson (<i>Maria McConnell</i>) Parish Barbecue & Potluck, Blessing of the Bonfire
TUE	6/25/24	ST. WILLIAM, AB SUMMER NOVENA AFTER ALL MASSES 8:00 AM High Mass Purgatorial Society 11:25 AM Low Mass Gilliam Families in Sorrow (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 5:00 PM Low Mass Happy Birthday Dad! (<i>The Brueggemann girls</i>)
WED	6/26/24	SS. JOHN & PAUL, MM 8:00 AM Low Mass Special Intention (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Our Pastors, Priests & Seminarians, Servers & Choir (<i>K/V</i>) 5:10 PM Low Mass Our fallen away children (<i>St. Monica Club</i>) St. Monica Club Meeting
THU	6/27/24	WITHIN THE OCTAVE OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP 7:00 AM Low Mass Thanksgiving to the Poor Souls (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Giese</i>) 8:00 AM Low Mass For Kenny & Melissa Gilliam (<i>Jim Soli</i>) 11:25 AM Low Mass Repose of the soul of †Mrs. Patricia Bendel (<i>J. Hille</i>)
FRI	6/28/24	ST. IRENAEUS, BPM VIGIL OF SS. PETER & PAUL 8:00 AM Low Mass Fr. Lehtoranta (<i>Mr. & Mrs. Victor Ritze</i>) 11:00 AM Confessions 11:25 AM Low Mass Special intention deceased (<i>Uilliam Downes</i>) 5:15 PM Confessions & Rosary 5:45 PM Low Mass Thank you so much, Caggesses! (<i>Renee Arlinghaus</i>) 6:30 PM Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction
SAT	6/29/24	SS. PETER & PAUL, APP 7:10 AM Confessions 7:30 AM Low Mass, Salve †Bishop Dolan (<i>Collin Smith</i>) 11:00 AM Nuptial Mass Leo Arlinghaus & Katelyn McConnell
SUN	6/30/24	SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL, APP PENTECOST VI 7:05 AM Rosary 7:30 AM Low Mass †Pat Kolb – Rest in peace (<i>Dave & MaryAnn Marko</i>) 9:00 AM High Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great 11:05 AM Rosary 11:30 AM Low Mass †Brian McMahan 4:45 PM Vespers, Benediction 5:45 PM Low Mass †Brian McMahan – 8 year Anniversary (<i>Colleen McMahan</i>)

CONFIDENCE IN THE SACRED HEART

Our Lord calls us to confidence instead of coldness: “Come to Me....” The Sacred Heart, pierced, crowned with thorns, reminds us though, not only of His Love, but of *our* sins and the price of them—He asks us to join Him in making reparation for them. These are the two great ends, or purposes, of this Devotion of Devotions. He is inviting us to discover all over again how strong His love is for us. Nothing can ever quench it—not even our sins or unworthiness!



GOSPEL THOUGHTS

Like the Pharisees, all heretical teachers who, by their false doctrines, draw the faithful from communion with Christ and His Church, are similar to the devil, the father of heresy and lies. May all those, therefore, who think they can serve Christ and the world at the same time, consider that between truth and falsehood, between Christ and the world, there is no middle path; that Christ requires decision, either with Him, or against Him, either eternal happiness with Him, or without Him, everlasting misery.

SERVERS

FRI 6/28	5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos
SAT 6/29	7:30 AM LOW: Rabjohns
SUN 6/30	7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann 9:00 AM HIGH: MCS: A. McClorey, T. Lawrence TH: D. Hudson ACS: J. Rabjohns, C. VanderPutten TBS: J. & N. Hudson, Ma. & P. Caggesso, B. & A. Constantino 11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs 4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith 5:45 PM LOW: Volunteer Please!