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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass

10:15 a.m. High Mass

Monday-Saturday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

30 minutes before Mass every day (until 7 minutes before the start of Mass)

Regular Devotions

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Masses this Week

Sunday, December 24th

VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

{*Fourth Sunday of Advent*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Thomas Huminski

requested by Linda Gaboardi

Monday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 a.m. - ✠ Cornelius B. de Vogel

requested by Annmarie Widmer

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Monsignor Wach

requested by Parishioners

Tuesday, December 26th

Saint Stephen the Protomartyr

8:00 a.m. - Steven & Tamara Grosso

requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

Wednesday, December 27th

Saint John the Divine

8:00 a.m. - The Koons Family

requested by the Koons Family

Thursday, December 28th

Holy Innocents

8:00 a.m. - ✠ Edward Tkacik

requested by John Tkacik

Friday, December 29th

Saint Thomas of Canterbury

8:00 a.m. - Robert & Deborah Koons

requested by the Koons Family

Saturday, December 30th

Within the Octave of Christmas

8:00 a.m. - ✠ Thomas Dunne, S^r.

requested by Raymond Dunne

Sunday, December 31st

SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

{*Saint Sylvester*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Arthur R. Navarette

requested by Michael & Crystal Howley



Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 24th

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday Low Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Prime & Martyrology at 9:45 a.m. {*no confessions*}

Sunday High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

No Vespers or Benediction

Christmas Carols at 11:30 p.m., followed by Solemn

Mass of Midnight {Father R. Cipolla}

Monday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

Church will open in time for 8:00 a.m. confessions

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. {Canon F.X. Altieri}

Solemn Mass at 10:15 a.m. {Father M. Novajosky}

December 26th to 30th

Daily Masses at 8:00 a.m., with confessions

available AFTER Mass {church opens at 7:45 a.m.}

Wednesday, December 27th

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN THE DIVINE

Traditional Blessing of Wine after 8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, December 28th

Holy Hour & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 31st

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Holy Hour & Te Deum at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 1st

CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD {New Year's Day}

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Friday, January 5th

VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY

Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by solemn

blessing of Epiphany Water {limit one bottle}

Saturday, January 6th

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Solemn Mass at 10:15 a.m., followed by traditional

blessing of chalk {no early Low Mass}

Reception in the church hall after the ceremony

Sunday, January 7th

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessing of children after both Masses

Young Adults Epiphany brunch after High Mass

✻ CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ✻

In Memory of

Canon Henrique Fragelli	Mark & Marian Denegre Sr. Mary Salome	Bernadette Casano
Dolores Huminski Dot & Jim Gaboardi Margaret Mudry Steven Kraft	Joseph & Anna Adam & sons	Carl Q. Nelson
Teresa Kristan Michael Kristan Edward & Ursula Cleary Jules & Helen Kristan	Joseph Wittkofski Laura Filmeyer Wittkofski Stephen Guy Beardsley, Jr. Patricia Burivett Beardsley	The Ciardiello Family The McGrory Family
Jose Zamora Marlon Paragoso Ana & Tito Borces Epifania Borces Ecloy Codoy	Joseph & Anna Norko	Aleksandra Szeloch Dariusz Pysk
DeFelice Family Cairo Family	Joseph Tkacik Edward Tkacik Mary Tkacik Elizabeth Drab Mary Berden	Jose M. Colon Celedonia Vazquez Ramon Rodriguez
Janet Murphy	David Mitros Arthur Furey Joseph Pline Robert & Kathleen Furey	<u>In Honor of</u>
All Souls of the World & family too	John & Margaret Kelly	Bishop Frank Caggiano
William & Theresa Carpenter Harry & Mary Rowe	Santa Nieves Family	Monsignor Joseph Pekar
	Departed Members of Altieri & Dziekciasz Families	Monsignor Gilles Wach
		Mr. & Mrs. F. X. Altieri III
		Thomas Huminski
		Colleen McCarty

Christ is born! Let us rejoice!

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

On behalf on the superiors of the Institute of Christ the King, I wish you and your families a very happy and blessed Christmas. Thank you for joining us to celebrate this great feast here at the Oratory, with all the beauty offered by the traditional Catholic liturgy. Many thanks to our visiting clergy, and of course to our dedicated choir and altar servers, as well as to our generous volunteers, who have done so much to make this celebration so splendid!

Please note the modified Mass and church opening times for Christmas week. Christmas, as you know, is not just a one-day affair: the Christmas season lasts for 40 days in all. On New Year's Eve we will have a Eucharistic holy hour at 6:00 p.m., concluding with the singing of the *Te Deum* in thanksgiving for the many graces we have all received in the last year. The feasts of Epiphany (January 6th) and Candlemas (February 2nd) are highlights of this season, which we should all plan to attend. You can always find a list of upcoming events in the weekly bulletin and on our social media page.

Wishing God's blessings upon you all in the coming year, yours faithfully,

– Canon Altieri, Rector of Saints Cyril & Methodius

MERRY CHRISTMAS! We welcome you to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. We hope you will be able to join us for our next coffee hour. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available at both entrances.

Holy Mass and all the sacraments at Saints Cyril & Methodius Oratory are celebrated in the traditional Latin Rite. This form of worship, which developed many centuries ago, is a priceless treasure of our Catholic faith. On Sundays and feasts, there are handouts containing English translations of the Propers (the prayers and readings proper to the day). If you are unfamiliar with the traditional Latin Mass, please do not hesitate to approach the clergy of the Oratory with any questions you may have. The pastoral care of the Oratory has been entrusted by the Bishop of Bridgeport to the clergy of the Institute of Christ the King, a Catholic priestly society founded in 1990 and currently ministering in dioceses across the United States, Europe and Africa.

Holy communion may be received by practicing Catholics in the state of grace. In the traditional Roman Rite, holy communion is received kneeling at the communion rail (unless you are impaired from doing so) and directly on the tongue. The mouth should be open with the tongue slightly extended. You do not reply when the priest places the host in your mouth. The sacrament of confession is available every day 30 minutes before the start of Mass (ending approximately 7 minutes before Mass begins).

The church narthex (vestibule) functions as a cry room during Mass. As a courtesy to others, please feel free to make use of it when you have a crying child by exiting quietly down one of the side aisles. Everyone is kindly reminded that all conversations should be held outside.

Out of respect for God's house, please bear in mind the importance of modest and decent attire. Ladies who wish to do so may borrow a veil to wear at Mass (available in baskets by the entrances).

If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Oratory offers individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.

NEW YEAR'S EVE ADORATION

December 31st at 6:00 p.m.

In place of the usual Vespers there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration, which will include the singing of the Te Deum, the traditional hymn of thanksgiving in the Roman liturgy. The best way to close the year now ending!

The Church grants a plenary indulgence for the singing of the Te Deum on New Year's Eve

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 6th at 10:15 a.m.

Solemn Mass followed by traditional blessing of Epiphany chalk

Festive reception in the church hall with "Galette des Rois" cake - Please sign up to bring refreshments



Christmas Oplatki for Sale

Oplatki (traditional Christmas wafers) are for sale in the narthex and will be available while supplies last. Cost is \$3.

December 24th 2023

Vigil of Christmas