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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 (Sundays before both Masses) & First Fridays from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)

Devotions

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.

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

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

12:00 a.m. - Canon Matthew Talarico
requested by parishioners

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Edward & Adeline Reyen
requested by Edward Reyen

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, December 26th

Saint Stephen the Protomartyr

*Note: 8:00 a.m. - Canon Andrew Todd
requested by Shannon Palaia & Katrina Tourigny

Tuesday, December 27th

Saint John the Evangelist

*Note: 8:00 a.m. - the Koons Family
requested by Alex Koons

Wednesday, December 28th

Holy Innocents

*Note: 8:00 a.m. - Nicholas Stuban
requested by Grace Monks

Thursday, December 29th

Saint Thomas Becket

*Note: 8:00 a.m. - Robert & Deborah Koons
requested by Alex Koons

Friday, December 30th

Mass of the Sunday in Octave of Christmas

*Note: 8:00 a.m. - ✠ Edward Tkacik
requested by John Tkacik

Saturday, December 31st

Saint Sylvester

*Note: 8:00 a.m. - Canon Francis Xavier Altieri
requested by parishioners

✠ THE YEAR OF GRACE 2023 ✠

Sunday, January 1st

CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - Larry Pline (90th birthday)
requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline



Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 25th

CHRISTMAS DAY

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.
No public Vespers

December 26th to 31st

Special temporary week-day Mass schedule: Holy Mass at 8:00 a.m., with confessions *afterwards* (church will open at 7:45 a.m. all week)

Tuesday, December 27th

FEAST OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Traditional blessing of wine after morning Mass

Thursday, December 29th

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

Saturday, December 31st

Holy Hour with Te Deum & Benediction at 11:00 p.m. (plenary indulgence)

Sunday, January 1st

CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD {New Year's Day}

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.
No public Vespers

Thursday, January 5th

EPIPHANY EVE

First Vespers & Water Blessing at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, January 6th

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Solemn Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by traditional blessing of chalk (*no Holy Hour before Mass*), followed by social in the church hall

Saturday, January 7th

FIRST SATURDAY

Ladies Guild meeting in the rectory after Mass & devotions

Sunday, January 8th

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessing of children after both Masses
Epiphany brunch for Sursum Corda (Institute young adults group, 18-35); please sign up.

Sunday, January 15th

Monthly social after the High Mass

❁ CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ❁

In Memory of

George M. Kuruc, Sr.
Mary & Anton Spodnik
Anthony J. Spodnik
Mary & Joseph Gedics
Sister M. Isidore, S.S.C.M.

Rev. Anthony Burakowski
Michael & Alberta Mikulka

Joseph Tkacik
Mary Tkacik
Edward Tkacik
Elizabeth Drab
Mary Berden

Ann Collins
Tom Collins
Tommy Collins

Teresa Marie Kristan

Altieri & Dziekciasz Families

Christopher Gaitano
Frances Samsel
Chris Moffit
Mary Mojcher
Tom Howard

Jesus Zamora

Richard Francis Dowd

Frances M. Samsel
Joseph & Frances E. Samsel
Anna & Joseph Franko
Joseph & Catherine Samsel
Ed & Ceil Petro
Ed Franko

Joseph & Anna Adam & Family

Bonifacio Malanao
Feleicidad Malanao
Marlon Malanao
Mario Malanao
Poor Souls in Purgatory

Irene Joaquim
Miguel Joaquim
Joseph Joaquim
João Joaquim
Miguel Serra

Eugene Wirkus, Sr.
James A. Redmond
James H. Redmond

Collin Whitmore
Marion & George Payne
Thomas Killoran
Alma Whitmore
Jane Clancy

Thomas D. Monks
Thomas J. Monks
Jeffrey Monks

Irene & Franklin H. Ellison
Paulette R. Ellison-Mandis
Fred Covino
The Ellison Family
The Stefura & Bednar Families

Anna Norko
Joseph Norko

Frank M. Burt
Charlene Caldwell
Jamie Rial
Guadalupe & Maria Castillo
Frank & Betty Burt

Bill Hirschfield
Charlie O'Roarke
Jan Brady
Mary King
Carolyn Nelson

In Honor of

Bishop Frank Caggiano

Monsignor Joseph Pekar

Canon Talarico

Nenita Zamora
M. Teresa Arreza
Gil Arreza
Jose Angel Alvaradi

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 dedicated choir and altar servers, and our many volunteers, who have done so much to make this celebration so splendid!

Please note the modified Mass and church opening times for the week after Christmas. 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 11:00 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. Wishing God's blessings upon you all in the coming year, yours faithfully,

Canon Altieri, Pastor & Rector

MERRY CHRISTMAS! We welcome you today 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 monthly social 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 5 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. Please hold all conversations 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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

are announced for

Miss Heather Falsetti

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bartolo Falsetti

& Mr. Thomas Sarro

son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sarro

This is the FIRST PUBLICATION of the banns.

Christmas Food Drive

The Oratory will still be collecting items **until December 28th** for the food bank run by the Daughters of Charity of the Precious Blood here in Bridgeport. The items being collected are: non-expired canned goods, dry foods and non-used grooming items (no perishable items or items requiring refrigeration). Please drop off your items (in a disposable carrier bag if possible) in the back entrance to church. Thank you for your charity to those in need!

EPIPHANY WATER & CHALK

Epiphany Water will be blessed after Solemn Vespers on Thursday, January 5th at 6:00 p.m. (one container per household; please, no bottles with small necks) and chalk will be blessed on the Feast of the Epiphany, Friday, January 6th after Solemn Mass at 6:00 p.m. You can use this holy water and this chalk to bless your home.

During the Octave of the Epiphany (January 6th to January 13th), Canon will try to bless one home each day. If you are a registered parishioner and your home has not been blessed in the last year, and if you are willing to give Canon a ride, please contact the church office to enquire about arranging an Epiphany house blessing.



December 25th 2022

Nativity of Our Lord