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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, September 4th

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Elaine Marie Navarette

requested by Michael & Crystal Howley

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, September 5th

Saint Lawrence Justiniani

7:45 a.m. - Denise & George Smith

requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline

Tuesday, September 6th

Votive Mass for the Propagation of the Faith

7:45 a.m. - Father John Berg, F.S.S.P.

requested by Alex Koons

Wednesday, September 7th

Votive Mass of Saint Joseph

7:45 a.m. - Tom Rowe, Sr.

requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family

Thursday, September 8th

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - J. Kim

requested by Julie Kim

6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

Friday, September 9th

Saint Gorgonius

7:45 a.m. - John M. Tvardzik

requested by Grace Monks

Saturday, September 10th

Saint Nicholas of Tolentino

7:45 a.m. - Marian & Lucyna Kozek

requested by Tyler & Klaudia Griffith

Sunday, September 11th

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Frances Samsel

requested by Marian Adam

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 6th

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

Thursday, September 8th

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Traditional blessing of seeds after Mass

Sunday, September 11th

Official Start to New Pastoral Year 2022-2023

Reception in Social Hall after 10:15 a.m. Mass

Resumption of Sunday Vespers & Benediction

September 23rd to 25th

PILGRIMAGE FOR RESTORATION

Information: www.pilgrimage-for-restoration.org

Sunday, October 9th

Visit of His Excellency Bishop Caggiano to the Oratory at the 10:15 a.m. Solemn Mass—fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Oratory

Festive reception to follow in the church hall

Faith Formation at the Oratory

Please watch the bulletin in coming weeks for information about Confirmation Catechism Class for children who need to receive this sacrament, as well as regular Adult Theology Class. Both classes will begin this fall.



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Liturgical Notes on the Nativity of the Virgin Mary

On September 8th the Church celebrates the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This day has not normally the solemnity and the grandeur of the Assumption, in which the liturgy celebrates magnificently the glory of our Lady seated in the heights of heaven. But the feast of September 8th owes its own particular charm to the intimacy and exquisite freshness that belongs to it. It is like Christmas in the autumn, and in our calendar our Lady's nativity has a peculiarly appropriate place, since it is celebrated at the beginning of a season in which nature seems to grow calm after the burning heat of summer, and to rest awhile before having to face the rigour of winter. The sun's rays are no longer blinding in their brilliance, but seem rather to spread over all creation a light whose gentleness is unequalled. No time of year is so suitable as the beginning of autumn for celebrating the Blessed Virgin in the most peaceful, the most silent and, in a certain sense, the most joyful of her mysteries.

[...] When our Lady was born, nobody could have guessed the great things that God had determined to do through this child who would one day be enthroned in heaven at the right hand of his only Son. We are not surprised, then, that the birth of the Mother of God, in circumstances of which we know nothing, was as humble and hidden as would later be that of our Saviour. But today, while on September 8th we commemorate our Lady's nativity, we cannot forebear to think also of that other birth, soon to bring peace and joy to the whole world. In the Collect for the Mass on September 8th the Church asks for an increase of peace, and this is obviously the peace to men of good will that our Saviour brought to us on Christmas night. But the Virgin Mother can only cause genuine peace, the peace of Christ, to grow within us by the constant exercise of her spiritual maternity. After having brought forth Christ in human flesh to give him to the world, our Lady continues by her powerful intercession and her merits to bring forth in souls the ever growing of him who is, in St. Paul's words, our peace.

– excerpt from *Our Lady in the Liturgy*,
by Dom E. Flicoteaux, O.S.B.

Blessing of Seeds on the Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady *from the Roman Ritual*

☩. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

☩. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with your spirit.

Let us pray. Holy Lord and Father, almighty everlasting God, we ask and beseech you to look with merry countenance and fair eyes on these seeds and seedlings. And as you proclaimed to Moses, your servant, in the land of Egypt, saying: Tell the children of Israel that when they enter the land of promise which I shall give them, they are to offer the first-fruits to the priests, and they shall be blessed; so too at our request, O Lord, be merciful and pour out the blessing ☩ of your right hand upon these seeds, which you in your benevolence bring forth to sustain life. Let neither drought nor flood destroy them, but keep them unharmed until they reach their full growth and produce an abundant harvest for the service of body and soul. We ask this of you who live and reign in perfect Trinity forever and ever. ℟. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty everlasting God, sower and tiller of the heavenly word, who cultivate the field of our hearts with heavenly tools, hear our prayers and pour out abundant blessings upon the fields in which these seeds are to be sown. By your protecting hand turn away the fury of the elements, so that this entire fruit may be filled with your blessing, ☩ and may be gathered unharmed and stored up in the granary; through Christ our Lord. ℟. Amen.

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We welcome you today the Oratory Parish of Saints Cyril and Methodius!

If this is your first time here, we look forward to meeting you. The next monthly social hour with coffee and doughnuts will be next Sunday, September 11th after the 10:15 a.m. High Mass. We hope you will be able to join us. If you are interested in registering as a parishioner, forms are available at both entrances.

Holy Mass and all the sacraments at the 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, 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 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.

Out of respect for God's house, please bear in mind the importance of modest and decent attire, and hold all conversations outside.

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 Savior 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.

CALL FOR CHORISTERS: Men, Women & Children of Good Will & Sound Voice!

Now is the acceptable time for a Children's Schola, a Men's Schola and an Adult Choir at Saints Cyril & Methodius!

For sung Masses each Sunday and on high Feast Days, the Men's Schola will prepare and sing the Propers, while the Adult Choir will sing the Ordinary and some polyphonic motets together. The Children's Schola will rehearse weekly and sing chant and simple polyphony for one Mass per month.

We plan to hold weekly rehearsals in the loft on Thursdays from September to Corpus Christi.

To inquire about any of these ensembles, please speak to Sam Schmitt either after Mass or via e-mail: samuel.schmitt@carlschmitt.org, or simply sign up using the clipboard in the back of the church.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2023

The Mass book for next year will open in October and details will be announced in the bulletin. Please **do not submit any Mass intentions** until that time. Your cooperation greatly helps with scheduling. Thank you!

Godspeed to our seminarians!

Now that his summer assignment is over, today is Abbé McKown's last Sunday here before heading back to the seminary. We thank him for all his dedication and hard work, and congratulate him again on his ordination to the subdiaconate. Our parishioner Zachary Hamar is also headed off to Gricigliano to begin his first year at the seminary. We assure them our prayers.

September 4th 2022

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost