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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

September 25th 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, September 25th

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ♥ Frances Samsel
requested by Marian Adams
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo
6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction

Monday, September 26th

Saints Cyprian & Justina

7:45 a.m. - Edward, Joseph & Eileen Monks *Grace Monks*

Tuesday, September 27th

Saints Cosmas & Damian

7:45 a.m. - ♥ Franklin H., Irene M. & Paulette Ellison requested by Irene Ellison

Wednesday, September 28th

Saint Wenceslaus

7:45 a.m. - Mursel & Tourkieh Kinani requested by the Alanz family

Thursday, September 29th

Saint Michael the Archangel

7:45 a.m. - Michael Manoni requested by George Smith & Denise Manoni-Smith 6:00 p.m. - Holy Hour

Friday, September 30th

Saint Jerome

7:45 a.m. - ♥ Mary Berden requested by John Tkacik

Saturday, October 1st

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

7:45 a.m. - ♥ William & Teresa Carpenter requested by Colleen McCarty

Sunday, October 2nd

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ♥ Elaine Lambing
requested by Marian Adams
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo
6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 28th

Saint Joseph Men's Group meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 29th

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

Saturday, October 1st

FIRST SATURDAY

Devotions & Benediction after Mass

Monday, October 3rd

FEAST OF SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX Solemn Mass at 6:00 p.m., celebrated by Canon Stein, followed by a farewell reception in the hall

Tuesday, October 4th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall Theme: "What is the Bible?"

Friday, October 7th

FIRST FRIDAY {Feast of the Holy Rosary} Holy Hour with confessions at 5:00 p.m.., followed by High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 8th

After Mass, server practice for bishop's visit (please sign up for a position in advance)

Church Cleaning—volunteers needed!

Sunday, October 9th

Visit of His Excellency Bishop Caggiano to our parish at the 10:15 a.m. Solemn Mass—fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Oratory Festive reception to follow in the church hall

Tuesday, October 18th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall Theme: "God: His Existence & Perfections"

ADULT THEOLOGY CLASS

Theme for 2022-23: "The Creed"

A total of 12 classes throughout the year, meeting one or two Tuesdays a month, with a break around Christmas

First Meeting: Tuesday, September 20th

(Feel free to bring snacks to share)

You are very welcome to invite non-Catholic friends.

Saint Michael the Archangel, Prince of the Heavenly Host

The glorious Archangel appears today at the head of the heavenly army: "There was a great battle in heaven, Michael and his angels fought with the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels." In the sixth century, the dedication of the churches of Saint Michael on Monte Gargano and in the Roman Circus increased the celebrity of this day, which had however been long before consecrated by Rome to the memory of all the heavenly Virtues.

[...] Who, then, are these heavenly Powers, whose mysterious combat heads the first page of history? Their existence is attested by the traditions of all nations as well as by the authority of holy Scripture. If we consult the Church, she teaches us that in the beginning God created simultaneously two natures, the spiritual and the corporal, and afterwards man who is composed of both. The scale of nature descends by gradation from beings made to the likeness of God, to the very confines of nothingness; and by the same degrees the creature mounts upwards to his Creator. God is infinite being, infinite intelligence, infinite love. The creature is forever finite: but man, endowed with a reasoning intellect, and the angel, with an intuitive grasp of truth, are ever, by a continual process of purification, widening the bounds of their imperfect nature, in order to reach, by increase of light, the perfection of greater love.

[...] Let us not be envious. By nature the angel is superior to us; but, to which of the angels hath He said at any time, "Thou art My Son" (Hebrews 1:5, Psalm 2:7)? The only-begotten Son of God did not take to Himself the angelic nature. When on earth, He acknowledged the temporary subordination of humanity to those pure spirits, and deigned to receive from them, even as do His brethren in the flesh, and announcements of the divine will, and help and strength (Luke 22:43). But, "God hath not subjected unto angels the world to come," says the Apostle (Hebrews 2:5). How can we understand this attraction of God towards what is feeblest? We can only worship it in humble, loving faith. It was Lucifer's stumbling-block on the day of the great battle in

heaven. But the faithful angels prostrated themselves in joyous adoration at the feet of the Infant-God foreshown to them enthroned on Mary's knee, and then rose up to sing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will."

- Dom Guéranger, The Liturgical Year (September 29th)



Music for Sunday, September 25th

Organ Prelude: Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend (Lord Jesus Christ, be present now)

- Johann Gottfried Walther (+1748)

Kyriale: Mass XI (*Orbis factor*)

Creed: Credo I

Offertory: O Jesu mi dulcissime

- Felice Anerio (+1614)

TRANSLATION: O Jesus, most sweet to me, hope of the yearning soul; the tears of the pious seek Thee, the innermost soul cries out to Thee! Stay with us, Lord, and shine your light upon us, drive away the darkness of our minds, fill the world with Thy sweetness.

Communion: Jesu dulcis memoria

- Juan Francés de Iribarren (+1767) TRANSLATION: Jesus, sweet remembrance, granting the heart its true joys, But above honey and all things Is His sweet presence. Be our joy, O Jesus, who will be the prize we win, May our glory be in Thee, always and through all ages. Amen.

Recessional: Erschienen ist der herrlich Tag (The glorious day has appeared)

- Johann Walther

Choir Practice Schedules

Children's Schola

All young people who would like to sing are invited to join rehearsals for the Children's Schola on Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the church choir loft. (If this rehearsal time presents a conflict for anyone wishing to join, please contact Sam Schmitt, samuel.schmitt@carlschmitt.org.) Beginning in October, the Children's Schola will sing chant and simple polyphony about once a month.

Parish Choir

Rehearsals for the Parish Choir will be on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church choir loft. The Choir is open to singers high-school age and older and will sing chant and polyphony every Sunday for the 10:15 a.m. High Mass.

Spiritual Bouquet for the Bishop

We would like to offer Bishop Caggiano a spiritual bouquet on the occasion of his upcoming visit. To participate, please take one of the slips from the tables at the church entrances and return to the office or collection basket no later than October 2nd.

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. We hope you will be able to join us at our next monthly social hour with coffee and doughnuts. 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.

Sacramental Preparation Catechism Classes

Parents whose children need to receive their First Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Confirmation this year are kindly asked to contact the office. Classes for each group will most likely be held one Saturday each month after the morning Mass, but please let us know if this would present any insurmountable schedule conflicts.

October Devotions

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. If we were to offer Rosary & Benediction every day in October in church at 6:00 p.m., would people come? Please let us know!

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!

Farewell for Canon Stein

Monday, October 3rd is the feast of Saint Therese of the Holy Face & the Child Jesus. She is also the secondary patroness of the Institute, watching over our missions. Canon Stein will celebrate a Solemn Mass and preach for her feast at 6:00 p.m. After Mass, there will be a farewell reception for Canon Stein. Please sign up to bring refreshments to share. There will be a box for cards. We are grateful for Canon's many contributions to the life of our parish over the course of the last year!

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