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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, November 20th

TWENTY-FOURTH & LAST SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Collin Whitmore

requested by Grandparents

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction

Monday, November 21st

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Virginia Padulo

requested by June Vendetti

Tuesday, November 22nd

Saint Cecilia

7:45 a.m. - Michael Cirilli

requested by Shannon Palaia & Katrina Tourigny

Wednesday, November 23rd

Saint Clement

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Aurelia Castillo

requested by Gary & Diana Burt

Thursday, November 24th

Saint John of the Cross

7:45 a.m. - for a Catholic King

requested by Tyler & Klaudia Griffith

Friday, November 25th

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Elizabeth Drab

requested by John Tkacik

Saturday, November 26th

Saint Sylvester the Abbot

7:45 a.m. - Sara Modest & Family

requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family

Requiem Mass

10:15 a.m. - ✠ John & Ethel Kashulon

requested by the Kashulon Foundation

Sunday, November 27th

ADVENT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Manoni

requested by Matthew Manoni

6:00 p.m. - Vespers & Benediction

Thank you for your gracious support for our annual Christ the King seminary collection. Through your generosity, we were able to raise over \$4,000 for the Institute's seminary!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 22nd

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall
Theme: "Creation and the Angels"

Thursday, November 24th

Thanksgiving Day (no public holy hour)

Saturday, November 26th

Annual Requiem High Mass at 10:15 a.m. for John & Ethel Kashulon (servers needed)

November 29th to December 7th

NOVENA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sermon in honour of Our Lady by a special guest preacher every day at 6:00 p.m., followed by Novena prayers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday, November 30th

Meeting of the Society of the Sacred Heart (open to all), given by Canon Stein in the church hall after the Novena sermon & devotions

Thursday, December 8th

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION {*holy day of obligation*}
Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 10th

Confirmation Catechism class after the morning Mass—*these classes are mandatory for all children who will be confirmed at the Oratory this year*

Sunday, December 18th

Brief "meet and greet" in the church hall after the High Mass for all healthcare professionals in the parish
Solemn Choral Vespers & Benediction for the Fourth Sunday of Advent ("O Adonai") at 6:00 p.m., followed by seasonal treats in the church hall

February 19th to 21st

Save the dates: Annual Forty Hours devotion in reparation for sins and for peace in Christendom

The priory here in Bridgeport will be hosting the Institute clergy from Waterbury and New Jersey for **Thanksgiving dinner**. If there are any kind-natured souls who would like to help prepare an item, please contact Canon!

Letter from the Pastor: The End is Near ... and so is the beginning!

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Oratory,

Recent weeks have been rich in graces for our small but growing parish. In addition to two beautiful weddings, we have solemnly celebrated the Institute's titular feast of Christ the King, and commemorated the Church Triumphant and Church Suffering on All Saints Day and All Souls Day. The Sunday after All Saints saw an impressive panoply of brilliant costumes for our first All Saints Party, and the octave of All Saints brought relief to the souls in purgatory through indulgenced visits to local cemeteries after daily Masses. After those liturgically very important days, we have now arrived at the end of the Church's year, since today is already the Twenty-Fourth (and Last) Sunday after Pentecost. With Christmas falling on a Sunday this year, Advent will be as long as it possibly can be—a full four weeks—and each of us should take it to heart to make full use of the many graces the Church offers for our sanctification during this holy season, especially through the sacred liturgy. Even though we haven't yet celebrated the civil festival of Thanksgiving, the secular world has already been selling Christmas ("seasonal"?) goods for some weeks. All the more reason for us to observe Advent *correctly* ... as Catholics! For the first time, this year we will be conducting the full traditional Novena of the Immaculate Conception, with a special guest preacher every day (details to follow). I am sure you will all derive rich fruit from this Novena and, above all, that our Blessed Mother will be duly honored. *It is very important for everyone to make plans to participate in this Novena.* Keeping the Embertide fast (the third week of Advent) is one way to enter into the penitential spirit of this season. We can also try to attend extra Masses during the week, or the Thursday holy hour. Attending Sunday Vespers is another wonderful way to observe the season, especially on the last Sunday of Advent, when we will have Solemn Choral Vespers, followed by a festive gathering. After the morning Mass on Christmas Eve day, the Office of Prime will be chanted, like last year, with the beautiful announcement of Our Lord's birth in the Martyrology. Lord, come quickly!

—Your Pastor, Canon Altieri

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.

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.

For more information about our music program, please contact Sam Schmitt: samuel.schmitt@carlschmitt.org.



Cost: \$20 per pack • Available in church

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Each pack includes 10 full-color greeting cards featuring different renditions of the Adoration of the Magi.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered by the U.S. Provincial Superior on Christmas Day for all those who receive one of these beautiful Christmas cards.

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 for our next monthly social hour (after the Solemn Mass on December 4th). 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. Ladies who wish to do so may borrow a veil to wear at Mass.

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.

NOVENA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 29th to December 7th

“Our Lady in Fact and Figure”

In preparation for the great feast of the Immaculate Conception, we will be holding the traditional Novena, and this year we have invited a series of **guest preachers** who will each give a sermon on one of the titles from Our Lady's Litany. With the exception of the Saturday and Sunday (when the sermon will be given during Mass in the morning), the Novena sermon will be given **each evening at 6:00 p.m.** Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena prayer will follow the sermon. Please already mark this important Novena in your calendars! We are grateful to our visiting priests and do not want them speaking to an empty church! Everyone should **plan to attend at least one** of the week-day evening Novena events ...

Christmas Oplatki

Oplatki (traditional Christmas wafers) will be available in the church narthex on the Sundays in Advent while supplies last. **Cost is \$3**

SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART

On Wednesday **November 30th** there will be a spiritual conference for those interested in learning more about the Society of the Sacred Heart, the lay branch of the Institute of Christ the King. This talk will begin in the church hall right **after the 6:00 p.m. Novena** and will be given by Canon Michael Stein, assistant chaplain of the Society. The theme of the talk will be: “Advent: Prepare your hearts for the Infant King at the School of Our Patrons.” Please feel to bring refreshments to share.

November 20th 2022

Last Sunday after Pentecost