



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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### Mass Times

**Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass  
10:15 a.m. High Mass  
**Monday-Friday:** 7:45 a.m. Low Mass  
**Saturday:** 8:30 a.m. Low Mass  
**Holy Days:** *please consult the bulletin*

### Confessions

30 minutes before Mass every day

### 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 {*except summer*}  
**First Saturday:** After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

July 21<sup>st</sup> 2024

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## Masses this Week

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

### **NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Maria Patricia Tourigny  
*requested by Jacob & Katrina Tourigny*

Monday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>

### **Saint Mary Magdalene**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Pietro Zeolla

*requested by Mario & Maureen Ciardiello*

Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Saint Apollinaris**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ John & Ethel Kashulon

*requested by the Kashulon Foundation*

Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

### **Vigil of Saint James**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward Reyen, Sr.

*requested by Edward Reyen*

Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Saint James the Greater, Apostle**

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

*requested by Thomas & Margaret Daly*

Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

### **Saint Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin**

7:45 a.m. - Abbé Zachary Hamar

*requested by Lenore & Michael Opalak*

Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>

### **Our Lady's Saturday**

8:30 a.m. - ✠ William Hirschfield

*requested by Mary L. Nelson*

Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

### **TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Edward Reyen

*requested by Anna Balash*



## Upcoming Events

July 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

Novena to Saint Anne

Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>

Canon will be on the "Ask a Priest Live" show at 6:00 p.m. on the Station of the Cross channel

Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>

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

Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:15 a.m. for Canon's Tenth Anniversary, followed by reception

Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

Canon will be on the "Ask a Priest Live" show at 6:00 p.m. on the Station of the Cross channel

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
{*holy day of obligation*}

7:45 a.m. - Low Mass

6:00 p.m. - High Mass, followed by outdoor Marian procession & traditional blessing of herbs  
*Four men will be needed to carry the statue.*

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
Traditional blessing of seeds after the High Mass  
*Annual Parish Picnic at Old Mine Park*

September - Date to be Announced

Adult Theology class will resume, to be held on alternate Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

September 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

"Pilgrimage for Restoration" to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs. For information, visit:  
<https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/>

### **Blessing of Sacramentals**

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the sacristy and pick them up by the back door the following Sunday. Please make sure to collect your blessed items, as they sometimes accumulate or go astray if they are not picked up.

## NEW DIOCESAN “GUILDS”

Under the direction of Bishop Caggiano, the Diocese of Bridgeport has recently formed the following guilds as “public associations of the faithful,” such as for those who share a common profession, etc.



### St. Luke Guild for Healthcare Workers



#### What is the Saint Luke Guild?

“The Saint Luke Guild is an association of healthcare workers within the Diocese of Bridgeport who desire to grow in Christian discipleship through a process of encounter with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and mutual accompaniment.”



#### What is our mission?

The primary mission of the Saint Luke Guild is to support the ongoing spiritual, pastoral and theological needs and formation of its initiated members who serve in the healthcare profession and equip them to serve and assist others who work in the health care profession and are not members of the guild.



#### What is Aspirancy? Can I join?

Yes you can join after a period of discernment called “Aspirancy.” Those who aspire to join the Guild but are not ready to enter will be invited to attend all Guild events, even those designed for initiated members, until they make a final decision on Guild membership.

Accompanying each other in faith and hope

[www.BridgeportDiocese.org/StLukeGuild](http://www.BridgeportDiocese.org/StLukeGuild)  
[SaintLukeGuild@diobpt.org](mailto:SaintLukeGuild@diobpt.org)



## Guild of the Most Blessed Sacrament

### Online Information Meeting

Thursday, August 1st, 7:00PM

Interested in learning about the Guild of the Most Blessed Sacrament? Join us for our information meeting and learn how you can become a member!



For more info or RSVP  
[GuildMostBlessedSacrament@diobpt.org](mailto:GuildMostBlessedSacrament@diobpt.org)

## HISTORY OF THE FEAST OF ST. ANNE

St. Anne’s title of *Mother of Mary*, taken alone, would be sufficient to justify the place which she has conquered in Catholic devotion. We shall not find her name in the Gospels, nor the few events in her life which are known to us. But we do find them in a very curious and very ancient book, the *Proto-Gospel of St. James*, condemned as apocryphal by the Gelasian decree\*, but which all the same may well contain some authentic traditions, and has had a great influence on devotion to Mary, and gives us other details of her life, and that of the Blessed Virgin.

The history of the *cultus* of St. Anne has been most carefully studied in recent years†, and numerous writings have been published. We do not here enter into the details of this history; we must content ourselves by saying that the East has outrun the West in devotion to St. Anne, as it has in devotion to Our Lady herself. Testimony to this fact can be found from the sixth century onwards, and even before that time. At Rome, under Leo III (795-816), the history of Anne of Joachim was represented on sacerdotal ornaments. In England, the feast of St. Anne was celebrated in 1381, and authorized by a decree of Urban VI. Leo XIII‡ wished to honour his patron St. Joachim in a special manner, and raised his feast and that of St. Anne to the rank of feasts of the second class. Gregory XIII had rendered the latter of universal celebration, and fixed it for July 26.

At Auray, in Brittany, the pilgrimage of St. Anne, established since the seventeenth century, has become of increasing popularity, and draws innumerable crowds. St. Anne’s Office is the beautiful one appointed for Holy Women, so like that of the Blessed Virgin, with Lessons from that Doctor, St. John Damascene, who has written many pages of profound doctrine and tender piety upon the Blessed Virgin and her mother. The Mass is partly taken from the same Office of Holy Women. The Introit *Gaudeamus* at once places it in the rank of joyful feasts; while the Collect celebrates the grace, made to St. Anne, of being privileged to become the mother of the Virgin who was to be the Mother of the Saviour, and whose patronage is so powerful.

– Fernand Cabrol, O.S.B., *The Year’s Liturgy*, vol. II.

\* A decretal of Pope Gelasius I (492-492), whose second chapter lists the canonical books of Scripture as established by his predecessor Pope Damasus (366-383) and whose fifth chapter lists various non-inspired “apocryphal” books then in circulation, some of which were actually heretical and others merely fantastic. It is possible that some early traditions – such as details of Our Lady’s early life that were later adopted by the liturgy – also made their way into some apocryphal texts without implying that the Church relied on these apocrypha for her approval of these traditions. † The author died in 1937. ‡ Gioacchino (Joachim) Pecci reigned as Pope Leo XIII from 1878 until 1903. The feast of St. Joachim was celebrated on the Sunday in the octave of the Assumption until it was fixed to August 16 by Pope Pius X.

## 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 reception. 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.

### Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> TENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Canon Altiere, the Rector of the Oratory, will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of his ordination with a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:15 a.m.

The reception after Mass (first Sunday coffee hour) will be partially catered, but please feel free to sign up to bring refreshments!

### PROPER ATTIRE IN CHURCH

Now that the warm weather is here, just a kind reminder about the importance of coming to church modestly and decently attired. This is a way for you to edify your neighbor and to show your respect for the house of God. **Revealing or tight-fitting clothing do not meet the norms for Christian modesty.**

Gentlemen and boys, please wear long trousers (not shorts) in church. Ladies and girls, please make sure that your dresses and skirts fall below the knees and do not wear clothing which exposes the back or shoulders or is low-cut. Although it is understandable to dress with summer comfort in mind, this cannot be the only consideration, as clothing also reflects our human dignity and respect for God and others.

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