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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

August 28th 2022

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, August 28th

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Edward Adam

requested by Marian Adam

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, August 29th

Decollation of Saint John the Baptist

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Ronald Greski

requested by Colleen McCarty

Tuesday, August 30th

Saint Rose of Lima

7:45 a.m. - Concie Rajamannan

requested by Frank & Desiree Altieri

Wednesday, August 31st

Saint Raymond Nonnatus

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Frances Samsel

requested by Anna, MaryAnn & Jonie Balash

Thursday, September 1st

Votive Mass of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Yanna Carudo Vaudin

requested by Sylvia Callari

Friday, September 2nd

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

7:45 a.m. - Geraldine Walsh

requested by Gene & Donna Wirkus

Saturday, September 3rd

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

7:45 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Ghassan Kinani & Family

requested by Sara Kinani & Louis Alanz

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



Upcoming Events

August 28th to September 4th

Canons away for the annual General Chapter meeting of the Institute in Italy

**** Morning Mass and confessions as usual, but no Holy Hours or First Friday evening Mass ****

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—please sign up if you are able to bring refreshments

Resumption of Sunday Vespers & Benediction

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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Saint John the Baptist, Defender of Marriage

One of the greatest of all the saints is Our Lord's kinsman and forerunner, Saint John the Baptist. He is mentioned in several of the prayers of the Mass, and his name heads the Litany of the Saints. The whole season of Advent is dominated by the character and story of the forerunner. Along with the nativity of Our Lord himself and the Blessed Mother, the physical birthday of Saint John the Baptist is the only other birthday celebrated liturgically by the Church. That feast on June 24th is so important that it traditionally is even kept with an octave. Saint John also has a secondary feast on August 29th — the feast of his “decollation,” or beheading (*In Decollatione Sancti Joannis Baptistæ*), which we celebrate this week.

When we think of Saint John the Baptist, with his crude garment of camel-skin and his diet of locusts, we are inclined to feel that he is more to be admired than to be imitated. If you feel unable to imitate his austerity or his mission, however, there most certainly is one page in the history of Saint John the Baptist which the Holy Ghost has preserved to encourage and guide us in our own days: that is Saint John the Baptist's role as the heroic defender of marriage. Saint John, as you know, is thrown into prison by Herod the tetrarch; Herod has taken his brother's wife Herodias, a vain and ambitious vixen who cannot stand John's open rebukes of her adulterous liaison. So, when Salome, the queen's daughter by her true husband, pleases the king with a dance and earns a favour from the royal largesse, the wicked queen tells her to ask for John's head on a platter.

He lost his head as a witness to the truth about marriage. What pieces of practical advice would Saint John give about our duties in this difficult time? Above all, to remember our moral duties with respect to cooperation with evil. We may not validate sin, whether by approval or direct participation. *Marriage is the lifelong union of one man and one woman, a union whose primary purpose is the procreation and upbringing of children.* Among Christians, it has even been raised to the dignity of a sacrament; but marriage itself is an institution of the *natural law*, and is the basic building block of society. As Catholics, our opposition to divorce, contraception and homosexual unions is not an arcane dogma, but a basic consequence of our duty to respect God's plan for human nature itself. This means that it is not acceptable to attend or show approval for invalid unions. The example of Saint John shows us that no human power — not the state, not the media, not the education cartel — has the authority to alter the purpose, nature or characteristics of marriage ... or to compel our approval. Therefore, you may not attend the attempted re-marriage of a civilly divorced person or the invalid union of a Catholic trying to marry outside the Church. There should be no need even to mention your absolute duty to shun the oxymoron called same-sex marriage, whether by attending or offering congratulations. Moreover, beware of the revolution in language. Do not adopt the terminology of those who have weaponized words to destroy the minds of our children. Do not use the clumsy acronyms or lingo of our “woke” culture. Words like *marriage, love, rights, husband* and *wife* have objective meaning.

I take this occasion to express gratitude on behalf of the Church to all of you parents whose daily life is already such a powerful witness: through the many sacrifices you make to be generous in cooperating with God in the creation of new life; through the effort you put into the education of your children; through the support you give to young families and expectant mothers; and even through something as simple as your attire, which reminds our ugly and androgynous world of the differences between male and female. Saint John the Baptist, precursor of the Lord, defender of marriage, pray for us!

— Canon Altieri

FREE ESTATE PLANNING RESOURCE

Have you thought about including our Parish in your will? Our Diocese has partnered with *FreeWill* to offer members of our Parish the opportunity to create their legal will for free. Using FreeWill's easy-to-use online platform, you can write your will in 20 minutes or less, and start your legacy with our Parish in the process.



Get started today at: FreeWill.com/BridgeportDiocese

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 on 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!

Annual Catholic Appeal — almost there!

Thank you to all our parishioners who have already supported the annual bishop's appeal.

This is a concrete way for the Oratory to participate in the life of the diocese and to show our appreciation to the bishop for his support. We are only 5% away from reaching our goal!

Please consider making a contribution if you have not already done so. You can visit 2022BishopsAppeal.com or call (203) 416-1470.

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