



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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## Church of Saints Cyril & Methodius

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### Clergy & Staff

#### **Institute Superiors**

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*Vicar General of the Institute & Delegate  
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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

October 9<sup>th</sup> 2022

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

# Weekly Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ✠ John Mojcher  
*requested by Mary Mojcher & Family*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - Vespers, Rosary & Benediction

Monday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

## Saint Francis Borgia

7:45 a.m. - Carol & Edith Falco  
*requested by Gene & Donna Wirkus*

Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>

## Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Canons, Seminarians & Candidates  
of the Institute of Christ the King  
*requested by George Smith & Denise Manoni-Smith*

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

## Votive Mass of Saint Joseph

7:45 a.m. - Matthew Manoni & Rachel Helferty  
*requested by George Smith & Denise Manoni-Smith*

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

## Saint Edward the Confessor

7:45 a.m. - Thomas D. Monks  
*requested by Grace Monks*

Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

## Saint Callistus

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Mary Tschinkel  
*requested by Andrew & Frances Tschinkel*

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

## Saint Teresa of Avila

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Marie Reyen  
*requested by Edward Reyen*

Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Julie Kim  
*requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - Vespers, Rosary & Benediction



# Upcoming Events

## OCTOBER DEVOTIONS

Holy Rosary, Litany of Our Lady, October prayer to Saint Joseph, and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament **every day in October at 6:00 p.m.** (except days with evening Mass)

Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>

Visit of the U.S. provincial superior of the Institute of Christ the King, Canon Matthew Talarico, 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*

Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Saint Joseph Men's Group meeting after Rosary & Benediction

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>

Holy Hour (Rosary) & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>

Initial meeting of First Holy Communion catechism class after 7:45 a.m. Mass  
*Confessions available at 5:30 p.m., before the October devotions at 6:00 p.m.*

Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

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

November 1<sup>st</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>

Daily visit to local cemeteries after weekday morning Masses

Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

ALL SAINTS DAY {holy day of obligation}  
Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>

ALL SOULS DAY  
Low Masses at 7:45 a.m. & 8:20 a.m.  
High Mass & Absolution at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

ALL SAINTS PARTY  
During the social hour which will follow the High Mass, children are invited to dress as their favorite saint (please sign up to bring refreshments)

## LITURGY CORNER:

### What is the “Te Deum”?

After the Solemn Mass this morning, we will sing the *Te Deum* in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, in gratitude for the many graces received over the years in our parish and in particular in gratitude to Almighty God for the establishment of the Oratory five years ago. The *Te Deum* is the traditional hymn of thanksgiving in the Roman liturgy, known by its first words *Te Deum laudamus*, “we praise Thee, O God.” The *Te Deum* forms an important part of the Divine Office of the Church, since it is recited as the conclusion and highpoint of the night office of Matins on all feast days and on most Sundays of the year (except in Advent, Septuagesima and Lent). As a general rule, the *Te Deum* is sung at Matins on all days when the *Gloria* is sung in the Mass of the day. Its presence in the liturgy is always a sign of joy.

In the breviary, the *Te Deum* is officially designated as the *Hymnus Ambrosianus*, or “Ambrosian Hymn.” One theory holds that this canticle was originally sung spontaneously at the Easter Vigil in the year A.D. 387 when Saint Augustine was baptized by Saint Ambrose, the bishop of Milan, with each saint singing in alternation.

Many famous composers have undertaken musical settings of the *Te Deum*, often to celebrate important events like military victories or the birth of a royal heir. The Church has attached an indulgence to the singing of the *Te Deum* on New Year’s Eve, in thanksgiving for the graces of the preceding year.

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2023

*If you wish to request any Masses for the next calendar year, please pay strict attention to these guidelines, which are intended to promote the common good and facilitate the very complicated work of scheduling. The pastor is morally bound to see to it that all our parishioners have the same opportunity to have Masses offered for their loved ones and personal intentions, which is the reason for the limitations explained below. Thank you for your cooperation in abiding by these norms.*

- Beginning on **Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>** we will start accepting Mass intentions for 2023. No intentions will be accepted before that date (no exceptions).
- For the time being, we are only able to accept Mass intentions from registered parishioners.
- In the first round of scheduling, there is a **strict limit of 10 (ten)** Mass intentions. If a greater number is submitted, all the requested intentions will be returned. After the new year, we will inform you in the bulletin if there are any remaining available spots for 2023.
- You may request specific dates, which will be accommodated to the extent possible, but we cannot make any promises about dates.
- It is not possible to reserve multiple Sundays.
- It is not possible to request a Mass by 'phone or e-mail. No Mass will be scheduled until the **written request and accompanying Mass offering** are received in the office. These may be submitted in the collection basket, by mail, or by coming in person to the office during office hours.
- Please make sure to use the **convenient forms** which will be available next Sunday in order to fill out your Mass requests.

## Deo Gratias! Oratory’s Fifth Anniversary Celebration

For over a century, Saints Cyril & Methodius has served as an important center of Catholicism in the Bridgeport community. Building on the decades-long faithful service of beloved longstanding pastor Monsignor Joseph Pekar, on the feast of the Holy Rosary in 2017, Bishop Frank Caggiano opened a new chapter in the life of this historic parish by designating it as a non-territorial “Oratory” and inviting the Institute of Christ the King to provide holy Mass and all the sacraments in the traditional Latin rite. Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond his control, the bishop is no longer able to join us in person today for our special celebration, but he sends his blessing and best wishes to you all. Please join us in the church hall today after the Solemn Mass & Te Deum for a festive celebration as a parish family.

## 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 special reception in the church hall after the 10:15 Solemn Mass today. 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.

### First Communion Catechism

The first class will meet this **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>** after the morning Mass (around 8:30 a.m.). These classes are mandatory for all those children who will be receiving their First Communion this year. The text we use is: *New Saint Joseph First Communion Catechism*.

### Choir Practice Schedules

#### Children's Schola

Wednesdays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the church choir loft

#### Parish Choir

Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the church choir loft (this Choir is open to singers high-school age and older)

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

are announced for

#### Miss Katrina Alice Cirilli

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cirilli

&

#### Mr. Jacob David Tourigny

son of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Tourigny

to be married at Saints Cyril & Methodius on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 2022.

*This is the FIRST PUBLICATION of the banns. Anyone knowing of an impediment to this proposed union must inform the pastor.*

### Annual Bishop's Appeal as of October 7<sup>th</sup>

Parish Goal:	\$11,000
Total Pledged:	\$11,625 (106%)
Donors to Date:	41

Thank you for your excellent support! For more information, please visit the Appeal at [2022BishopsAppeal.org](http://2022BishopsAppeal.org), call (203) 416-1470, or scan the code.



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