



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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## Church of Saints Cyril & Methodius

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### Clergy & Staff

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**Office Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.  
Monday to Friday (except Wednesday)

### 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

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

December 29<sup>th</sup> 2024

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

## Masses this Week

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

### SUNDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Michael & Janelle Manoni & Family  
*requested by George Smith & Denise Manoni-Smith*

Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>

### Within the Octave of Christmas

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward Tkacik  
*requested by John Tkacik*

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

### Saint Sylvester

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Stanley Scott  
*requested by Gregory Mikulka*

**\*\* THE YEAR OF GRACE 2025 \*\***

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

### CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Felice & Judith DeFelice  
*requested by Felice & Judith DeFelice*

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

### Mass of Saint Stephen

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Deceased Members of  
Hamar & Darling Families  
*requested by Rod Hamar*

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Mass of Saint John

7:45 a.m. - Nenita Zamora  
*requested by Jean Zamora*

### Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

6:00 p.m. - ✠ Marie-Irene & Joseph L. Litchfield  
*requested by Susan Dowd*

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

### Mass of the Holy Innocents

8:30 a.m. - Frank Fata  
*requested by Daniel Orazio*

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

### MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo  
10:15 a.m. - ✠ Edward Reyen  
*requested by Gregory Mikulka*



## Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>

Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Holy Hour & Te Deum at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

*holy day of obligation*

CIRCUMCISION OF THE LORD {New Year's Day}

Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>

FIRST FRIDAY

Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Sacred  
Heart devotions & Benediction

Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

FIRST SATURDAY

Devotions & Benediction after 8:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>

HOLY NAME OF JESUS & VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY  
Epiphany Water blessing after the 10:15 a.m.  
Solemn Mass {bring your *empty* container to fill}  
*Solemn Choral Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.*

Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup>

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Solemn Mass celebrated by Father Novajosky at  
6:00 p.m., followed by traditional blessing of chalk  
*Reception in the church hall after the ceremony*

Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

First Holy Communion catechism class at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup>

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessing of children after both Masses

*Annual young adults Epiphanytide brunch after Mass*

January 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

Week of prayer for the return of dissidents to the  
unity of the Catholic Church

## ❁ CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ❁

### IN MEMORY OF

Father Mark Grimes

Edward Reyen

George M. Kuruc, Sr.  
Mary & Anton Spodnik  
Anthony J. Spodnik  
Mary & Joseph Gedics  
Sister M. Isidore, S.S.C.M.

Anna Norko  
Joseph Norko  
Mary Fechik  
Michael Fechik

Collin Whitmore

Ethel & John Kashulon  
Daniel Jarosko

Thomas & Dolores Huminski  
James & Dorothy Gaboardi

Thomas D. Monks  
Thomas J. Monks  
Jeffrey M. Monks

Edward & Ursula Cleary  
Jules & Helen Kristan

Angel & Gabrielle Zamora  
Tito & Ana Boras

DeFelice members  
Cairo members  
Preli members  
Horton members

Jeannette Dowd  
Richard Dowd  
Marie-Irene & Lawrence Litchfield  
Eugene & Josephine Dowd

Angie Delasho

George J. Hough  
Glenn Hough  
Rita Giorgio

James A. Redmond  
James H. Redmond  
Eugene Wirkus, Sr.  
Paul Wirkus  
Jennie Redmond

Mary Navarette  
Arthur Szepesi  
Arthur Navarette  
Brian Zerrenner  
Deceased Howley Family Members

Joseph Tkacik  
Mary Tkacik  
Edward Tkacik  
Elizabeth Drab  
Mary Berden

Deceased Members of Altieri &  
Dziekiasz Families

Rolfe and Alice Renouf  
George and Lillian Drescher  
Dorothy Wendlandt  
Rolfe Renouf, Jr.

### IN HONOR OF

Cardinal Raymond Leo Burke

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano

Monsignor Joseph Pekar

Canon Matthew Talarico  
Canon Francis X. Altieri  
Canon Paul McKown  
Abbé Luke Ball

Tom & Kim Whitmore  
Norah & Ciara Whitmore  
Michael & Valery and family

Augustine Jarosko

Nenita Zamora  
Alessandro & Jesse Alvarado  
Jean Zamora

Laura Badaracco  
Collari Sylvia  
Krista Gamble  
Laura Baldwin

## Thank you for your generosity ... and Happy New Year!

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you very much for your kind Christmas treats, cards and gifts! We are very grateful for your tremendous benevolence, and especially for your continued prayers. We are certainly very blessed to serve in a parish with such kind and thoughtful people!

The Christmas season still contains many beautiful celebrations in the days and weeks ahead! You can always find a list of upcoming events in the weekly bulletin. Please join us especially for the great feast of the Epiphany, which is liturgically the highpoint of the season, including solemn choral First Vespers next Sunday evening and solemn Mass on the feast itself. Wishing God's blessings upon you all in the coming year, yours faithfully,

– Canon Altieri & Abbé Luke

## **MERRY CHRISTMAS! 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.

### **NEW YEAR'S EVE ADORATION**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

On New Year's Eve, the Church grants a plenary indulgence for the singing of the Te Deum, the traditional hymn of thanksgiving in the Roman liturgy. Concludes with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

### **EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**

**January 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

*Solemn Mass followed by traditional blessing of Epiphany chalk*

Festive reception in the church hall with "Galette des Rois" cake – Please sign up to bring refreshments!



### **RECTOR'S YOUNG ADULTS EPIPHANY BRUNCH** **Sunday, January 12<sup>th</sup> after High Mass**

Come celebrate Epiphanytide with the Rector's annual young adults brunch (ages 18 to 35). Please sign up to bring refreshments to share. This is a wonderful occasion to invite other friends to the Oratory. Mark your calendars!

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