

THE RECTOR’S NOTE

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

This Tuesday is the feast of the Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel on the older calendar. The newer calendar joins to St. Michael’s celebration the other archangels, Sts. Gabriel and Raphael. The title “dedication” refers to an ancient church in Rome that no longer exists, at least that’s one story about the origins of the feast day. The buildings are always secondary, though. They are sacred spaces that are set apart for divine worship and provide a place for the Christian Faithful to gather for this purpose. They are special, but they are oriented toward the Lord, along with those friends of the Lord, His Holy Ones.

Eight years ago this month, Bishop Caggiano decreed that the Prayer of St. Michael the Archangel be prayed after all Masses in the diocese of Bridgeport. While it may not be prayed aloud publicly after certain Masses (exs. Nuptial Mass or Requiem Mass), the Bishop’s intent was that even after those Masses, the celebrant could pray the prayer privately due to its importance.

The Bishop expressed his motivation for reviving this practice. “Christ conquered sin and death, but we are still in the midst of a spiritual battle. For that reason, I would like the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel recited at the end of every Mass in the diocese.” Many of those familiar with the older liturgy of the Roman Rite knew of this as a revival since it was the case that several prayers were to be prayed by decree of the Pope at the end of a Low or Recited Mass. One prayer was the St. Michael prayer.

It has become so ordinary for us after these years, which I am reminded when a visitor from outside of the diocese attends a liturgy and asks about the additional prayer. There will be a Sung Latin Mass on Tuesday evening at 6 PM for those who wish to celebrate the feast day in worship. The first meeting of Paradise will follow immediately after the Mass in the Conference Room.

St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us...and defend us.

- Tuesday, September 29 – St. Michael the Archangel**
6 PM – Holy Mass (Latin)
7:15 PM – Paradise (Canto 1) – Office Conference Room

Friday, October 2 – First Friday
8:30 AM – Holy Mass (1962) followed by Exposition
9:00 AM – 8:00 PM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00 PM – Holy Mass (1962) *Coram Sanctissimo* (in the presence of the exposed Sacrament) concluding with the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart and Benediction

Saturday, October 3 – First Saturday
8:30 AM – Holy Mass (1962) – Mass will be followed by First Saturday devotions & Gaudete Market planning meeting.
9:30 AM – Gaudete Market Planning Meeting in Pryor-Hubbard Hall

Tuesday, October 6
7:00 PM – Dante Reading Group

OFFERTORY

- September 19 & 20
 - Sunday Offertory\$3,549.00
 - Online Giving\$412.20
 - Total\$3,961.20



QR Code for online giving

September 26 – October 4

- Saturday, September 26**
8:30 AM – Int. of Matthew Krakowiak
4:00 PM – Int. of Lydia Knapp

Sunday, September 27
7:30 AM – Danuta Grabowski +
9:00 AM – Int. of Lydia Knapp
10:30 AM – Guiseppe Zaccone +
12:00 PM – Bogdan Szabunko +

Tuesday, September 29
8:30 AM – Kevin Haran +

Wednesday, September 30
6:00 PM – Carrollinea Walsh +

Thursday, October 1
8:30 AM – Betty Scanlon +

Friday, October 2
8:30 AM – Jane Miller +

Saturday, October 3
8:30 AM – Erin Waterman +
4:00 PM – Maria Teresa Pagano +

Sunday, October 4
7:30 AM – Jan & Stanislaw Bogiel +
9:00 AM – Frank Joyner +
10:30 AM – Int. of Marge Hansen
12:00 PM – David Lavati +

PRAYER INTENTIONS - Each week in the Oratory Bulletin we include the names of those who need our particular prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list. Kathy Romano, Joe & Lucille Faugno, Anna DeLuca, Susan Brown, Elise Burns, Emily Dexter, Jorge Chiavirria, Matthew Krakowiak, Michael Majoris, David Knapp, Brian O’Donnell, Ralph Nilson, Michael Jansen, Andrew B. Slagle, Jim Jagodinski, David Whitehead, Sr., Gina & Matthew Bouvier, Tom Kelly, Ligia Monsalve, Henry Banks Bourtin, Susan Kleinmann, Margaret DeFine, Alexander Whitman, Deborah Marino, Jim Cote, Morris Cote, Jim Jagodinski & Linda Jagodinski Flynn. **Repose of the souls:** Madeline Hanusovsky, Nikolaos Soukeras, James Crawford Grace, Michael Marushak, James Lomuscio, Monsignor Joseph W. Pekar, Theresa Truffini, Timothy Burns, David Robert Majoris, Jr.

ORATORY NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY, OCT 2: ADORERS NEEDED

Please sign up to spend an hour with Our Lord for First Friday. Sign-up sheets are available in the Oratory Office, Vestibule of the Church, Hall and online. Thank you.

PARADISE – DANTE READING GROUP

The reading and discussion of Paradise officially kicks off on Tuesday, September 29 at 7:15 PM (Note: The later start time is due to the possibility of a 6 PM evening Mass.) The second meeting will take place the following week, Tuesday, October 6 at 7 PM. The third meeting will not be held until Tuesday, October 20 at 7 PM. The remaining meeting dates will be presented at the first meeting.

GAUDETE MARKET PLANNING MEETING

Saturday, October 3 at 9:30AM in the Hall. **We need volunteers!** We are especially looking for able bodied, young and old, for set up and decorating where moving chairs, tables, climbing ladders can be involved. Please join us! If you have any questions, call 203-544-8245. Thank you.

GAUDETE MARKET VENDOR REGISTRATIONS

Our annual Gaudete Market will be on **Gaudete Sunday, December 13, 2026**. Vendor registration forms are available in the Oratory Office. For more information or to register, call the office at 203-544-8245 or email: office@gtoratory.org. Mark your calendars.

SACRAMENTS AT THE ORATORY

Georgetown Oratory offers the Sacraments in both English and Latin. First Holy Communion, Baptism, Funerals, Matrimony. Please contact the office at 203-544-8245.

OCTOBER BREAD BAKE SALE

What's better than bringing home a fresh-baked loaf of bread? Be a part of our October Bread Bake Sale! More details coming soon! Contact a Hospitality Member or ask at Coffee Hour if you're interested in participating.

ORATORY NEWS (CONTINUED)

NOON MASS HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR NEEDED

We need a hospitality coordinator for clean-up after the 12/ Noon Mass on Sunday. Volunteers for the morning Masses will set up for the 12/Noon coffee, but **we need a coordinator** and volunteers to be in charge of clean-up. We will not be able to offer coffee and after the 12/Noon Mass without a coordinator.

LINENS

We can use some more help to wash and iron the linens used at the Mass. If you are interested in helping occasionally for two weeks at a time, please contact the office.

SECOND COLLECTION WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 3 & 4

There will be a second collection for Utilities. Thank you for your generosity.

THERE IS NO PROCESSIONAL HYMN TODAY

The Sanctuary Candle burns for the repose of the souls of Robert & Mary Legnard requested by Sherry Morris.

Mass Readings:

Glory & Praise pg. 928 (Year A)
RCDM pg. 794



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Dominica XVIII post Pentecosten / Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 27, 2026

Rev. Michael P. Novajosky, Rector
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 AM (1962) 9 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon (1962)

Tuesday & Thursday

8:30 AM

Wednesday

6 PM (1962)

Friday

8:30 AM (1962)

Saturday

8:30 AM (1962)

4:00 PM (Vigil)

CONFESSIONS (in the oratory)

Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 PM

Saturday 7:00 – 8:15 AM

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

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