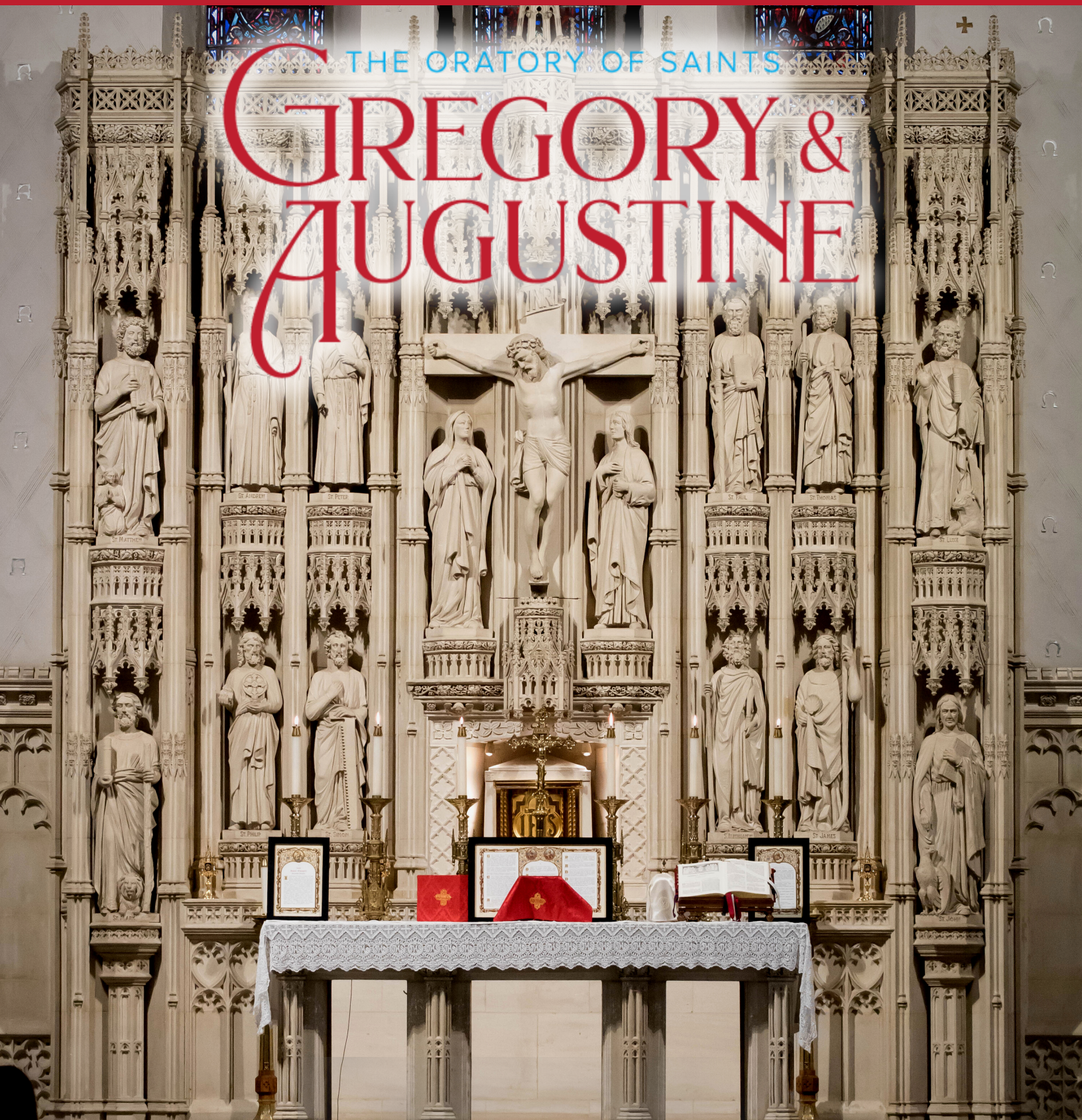


THE ORATORY OF SAINTS GREGORY & AUGUSTINE



MASS

Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 11:30am
Monday & Friday: 12:15pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00am
Wednesday: 6:30pm
First Friday: 7:15pm
First Saturday: 8:15am

ADORATION

Wednesday: 9:00am - 6:00pm
First Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm

CONFESSION

Monday & Friday: 11am - 12pm
Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm
First Friday: 6:00 - 7:00pm
First Saturday: 7:00 - 8:00am

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FROM THE RECTOR – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

In the Gospel from Saint Matthew, the Lord enjoins us to render to Caesar the things of Caesar and the things of God to God. St. Hilary of Poitiers offers this reflection: *“How wonderful this answer, and how perfect the fulfilment of the prescribed Divine Law! So beautifully does He here indicate the middle way between not caring for the things of the world, on the one hand, and the offence of injuring Caesar, on the other, that He proves the perfect freedom of minds, however devoted to God, to discharge all human duties by commanding them to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s.”* The Saint goes on to exhort us to remember that we are God’s first and as such, if we remain with Him, there is no need to give anything over to Caesar. St. Augustine reflects that we are the coins of God and just as Caesar’s coin was returned to him, so we should always be returned to the Father. Both of these great saints make clear that as we live in the world, we should never be of the world. Moreover, our detachment from the things of the world is not born of indifference or resignation but rather comes from the desire to allow God to be that which consumes all of us: body and soul. The task before us is to live only and always for God and never run the risk of divided loyalties or conflicted emotions. Be always God’s servant and Christ’s disciple and the things of this world will never cause you harm.

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CHRIST THE KING

The celebration of Christ the King is Sunday, 31 October and we will honor Our Lord and King with a Eucharistic Procession, Adoration and Benediction. At the completion of the 11:30 am Holy Mass we will begin the procession and upon our return to Church have a time for Adoration. At the completion of Adoration, we will conclude with Benediction. The afternoon will conclude with First Vespers for the Feast of All Saints at 3:00 pm. If you already come to an earlier Mass, please plan to return after the 11:30 am Mass for the Procession, Adoration and Vespers. May Christ the King always reign in our hearts.

Those young people recently confirmed and those who made their First Holy Communion are invited to dress in their communion clothes and participate in the procession.

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ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS

All Saints Day, 1 November 2021, is a Monday this year. In addition to our normal schedule, we will celebrate Holy Mass at 7:15 pm that evening preceded by Confessions at 6:00 pm

For All Souls Day, Tuesday, 2 November 2021, priests are given the privilege of celebrating three Masses. We will celebrate the normal 7:00 am (Low Mass); 12:15 pm (Low Mass) and 7:00 pm (High Mass). As our Catholic duty we should constantly be praying for all the souls in purgatory especially our own loved ones. This is a grace-filled opportunity to apply the merits of the greatest prayer of the Church to all the faithful departed.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting gently used coats for kids during the month of October (10/17, 10/24 and 10/31) during all Sunday Masses. Since the Coats for Kids program started in 2009, Knights councils have purchased and distributed more than 800,000 winter coats to children throughout North America. Please bring coats of all sizes and styles for ages up to 18 years old and leave them in the boxes in the vestibule. May Our Lord reward you for your generosity! Please contact Chris Horan (cmhoran@protonmail.com) with questions.

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BULLETIN CHANGES

In the coming weeks you will notice more changes to the bulletin. The cover has already been changed to reflect the logo created for the Oratory. We will need to increase the size of the bulletin in order to provide more information to the community. Our growth over the last two years has seen a growth in the various groups that make up the community. In addition to the Knights of Columbus, we have an Altar and Rosary Society; the troops of St. George; the CCD and the Coop have grown as well necessitating better communication among the families involved in these entities. The bulletin is such one source of information along with the website which also continue to undergo improvements. All of this is being done so that the Oratory family has as much information as we can offer. Please be patient during these months of transition.

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FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

Friday, 5 November and Saturday 6 November are First Friday and Saturday respectively. In addition to the normal Friday schedule, the schedule for these days includes Holy Mass in the Evening on First Friday beginning at 6 pm with confessions and 7:15 pm with Holy Mass. First Saturday Confessions begin at 7 am with Holy Mass at 8:15 am. **Please note the change in Mass times:**

this allows for a full hour of confessions on First Friday and First Saturday. Also, we will have Adoration on First Friday from 9 am until 6 pm.

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PRESENTATIONS ON CELEBRATING THE DIVINE OFFICE

The celebration of the Divine Office is the framework for the Church’s daily life of prayer, which culminates in the offering of Holy Mass. In earlier centuries, this prayer cycle was a part of daily parish life. Its popularity waned in the 20th century, despite the regular urging of popes and the Fathers of Vatican II that pastors return it to parish churches.

The last two years we have celebrated in the Oratory various hours of the Divine Office publicly for the feast of St Louis the King, for Christmas, and for Tenebrae, the Office of the Triduum sung during Holy Week. A good number of people were able to join us for these liturgies. **On Sunday, 7 November we will begin regularly celebrating Sunday Vespers at 4:30 pm, the evening hour of the Office.** As we begin this important enhancement of our common prayer life, in November we will offer a series of three presentations in order to provide an orientation to praying the Divine Office.

1. Tuesday 9 November: The Divine Office: an introduction.
2. Tuesday 16 November: The Divine Office: the calendar.
3. Tuesday 23 November: The Divine Office: the structure.

Over these three evenings, we will provide an overview of the history, theology, structure, and spirituality of the Office, and its intimate relationship to Holy Mass. Each presentation will begin at 7:00 pm and end by 8:30pm. We invite everyone to join us and hope as many as possible will be able to attend.

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BAPTISMS (July – September 2021):

(In alphabetical order)

Giuseppe Michele Brex (Giovanni & Emily)
 Helena Louise Costello (Evan & Sarah)
 Felix Louis Flannigan (Derrick & Erin)
 Augustine Thomas Hughes (Tim & Erin)
 Henry Joseph Kenney (Daniel & Elisabeth)
 Martin Augustine Kenney (Chris & Isabel)
 Henry Thomas Kniffen (Colton & Josephine)
 JohnMark Joseph Pieper (Jacob & Kay)
 Noelle Theresa Ruiz (Nolan & Antoinette)
 Fulton Ignatius Anthony Ten Eyck (Caleb & Sheila)
 Fulton Anthony Winkels (Gavan & Carli)
 Chloe Josephine Yeager (Scott & Kathleen)

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YOUNG ADULT GROUP

The Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine is beginning a group for the young adults of the Oratory. Any young person between the ages of 21-35 is welcomed to join. As this is a new venture, the intention is to meet twice monthly on Wednesdays for social events. For more information or to assist with planning the various events, please contact Jessie Schrader at jessieschrader@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, 27 October: **Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm**
- Saturday, 30 October: Vigil of All Saints; 7:00 am Confessions; 8:15 am Holy Mass
- Sunday, 31 October: **FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**; Eucharistic Procession after the 11:30 am Holy Mass
- Sunday, 31 October: 1 Vespers All Saints 3:00 pm
- Monday 1 November: **ALL SAINTS**; 12:15 pm & 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, 2 November: **ALL SOULS**; 7:00 am; 12:15 pm; 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, 3 November: **Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm**
- Sunday, 7 November: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 9 November: Presentation from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm; *The Divine Office: an introduction*
- Wednesday, 10 November: **Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm**
- Sunday, 14 November: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 16 November: Presentation from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm *The Divine Office: the calendar*
- Wednesday, 17 November: **Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm**
- Sunday, 21 November: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 23 November: Presentation from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm *The Divine Office: the structure*
- Wednesday, 24 November: **Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm**
- Sunday, 28 November: **1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT; Vespers @ 4:30 pm**

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NEW FAMILIES for SEPTEMBER (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Ahern Family ~ Alanna, and Gabriel Campbell
- Gordo Family ~ Miguel & Theresa
- Steve Ggurich
- Cecilia Jones
- Matt Kosta
- Metzler Family ~ John & Beth, Shea, Carrie, Amanda, Maria, John Paul, Matthew, and Genevieve
- Stephanie Murphy
- Neff Family ~ Kevin & Veronica, Maverik and Gretchen

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- Ngundue Family ~ George & Elizabeth, Cecilia, Mary Ann, Rita, and Pio
- Steitz Family ~ Mark & Stephanie, Maddie, Harrison, Grace, and Bella
- Weber Family ~ Chris & Meredith, and Tori

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

10/03-10/10 Filla	10/10-10/17 Petrick
10/17-10/24 Alexander	10/24-10/31 Agnew
10/31-11/7 Leljedal	11/7-11/14 Podesta
11/14-11/21 Grizzle	11/21-11/28 Turntine
11/28-12/5 Kelly	12/5-12/12 Wisniewski
12/12-12/19 Jones	12/19-12/26 Holman
12/26-01/02 Carapella	01/02-01/09 Cook
01/09-01/16 Hayward	01/16-01/21 Fowler
01/21-01/30 Haulard	01/30-02/06 Catalano

Drop off and pick-up statue at the back of church under the Oratory Information table. PLEASE CONTACT SHARON ALEXANDER saalexa@sbcglobal.net TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN OFF THE PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 25 October – **St. Chrysanthus & Daria**
12:15 pm: Daniel & Stella Kalinowski (d)

Tuesday, 26 October – **St. Evaristus**
7:00 am: Daniel & Stella Kalinowski (d)

Weds., 27 October – **Vigil of Ss. Simon & Jude**
6:30 pm: Daniel & Stella Kalinowski (d)

Thursday, 28 October – **Sts. Simon & Jude**
7:00 am: Daniel & Stella Kalinowski (d)

Friday, 29 October – **Feria**
12:15 pm: Daniel & Stella Kalinowski (d)

Sunday, 31 October – **THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Daniel & Stella Kalinowski (d)
11:30 am: Gail Stammer (d)

~ 10/17/2021 ~

ACTUAL

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 8,768.45
Online Giving	\$ 2,949.00
Total	\$ 11,717.45
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$3,025.45)
Year to Date Total	\$ 168,521.56

***Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!
Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!***

ON CELEBRATING THE DIVINE OFFICE:

Allowing our prayers to rise like incense

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These three evenings will provide an overview of the history, theology, structure, and spirituality of the Office, and its intimate relationship to Holy Mass. Each presentation will begin at 7:00pm and end by 8:30pm. We invite everyone to join us and hope as many as possible will be able to attend.

WHO: Mr. Stan Metheny: Stan Metheny earned a Master of Arts degree in Theology in 1976 and in the decades since has pursued further post graduate studies in liturgy and Gregorian chant in various universities and in various monasteries of the Solesmes congregation. His primary focus has been on the manuscripts and chants of the Divine Office. He has been a schola director for over 40 years and has led workshops in the US and the UK devoted to teaching the chants of the Office.

WHEN: Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

WHERE: The Church of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine (this venue will allow us to accommodate large numbers)

TOPICS:

- Tuesday 9 November: The Divine Office: an introduction
- Tuesday 16 November: The Divine Office: the calendar
- Tuesday 23 November: The Divine Office: the structure

FURTHER DETAILS: To properly prepare study aids and to reserve a place for these evenings please email the Oratory at oratoryevents@gmail.com with your name and how many are attending.

Besides, there is in the Psalms a certain wonderful power for stimulating zeal in men's minds for all the virtues. For although all our Scripture, both the Old and New, is divinely inspired and useful for doctrine, as it is written, the Book of Psalms, like a paradise containing in itself (the fruits) all the others, gives forth songs, and with them also shows its own songs in psalmody (cantus edit, et proprios insuper cum ipsis inter psallendum exhibet). Such are the words of Athanasius (Epist. Ad Marcell. Op. cit. no. 2), who rightly adds in the same place: "To me it seems that the psalms for him who sings them are as a mirror in which he may contemplate himself and the movements of his soul and, under this influence, recite them" (op. cit. no. 12). Pope St. Pius X, Divino Afflatu

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Father. Be always
my eternal Father. Do
not leave my soul.
Do not abandon me. Do not
leave me out of Your sight, my Father,
for I am Your child, whom You have
created to please You, to adore You, to
honor You, living my days as You
have given me the license to live it. I
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