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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 6:00 p.m.
First Friday: Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:00 p.m.
First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

April 23rd 2023

Second Sunday after Easter

Masses this Week

Sunday, April 23rd

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

{called, GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Special Intention for

Lisa McCarthy & Family

requested by Maud Joseph

Monday, April 24th

Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen

7:45 a.m. - Sophia Maria Isabel

requested by Daniel & Emma Isabel

Tuesday, April 25th

Saint Mark the Evangelist

7:45 a.m. - The Hamar/Gustilo Family

requested by Sara & Louis Alanz

Wednesday, April 26th

Solemnity of the Patronage of Saint Joseph

7:45 a.m. - Canon Michael Stein

requested by Parishioners

Thursday, April 27th

Saint Peter Canisius

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Frances Samsel

requested by Greg Mikulka

Friday, April 28th

Saint Paul of the Cross

7:45 a.m. - Elizabeth & George Plaucan

requested by Joe Dlugos

Saturday, April 29th

Saint Peter Martyr

7:45 a.m. - ✠ John & Rose Heyder

requested by Eric & Michelle Ciardiello

Sunday, April 30th

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Deceased Members of

Smith & Flynn Families

requested by George & Denise Smith

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 23rd

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Annual special collection for the Institute's seminary

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 26th

Saint Joseph Men's Group meeting, beginning with

Adoration in church at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 27th

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

Friday, May 5th

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration at 5:00 p.m. (with Confessions during)

Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 6th

FIRST SATURDAY

Devotions after Mass, followed by meeting of the

Ladies Guild in the rectory

Sunday, May 7th

May Devotions in conjunction with the High Mass,

followed by monthly social hour

Saturday, May 13th

First Holy Communion catechism class at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 15th

ROGATION MONDAY

Procession & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 18th

ASCENSION OF THE LORD {*holy day of obligation*}

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m.

& High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 27th

VIGIL OF PENTECOST {*known as "Whitsun Eve"*}

Vigil ceremonies & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Thursday, June 8th

CORPUS CHRISTI

High Mass & Procession at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 18th

Visit of Monsignor Wach to our parish

Plan to attend the festive reception in the church hall!

EASTERTIDE MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Faithful,

Before anything else, let me thank you for your kind surprise last week at our Low Sunday social for the observance of my birthday (now very definitely on the other side of the hill, alas). I am very grateful for your prayers and for the very beautiful set of altar cards as well as notes and other gifts. I certainly do not deserve such kindness, but I am very touched by your support for your clergy and will try to be less unworthy of your beneficence! I also want to renew my gratitude for all of the help so many of you provided during the celebration of the paschal mysteries. Many of you told me how moved you were by the traditional, solemn ceremonies of Holy Week — truly an irreplaceable treasure of our Catholic faith. Thank you for making the effort to participate in these ceremonies, and a special thank you once again to all those who invested so much time and energy into making sure everything went so smoothly: our seminarian Abbé McKown, our choir director and members, parish staff, altar boys and their parents, cleaners and decorators, and everyone who helped with the Easter egg hunt and the new parish mascot (“Chop” the lamb).

As impressive as Holy Week is, the good news is that we still have the rest of the Easter season ahead of us. The Easter season contains four main parts, each with its own distinctive liturgical features: (1) Easter and its octave; (2) the 40 days of Paschaltide proper, culminating in Rogationtide and the Vigil of the Ascension; (3) the Ascension and its octave; and, finally, (4) Pentecost and its octave (including the summer Ember Days). Just as the liturgy suppressed the Alleluia from its normal place after the Gradual from Septuagesima onwards and replaced it with a Tract, during this season exactly the opposite happens: in place of the Gradual there is the “Greater Alleluia.” Note in the calendar of upcoming events the special Masses for Rogation Monday, Ascension Day and the Vigil of Pentecost: all treasures of the paschaltide liturgy.

A friendly reminder that, in order to be considered as practicing Catholics, we need to remember our “Easter Duty” — probably something most people do not think about because of the practice of frequent communion. Nonetheless, let me remind you that Church law requires us, after the age of reason, to receive holy communion *at least once a year*, and that during the Easter season. Needless to say, this precept is fulfilled only by a *good communion* (communion received in the state of mortal sin, at any time, is itself a mortal sin of sacrilege), and so the Easter Duty is closely linked to the duty of at least *annual confession* (obviously, a Catholic serious about his spiritual life will not be content with this bare minimum).

The Easter season also includes a number of other beautiful feasts. In addition to Saint Mark’s Day and the feast of the Apostles Philip and James, the traditional calendar also includes a feast in honor of the protector of the Universal Church, whose guidance is so very much needed today! Because the feast of Saint Joseph as “Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary” on March 19th usually falls during Lent, in 1847 Pope Pius IX instituted an additional feast of the “Patronage of Saint Joseph,” to be celebrated three weeks after Easter (under Pius X the date was moved from a Sunday to a Wednesday). In 1870, Pius IX also officially declared Saint Joseph as “Patron of the Universal Church.” Saint Joseph is not *only* the patron of the dying or of workers, but of the universal Church as a whole, and in the Litany of Saint Joseph we get a hint of these many patronages of the holy patriarch. The liturgy of the Solemnity of Saint Joseph draws beautiful typological parallels between Saint Joseph and his Old Testament namesake. On May 3rd we celebrate the paschaltide feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross (“invention,” from the Latin *invenire*, “to find”), celebrating the miraculous finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Constantine, the Roman emperor who finally granted liberty to the Church in the fourth century after centuries of persecution. We do not forget the Cross after Easter, but the glory of the Resurrection casts a new light on the instrument of our salvation.

Last — but certainly not least — the month of May is dedicated in a special way to Our Lady. On the first Sunday of May, we shall have our annual May Crowning, and this year there will also be an outdoor Marian procession after the High Mass. Following the procession, you can reinvigorate your forces with refreshments at the social hour in the church hall. All during May, vases will be available in front of the statue of Our Lady of Grace, so that you can bring fresh flowers to Our Blessed Mother throughout the month. Let us all plan to take full advantages of the many graces available in the coming weeks!

We welcome you today to Saints Cyril and Methodius Oratory!

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 social. 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 5 minutes before Mass begins).

The Catholic Bridge - A Diocesan Mentorship Program

The diocese has launched a mentorship program benefiting young adult Catholics as they look for career and life guidance. The program consists of one monthly meeting with your mentor or mentee for six months. Meetings can be held in person or via Zoom.

If you or someone you know is interested in participating as either a mentor or mentee, please contact the Program Coordinator, Cindy Egloff, at CEgloff@diobpt.org or visit www.FormationReimagined.org/Bridge.

SPECIAL SEMINARY COLLECTION

Every year on the second Sunday after Easter ("Good Shepherd Sunday"), a special collection is taken to support Saint Philip Neri Seminary, the house of priestly formation of the Institute of Christ the King, located in Gricigliano, Italy. This collection will be taken **TODAY, April 23rd**. Thank you for your generous support and for your prayers for vocations and in particular for our seminarians. May God reward you!



PERPETUAL ADORATION AT ST. PIUS X

St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield, CT, is preparing to launch perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. With our Adore 365 effort, we are searching for people who are willing to commit to giving our Lord one hour each week.

If you would like to participate in Perpetual Adoration or receive more information about this effort, please e-mail saintpiusxadoration@gmail.com, including your full name and phone number.

Join us in adoring Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament!



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