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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

September 24th 2023

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses this Week

Sunday, September 24th

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{Our Lady of Ransom} 8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo 10:15 a.m. - Monsignor Joseph Pekar requested by Gregory Mikulka

Monday, September 25th

Mass of the Preceding Sunday

7:45 a.m. - ♥ Daniel & Margaret O'Donovan requested by Colleen M. McCarty

Tuesday, September 26th

Holy North American Martyrs

7:45 a.m. - A. Palaia Family requested by Andrew & Shannon Palaia

Wednesday, September 27th

Saints Cosmas & Damian

7:45 a.m. - Michael Gaboardi requested by Linda Gaboardi

Thursday, September 28th

Saint Wenceslaus

7:45 a.m. - Michael Manoni requested by George Smith & Denise Manoni-Smith

Friday, September 29th

Saint Michael the Archangel

7:45 a.m. - ♥ Mary Berden requested by John Tkacik

Saturday, September 30th

Saint Jerome

7:45 a.m. - Edison Santiago requested by Delimarie Malanao Sunday, October 1st

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{Saint Remigius} 8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo 10:15 a.m. - ♥ Philip & Louise DeFelice requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

CONGRATULATIONS

to Maria Patricia Tourigny

first child of Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Tourigny baptized at the Oratory on September 23rd

Upcoming Events

Sunday Vespers and Thursday Holy Hours will resume after our new seminarian arrives. A server will be needed for daily Masses until then.

Sunday, September 24th

Special collection for the Sacred Music Fund Please use the special envelopes that you received in the mail or that are available in church.

Tuesday, September 26th

Initial meeting of the 2023-24 Adult Theology Class at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall

Theme for the year: "Our Life in Christ: Introduction to Catholic Moral Theology" Please feel free to invite friends!

September 29th to October 7th

NOVENA FOR VOCATIONS
Special prayer cards will be available in church

Saturday, September 30th

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

Sunday, October 1st

Mass request forms will be available for 2024 (please do not submit requests before October 2nd)

Monthly coffee hour after the High Mass

Monday, October 2nd

Special Mass time: 7:15 a.m. (Canon needs to leave for the airport immediately after Mass)

October 2nd to 6th

Canon Altiere will be in Louisiana attending the Institute's U.S. provincial convocation

Saturday, October 7th

Meeting of the SSCM Ladies' Guild after First Saturday Devotions

October—Month of the Holy Rosary

Devotions daily at 6:00 p.m., beginning October 9th

Saturday, October 14th

Father-Son outing for the altar boys after the morning Mass to Plasko's Farm for a hay ride and corn maze, followed by packed lunch (please let Canon know if you will be attending)

A Lament for Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham

 $attributed \ to \ Saint \ Philip \ Howard, Earl \ of \ Arundel \ (+1595)$

In the wracks of Walsingham Whom should I choose But the Queen of Walsingham to be my guide and muse.

Then, thou Prince of Walsingham, Grant me to frame Bitter plaints to rue thy wrong, Bitter woe for thy name.

Bitter was it so to see
The seely sheep
Murdered by the ravenous wolves
While the shepherds did sleep.

Bitter was it, O to view The sacred vine, Whilst the gardeners played all close, Rooted up by the swine.

Bitter, bitter, O to behold The grass to grow Where the walls of Walsingham So stately did show.

Such were the worth of Walsingham While she did stand, Such are the wracks as now do show Of that Holy Land.

Level, level, with the ground The towers do lie, Which, with their golden glittering tops, Pierced once to the sky.

Where were gates are no gates now, The ways unknown Where the press of peers did pass While her fame was blown.

Owls do scrike where the sweetest hymns Lately were sung, Toads and serpents hold their dens Where the palmers did throng.

Weep, weep, O Walsingham, Whose days are nights, Blessings turned to blasphemies, Holy deeds to despites.

Sin is where Our Lady sat, Heaven is turned to hell, Satan sits where Our Lord did sway — Walsingham, O farewell!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2024

If you wish to request any Masses for the next calendar year, please pay careful 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 directives explained below. Thank you for your cooperation in abiding by these norms.

- ♦ Beginning on **Monday, October 2**nd we will start accepting Mass intentions for 2024. No intentions will be accepted before that date (no exceptions).
- ♦ Please make sure only to **use the forms** which will be available beginning Sunday, October 1st in order to fill out your Mass requests.
- ♦ 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 per household. 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 2024.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ As a spiritual good, there is no "price" for a Mass. However, according to the longstanding custom of the Church, Mass offerings are used for the material support of the clergy. Therefore, a minimum stipend of \$10 is suggested per Mass.
- ♦ 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.

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 social next week. 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).

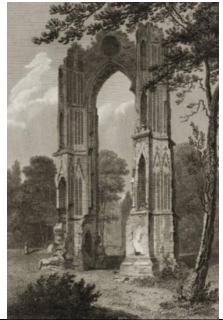
If you are not a Catholic, you are warmly invited to learn more about our faith. The Catholic Church was founded 2000 years ago by Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to carry on His work for the salvation of souls. If you are interested in becoming Catholic or simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please do not hesitate to contact us. The Oratory offers individual instruction. We look forward to hearing from you.

The "Ransomer Prayer" to Our Lady of Walsingham



BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Mother of God and our most gentle Queen and Mother, look down in mercy upon England thy Dowry and upon us all who greatly hope and trust in thee. By thee it was that

Jesus our Saviour and our hope was given unto the world; and He has given thee to us that we might hope still more. Plead for us thy children, whom thou didst receive and accept at the foot of the Cross, O sorrowful Mother. Intercede for our separated brethren, that with us in the one true fold they may be united to the supreme Shepherd, the Vicar of thy Son. Pray for us all, dear Mother, that by faith fruitful in good works we may all deserve to see and praise God, together with thee, in our heavenly home. Amen. {R: Ruins of Walsingham Priory, destroyed by Henry VIII}



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