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9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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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: 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

Masses this Week

Sunday, January 18th

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

{*Saint Peter's Chair at Rome*}

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Theresa M. Kuruc

requested by John Tkacik

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, January 19th

Votive Mass for the Removal of Schism

7:45 a.m. - ✠ William Schellenberg

requested by the Risley Family

Tuesday, January 20th

Saints Fabian & Sebastian

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Felicidad L. Malanao

requested by Gemma Malanao

Wednesday, January 21st

Saint Agnes

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward Reyen

requested by the Whitmore Family

Thursday, January 22nd

Saints Vincent & Anastasius

7:45 a.m. - Timothy Widmer

requested by Annmarie Widmer

Friday, January 23rd

Saint Raymond of Pennafort

Note: 6:00 p.m. - ✠ Edward Reyen

requested by Gary & Diana Burt

Saturday, January 24th

Saint Timothy

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Marian Atkins

requested by Larry & JoEllen Pline

Sunday, January 25th

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

{*Conversion of Saint Paul*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Sam Vendetti

requested by June Vendetti



Upcoming Events

January 13th to 23rd

Normal daily Mass times while Canon Altieri is on vacation, except Friday, January 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 18th

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

January 18th to 25th

CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

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

Thursday, January 22nd

No Holy Hour or Benediction

Sunday, January 25th

First Holy Communion catechism class after the High Mass {meets in church hall}

Sunday, February 1st

Monthly coffee hour after 10:15 a.m. High Mass
Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, February 2nd

PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY {Candlemas}

No morning Mass or confessions

Blessing of Candles & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, February 6th

FIRST FRIDAY

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

Saturday, February 7th

FIRST SATURDAY

Devotions after Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday, February 10th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m.

"The Holy Eucharist"

Saturday, February 14th

Confirmation Catechism Class at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, February 22nd

First Holy Communion Catechism Class after Mass

Sunday, February 15th to Tuesday, February 17th

Annual Forty Hours Adoration

CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE: January 18th to 25th

On October 3rd 1899, the eve of the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Rev. Lewis Thomas Wattson, an Episcopal clergyman later known as the Very Rev. Paul James Francis, S.A., arrived at Graymoor, New York, to establish a community of religious brothers following the Franciscan rule, to be called the Friars of the Atonement. A year previously, Miss Lurana White, a devout young woman, had founded in the same place a community of Episcopal nuns known as the Sisters of the Atonement. For ten years the two communities were jointly known as the Society of the Atonement and lived the monastic life as members of the Episcopal Church (after the Oxford Movement of the 1830s, an attempt was made to revive the religious life in the Church of England). Father Paul James Francis carried on a vigorous apostolate for the return of all separated Christians to communion with the Holy See. To further this aim, in 1908 he inaugurated a special week of prayer called the Chair of Unity Octave.

One year later, the members of the Society themselves received the grace of conversion, and on October 30th 1909, they entered the Catholic Church as a body. With the blessing of Pope Pius X, they were permitted to continue as a religious society in the Catholic Church and were commissioned to carry on the apostolate of Christian unity as their community aim. The Chair of Unity Octave was also approved as a Catholic devotion by Pope Benedict XV in an Apostolic Brief in 1916. In 1921, at their annual meeting in Washington, the Catholic hierarchy of the United States unanimously adopted the Octave for all the dioceses in the country.

Under the patronage of Saint Peter, the first Vicar of Christ and Bishop of Rome, and of Saint Paul, the Apostle of the Gentiles, the Chair of Unity Octave quickly flourished and was later adopted in many other countries as well. Running from the feast of Saint Peter's Chair at Rome (January 18th) to the feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul (January 25th), the traditional Chair of Unity Octave includes special intentions each day, for the conversion of particular groups of dissidents. Unlike the false ecumenism which so often accompanies the post-1960s "Christian Unity Week" which has supplanted the traditional Octave in most places, the motives and goal of the original Chair of Unity Octave are very clear and much needed today.



INTENTIONS FOR THE CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

January 18: The union of all Christians in the one true faith and in the Church

January 19: The return of separated Eastern Christians to communion with the Holy See

January 20: The reconciliation of Anglicans with the Holy See

January 21: The reconciliation of European Protestants with the Holy See

January 22: That American Christians become one in union with the Chair of Peter

January 23: The restoration of lapsed Catholics to the sacramental life of the Church

January 24: That the Jewish people come into their inheritance in Jesus Christ

January 25: The missionary extension of Christ's kingdom throughout the world

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 coffee hour. 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.

ADULT THEOLOGY CLASS

The Adult Theology Class will resume on Tuesday, February 10th with a meeting in the church hall at 7:00 p.m.

The theme for the year is "The Sacraments." Feel free to invite friends!

MASS SCHEDULE

Please follow the bulletin carefully for possible occasional adjustments to the Mass schedule, especially on special feasts with an evening High Mass. Also, due to low numbers at the two separate Masses, there will now be only a 6:00 p.m. Mass on First Fridays, at least ad experimentum for the next few months.

CANDLEMAS

Monday, February 2nd

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

If you have any personal candles for blessing, please bring them to the priest's sacristy no later than 5:30

p.m. (must be marked with your name). The new Marian altar frontal will be unveiled on this occasion.



January 18th 2026

Second Sunday after Epiphany