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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: Additional 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, November 23rd

TWENTY-FOURTH & LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{Saint Clement I}

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Collin George Whitmore

requested by Grandparents

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, November 24th

Saint John of the Cross

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Francisco & Aurelia Castillo

requested by Gary & Diana Burt

Tuesday, November 25th

Saint Catherine of Alexandria

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Richard Dowd

requested by Susan Dowd

Wednesday, November 26th

Saint Sylvester the Abbot

7:45 a.m. - Jean Zamora

requested by Jean Zamora

Thursday, November 27th

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Stasys Alsenas

requested by Jonas & Vicki Alsenas

Friday, November 28th

Votive Mass of the Passion

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Elizabeth Drab

requested by John Tkacik

Saturday, November 29th

Vigil of Saint Andrew

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Rev'd Robert Pohley

requested by Greg Mikulka

Sunday, November 30th

ADVENT SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ John A. Opalak & Simone G. Opalak

requested by Lenore & Michael Opalak



Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 23rd

LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

No Vespers or Benediction

Thursday, November 27th

THANKSGIVING DAY

Recitation of Archbishop Carroll's Prayer for the United States after 7:45 a.m. Mass

No Holy Hour or Benediction

November 29th to December 7th

NOVENA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Sermon by guest preacher & devotions every day

Sunday, November 30th

ADVENT SUNDAY

{The feast of Saint Andrew is transferred this year}

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, December 1st

Canon Altiere will be a guest on the Veritas Catholic Network at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, December 5th

FIRST FRIDAY

Solemn Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart with Novena sermon at 6:00 p.m.

There will not be morning Mass or confessions.

Sunday, December 7th

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

{“Invite-a-Friend Sunday”}

Solemn Mass with guest preacher Father Juan Carlos Rivera Castro, S.J., followed by social hour

Solemn Choral Vespers & Benediction (First Vespers of the Immaculate Conception)

Sunday, December 14th

First Communion Catechism after High Mass

Sunday, December 21st

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT *{O Oriens}*

Visit of His Excellency Bishop Caggiano to the Oratory for Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m., followed by festive reception

Sunday, January 11th

Canon's Annual Young Adults Epiphany brunch after the High Mass

✠ **WHY IS THE NOVENA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SO IMPORTANT?** ✠

One of the most beautiful parts of Advent is the annual Novena of the Immaculate Conception. In the form we now have it, this Novena goes back several centuries. Having been destroyed during the first half of the fifteenth century by an earthquake, the ancient fourth-century Basilica of the Holy Apostles in Rome was rebuilt and entrusted to the care of the Conventual Franciscans in 1474. In 1476, when the Feast of the Conception of Mary was extended to the universal Church calendar by Pope Sixtus IV (himself a Franciscan), the Franciscans resolved to prepare for the celebration of the feast by a solemn novena at the Basilica. Since the high Middle Ages, when theologians debated the precise nature of Mary's freedom from sin (as a result of which the doctrinal groundwork was laid for the precise definition of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception which was finally made by Pope Pius IX in 1854), the Franciscans had been glorious defenders of the privilege of the Immaculate. From the early eighteenth century, the custom has been for a cardinal or another Roman prelate to come each night of the novena to preach and celebrate Solemn Benediction. The other feature of this novena, drawn from the Church's ancient treasures, is a fourth-century hymn as old as that Roman Basilica of the Apostles – the hymn *Tota pulchra es*. This text, celebrating the glories of Mary's beautiful soul, free from all stain of sin, is made up of texts from the Canticle of Canticles. It has been set to music by many great composers.

We have invited a series of guest preachers who will give a meditation each day on one of the Church's great Marian prayers. With the exception of the Saturdays and Sundays (when the sermon will be given during Mass in the morning), the Novena sermon will be given each evening at 6:00 p.m. Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and the Novena prayer will follow the sermon. Everyone should plan to attend as many of these week-day evening Novena events as possible. We are grateful to our visiting priests and do not want them speaking to an empty church! In order to help you find time for your Advent confession, there will be extra confession times throughout the Novena (30 minutes before each Novena service).



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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 parish 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 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.

CONFIRMATIONS 2026

The sacrament of confirmation will be administered at the Oratory on Saturday, May 9th by His Eminence Cardinal Burke.

Catechism classes will begin in January.

These classes are mandatory for all candidates. Please register with the church office before Christmas.



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, December 21st
at 6:00 p.m.

Solemn Vespers & Benediction
with Bishop Caggiano



November 23rd 2025

Last Sunday after Pentecost