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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 {*except summer*}

First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

August 10th 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses this Week

Sunday, August 10th

SAINT LAWRENCE

{*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Virginia Padulo
requested by June Vendetti

Monday, August 11th

Mass of the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45 a.m. - Laurie Furey

requested by Larry & JoEllen Pline

Tuesday, August 12th

Saint Clare

7:45 a.m. - Samuel Schmitt

requested by Parishioners

Wednesday, August 13th

Saints Hippolytus & Cassian

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Brian McGrory

requested by Mario & Maureen Ciardiello

Thursday, August 14th

Vigil of the Assumption

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Margaret Ann Johnson

requested by Jonas & Vicki Alsenas

Friday, August 15th

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

7:45 a.m. - Pro Populo

6:00 p.m. - ✠ Brian McGrory

requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eric J. Ciardiello

Saturday, August 16th

Saint Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Jose Zamora

requested by Jean Zamora

Sunday, August 17th

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Jeannette Dowd

requested by Susan Dowd



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 10th

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT OLD MINE PARK

Blessing of food around 12:30 p.m.

{Church will be closed shortly after High Mass}

No Vespers or Benediction

Thursday, August 14th

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

Friday, August 15th

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

{*holy day of obligation*}

7:45 a.m. - Low Mass

6:00 p.m. - High Mass, Procession & Blessing of fresh herbs and fruit

Four men will be needed to carry the statue.

** Please place your fresh herbs and fruit on the table provided before the High Mass **

Sunday, August 17th

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

August 24th to 31st

Canon will be away at the Institute's annual general chapter meeting in Gricigliano

Daily Mass as usual but no Vespers or Holy Hour

Monday, September 8th

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Traditional blessing of seeds after Mass at 7:45 a.m.

September - Date to be Announced

Adult Theology class will resume, to be held on alternate Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 14th

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Procession with the relic of the True Cross after the 10:15 a.m. High Mass

September 26th to 28th

"Pilgrimage for Restoration" to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs. For information, visit:

<https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org>

Blessing of Sacramentals

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the sacristy and pick them up by the back door the following Sunday.

Blessing of Herbs & Fruit on the Feast of the Assumption

☩. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

℟. Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 64

A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Sion: * and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem.

O hear my prayer: * all flesh shall come to Thee.

The words of the wicked have prevailed over us: * and Thou wilt pardon our transgressions.

Blessed is he whom Thou hast chosen and taken to Thee: * he shall dwell in Thy courts.

We shall be filled with the good things of Thy house; holy is Thy temple, * wonderful in justice.

Hear us, O God our Savior, * Who art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and in the sea afar off.

Thou Who preparest the mountains by Thy strength, being girded with power: * Who troublest the depth of the sea, the noise of its waves.

The Gentiles shall be troubled, and they that dwell in the uttermost borders shall be afraid at Thy signs: * Thou shalt make the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to be joyful.

Thou hast visited the earth, and hast plentifully watered it; * Thou hast many ways enriched it.

The river of God is filled with water, Thou hast prepared their food; * for so is its preparation.

Fill up plentifully the streams thereof, multiply its fruits; * it shall spring up and rejoice in its showers.

Thou shalt bless the crown of the year of Thy goodness: * and Thy fields shall be filled with plenty.

The beautiful places of the wilderness shall grow fat: * and the hills shall be girded about with joy.

The rams of the flock are clothed, and the vales shall abound with corn: * they shall shout, yea they shall sing a hymn.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

☩. The Lord will be gracious.

℟. And our land will bring forth its fruit.

☩. Thou waterest the mountains from the clouds.

℟. The earth is replenished from Thy rains.

☩. Giving grass for cattle.

℟. And plants for the benefit of man.

☩. Thou bringest forth wheat from the earth.

℟. And wine to cheer man's heart.

☩. Oil to make his face lustrous.

℟. And bread to strengthen his heart.

☩. He utters a command and heals their suffering.

℟. And snatches them from distressing want.

☩. O Lord, hear my prayer.

℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

☩. The Lord be with you.

℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Almighty, everlasting God, by Thy Word alone Thou hast made heaven, earth, sea, all things visible and invisible, and hast adorned the earth with plants and trees for the use of men and animals. Thou appointest each species to bring forth fruit in its kind, not only to serve as food for living creatures, but also as medicine to sick bodies. With mind and word we earnestly implore Thy unspeakable goodness to bless ✠ these various herbs and fruits, and add to their natural powers the grace of Thy new blessing. May they ward off disease and adversity from men and beasts who use them in Thy name. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. ℟. Amen.

Let us pray. O God, by Moses, Thy servant Thou didst command the children of Israel to carry their sheaves of new grain to the priests for a blessing, to pluck the finest fruits of the orchards, and to make merry before Thee, the Lord their God. Hear Thou our supplications, and bestow blessings ✠ in abundance upon us and upon these bundles of new grain, new herbs, and this assortment of produce which we gratefully present to Thee on this festival, blessing ✠ them in Thy name. Grant that men, cattle, sheep, and beasts of burden find in them a remedy against sickness, pestilence, sores, injuries, spells, against the bites of serpents and other poisonous animals. May these blessed objects act as a protection against diabolical mockeries, cunning, and deceptions wherever they are kept, carried, or other disposition made of them. And through the merits of the Blessed Virgin Mary whose Assumption we celebrate, may we likewise, laden with sheaves of good works, deserve to be lifted up to heaven. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. ℟. Amen.

Let us pray. O God, Who on this day hast raised up to heavenly heights the rod of Jesse, the mother of Thy son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, that through her prayers and patronage Thou mightiest communicate to our mortal nature the Fruit of her womb, Thy same Son; we pray that we may use these fruits of the soil for our temporal and eternal welfare, the power of Thy Son and the patronage of His glorious mother assisting us. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in unity of the Holy Ghost, God, forever and ever. ℟. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit, come upon these creatures and remain always. ℟. Amen.

The priest then sprinkles the items with holy water and incenses them.

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 parish picnic. 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.



TODAY: Sunday, August 10th

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

Old Mine Park

121 Old Mine Road - Trumbull

Please feel free to bring lawn games, sports equipment,
children's games (bean bag toss, etc.)!

Please note: no glass bottles allowed at park

There is a sign-up sheet for those who are able to bring items to
share; envelopes are also available for donations.

*We hope everyone can spend at least some time at this fun annual event,
which is very important for our parish community!*

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