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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, September 14th

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

{Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - The Cleary Family
requested by Richard & Rita Cleary

Monday, September 15th

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Kate Prendergast

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Tuesday, September 16th

Saints Cornelius & Cyprian

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Rosamond Harvey-Smith

requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

Wednesday, September 17th

Ember Wednesday

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Paul & Christine Ware

requested by Gary & Diana Burt

Thursday, September 18th

Saint Joseph of Cupertino

7:45 a.m. - Mass of Thanksgiving

requested by Grace Monks

Friday, September 19th

Ember Friday

7:45 a.m. - Michael P. Widmer

requested by Annmarie Widmer

Saturday, September 20th

Ember Saturday

8:30 a.m. - ✠ John Kochiss & Joseph Kochiss

requested by Greg Mikulka

Sunday, September 21st

SAINT MATTHEW, EVANGELIST

{Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Matthew Manoni

requested by Denise Manoni-Smith & George Smith



Upcoming Events

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
Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 18th

No Holy Hour or Benediction

Saturday, September 27th

First Holy Communion catechism class at 9:30 a.m.

Tuesday, September 30th

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

The theme for this year is THE SACRAMENTS

Weekdays of October

{except while Canon is on retreat}

Rosary & Benediction at 6:00 p.m. every day

Friday, October 3rd

FIRST FRIDAY {Saint Therese of Lisieux}

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

Saturday, October 4th

FIRST SATURDAY

Devotions & Benediction after Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 5th

"INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY"

Monthly coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. High Mass
Please sign up to bring refreshments.

Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7th

Spiritual Conference at 7:00 p.m.: "Preparing to
celebrate 100 Years of the feast of Christ the King"

October 17th to 19th

SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART RETREAT

*This retreat is open not only to existing members but also
to all those discerning membership.*

Registration closes on September 26th!

Saturday, October 18th

Liturgical practice for the feast of Christ the King,
followed by father-son outing for the altar boys

THE SEVEN SORROWS OF OUR LADY



In the course of the liturgical year, two feasts are observed in honour of Our Lady's Seven Sorrows, or Dolours: September 15th (the day after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross) and on the Friday of Passion Week, just before Holy Week.

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35).
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13).
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:43-45).
4. Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary (Luke 23:26).
5. Our Lord Dies on the Cross (John 19:25).
6. Mary Receives the Body of Jesus in Her Arms (Matthew 27:57-59).
7. The Body of Jesus is Placed in the Tomb (John 19:40-42).

The illumination at left is by Simon Bening (1483-1561), the Flemish Renaissance miniaturist.

MASS INTENTIONS

In October it will be possible to submit your Mass requests for 2026. Please do not submit any intentions before the date that will be given (early intentions will be returned). Precise instructions will be published in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

Parents whose children need to receive their First Holy Communion this year are kindly asked to contact the church office this week. Catechism classes will be held one Saturday each month. These classes are mandatory. The text is the *Saint Joseph First Communion Catechism*. Please be ready to provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

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 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.

Thank You

for your support of the Annual Bishop's Appeal. Because of your prompt and generous support, we reached our parish goal in advance of the official date, which means that excess funds collected before that same date were returned to our parish. Thanks to you, we were able to raise around \$6000 for Saints Cyril and Methodius! Not only does your participation express our gratitude to the bishop for establishing the Oratory, it also concretely helps our parish.

Special Sacred Music Collection

Sunday, September 28th

The Oratory is blessed to have an exceptional music program, which is an essential part of glorifying God through the liturgy. We are grateful for your support, especially in this jubilee year, as we have a special program planned for Christ the King, including a hired brass quintet!

Blessed Seeds

Seeds blessed on the feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary are available by the statue of Our Lady in the transept. Please feel free to take some and to plant them at your home!

September 14th 2025

Exaltation of the Holy Cross