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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 p.m.

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5 p.m.

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

Masses this Week

Sunday, February 12th

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Bart Barnard
requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, February 13th

Requiem Mass

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Antonio & Irma Ramirez
requested by the Koons Family

Tuesday, February 14th

Saint Valentine

7:45 a.m. - Sean O'Hare Family
requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline

Wednesday, February 15th

Saints Faustinus & Jovita

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Frank L. Burt, Jr.
requested by Gary & Diana Burt

Thursday, February 16th

Votive Mass against Heathenism

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

Friday, February 17th

Votive Mass of the Passion

7:45 a.m. - Richard and Martha Morse
requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family

Saturday, February 18th

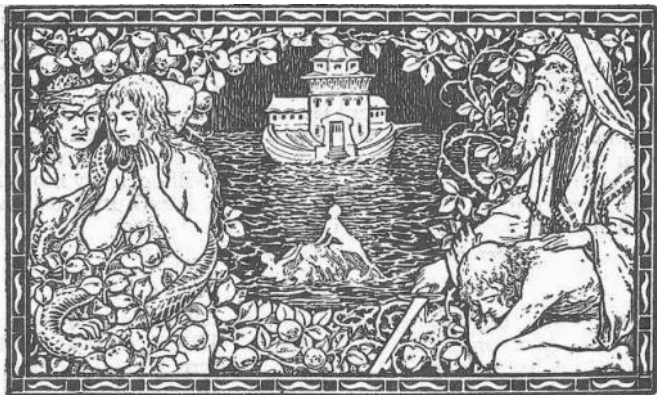
Our Lady's Saturday

7:45 a.m. - Sister Bernadette Marie, F.L.M.
requested by her parents

Sunday, February 19th

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - Andrew & Shannon Palaia
requested by Jacob & Katrina Tourigny



The Fall
(Septuagesima)

The Flood
(Sexagesima)

Abraham's Sacrifice
(Quinquagesima)

Upcoming Events

February 12th

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

Collection of last year's palms for making ashes
Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall
Theme of talk: "The Redemption"
Please feel free to invite friends & to bring snacks!

Thursday, February 16th

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

Saturday, February 18th

Meeting & outing for the altar boys and their fathers after the morning Mass (please sign up)

February 19th to 21st

Annual Forty Hours devotion in reparation for sins and for peace in Christendom
Please sign up for an hour or more of Adoration

Wednesday, February 22nd

ASH WEDNESDAY

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.
Distribution of ashes at both Masses

Saturday, February 25th

Confirmation Catechism class after the morning Mass—*these classes are mandatory*

Wednesday, March 1st

Meeting of the Saint Joseph Men's Group, beginning with Adoration in church at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 11th

Lenten morning of recollection for gentlemen sponsored by the Saint Joseph men's group

Sunday, March 19th

LÆTARE SUNDAY

Monthly social hour after the High Mass
Try your hand at making a traditional simnel cake!
{the feast of Saint Joseph is transferred to the next day because of the Lenten Sunday}

Wednesday, March 22nd

March for Life in Hartford—a bus will be leaving from the Oratory (limited number of seats)

One In Christ – The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal

The Bishop’s Appeal directly supports the charitable ministries of the Church, including those of Catholic Charities of Fairfield County. For over 100 years, Catholic Charities of Fairfield County has provided social services to the Fairfield County community. The agency’s mission is to help the needy and most vulnerable to permanently improve their lives by providing supportive services that enable families to rise up out of poverty, overcome barriers, and achieve self-sufficiency and independence. With the increasing costs of food, housing, and gas, low-income, the demand for the agency’s services continues to skyrocket as clients need help now more than ever.

Your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal will assist Catholic Charities and continue to do the incredible work it does for our most vulnerable neighbors in Fairfield County. Thank you for your gift.

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit: 2023BishopsAppeal.org, please call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.



COLLECTION OF OLD PALMS

Every year, palms from the previous Holy Week are used to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. You can deposit your old palms in the baskets available at both entrances to church. Please note that palms will not be collected any later than next Sunday.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE PARTY February 21st after the Forty Hours

The last three days of Septuagesima (from Quinquagesima Sunday to the day before Ash Wednesday) are sometimes known as “Shrovetide,” after an archaic word for absolution (e.g., *to shrive, to be shriven*), since people would try to start off Lent on the right foot by going to confession right beforehand. The final day before Lent is thus called Shrove Tuesday. Since the approach of Lent, however, does not exclude a certain mirth before the start of the 40-day fast, this day is also known as “Fat Tuesday” (hence the well-known *Mardi Gras* in French, or its equivalent in other languages). It was also known as “Pancake Day,” and the idea in all these cases was that it was the last chance to use up fatty ingredients like butter (since not only meat but all animal products were formerly forbidden during Lent). Whether you want to make American-style thick pancakes or thin crepes with various fillings, or indeed prefer other pre-Lenten treats, please join us in the church hall for a potluck celebration after the conclusion of the Forty Hours on Shrove Tuesday!

MARCH FOR LIFE IN HARTFORD Wednesday, March 22nd

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring reduced fares for round-trip bus rides from our parish (departure around 10:15 a.m.; exact time to be confirmed). Visit rally.co/ct-march-for-life and use the code **KOC23SCM** in order to book a discounted seat. March 8th is the deadline to sign up! Buses are leaving from several area parishes, so make sure to click on the link for Saints Cyril & Methodius. Canon Altieri will accompany the group from our parish.

Saturday, February 18th - Altar Boy Meeting & Outing



Before Lent begins, there will be an outing with the altar boys (and their fathers) to thank them for their dedication throughout the year. After the 7:45 a.m. Mass, there will be a light breakfast in the church hall, then server training for the Forty Hours. We will then head out to a local bowling alley and finish with a pizza lunch. Please make sure to respond to Canon by Wednesday so that we may make reservations for the correct number.

We welcome you today to Saints Cyril and Methodius!

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 monthly 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 5 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. Please hold all conversations 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.

BLESSED CANDLES

If you dropped off candles to be blessed on Candlemas, please be sure to pick them up today in the sacristy—last call!

Save the date! Saturday, March 11th Lenten Morning of Recollection

Sponsored by the Saint Joseph Men's Group, this half-day retreat is free-of-charge and open to the men of the parish as well as other men you would like to invite. After the morning parish Mass, there will be potluck refreshments in the church hall, followed by a spiritual conference, and then Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with time for confession before Benediction.

ANNUAL FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

The "Forty Hours" will be held from Quinquagesima Sunday to Shrove Tuesday (**February 19th to 21st**) in preparation for Lent, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning each day after Mass, and Benediction at 6:00 p.m. We will only be able to do this if **at least two people** are willing to commit to at least one hour of Adoration during these times.

Thank you to all those who have signed up: please make sure to double check your time slots and to be present at those times. Of course, you can also show up at other times as well (especially if you cannot commit to an hour at a time) and feel free to invite friends from other parishes. Confessions will be available at 5:00 p.m. each day.



February 12th 2023

Sexagesima Sunday