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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 (until 7 minutes before the start of Mass)

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

March 17th 2024

Passion Sunday

Masses this Week

Sunday, March 17th

PASSION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Living & Deceased Members of
the Kelly & Daly Families
requested by Thomas & Margaret Daly
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, March 18th

Monday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - Mr. Joseph DeFelice
requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

Tuesday, March 19th

SAINT JOSEPH, Spouse of the Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Mike Prendergast
requested by Kate Prendergast
6:00 p.m. - ✠ Joseph J. Balash, Jr.
requested by Anna Balash

Wednesday, March 20th

Wednesday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ferrante
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eric Ciardiello

Thursday, March 21st

Saint Benedict, Institute Patron

{Thursday of Passion Week}
7:45 a.m. - Priests & Seminarians of
the Institute of Christ the King
requested by Lenore & Michael Opalak

Friday, March 22nd

Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

{Friday of Passion Week}
7:45 a.m. - ✠ Mary Berden
requested by John Tkacik

Saturday, March 23rd

Saturday of Passion Week

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Theresa Dini
requested by George Milillo

Sunday, March 24th

PALM SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Estelle Joan Widmer
requested by Annemarie Widmer
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

Wednesdays of March {until Holy Week}
Liturgy of Saint Joseph after morning Mass

Tuesday, March 19th

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH
High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 20th

CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE
Sign up for the bus leaving from the Oratory!

Thursday, March 21st

FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT
Plenary indulgence available {Institute patron}
Holy Hour & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, March 22nd

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 23rd

Liturgical practice (for Palm Sunday) at 9:00 a.m.

HOLY WEEK

*Please see the separate flyer with our extensive
Holy Week schedule, including Tenebræ and
special confession times.*

Monday, March 25th

Liturgical practice (for Holy Thursday) at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 26th

Liturgical practice (for Good Friday) at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 31st

EASTER SUNDAY
Children's Easter egg hunt after both Masses
Volunteers are needed to help with this

April 1st to 6th

OCTAVE OF EASTER
Daily Mass at 8:00 a.m., with confessions held
afterwards {church opens at 7:45 a.m. all week}

Sunday, April 7th

LOW SUNDAY
Eastertide reception in the church hall
Please sign up to bring refreshments

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

Lent is now almost over! Now is the time to rekindle our zeal for our Lenten resolutions (prayer, fasting and almsgiving). It is also time to start planning for Holy Week. **These are the most important days in the entire year**, and we should make every effort to attend as many of these ceremonies – Masses and Divine Office, as well as devotions – as possible. Our very full Holy Week schedule here is designed so that everyone can attend at least one of the multiple ceremonies each day of the Triduum. **Rearranging work and school schedules** does involve sacrifice, but (barring real impossibility), it is not too much at this one time of the year to plan accordingly in order to honor Our Lord in the renewal of the mysteries of our Redemption. “Seek ye therefore first the kingdom of God, and his justice, and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

In order for church to remain open during the afternoon of Maundy Thursday for adoration at the Altar of Repose, we will need **at least two people** to be signed up at all times up until the beginning of Tenebræ. **We will also need 13 men to volunteer** to have their feet washed for the “Mandatum” ceremony at 6:00 p.m. on Maundy Thursday (this is the ceremony from which Maundy Thursday derives its name).

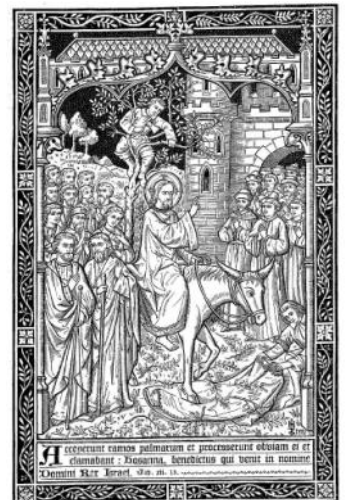
There will be practices for the altar servers at the following times: Saturday, **March 23rd at 9:00 a.m.** (for Palm Sunday), Monday, **March 25th at 6:30 p.m.** (for Holy Thursday) and Tuesday, **March 26th at 6:30 p.m.** (for Good Friday). A practice for the Easter Vigil will be held earlier in the afternoon of Holy Saturday itself. Especially for Holy Thursday and Good Friday, we will need *lots* of servers. Please let Canon know as soon as possible which ceremonies you will attend. Thank you in advance to our choir members and altar servers (and their parents!) for their generosity in making our Holy Week services as solemn and beautiful as possible.

Is there anyone available to **help clean the altar boys’ cassocks and surplices** over the next few weeks? Thank you in advance for this kind work for the dignity of the sanctuary.

If you are able to volunteer for church cleaning, or flower arranging, or with the **Easter egg hunt** by pre-filling eggs (with individually wrapped sweets) or by setting up “obstacles,” please inform Canon. A wonderful family activity during the morning of Holy Saturday is to decorate Easter eggs which you can bring to church to be blessed on Easter Sunday.

PALM SUNDAY - Next Sunday!

Holy Week begins next Sunday with the celebration of Palm Sunday. The ceremony comprising the blessing of palms, the procession and the Solemn Mass that follows is one integral liturgical act. Therefore, as usual, palms will only be blessed at the 10:15 a.m. Mass. If you attend the Low Mass, please feel free to stay or return for the 10:15 a.m. blessing to receive a blessed palm. If you cannot receive your palms at the ceremony itself, a basket will be available in the narthex containing blessed palms until they run out!



We welcome you 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 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.

ONE IN CHRIST – THE 2024 BISHOP'S APPEAL

For more information, please visit:
2024BishopsAppeal.org.

Special envelopes are now available in church. Please make sure to *return the envelopes to Saints Cyril & Methodius* for processing—do not mail them directly to the diocese. **Your support really helps our parish!**

SUPPORT OUR SACRED MUSIC PROGRAM!

If anyone is interested in sponsoring a young choir member or members to participate in the annual Sacred Music Colloquium of the Church Music Association of America, please contact the church office before Easter. Thank you!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent at 6:00 p.m.

After the Stations, there will be the veneration of the relic of the Cross and an opportunity for confession.



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Passion Sunday