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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

March 19th 2023

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Masses this Week

Sunday, March 19th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

{called, LÆTARE SUNDAY}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Canon Francis Xavier Altieri

requested by Jacob & Katrina Tourigny

Monday, March 20th

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Palazzo & Blouin Families

requested by George Smith & Denise Manoni-Smith

6:00 p.m. - Joseph Giordano

requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

Tuesday, March 21st

Saint Benedict

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Carbrol deceased

requested by Mary L. Nelson

Wednesday, March 22nd

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Ted Goldmann

requested by Linda Gaboardi

Thursday, March 23rd

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7:45 a.m. - ✠ Joseph & Rita McGrory

requested by Mario & Maureen Ciardiello

Friday, March 24th

Saint Gabriel the Archangel

7:45 a.m. - K.L. Obenauf

requested by J. Kim

Saturday, March 25th

Anunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Tom Collins, Jr.

requested by Kate Prendergast

Sunday, March 26th

PASSION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Jesse Butwell

requested by Richard & Rita Cleary

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

March 18th to 24th

Servers will be needed for daily Mass while Abbé McKown is at our seminary in Italy

Sunday, March 19th

LÆTARE SUNDAY

Monthly social hour after the High Mass

“Simnel Cake” and Saint Joseph pastries recommended!

** No Vespers or Benediction **

Monday, March 20th

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH {transferred}

High Mass at 6:00 p.m.—*Servers needed*

Tuesday, March 21st

Plenary indulgence for feast of Saint Benedict (patron)

Adult Theology Class at 7:00 p.m.

Theme of talk: “The Blessed Virgin Mary”

Wednesday, March 22nd

March for Life in Hartford (bus from the Oratory)

Thursday, March 23rd

No Holy Hour

Friday, March 24th

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

Saturday, March 25th

Volunteers needed after Mass to veil the images in church for Passiontide

Sunday, March 26th

PASSION SUNDAY

Solemn Choral Vespers at 6:00 p.m.—*Servers needed*

Tuesday, March 28th

Spiritual conference in the church hall at 7:00 p.m.:

“Explanation of the Ceremonies of Palm Sunday”

Please see the special flyer for the complete list of Holy Week service times and confession schedule

Sunday, April 9th

EASTER SUNDAY

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt after both Masses

Saturday, April 15th

First Holy Communion Catechism class after Mass

“ONE IN CHRIST” The 2023 Bishop’s Appeal

The Bishop’s Appeal for 2023 has now begun. This is an excellent opportunity for Lenten almsgiving. It is also a concrete way for the Oratory to participate in the life of the diocese and to express our gratitude to the bishop for establishing the Oratory and for his ongoing support. Envelopes will be available soon in church if you have not already received one at home.

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



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 will be promptly at 10:10 a.m. Visit rally.co/ct-march-for-life and use the code **KOC23SCM** in order to book a discounted seat. **You can still sign up!** Buses are leaving from several area parishes, so make sure to click on the link for Saints Cyril & Methodius. Canon Altiere will accompany the group from our parish. For more information, please contact our bus captain, Mrs. Maureen Ciardiello, Coordinator of Respect Life Ministry for the Diocese of Bridgeport, at: mciardiello@diobpt.org.

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

Lent is already more than half over! Now is a good time to take stock of 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. **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.

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 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, **April 1st after Mass** (for Palm Sunday), Monday, **April 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** (for Holy Thursday) and Tuesday, **April 4th at 6:30 p.m.** (for Good Friday). A practice for Holy Saturday is yet to be announced. 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.

If you are able to volunteer for church cleaning, or flower arranging, or to help setting up “obstacles” for the Easter egg hunt, please inform Canon.

The Catholic Bridge - A Diocesan Mentorship Program

The diocese has launched a mentorship program benefiting young adult Catholics as they look for career and life guidance. The program consists of one monthly meeting with your mentor or mentee for six months. Meetings can be held in person or via Zoom. If you or someone you know is interested in participating as either a mentor or mentee, please contact the Program Coordinator, Cindy Egloff, at CEgloff@diobpt.org or visit www.FormationReimagined.org/Bridge.

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 today for our social hour. 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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Every day through April 2nd there will be a prayer vigil for innocent unborn life. For more information, please visit:
www.40daysforlife.com/bridgeport

Lenten Book Stall

Spiritual reading is an essential part of a good Lent. In order to help you with this, some good Catholic books are available on the table in the church narthex. We especially recommending acquiring a copy of Abbot Cabrol's *Holy Week Book*, which contains the full text of all the traditional Holy Week ceremonies (Masses and Divine Office), as well as helpful commentaries.

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 time for confessions



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