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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

April 21st 2024

Third Sunday after Easter

Masses this Week

Sunday, April 21st

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - Leah Ferrucci
requested by George Melillo

Monday, April 22nd

Saints Soter & Caius

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Helen Layman
requested by Grace Monks

Tuesday, April 23rd

Saint George

7:45 a.m. - George Smith
requested by Matthew & Rachel Manoni

Wednesday, April 24th

Mass of Saint Joseph

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

Thursday, April 25th

Saint Mark the Evangelist

7:45 a.m. - Thomas & Emily Opalak
requested by the Lenore & Michael Opalak

Friday, April 26th

Saints Cletus & Marcellinus

7:45 a.m. - ✠ James Joseph & Mary Stella De Silva
requested by Mr. & Mrs. James T. De Silva

Saturday, April 27th

Saint Peter Canisius

8:30 a.m. - ✠ James A. Redmond
requested by Gene & Donna Wirkus

Sunday, April 28th

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - ✠ Rev. Anthony Burakowski
requested by Gregory Mikulka



Upcoming Events

April 17th to 25th

Canon Altiere will be away
Visit of Canon Todd from April 21st to 25th

Sunday, April 21st

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 25th

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

Tuesday, April 30th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 5th

May Crowning & Procession after High Mass

Monday, May 6th

ROGATION MONDAY
Procession & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 9th

ASCENSION OF THE LORD {*holy day of obligation*}
Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 18th

VIGIL OF PENTECOST
Confessions at 9:45 a.m. {church opens at 9:15}
Vigil ceremonies and Mass at 10:15 a.m.
Please note that there will not be the usual early Low Mass or confessions

Saturday, May 19th

FEAST OF PENTECOST
Solemn Choral Vespers in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 p.m., as part of the diocesan Eucharistic holy year celebrations

Sunday, May 26th

After the High Mass, practice for all servers for Corpus Christi

Week of May 27th

Volunteers are needed to help remove weeds from the processional path for Corpus Christi

Thursday, May 30th

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI
Solemn Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by procession and Benediction at outdoor altar

EASTERTIDE MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Faithful,

We are now well in the midst of Paschaltide, or the Easter season. The Easter season contains four main parts, each with its own distinctive liturgical features: (1) Easter and its octave; (2) the remainder of the 40 days of Paschaltide proper, culminating in Rogationtide and the Vigil of the Ascension; (3) the Ascension and its octave; and, finally, (4) Pentecost and its octave (including the summer Ember Days). Just as the liturgy suppressed the Alleluia from its normal place after the Gradual from Septuagesima onwards and replaced it with a Tract, during this season exactly the opposite happens: in place of the Gradual there is the “Greater Alleluia.” Note in the calendar of upcoming events the special Masses for Rogation Monday, Ascension Day and the Vigil of Pentecost: all treasures of the paschaltide liturgy. We are also very happy that our church will be included as a “station church” for the diocesan Eucharistic pilgrimage on Pentecost Sunday (May 19th) and we hope you will all plan to attend the Solemn Choral Vespers that will be sung in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament that afternoon at 2:30 p.m.

A friendly reminder that, in order to fulfill our duties as practicing Catholics, we need to remember our “Easter Duty” – probably something most people do not think about because of the practice of frequent communion. Nonetheless, let me remind you that Church law requires us, after the age of reason, to receive holy communion at least once a year, and that during the Easter season. Needless to say, this precept is fulfilled only by a good communion (communion received in the state of mortal sin, at any time, is itself a mortal sin of sacrilege), and so the Easter Duty is closely linked to the duty of at least annual confession (obviously, a Catholic serious about his spiritual life will not be content with this bare minimum).

The Easter season also includes a number of other beautiful feasts. You may notice that during Paschaltide, martyrs are honoured in a particular way – with a special Mass formula not used during the rest of the year. This is because by laying down their lives, the martyrs participated in the highest possible way in the mystery of the cross, and so they share in a special way in the triumph of Jesus, crucified and risen from the dead. In addition to Saint Mark’s Day and the feast of the Apostles Philip and James, the calendar also includes a feast in honour of the protector of the Universal Church, whose guidance is so very much needed today! Because the feast of Saint Joseph as “Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary” on March 19th usually falls during Lent, in 1847 Pope Pius IX instituted an additional feast of the “Patronage of Saint Joseph,” to be celebrated three weeks after Easter (under Pius X the date was moved from a Sunday to a Wednesday). In 1870, Pius IX also officially declared Saint Joseph as “Patron of the Universal Church.” Saint Joseph is not only the patron of the dying or of workers, but of the universal Church as a whole, and in the Litany of Saint Joseph we get a hint of these many patronages of the holy patriarch. The liturgy of the Solemnity of Saint Joseph draws beautiful typological parallels between Saint Joseph and his Old Testament namesake. On May 3rd we celebrate the paschaltide feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross (“invention,” from the Latin *invenire*, “to find”), celebrating the miraculous finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the Constantine, the Roman emperor who finally granted liberty to the Church in the fourth century after centuries of persecution. We do not forget the Cross after Easter, but the glory of the Resurrection casts a new light on the instrument of our salvation.

Last – but certainly not least – the month of May is dedicated in a special way to Our Lady. On the first Sunday of May, we shall have our annual May Crowning, with an outdoor Marian procession after the High Mass. Following the procession, you can reinvigorate your forces with refreshments at the social hour in the church hall. It’s a wonderful occasion to invite friends to the Oratory! All during May, vases will be available in front of the statue of Our Lady of Grace, so that you can bring fresh flowers to Our Blessed Mother throughout the month. Let us all plan to take full advantages of the many graces available in the coming weeks!

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 parish 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).

ANNUAL GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY SEMINARY COLLECTION

Thank you for supporting our special annual collection for Saint Philip Neri Seminary, the Institute's house of priestly formation. Your prayers and financial support directly help the formation of the next generation of traditional Catholic priests, including a growing number of American seminarians.

"ONE IN CHRIST" - 2024 Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal for 2024 is underway. Envelopes are now available in church. Your participation helps our parish! Please make sure to turn in the envelope in the collection basket or in one of the candle donation boxes or drop it off at the rectory (do not mail to diocese).

Young Adult Retreat

2024

Dates & Time

Friday, July 5 at 2:30 pm
Monday, July 8 at 12 pm

Location

Colombiere Conference &
Retreat Center (45
minutes NW of Detroit)

Pricing

\$270 for 3 Nights
\$210 Commuter Rate
(includes meals)

Who?

Young Adults Ages 18-35



<https://form.jotform.com/icksp/sursum-corda-annual-retreat-2024>



Withdraw from the world to strengthen your spiritual life!

QUESTIONS?
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