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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 6:00 p.m.

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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

April 30th 2023

Third Sunday after Easter

Masses this Week

Sunday, April 30th

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Deceased Members of
Smith & Flynn Families
requested by George & Denise Smith
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, May 1st

Saints Philip & James, Apostles

7:45 a.m. - Michael Prendergast
requested by Kate Prendergast

Tuesday, May 2nd

Saint Athanasius

7:45 a.m. - Rebecca Johnson
requested by J. Kim

Wednesday, May 3rd

Invention of the Holy Cross

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Dolores Huminski
requested by Linda Gaboardi

Thursday, May 4th

Votive Mass of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Saverio & Guilia Ciardiello
requested by Mario & Maureen Ciardiello

Friday, May 5th

Saint Pius V

7:45 a.m. - Monsignor Gilles Wach
Votive Mass of the Most Sacred Heart
6:00 p.m. - Priests & Seminarians of the
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest
requested by George Hough

Saturday, May 6th

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Jane Clancy
requested by George & Nancy Whitmore

Sunday, May 7th

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - ✠ Dieter Reichenberger
requested by Peter Reichenberger



Upcoming Events

Sunday, April 30th

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 4th

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

Friday, May 5th

FIRST FRIDAY

Adoration at 5:00 p.m. (with Confessions during)
Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 6th

FIRST SATURDAY

Devotions after Mass, followed by meeting of the
Ladies Guild in the rectory

Sunday, May 7th

May Devotions in conjunction with the High Mass,
followed by monthly social hour (*please sign up*)

Tuesday, May 9th

Adult Theology Class at 7:00 p.m. in church hall
Theme: "The Church—Part II"

Saturday, May 13th

First Holy Communion catechism class at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, May 15th

ROGATION MONDAY

Procession & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.
Servers are needed!

Thursday, May 18th

ASCENSION OF THE LORD {*holy day of obligation*}

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 27th

VIGIL OF PENTECOST {*known as "Whitsun Eve"*}

Vigil ceremonies & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Servers are needed!

Thursday, June 8th

CORPUS CHRISTI

High Mass & Procession at 6:00 p.m.
Servers are needed!

Sunday, June 18th

Visit of Monsignor Wach to our parish

Please plan to attend the festive reception after Mass!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: MANAGING NOISE IN CHURCH

Dear Faithful,

During these difficult times for the Church and for society at large, one of the greatest signs of hope we can see in our parish is the growing number of families and the growing number of babies and young children. Those of us who do not have children of our own or whose children are long since grown may not always be conscious all the sacrifices and difficulties that can be involved in raising children, especially when there are several very young children in a family all at once. Thank you for your generosity in welcoming new life into your families and for all your efforts (sometimes quite heroic) untaken to raise your children in the faith!

Some problems are “good problems” — such as a “vocation crisis” like the one we have at our seminary in Italy, where there is not enough room for all the vocations! The sound of small children in church can be thought of as a “good problem,” too — “good,” because their presence assures us of the future longevity of our congregation, but still a “problem” nonetheless, because the increasing distractions that result are something that needs to be addressed for the common good of the parish as a whole. As the pastor, it is my duty both to be welcoming and accommodating to families with small children and also to be attentive to parishioners who are increasingly telling me that the noise levels in church are an obstacle to their prayerful participation in the liturgy. Especially when people are trying to pay attention during the sermon and during the most sacred moments like the Canon of the Mass, continuous noise can be very frustrating for many members of the congregation. Therefore, as a courtesy to others, I kindly ask that everyone take note of the following guidelines:

◆ When you have a child who begins making noise that goes beyond a temporary peep, *please take him or her into the narthex*, which functions as a cry room. You may want to choose a pew in advance where you can be strategically positioned to make a discreet exit through one of the side aisles. Simply going to the back of the nave (by the confessionals) does not suffice, since the acoustics in the church proper mean that noise easily carries. Although the narthex is not entirely sealed off, the doors do help to contain the noise and your cooperation makes a big difference.

◆ Although some noise from babies is to be expected (and we all need to make an effort to be patient about that), the noise that results from children *running or stomping around church or banging on the pews* is extremely disruptive. By nature, these actions come from small children and toddlers rather than little babies, and so parents are kindly asked to be attentive to this matter, and to correct or remove their children as necessary when such disruptions occur, just like they would for a noisy baby. The kneelers in the narrow pews in our church also bang easily, so *being gentle and quiet with these is something we can all work on, regardless of age*.

◆ This is a good occasion for *all of us* to remember the respect and decorum due to God’s house. Adults (who, unlike small children, do enjoy the use of reason) should set a good example for the little ones. Even outside of Mass times, *under no circumstances should conversations be held in church* (the nave proper), a holy space set aside for divine worship. If there is an absolutely necessary communication that must be made (for example, during church cleaning or to hand a bulletin to a new visitor), words should be kept to a bare minimum and always in a whisper. If someone tries to initiate a conversation with you in church, simply smile and with a polite gesture of your hand, indicate that you would like to move to one of the vestibules to speak.

All of our parishioners — of all ages — are valued members of our congregation. Thank you all for your careful attention to this matter: to parents, for making a consistent effort to minimize noise and to correct your children as needed; and to others, for your patience and understanding. It may seem like just a small matter, but making a special effort in this area is a very concrete way for all of us to express our charity for others.

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 social next week. 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).

ONE IN CHRIST – 2023 BISHOP’S APPEAL

Saints Cyril and Methodius Parish

Progress as of April 28th

ABA Goal:	\$11,000.00
Total Pledged:	\$7,135 (65%)
Donors to Date:	19 Donors



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

UPCOMING SPECIAL MASSES

Servers are needed for the upcoming special High Masses that do not fall on a Sunday:
Rogation Monday (May 15th - 6:00 p.m.),
Ascension Thursday (May 18th - 6:00 p.m.),
Vigil of Pentecost (Saturday, May 27th - 10:15 a.m.), and **Corpus Christi** (Thursday, June 8th - 6:00 p.m.).

*Please let Canon know if you are available to serve at any of these important ceremonies.
Thank you in advance for your help!*

MAY DEVOTIONS

Next Sunday (May 7th) we will have our annual May Crowning after the High Mass. There will also be a **May Procession** after that Mass. Please **bring fresh flowers** with you to church, which you can carry in the procession and then place in the vases at the feet of Our Lady after the ceremony.



EASTER LILIES

Please feel free to take potted Easter lilies (available in the narthex) home with you, and plant them in your garden!

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