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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 (except during the summer months)
First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

July 6th 2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses this Week

Sunday, July 6th

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Dolores Huminski

requested by Linda Gaboardi

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, July 7th

Saints Cyril & Methodius, Parish Patrons

7:45 a.m. - ✠ William & Juliet Carpenter

requested by Colleen Rowe McCarty

Tuesday, July 8th

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Thomas D. Monks

requested by Grace Monks

Wednesday, July 9th

Votive Mass of Saint Joseph

7:45 a.m. - Anthony & Vivian DeFelice

requested by Annmarie Widmer

Thursday, July 10th

The Seven Holy Brothers & Saints Rufina & Secunda

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Jeannette Dowd

requested by Susan Dowd

Friday, July 11th

Saint Pius I

7:45 a.m. - Peggy Daly

requested by Susan Dowd

Saturday, July 12th

Saint John Gualbert

8:30 a.m. - Susan Nelson Passmore

requested by Mary L. Nelson

Sunday, July 13th

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family

requested by Colleen Rowe McCarty

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

Please note that during the summer months, there is no evening Mass (or confessions or devotions) on First Fridays, only the usual morning Mass and confessions.

Fridays of the Summer Months

that is, between the two feasts of the Holy Cross celebrated on May 3rd & September 14th

Weather blessing with the relic after Low Masses

Sunday, July 6th

Monthly coffee hour after the High Mass

Solemn First Vespers of Saints Cyril & Methodius at 6:00 p.m., followed by Benediction

Sunday, July 7th

FEAST OF SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. (no evening Mass)

Plenary indulgence available for our patronal feast

July 8th to 17th

Canon Le will be filling in for Canon Altieri while he is at home on his summer break.

Thursday, July 10th

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

Sunday, July 13th

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 16th

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

Enrollment in the Brown Scapular will be available after Mass for those who wish

Thursday, July 17th

No Holy Hour or Benediction

Sunday, August 10th

Annual church picnic at Old Mine Park

Friday, August 15th

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m.

High Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by procession & traditional blessing of herbs

Sunday, September 14th

FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Procession with the relic of the True Cross

SAINTS CYRIL & METHODIUS, APOSTLES TO THE SLAVS

{...}The city which saw the birth of the two holy Brothers is the modern Salonika, which in the ninth century was an important centre of commercial and political life in the Byzantine Empire, and occupied a notable position in the intellectual and social life of that part of the Balkans. Being situated on the frontier of the Slav territories, it also certainly had a Slav name: Solun.

Methodius was the elder brother and his baptismal name was probably Michael. He was born between 815 and 820. His younger brother Constantine, who came to be better known by his religious name Cyril, was born in 827 or 828. Their father was a senior official of the imperial administration. The family's social position made possible for the two Brothers a similar career, which in fact Methodius did take up, reaching the rank of Archon or Prefect in one of the frontier Provinces where many Slavs lived. However, towards the year 840 he interrupted his career and retired to one of the monasteries at the foot of Mount Olympus in Bithynia, then known as the Holy Mountain.

His brother Cyril studied with great success in Byzantium, where he received Holy Orders, after having resolutely refused a brilliant political future. By reason of his exceptional intellectual and religious talents and knowledge, there were entrusted to him while he has still a young man delicate ecclesiastical appointments, such as that of Librarian of the Archive attached to the great church of Holy Wisdom in Constantinople, and, simultaneously, the prestigious position of Secretary to the Patriarch of that city. However, he very soon made it known that he wished to be relieved of these posts, in order to be able to devote himself to study and the contemplative life, far from the pursuit of ambition. Thus he retired secretly to a monastery on the Black Sea coast. He was discovered six months later, and was persuaded to accept the task of teaching philosophy in the School of higher learning in Constantinople, where by reason of the excellence of his knowledge he gained the epithet of The Philosopher by which he is still known. Later on he was sent by the emperor and the Patriarch on a mission to the Saracens. On the completion of this task he retired from public life in order to join his elder brother Methodius and share with him the monastic life. But once again, together with Methodius, he was included in a Byzantine delegation sent to the Khazars, acting as a religious and cultural expert. While staying in the Crimea at Kherson, they identified what they believed to be the church in which had been buried Saint Clement, Pope of Rome and martyr, who had been exiled to that distant region. They recovered his relics and took them with them. These relics later accompanied the two holy Brothers on their missionary journey to the West, until they were able to bring them solemnly to Rome and present them to Pope Hadrian II.

The event which was to determine the whole of the rest of their lives was the request made by Prince Rastislav of Greater Moravia to the Emperor Michael III, to send to his peoples "a Bishop and teacher ... able to explain to them the true Christian faith in their own language."

Those chosen were Saints Cyril and Methodius, who readily accepted, set out and, probably by the year 863, reached Greater Moravia – a State then including various Slav peoples of Central Europe, at the crossroads of the mutual influences between East and West. They undertook among these peoples that mission to which both of them devoted the rest of their lives, spent amidst journeys, privations, sufferings, hostility and persecution, which for Methodius included even a period of cruel imprisonment. All of this they bore with strong faith and indomitable hope in God. They had in fact prepared well for the task entrusted to them: they took with them the texts of the Sacred Scriptures needed for celebrating the Sacred Liturgy, which they had prepared and translated into the Old Slavonic language and written in a new alphabet, devised by Constantine the Philosopher and perfectly adapted to the sounds of that language. {...}

– *excerpt from the encyclical SLAVORUM APOSTOLI of Pope John Paul II (1985)*

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 parish social today! 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.

Blessing of Sacramentals

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the sacristy and pick them up by the back door the following Sunday. Please make sure to collect your blessed items, as they sometimes accumulate or go astray if they are not picked up.

Rectory Meal Train

Those who would like occasionally to provide a meal can sign up here:

[www.mealtrain.com/
trains/yv0r1y](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yv0r1y)

PROPER ATTIRE IN CHURCH

Now that the warm weather is here, just a kind reminder about the importance of coming to church modestly and decently attired. This is a way for you to edify your neighbor and to show your respect for the house of God. **Revealing or tight-fitting clothing do not meet the norms for Christian modesty.**

Gentlemen and boys, please wear long trousers (not shorts) in church. Ladies and girls, please make sure that your dresses and skirts fall below the knees and do not wear clothing which exposes the back or shoulders or is low-cut. Although it is understandable to dress with summer comfort in mind, this cannot be the only consideration, as clothing also reflects our human dignity and respect for God and others.

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