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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

Masses this Week

Sunday, January 8th

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY FAMILY

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Alma Whitmore
requested by George & Nancy Whitmore
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, January 9th

Mass of Sunday after Epiphany

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Johan & Rauha Svenson
requested by Mario & Maureen Ciardiello

Tuesday, January 10th

Mass of the Epiphany

7:45 a.m. - John Michael Santiago
requested by Delimarie Malanao

Wednesday, January 11th

Mass of the Epiphany

{*Saint Hyginus*}
7:45 a.m. - ✠ Sisco Family
requested by Mary L. Nelson

Thursday, January 12th

Mass of the Epiphany

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Zelfa Ciardiello
requested by Eric & Michelle Ciardiello

Friday, January 13th

Baptism of the Lord

7:45 a.m. - Bishop Frank Caggiano
requested by R. Hamar & Lil Gustilo

Saturday, January 14th

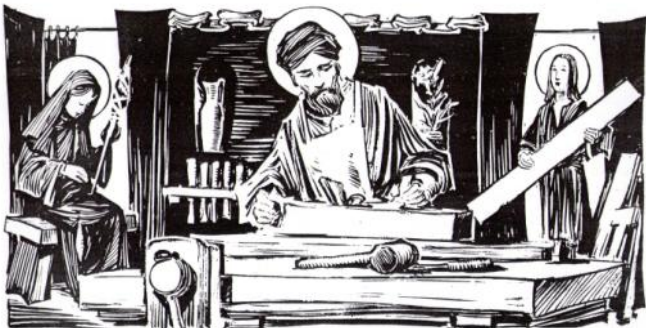
Saint Hilary of Poitiers

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

Sunday, January 15th

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - Andrew & Shannon Palaia
requested by Susan Dowd



Upcoming Events

NOTE: *While Abbé McKown is home on vacation, there will be neither Thursday Holy Hour nor Sunday Vespers & Benediction. A server will be needed for week-day Masses during this time. The rectory Meal Train will also be temporarily suspended.*

Sunday, January 8th

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Blessing of children after both Masses
Epiphany brunch for Sursum Corda (Institute young adults group, 18-35) after High Mass, in the rectory

Sunday, January 15th

Monthly social after the High Mass

Visit of Father Benedict Nivakoff, O.S.B., prior of the monastery of Norcia, Italy

January 18th to 25th

CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE

Week of prayer for the return of heretics and dissidents to the unity of the Catholic Church

Saturday, January 21st

First Holy Communion Catechism class after the morning Mass—*these classes are mandatory*

Tuesday, January 24th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall
Theme of talk: "The Incarnation"

Wednesday, January 25th

Meeting of Saint Joseph Men's Group, beginning with Adoration in church at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday January 28th

Confirmation Catechism class after the morning Mass—*these classes are mandatory*

Tuesday, January 31st

Month's Mind Requiem High Mass & Absolution for Pope Benedict XVI at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 2nd

PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY {Candlemas}
Procession & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

February 19th to 21st

Annual Forty Hours devotion in reparation for sins and for peace in Christendom

✻ ON THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY ✻

When God in his mercy determined to accomplish the work of man's renewal, which same had so many long ages awaited, he appointed and ordained this work on such wise that its very beginning might shew to the world the august spectacle of a Family which was known to be divinely constituted; that therein all men might behold a perfect model, as well of domestic life as of every virtue and pattern of holiness: for such indeed was the Holy Family of Nazareth. There in secret dwelt the Sun of Righteousness, until the time when he should shine out in full splendour in the sight of all nations. There Christ, our God and Saviour, lived with his Virgin Mother, and with that most holy man Joseph, who held to him the place of father. No one can doubt that in this Holy Family was displayed every virtue which can be called forth by an ordinary home life, with its mutual services of charity, its holy intercourse, and its practices of godly piety, since the Holy Family was destined to be a pattern to all others. For that very reason was it established by the merciful designs of Providence, namely, that every Christian, in every walk of life and in every place, might easily, if he would but give heed to it, have before him a motive and a pattern for the good life.

To all fathers of families, Joseph is verily the best model of paternal vigilance and care. In the most holy Virgin Mother of God, mothers may find an excellent example of love, modesty, resignation of spirit, and the perfecting of faith. And in Jesus, who was subject to his parents, the children of the family have a divine pattern of obedience which they can admire, reverence, and imitate. Those who are of noble birth may learn, from this Family of royal blood, how to live simply in times of prosperity, and how to retain their dignity in times of distress. The rich may learn that moral worth is to be more highly esteemed than wealth. Artisans, and all such as are bitterly grieved by the narrow and slender means of their families, if they would but consider the sublime holiness of the members of this domestic fellowship, cannot fail to find some cause for rejoicing in their lot, rather than for being merely dissatisfied with it. In common with the Holy Family, they have to work, and to provide for the daily wants of life. Joseph had to engage in trade, in order to live; even the divine hands laboured at an artisan's calling. It is not to be wondered at, that the wealthiest men, if truly wise, have been willing to cast away their riches, and to embrace a life of poverty with Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

From the foregoing it is evident how natural and fitting it was that devotion to the Holy Family should in due time have grown up amongst Catholics; and once begun, that it should spread far and wide. Proof of this lieth first in the sodalities instituted under the invocation of the Holy Family; then in the unique honours bestowed upon it; and above all, by the privileges and favours granted to this devotion by our predecessors to stimulate fervour and piety in its regard. This devotion was already held in great esteem in the seventeenth century. Widely propagated in Italy, France, and Belgium, it spread over almost the whole of Europe; thence, crossing the wide ocean, through Canada it made its way in the Americas, and finding favour there, became very flourishing. Indeed, among Christian families, nothing more salutary nor efficacious can be imagined than the example of the Holy Family, where are to be found all domestic virtues in perfection and completeness. When Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are invoked in the home, charity is likely to be maintained in the family through their example and heavenly entreaty; a good influence is thus exerted over conduct; the practice of virtue is thus incited; and thus the hardships which are everywhere wont to harass mankind, are both mitigated and made easier to bear. —*Pope Leo XIII, from the apostolic letter NEMINEM FUGIT (1892)*

Mass Intentions: Second Round of Scheduling

Now that the new year has begun, we are ready to accept a second round of Mass requests. Please note that the Mass book for 2023 is already *mostly* full, so be sure to contact the office (e-mail is best) to check on availability *first*, before actually submitting your intentions. Reminder: no Mass will be officially scheduled until the Mass request is received in writing, along with the Mass offering.

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 for our next monthly 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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

are announced for

Miss Heather Falsetti

daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bartolo Falsetti

& Mr. Thomas Sarro

son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sarro

This is the FINAL PUBLICATION of the banns.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING

Please take some chalk blessed on the Epiphany, and use it to write above the doorway of your home:

20+C+M+B+23

The numerals are for the new year. The initials represent the Magi, Saints Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar, and also stand for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ bless this house."

The head of the household can say the following prayer:

Lord God of heaven and earth, Thou hast revealed Thine only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Deign to bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our charity amongst ourselves and for others may reflect Thy love. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.



YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH Today, January 8th after High Mass

Please join us for a special Epiphanytide brunch, for young adults, 18 to 35 years of age. This will be the inaugural activity of "Sursum Corda" (the Institute's young adults group) in our parish. This brunch will be held in the rectory (please come to the front door 15 minutes after Mass).

January 8th 2023

Feast of the Holy Family