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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

Masses this Week

Sunday, August 6th

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

{*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Michael Manoni & Matthew Manoni
requested by their Parents

Monday, August 7th

Saint Cajetan

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Virginia O'Brien
requested by Gregory Mikulka

Tuesday, August 8th

Saints Cyriacus, Largus & Smaragdus

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward & Mary Carney
requested by Paul McMahon

Wednesday, August 9th

Saint John-Mary Vianney

{*& Vigil of Saint Laurence*}

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

Thursday, August 10th

Saint Laurence

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Virginia Padulo
requested by June Vendetti

Friday, August 11th

Saints Tiburtius & Susanna

7:45 a.m. - Lawrence J. Ciambriello
requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

Saturday, August 12th

Saint Clare

7:45 a.m. - Laurie Furey
requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline

Sunday, August 13th

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{*Saints Hippolytus & Cassian*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Members of Knights of Columbus
San Salvador Council No. 1
requested by Daniel P. Isabel



Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 6th

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Traditional blessing of grapes after High Mass
Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 10th

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

Tuesday, August 15th

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

{*holy day of obligation*}

7:45 a.m. - Low Mass

6:00 p.m. - Solemn Mass, followed by outdoor
Marian procession & traditional blessing of herbs
Four men will be needed to carry the statue.

Sunday, August 20th

Parish Picnic at Old Mine Park (Trumbull)
Please sign up in the narthex to bring an item.

August 27th to September 2nd

Canon will be away attending the Institute's annual
general Chapter meeting at the motherhouse in
Gricigliano, Italy
Morning Masses and confession as usual

Saturday, October 14th

Meeting of the SSCM Ladies' Guild after Mass

Sunday, November 5th

ALL SAINTS PARTY

During the social hour after High Mass, children
are invited to dress as their favorite saint

FAITH FORMATION

AT THE ORATORY

New term beginning September 2023

First Holy Communion Catechism Class

one Saturday per month at 9:00 a.m.

Adult Theology Class

THEME: *Our Life in Christ:*

Introduction to Catholic Morality

Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (total of 12 meetings)

Liturgical Notes on the Feast of the Transfiguration

The feast of the Transfiguration was adopted into the Roman Rite from the Byzantine in the reign of Pope Callixtus III (1455-58), in thanksgiving for the Christian victory against the Turks at the siege of Belgrade on August 6, 1456. Coming only three years after the fall of Constantinople, this victory signaled an important halt to the Turkish invasion of Europe; in fact, the common custom of ringing church bells at noon began as a reminder to pray for the defense of this bulwark of Christendom.

The nature of the Byzantine Divine Office is such that it would be impossible to construct an Office in the traditional Roman form by merely translating the Byzantine texts. Offices and Masses for new feasts could either be composed *ex novo*, or reused from older sources, or both. In the pre-Tridentine period, there was no uniformity in this regard, and a variety of liturgical texts were used on the Transfiguration. At Augsburg in Germany, the Office was simply that of the Holy Trinity, with different Matins lessons and a different collect, while the Mass propers were borrowed from the season of Christmas and Epiphany, again with proper prayers and lessons. There were also various proper Offices in circulation; the one found in the Roman Breviary of St Pius V was used by the Franciscans before Trent, but changed in several respects for the Tridentine edition.

One such change was the addition of the doxology for the feast of the Epiphany: “Glory to Thee, o Lord, who didst appear today, etc.” (A new doxology was created in Pope Urban VIII’s reform of the hymns, but the older one was retained by the Benedictines, Dominicans and others.) This is noteworthy because at the Mass of the Transfiguration, the preface is that of Christmas, not Epiphany. But the connection between the “new” feast and the manifestations of the Lord celebrated by older liturgical feasts is expressed most clearly in the third nocturn of Matins, where the psalms and their antiphons were clearly not chosen merely for accidental references to “glory” and “light,” but as a deliberate echo of these same older feasts. [...]

The Church traditionally marks the public manifestation of Christ with the feast of His Baptism, which in the Roman Rite is celebrated as the Octave of the Epiphany, and in the Byzantine is the main object of Epiphany itself. The Apostles, however, were chosen after the Baptism. We must note therefore, that the same words of the Father at the Baptism, “This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased,” (Matt. 3, 17) are repeated at the Transfiguration, with the addition of a special commission to the Apostles: “Hear ye him!”

Just as the Creeds of the Apostles and Nicaea focus on the events of the beginning and end of Christ’s earthly life, (“born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate”), so does the liturgical year. We do not keep feasts as such to mark events of Christ’s public ministry like the many miraculous healings or the multiplications of the loaves and fishes, although many of these stories are read in the Sunday Gospels. The Transfiguration is uniquely chosen among these events to be celebrated with a particular feast, because it marks the point at which both the Incarnation and its purpose, the Passion and Resurrection, are revealed to the Apostles, who in the fullness of time will reveal them to the rest of the world.

— *from the NEW LITURGICAL MOVEMENT weblog (August 6, 2016)*

Blessing of Grapes (from the Roman Ritual)

Lord, bless ✠ this new fruit of the vineyard, which in Thy benevolence Thou hast ripened by heavenly dew, an abundance of rainfall, gentle breezes, and fair weather; and hast given us to use with gratitude in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. R. Amen.

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 next 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).

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.

Sunday, August 20th **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC** at Old Mine Park (Trumbull)

Please sign up using the sheet available at the back of church to indicate which items you are able to bring (there is only *one* copy, to avoid duplication).

We also need 3 propane grills (no charcoal), as well as 3 volunteer chefs! Also several serving tables!

Everyone is encouraged to bring lawn games and other fun activities!

We look forward to seeing you all there!

CONGRATULATIONS

to Abbé Paul McKown, for his recent ordination to the holy order of deacon. Deacons may preach, distribute holy communion and solemnly baptize. Abbé McKown will preach here for the feast of the Assumption.

Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The church secretary is present at these times, and meetings with Canon can also be scheduled during these times.

August 6th 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord