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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 29th

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

{*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Victor & Dot Ferrante
requested by Eric & Michelle Ciardiello

Monday, January 30th

Saint Martina

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Thomas A. Killoran
requested by George & Nancy Whitmore

Tuesday, January 31st

Saint John Bosco

7:45 a.m. - Nicholas, Christopher & Tara Gustilo
& Families
requested by L. Gustilo

Requiem Mass

6:00 p.m. - ✠ Pope Benedict XVI

Wednesday, February 1st

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

7:45 a.m. - Colleen O'Hare
requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline

Thursday, February 2nd

Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Ann Collins
requested by Kate Prendergast

6:00 p.m. - Special Intention
requested by Tim Watkins

Friday, February 3rd

Saint Blaise

7:45 a.m. - Monsignor Gilles Wach
Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

6:00 p.m. - Alex Fagan
requested by Anonymous

Saturday, February 4th

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Virginia Lee O'Brien
requested by Grace Monks

Sunday, February 5th

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Teresa Kristan
requested by Richard & Rita Cleary
10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

Sunday, January 29th

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Plenary indulgence available (Institute patron feast)

Annual Catholic Appeal begins

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 31st

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

Thursday, February 2nd

PURIFICATION OF OUR LADY {Candlemas}

Procession & Solemn Mass at 6:00 p.m.

*Additional candles for blessing must be brought to the
priest sacristy at least 30 minutes before the ceremony (we
provide the candles for the procession)*

February 2nd to 9th

Visit of Canon James Hoogerwerf while Canon
Altieri is home visiting his family

Friday, February 3rd

FIRST FRIDAY {Saint Blaise}

Throat blessing only after the morning Mass

Helpers needed after Mass to put away Manger scene

Holy Hour & Confessions at 5:00 p.m., followed by
additional Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 4th

First Holy Communion Catechism class after First
Saturday Devotions—*these classes are mandatory*

February 5^h

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

Monthly social after the High Mass

Please sign up to bring refreshments!

Saturday, February 11th

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Solemn Mass of thanksgiving at 10:15 a.m., followed
by devotions at the grotto altar

February 12th

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

Collection of last year's palms for making ashes

Tuesday, February 14th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall

Theme of talk: "The Redemption"

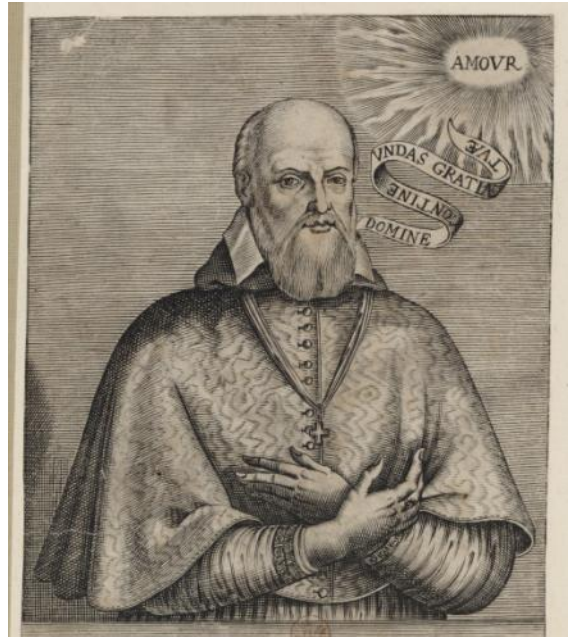
Please feel free to invite friends & to bring snacks!

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE OF SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

A few weeks ago, we observed the 400th anniversary of the death of the Institute's heavenly patron, Saint Francis de Sales (December 28th 1622), and today we celebrate his feastday. Here continues an excerpt from the encyclical RERUM OMNIUM PERTURBATIONEM of Pope Pius XI, written for the saint's tercentenary a hundred years ago.

Whoever attentively reviews the life of Saint Francis will discover that, from his earliest years, he was a model of sanctity. He was not a gloomy, austere saint but was most amiable and friendly with all, so much so that it can be said of him most truthfully, "her conversation (wisdom) hath no bitterness, nor her company any tediousness, but joy and gladness" (Wisdom 8:16). Endowed with every virtue, he excelled in meekness of heart, a virtue so peculiar to himself that it might be considered his most characteristic trait. His meekness, however, differed altogether from that artificial gentility which consists in the mere possession of polished manners and in the display of a purely conventional affability. It differed, too, both from the apathy which cannot be moved by any force and from the timidity which does not dare to become indignant, even when indignation is required of one. This virtue, which grew in the heart of Saint Francis as a delightful effect of his love of God and was nourished by the spirit of compassion and tenderness, so tempered with sweetness the natural gravity of his demeanor and softened both his voice and manners that he won the affectionate regard of everyone whom he encountered.

No less well known are the ease and amiability with which he received everyone. Sinners and apostates especially flocked to his house in order, with his help, to become reconciled to God and to amend their lives. He was most partial to unfortunate prisoners whom he, by a hundred artifices of charity, sought to console during his frequent visits to the prisons. He likewise showed great kindness to his own servants, whose sloth and gaucheries he bore with heroic patience. His kindness of heart never varied, no matter who the persons were with whom he had to deal, the hour of the day, the trying circumstances he had to meet. Not even heretics, who often proved themselves very offensive, ever found him a bit less affable or less accessible. Indeed, his zeal was so great that during the first year of his priesthood, he attempted, despite the opposition of his own father, to reconcile the people of the Chablais region to the Church. In this he was gladly seconded by Granier, the Bishop of Geneva. To accomplish this work, he refused no duty whatsoever, he fled no danger, not even that of possible death. His imperturbable kindness stood him in better stead in effecting the conversion of so many thousands of people than even the broad learning and wonderful eloquence which characterized his performance of the many duties of the sacred ministry.



Saturday, February 18th - Altar Boy Meeting & Outing



Before Lent begins, there will be an outing with the altar boys (and their fathers) to thank them for their dedication throughout the year. After the 7:45 a.m. Mass, there will be a light breakfast in the church hall, then server training for the Forty Hours. We will then head out to a local bowling alley and finish with a pizza lunch. Please let Canon know if you will be able to make it. We hope everyone can come!

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 for our next monthly 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 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.

TAKING DOWN THE MANGER

Nativity sets are taken down after Candlemas. Is anyone available to help put away our Manger figures after the morning Mass on February 3rd?

REQUIEM MASS

Tuesday, January 31st at 6:00 p.m.



A Solemn Mass will be offered for the Month's Mind of Pope Benedict XVI. Please join us to pray for the repose of his soul on this occasion.

Save the Dates!

ANNUAL FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

We are planning to hold the "Forty Hours" from Quinquagesima Sunday to Shrove Tuesday (**February 19th to 21st**) in preparation for Lent, with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning each day after Mass, and Benediction at 6:00 p.m. We will only be able to do this if **at least two people** are willing to commit to at least one hour of Adoration during these times. **All slots must be filled**, or we will not be able to do this! Please make plans already to set aside some time during the Forty Hours—you could also invite friends from other parishes. We are also hoping to have a traditional "Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party" after Benediction on the last night.



January 29th 2023

Saint Francis de Sales (Epiphany IV)