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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 of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Masses this Week

Sunday, February 23rd

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Mr. George J. Hough

requested by George C. Hough

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, February 24th

Saint Matthias, Apostle

7:45 a.m. - Monsignor Joseph Pekar

requested by Daniel Orazio

Tuesday, February 25th

Mass of the Preceding Sunday

7:45 a.m. - Monsignor Joseph Pekar

requested by Greg Mikulka

Wednesday, February 26th

Votive Mass of Saint Joseph

7:45 a.m. - Joel Sundquist

requested by Mary L. Nelson

Thursday, February 27th

Saint Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

7:45 a.m. - ✠ James A. Redmond

requested by Donna & Gene Wirkus

Friday, February 28th

Votive Mass of the Passion

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Joseph Tkacik

requested by John Tkacik

Saturday, March 1st

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

8:30 a.m. - Abbé Patrick MacGinnis

requested by Neo Neal Bernardo Natividad

Sunday, March 2nd

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Clergy of the Institute of

Christ the King Sovereign Priest

requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eric J. Ciardiello



Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 23rd

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

Collection of last year's palms for making ashes

No Vespers or Benediction

Tuesday, February 25th

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

"The Seventh & Tenth Commandments"

Thursday, February 27th

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

Saturday, March 1st

FIRST SATURDAY

Annual bowling outing for the altar boys after First

Saturday Mass & devotions (*please sign up!*)

Sunday, March 2nd to Tuesday March 4th

FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Annual solemn Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please sign up for a time slot to watch with the Blessed

Sacrament in church

Confessions available each day at 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday March 4th

SHROVE TUESDAY

Conclusion of the Forty Hours with Solemn Mass

& Procession at 6:00 p.m., followed by reception in

the church hall (please sign up to bring treats!)

Saturday, March 8th

First Holy Communion Catechism class at 9:30 a.m.

Sunday, March 9th

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Annual special second collection to support the

work of the U.S. province of the Institute of Christ

the King Sovereign Priest

Wednesday, March 19th

Annual Connecticut March for Life

High Mass for Saint Joseph at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 22nd

SSCM prayer vigil for Forty Days for Life

Saturday, March 29nd

Lenten morning of recollection for men

Details to follow



CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH | HARTFORD, CT
RALLY AT 12 NOON. MARCH AT 1PM

A bus will be leaving from Saints Cyril and Methodius at 10:00am (approximately) and returning around 4:00pm.

Through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, bus seats are being offered at a reduced price. The cost is \$10 per seat. Checks or cash will be the accepted form of payment.

For more information regarding payment and bus registration contact Maureen Ciardiello at mrCiardiello@gmail.com.

For general information on the March including list of speakers visit <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut/>

ANNUAL FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

Quinquagesima Sunday March 2nd

Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament
after the 10:15 a.m. High Mass

Adoration until Vespers &
Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 3rd

Exposition of
the Blessed Sacrament
after the 7:45 a.m. Mass

Adoration until
Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Shrove Tuesday March 4th

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
at 7:45 a.m. (no morning Mass)

Adoration throughout the day, with
the solemn conclusion of the Forty
Hours Devotion at 6:00 p.m. with
Solemn Mass & Procession

*We need AT LEAST TWO ADORERS at all
times: please use the sign-up sheet in the
narthex (there is only one copy, to avoid
duplications).*

Confessions each day at 5:00 p.m.



“ONE IN CHRIST” - 2025 Bishop’s Appeal

The Bishop’s Appeal for 2025 is now underway. Envelopes will be sent to you at home and will also soon be available in church. Your participation helps our parish! Please make sure to turn in the envelope in the collection basket or in one of the candle donation boxes or drop it off at the rectory (do not mail directly to the diocese).

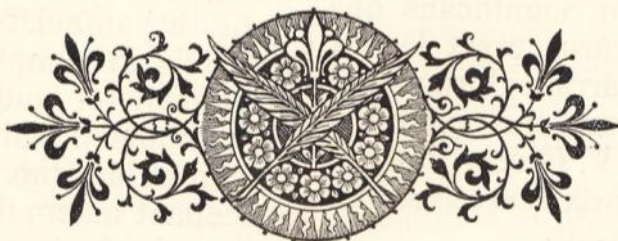
For more information:

www.2025bishopsappeal.org



BURNING OLD PALMS

Today is the last day to drop off your blessed palms from last year. Please place them in the basket available in the narthex. We will burn the palms to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please do not drop off any palms after today.



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 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.

ADULT THEOLOGY CLASS

The Adult Theology Class meets in the church hall at 7:00 p.m. on alternate Tuesdays. The theme for the year is "Our Life in Christ: Catholic Morality & the Sacraments." Feel free to invite friends! Non-Catholics are also welcome to attend. The parish provides beverages but please feel free to bring snacks to share!

BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the work sacristy by the back door of the church and then pick them up the following Sunday. Please make sure put your name on the items and to put them on the correct table in order to avoid missing out on the blessing.

ALTAR BOYS TRAINING MORNING & OUTING Saturday, March 1st

After the First Saturday Mass and devotions, a light breakfast will be served in the church hall, followed by training in church for the Forty Hours ceremony.

We will then go for a father-son bowling trip (at Nutmeg Bowl), followed by a pizza lunch nearby.



February 23rd 2025

Sexagesima Sunday