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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

October 12th 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses this Week

Sunday, October 12th

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Jane Gannon
requested by the Thompson Family

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, October 13th

Saint Edward the Confessor

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Rudolph & Anna Stalzer
requested by Linda Pryor

Tuesday, October 14th

Saint Callistus

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Angel & Gabrielle Zamora
requested by Jean Zamora

Wednesday, October 15th

Saint Teresa of Avila

7:45 a.m. - Mr. Gregg Hough & Family
requested by Mr. George Hough

Thursday, October 16th

Saint Hedwig

7:45 a.m. - Julie Kim
requested by Larry & JoEllen Pline

Friday, October 17th

Saint Margaret-Mary Alacoque

7:45 a.m. - Kara Barnard
requested by Larry & JoEllen Pline

Saturday, October 18th

Saint Luke

8:30 a.m. - Douglas & Bernadette Rowe & Children
requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family

Sunday, October 19th

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{Mission Sunday}

8:30 a.m. - Joseph Weaver
requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

Devotions daily at 6:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday)
Please check weekly bulletin for any changes

Sunday, October 12th

First Communion Catechism after High Mass
Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 14th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in church hall
"Understanding How the Sacraments Work"

Wednesday, October 15th

No Rosary Devotions
{Canon will be giving a talk in Stamford}

Thursday, October 16th

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

Saturday, October 18th

Liturgical practice for the feast of Christ the King,
followed by father-son outing for the altar boys to
Plasko's Farm for corn maze and hay ride
Please contact the office to let us know if you are coming!

Sunday, October 26th

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING {I.C.K. titular feast}
Solemn Mass with brass quintet & polyphonic choir
at 10:15 a.m., followed by Procession & Benediction
*Most Solemn Choral Vespers at 6:00 p.m., followed by
celebratory banquet in the church hall*

Saturday, November 1st

ALL SAINTS DAY
Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. & High Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, November 2nd

ALL SAINTS PARTY {"Invite-a-Friend Sunday"}
During the social hour after High Mass, children
are invited to dress as their favourite saint
Solemn Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 3rd

ALL SOULS DAY {transferred}
Low Masses at 7:45 & 8:30 a.m.
High Mass & Absolution at 6:00 p.m.

November 29th to December 7th

Novena of the Immaculate Conception

A CATHOLIC REFLECTION FOR COLUMBUS DAY

[...] The exploit is in itself the highest and grandest which any age has ever seen accomplished by man; and he who achieved it, for the greatness of his mind and heart, can be compared to but few in the history of humanity. By his toil another world emerged from the unsearched bosom of the ocean: hundreds of thousands of mortals have, from a state of blindness, been raised to the common level of the human race, reclaimed from savagery to gentleness and humanity; and, greatest of all, by the acquisition of those blessings of which Jesus Christ is the author, they have been recalled from destruction to eternal life. Europe, indeed, overpowered at the time by the novelty and strangeness of the discovery, presently came to recognize what was due to Columbus, when, through the numerous colonies shipped to America, through the constant intercourse and interchange of business and the ocean-trade, an incredible addition was made to our knowledge of nature, and to the commonwealth; whilst at the same time the prestige of the European name was marvellously increased. Therefore, amidst so lavish a display of honour, so unanimous a tribute of congratulations, it is fitting that the Church should not be altogether silent; since she, by custom and precedent, willingly approves and endeavours to forward whatsoever she see, and wherever she see it, that is honourable and praiseworthy. It is true she reserves her special and greatest honours for virtues that most signally proclaim a high morality, for these are directly associated with the salvation of souls; but she does not, therefore, despise or lightly estimate virtues of other kinds. On the contrary, she has ever highly favoured and held in honour those who have deserved well of men in civil society, and have thus attained a lasting name among posterity. For God, indeed, is especially wonderful in his Saints, *mirabilis in Sanctis suis*; but the impress of His Divine virtue also appears in those who shine with excellent power of mind and spirit, since high intellect and greatness of spirit can be the property of men only through their parent and creator, God. [...]

— from the encyclical *QUARTO ABEUNTE SÆCULO*
of Pope Leo XIII (1892)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2026

If you wish to request any Masses for the next calendar year, please pay careful attention to these guidelines, which are intended to promote the common good and to facilitate the very complicated work of scheduling. The pastor is morally bound to see to it that all our parishioners have the same opportunity to have Masses offered for their loved ones and personal intentions, which is the reason for the directives explained below. Thank you for your cooperation!

- ◆ We are now accepting Mass intentions for 2026.
- ◆ Please make sure only to **use the forms** which are available in church in order to fill out your Mass requests (**one slip per Mass**).
- ◆ For the time being, we are only able to accept Mass intentions from parishioners of the Oratory.
- ◆ In the first round of scheduling, there is a **strict limit of 10 (ten) Mass intentions per household**. If a greater number is submitted, all the requested intentions will be returned. After the new year, we will inform you in the bulletin if there are any remaining available spots for 2026.
- ◆ You may request specific dates, which will be accommodated to the extent possible, but we cannot make any promises about dates.
- ◆ It is not possible to reserve multiple Sundays.
- ◆ A **minimum stipend of \$15** is suggested per Mass.
- ◆ It is not possible to request a Mass by 'phone or e-mail. No Mass will be scheduled until the **written request and accompanying Mass offering** are received in the office. These may be submitted in the collection basket, by mail, or by coming in person to the office during office hours.



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 upcoming socials. 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.

PREPARING FOR CHRIST THE KING

We are looking for volunteers to help with weeding, and also with cleaning the altar boys' cassocks and surplices before the feast day. Please contact the church office if you are able to help with these projects, or with the reception.

ALTAR BOY OUTING Saturday, October 18th

After Mass we will have a quick breakfast meeting in the church hall before heading to Plasko's for the corn maze and hayride. **Please let Canon know if you will be participating in this fun father-son activity as soon as possible**, so we can get an accurate count. We hope you can make it!

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Sunday, October 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Join our visiting clergy
and other guests for

Most Solemn Choral Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

followed by a reception in the church hall

Please contact the office if you are able to help with food or other preparations.

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