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Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

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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, November 2nd

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Dunne & Murphy Deceased
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Dunne

Monday, November 3rd

ALL SOULS

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Thomas Huminski
requested by Linda Gaboardi

8:25 a.m. - Intentions of the Roman Pontiff
6:00 p.m. - All the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 4th

Requiem Mass

✠ Departed Members of the
Institute of Christ the King

Wednesday, November 5th

Mass of All Saints

7:45 a.m. - ✠ C.L. & Elizabeth Snowden
requested by Michael & Lenore Opalak

Thursday, November 6th

Mass of All Saints

7:45 a.m. - ✠ John Adam
requested by Marian Adam

Friday, November 7th

Mass of All Saints

7:45 a.m. - Monsignor Wach

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart

6:00 p.m. - ✠ Stalzer & Rogel Families
requested by Linda Pryor

Saturday, November 8th

Mass of All Saints

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Boyajian
requested by Mr. & Mrs. George Hough

Sunday, November 9th

DEDICATION OF THE ARCHBASILICA OF THE HOLY SAVIOUR

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Deceased Members of the
St. Joseph Society, Branch 19
requested by the St. Joseph Society, Branch 19

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

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 & Vespers of the Dead at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, November 3rd

ALL SOULS DAY {*transferred because of Sunday*}
Requiem Low Masses at 7:45 & 8:25 a.m.
Solemn Requiem Mass & Absolution at 6:00 p.m.

November 3rd to 6th

Cemetery prayer visits
Please contact the office for suggested visits.

Thursday, November 6th

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

Friday, November 7th

FIRST FRIDAY
Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by Sacred
Heart Devotions & Benediction

Sunday, November 9th

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

November 9th to 16th

Food collection for the Daughters of Charity of the
Most Precious Blood food pantry
Please drop off items (non-expired) by the back door.

November 10th to November 14th

Canon away at Institute's provincial convocation
Daily Mass and confessions as usual

Tuesday, November 18th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in church hall
"The Sacrament of Confirmation"

November 29th to December 7th

NOVENA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Sermon by guest preacher & devotions every day

Sunday, November 30th

ADVENT SUNDAY {"Invite-a-Friend Sunday"}
Solemn Mass with guest celebrant & preacher
Father Richard Cipolla, followed by social hour

NOTE FROM THE RECTOR

Dear Faithful,

These recent days have been rich in grace. The feast of Christ the King is an important reminder for us of God's rights as our Creator and Redeemer: rights that extend not only to individuals and families, but also to society as a whole. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 precisely as a remedy against the secularism of the modern world, which violates these sacred rights. As the titular feast of our Institute, the feast of Christ the King is always celebrated with great pomp, but all the more so this year, when we are commemorating the hundredth anniversary of the institution of this feast (December 11th will mark the actual centenary of the encyclical *Quas primas*, which promulgated the feast and explained the doctrine of the social kingship of Christ.) Thank you for your very generous support of the annual Christ the King seminary appeal!

The solemn Mass and solemn Vespers were a truly magnificent expression of our faith in the royal authority of Christ the King. I was very moved to witness the pious recollection of so many of you praying at the shrine of the Sacred Heart, vested in royal splendour. I am grateful to our visiting clergy – both canons of the Institute and priests of the diocese – for their help with these ceremonies. It is wonderful that so many people were able to experience Vespers as it is rarely celebrated nowadays. You can read the beautiful article which Father Cipolla contributed to the *Rorate Caeli* weblog and look out for an article in the next edition of the diocesan newspaper, the *Fairfield County Catholic*. We are very grateful to our altar servers and to our excellent and dedicated choir: we are fortunate to have such consistently beautiful music in our little parish, and they reached new levels of magnificence last Sunday. Many thanks to the kind volunteers who helped with the behind-the-scenes work of preparing the beautiful flower arrangements and cleaning and decorating the church, not to mention the fantastic reception! Thank you also to everyone who made a point of inviting friends for these special celebrations. You can already mark your calendars for the Novena of the Immaculate Conception in just a few weeks!

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. At this point we do have a few slots open slots remaining but not many. Thank you for your cooperation!

- ◆ We are still 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.
- ◆ If you are requesting more than 2 or 3 Masses, before submitting your intentions, please contact the office to ask how many openings are available and indicate whether you would be willing to have any of them offered as “private Masses” on occasions when Canon is away on retreat, etc.
- ◆ 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 by mail or in person to the office.

Blessing of Sacramentals

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the sacristy and pick them up by the back door the following Sunday. Please make sure to put your name on your items and to collect your blessed items promptly, as they sometimes accumulate or go astray.

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 parish social today. 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.

ALL SOULS DAY - Monday, November 3rd

7:45 a.m. LOW MASS {2nd Mass formula*}

ca. 8:20 a.m. LOW MASS {3rd Mass formula*}
communion will not be distributed at this Mass

6:00 p.m. SOLEMN MASS {1st Mass formula*}
followed by Absolution at the Catafalque



* The missal contains three different Masses for All Souls Day. When one of these Masses is sung or solemn, the Propers used for that Mass are those of the *first* Mass formula provided in the missal, even if this Mass is not chronologically the first of the three offered that day.

Today, Sunday - November 2nd ALL SAINTS PARTY!

At the potluck social hour after High Mass, all children of the parish are invited to dress as a saint. Canon will have to guess who you are. Candy will be distributed whether you stump Canon or not! Feel free to invite friends to this special, fun event!



November 2nd 2025

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost