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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: 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, March 15th

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

{called, LÆTARE SUNDAY}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Price Family Intentions
requested by Scott & Suzanne Price

Monday, March 16th

Monday in the Fourth Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - Paige Simmons

requested by Kevin and Linda Gaboardi

Tuesday, March 17th

Saint Patrick

7:45 a.m. - Collin, Katherine, Brenda,
Notah & Ciara

requested by their grandparents

Wednesday, March 18th

Wednesday in the Fourth Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Dorothy Slossar

requested by Robert Slossar

Thursday, March 19th

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

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

6:00 p.m. - Mr. Joseph DeFelice
requested by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas DeFelice

Friday, March 20th

Friday in the Fourth Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - ✠ David Mitros

requested by Tim & Christina Watkins

Saturday, March 21st

Saint Benedict, Institute Patron

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Joseph & Margaret McGrory
requested by Mario & Maureen Ciardiello

Sunday, March 22nd

PASSION SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Dean Fagan
requested by Alex Fagan



Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 15nd

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sermon: "My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?"
Annual Lætare Sunday celebration after High Mass
Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays of March

Devotions to Saint Joseph after morning Mass

Wednesday, March 18th

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

Please see details on the facing page in order to sign up.

Thursday, March 19th

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

High Mass at 6:00 p.m. (no Holy Hour)

Friday, March 20th

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by
veneration of the relic and confessions

Saturday, March 21st

Plenary indulgence for the feast of Saint Benedict
*Volunteers are needed after the morning Mass to help
veil the images for Passiontide*

Sunday, March 22nd

PASSION SUNDAY

First Holy Communion Catechism Class after Mass

Saturday, March 28th

Servers' practice for Palm Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
{*not Confirmation Catechism as originally announced*}

**Please see the separate handout
for the complete Holy Week schedule.**

Sunday, April 5th

EASTER SUNDAY

Children's Easter egg hunt after both Masses
*Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m., with guest
celebrant Canon Matthew Talarico, provincial superior
of the Institute of Christ the King in the U.S.A.*

Saturday, May 9th

Confirmation with His Eminence Cardinal Burke

*Please register your child for the sacrament if you have
not already done so; candidates from other parishes may
be confirmed here with their pastor's permission.*

SERVER PRACTICE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK CEREMONIES

Saturday, March 28th

at 9:30 a.m. (*for Palm Sunday*)

Monday, March 30th

at 6:30 p.m. (*for Holy Thursday*)

Tuesday, March 31st

at 6:30 p.m. (*for Good Friday*)

Holy Saturday, April 4th

at 1:30 p.m. (*before the Easter Vigil*)

LENTEN SERMON SERIES

“The Seven Last Words of
Our Saviour from the Cross”

every Sunday of Lent at both Masses

Tuesday, March 24th

at 7:00 p.m.

SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE

“Preparing for Holy Week – The
Meaning of the Ceremonies
of the Easter Vigil”



UPCOMING CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Saturday, April 11th at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 18th at 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 2nd at 10:15 a.m.

{Catechism test and ceremony practice}

These classes are mandatory.

Join us for the annual CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE on Wednesday, March 18th in Hartford!

A bus will be departing from Sts. Cyril and Methodius with Canon and Abbé at 9:30 a.m. (approximately) and returning around 4:00 p.m. Through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council and local Knights of Columbus Council 16, bus seats are being offered at a reduced price. The cost is \$10 per seat. Cash or checks are both accepted for payment.

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

For general information on the March, including list of speakers, visit the CT March for Life website at <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut>

PREPARING FOR HOLY WEEK

It is time to start getting ready for Holy Week! We are looking for volunteers to help cover the sacred images this coming Saturday in anticipation of Passiontide. Many hands make light work!

Soon there will be sign-up sheets for keeping watch at the Altar of Repose and for the foot-washing ceremony on Holy Thursday.

We are also looking for volunteers to help clean the altar boys' cassocks and surplices over the next few weeks. Thank you in advance for this kind work for the dignity of the sanctuary.

If you are able to volunteer for church cleaning, or flower arranging, or with the Easter egg hunt, please inform Canon. A wonderful family activity during the morning of Holy Saturday is to decorate Easter eggs which you can bring to church to be blessed on Easter Sunday!

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 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.

“ONE IN CHRIST” - 2026 Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal for 2026 is underway! Envelopes are now available in church. **So far we have only reached 12% of our parish goal.** 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 (please do not mail directly to the diocese).

For more information: www.2026bishopsappeal.org



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m., followed by the veneration of the relic of the True Cross and the opportunity for confession.

FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Consider joining other parishioners spending 30 minutes in prayer on the sidewalk at the Bridgeport vigil location, **4697 Main Street**. A group from our parish will gather at the vigil site to pray on Saturdays beginning at 9:45 a.m. Join others from the community to protect mothers and children in this effort to pray and fast for an end to abortion during the spring campaign, from February 18th to March 29th. Help save lives!

Learn more and sign up for prayer times at 40daysforlife.com/Bridgeport.

Local contact is bgrabows@aol.com

March 15th 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent