



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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## *Church of Saints Cyril & Methodius*

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### Clergy & Staff

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Monday to Friday (except Wednesday)

### 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, September 21<sup>st</sup>

**SAINT MATTHEW, EVANGELIST**

*{Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost}*

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Matthew Manoni

*requested by Denise Manoni-Smith & George Smith*

Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Saint Thomas of Villanova**

7:45 a.m. - Mr. & Mr. Michael & Nancy Cirilli

*requested by the Tourigny Family*

Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Saint Linus**

7:45 a.m. - Mark & Sara Modest & Family

*requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family*

Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

**Our Lady of Ransom**

7:45 a.m. - Barbara Ann Nelson

*requested by Mary L. Nelson*

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Mass of the Fifteenth Sunday  
after Pentecost**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Madeline Patton

*requested by Joseph & Mary Murdocca*

Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup>

**Holy North American Martyrs**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Mary Berden

*requested by John Tkacik*

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

**Saints Cosmas & Damian**

8:30 a.m. - Edison Santiago

*requested by Gemma Malanao*

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*{Saint Wenceslaus}*

8:30 a.m. - Michael Gaboardi

*requested by Linda Gaboardi*

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



## Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

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

Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

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

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

Annual Sacred Music special collection

Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

Adult Theology class will resume, to be held on alternate Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

*The theme for this year is THE SACRAMENTS*

Weekdays of October

*{except while Canon is on retreat}*

Rosary & Benediction at 6:00 p.m. every day

Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

FIRST FRIDAY {Saint Therese of Lisieux}

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

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

FIRST SATURDAY

Devotions & Benediction after Mass at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

"INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY"

Monthly coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. High Mass  
*Please sign up to bring refreshments.*

Solemn Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>

Spiritual Conference at 7:00 p.m.: "Preparing to celebrate 100 Years of the Feast of Christ the King"

October 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>

SOCIETY OF THE SACRED HEART RETREAT

held at Saint Anthony Oratory, West Orange, N.J.

*This retreat is open not only to existing members but also to all those discerning membership.*

Sign up before registration closes on September 26<sup>th</sup>!

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

Liturgical practice for the feast of Christ the King, followed by father-son outing for the altar boys

# ADULT THEOLOGY CLASS

*Theme for 2025-26: "The Sacraments"*

Meetings held on alternate  
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. downstairs  
in the church hall

**First Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**"Why the Sacraments?"**

*Check the website or Facebook page  
for a full schedule of future classes  
throughout the year.*

**TOPICS COVERED:** Grace • The Sacraments in General •  
Baptism • Confirmation • The Holy Eucharist & Mass •  
Confession • Anointing of the Sick • Indulgences •  
Holy Orders • Matrimony • The Sacramentals

*There is no charge. Catholics and non-Catholics alike are welcome to attend.*

**For More Information:** [www.institute-christ-king.org/bridgeport-home](http://www.institute-christ-king.org/bridgeport-home)

**Saints Cyril & Methodius Parish**  
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All talks in this series are given by the  
pastor, Rev. Canon Francis Altieri.  
**Light refreshments are served.**

## **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 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.

### **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Help save lives in Bridgeport! You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion.

You never know how God can use your prayers and your presence to save a life – literally! The fall campaign runs from September 24<sup>th</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>. For directions about parking, location and contact information for the Bridgeport campaign leader, please go to [www.40daysforlife.com/bridgeport](http://www.40daysforlife.com/bridgeport)

### **Special Sacred Music Collection Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

The Oratory is blessed to have an exceptional music program, which is an essential part of glorifying God through the liturgy. We are grateful for your support, especially in this jubilee year, as we have a special program planned for Christ the King, including a hired brass quintet!

### **Rectory Meal Train**

[www.mealtrain.com/trains/yvOr1y](http://www.mealtrain.com/trains/yvOr1y)

September 21<sup>st</sup> 2025

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost