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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

September 28th 2025

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses this Week

Sunday, September 28th

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{*Saint Wenceslaus*}

8:30 a.m. - Michael Gaboardi

requested by Linda Gaboardi

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, September 29th

Saint Michael the Archangel

7:45 a.m. - Michael Prendergast

requested by Kate Prendergast

Tuesday, September 30th

Saint Jerome

7:45 a.m. - Michael Manoni

requested by Denise Manoni-Smith & George Smith

Wednesday, October 1st

Saint Remigius

7:45 a.m. - Michelle Angelique Burt

requested by Erika & Justin Burt

Thursday, October 2nd

Holy Guardian Angels

7:45 a.m. - Jude, Gerard, Joseph,

Simon & Dominic Manoni

requested by Grandparents

Friday, October 3rd

Saint Therese of Lisieux

7:45 a.m. - Monsignor Gilles Wach

6:00 p.m. - Price Family Intentions

requested by Scott & Suzanne Price

Saturday, October 4th

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Thomas & Dolores Huminski

requested by Linda Gaboardi

Sunday, October 5th

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{*Saint Placid & Companions*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Gemma Malanao

requested by Gemma Malanao



Upcoming Events

Sunday, September 28th

Annual Sacred Music special collection

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 30th

First meeting of Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m.

Theme: "Why the Sacraments?"

Weekdays of October - Beginning October 1st

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

{*except while Canon is on retreat, October 20th to 24th*}

Thursday, October 2nd

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

Friday, October 3rd

FIRST FRIDAY {*Saint Therese of Lisieux*}

Institute patroness - plenary indulgence available

Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., followed by October

Devotions & Benediction

Saturday, October 4th

FIRST SATURDAY

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

Sunday, October 5th

"INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY"

Monthly coffee hour after the 10:15 a.m. High Mass

Farewell celebration for Abbé Luke, who will be stationed this year at Saint Patrick's in Waterbury

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

***Mass request forms will be available for 2025* (please DO NOT submit any requests before this)**

Tuesday, October 7th

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

October 17th to 19th

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 October 3rd!

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

Preparing for the Feast of Christ the King: 1925-2025

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the institution of the feast of Christ the King. This feast was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925 by means of the encyclical QUAS PRIMAS, which exposes the errors of secularism and explains the doctrine of the social kingship of Christ. As a preparation for the celebration of the feast in this jubilee year, in the weeks ahead we will continue to print excerpts from the encyclical.

14. Let Us explain briefly the nature and meaning of this lordship of Christ. It consists, We need scarcely say, in a threefold power which is essential to lordship. This is sufficiently clear from the scriptural testimony already adduced concerning the universal dominion of our Redeemer, and moreover it is a dogma of faith that Jesus Christ was given to man, not only as our Redeemer, but also as a law-giver, to whom obedience is due (cf. Council of Trent, session VI, canon 21). Not only do the Gospels tell us that he made laws, but they present him to us in the act of making them. Those who keep them show their love for their Divine Master, and he promises that they shall remain in his love (cf. John 14:15; 15:10). He claimed judicial power as received from his Father, when the Jews accused him of breaking the Sabbath by the miraculous cure of a sick man. "For neither doth the Father judge any man; but hath given all judgment to the Son" (John 5:22). In this power is included the right of rewarding and punishing all men living, for this right is inseparable from that of judging. Executive power, too, belongs to Christ, for all must obey his commands; none may escape them, nor the sanctions he has imposed.

15. This kingdom is spiritual and is concerned with spiritual things. That this is so the above quotations from Scripture amply prove, and Christ by his own action confirms it. On many occasions, when the Jews and even the Apostles wrongly supposed that the Messiah would restore the liberties and the kingdom of Israel, he repelled and denied such a suggestion. When the populace thronged around him in admiration and would have acclaimed him King, he shrank from the honor and sought safety in flight. Before the Roman magistrate he declared that his kingdom was not of this world. The Gospels present this kingdom as one which men prepare to enter by penance, and cannot actually enter except by faith and by baptism, which, though an external rite, signifies and produces an interior regeneration. This kingdom is opposed to none other than to that of Satan and to the power of darkness. It demands of its subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness. They must hunger and thirst after justice, and more than this, they must deny themselves and carry the cross.

16. Christ as our Redeemer purchased the Church at the price of his own blood; as priest he offered himself, and continues to offer himself as a victim for our sins. Is it not evident, then, that his kingly dignity partakes in a manner of both these offices?

17. It would be a grave error, on the other hand, to say that Christ has no authority whatever in civil affairs, since, by virtue of the absolute empire over all creatures committed to him by the Father, all things are in his power. Nevertheless, during his life on earth he refrained from the exercise of such authority, and although he himself disdained to possess or to care for earthly goods, he did not, nor does he today, interfere with those who possess them. *Non eripit mortalia qui regna dat caelestia*, "he taketh not away earthly kingdoms, who bestoweth heavenly ones" (hymn, Vespers of the Epiphany).



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 social next week. 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 24th to November 2nd. For directions about parking, location and contact information for the Bridgeport campaign leader, please go to www.40daysforlife.com/bridgeport

Special Sacred Music Collection TODAY, Sunday, September 28th

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

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