



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes in Caritate

www.institute-christ-king.org



Church of Saints Cyril & Methodius

79 Church Street - Bridgeport, Connecticut 06608

Tel: (203) 333-7003

stscyrilandmethodius@institute-christ-king.org

www.institute-christ-king.org/bridgeport-home

www.facebook.com/StsCyrilandMethodiusOratory

Clergy & Staff

Institute Superiors

Msgr. R. Michael Schmitz, S.T.D., J.C.D.

Vicar General of the Institute

Reverend Canon Matthew Talarico

Provincial Superior

Church Staff

Reverend Canon Francis X. Altieri IV

Pastor & Rector

Dr. Samuel Schmitt

Director of Sacred Music & Organist

samuel.schmitt@carlschmitt.org

Mrs. Laurie Furey

Office Manager

stscyrilandmethodius@institute-christ-king.org

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

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

October 6th 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses this Week

Sunday, October 6th

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Felice III & Judith DeFelice

requested by Felice & Judith DeFelice

Monday, October 7th

Most Holy Rosary of the Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Mr. & Mrs. T.R. Rowe & Family

requested by Colleen M. McCarty

Tuesday, October 8th

Saint Bridget of Sweden

7:45 a.m. - Delimarie Malanao

requested by Neo Neal Bernardo Natividad

Wednesday, October 9th

Saint John Leonardi

7:45 a.m. - Canon Francis X. Altieri

requested by Kate Prendergast

Thursday, October 10th

Saint Francis Borgia

7:45 a.m. - Rocco & Evelyn DeFelice & Family

requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

Friday, October 11th

Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Richard & Martha Morse

requested by T.R. & Michelle Rowe & Family

Saturday, October 12th

Our Lady's Saturday

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Rudolph & Anna Stalzer

requested by Linds Pryor

Sunday, October 13th

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Julie Kim

requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline



Upcoming Events

September 29th to October 7th

NOVENA FOR VOCATIONS

Prayer cards are available for you to take home

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 6th

“INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY”

Guest preacher Father Eric Silva at both Masses

Monthly coffee hour after the High Mass

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

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

Saturday, October 7th

FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October devotions at 6:00 p.m., featuring hymns and Gregorian chant in honour of Our Lady

Tuesday, October 8th

Adult Theology class at 7:00 p.m. in the church hall

Theme: “The Fourth Commandment”

Saturday, October 12th

Father-Son outing for the altar boys after the morning Mass {*make sure to sign up!*}

Sunday, October 13th

First Holy Communion catechism class will be held after the High Mass in the church hall.

Saturday, October 16th to 24th

Provincial secretary Canon David Le will be filling in while Canon Altieri is away.

November 1st to 8th

Prayer visits to local cemeteries after daily Masses

Please make suggestions for sites to visit!

Sunday, November 3rd

ALL SAINTS PARTY {“INVITE-A-FRIEND SUNDAY”}

During the social hour after High Mass, children are invited to dress as their favourite saint

November 29th to December 7th

Novena of the Immaculate Conception

Special guest preacher every night!

FROM THE RECTOR

Here we are already once again at the beginning of the Month of the Holy Rosary! The Rosary is a staple Catholic devotion that should be part of our spiritual life all year long, but especially in the month of October we should make a concerted effort. The Church has always recommended the Rosary not only as a pious devotion but also as a spiritual weapon in times of calamity. To help you observe the Month of the Rosary, we will have public **October Devotions** every weekday in October (Monday to Friday). The October Devotions are held at 6:00 p.m. on week-days and consist of the recitation of the Holy Rosary in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, the Litany of Loreto, the October prayer to Saint Joseph (prescribed by Pope Leo XIII) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. It is my hope that you will invite friends and that **every family** will make an effort to attend these devotions **at least once a week**. As I have said before, we cannot complain about the state of world if we do not employ the means provided by heaven.

We are happy to welcome **Abbé Luke Ball**, an oblate (brother) of the Institute, who received the cassock this past summer. He will be helping out at our parish this year. Abbé Luke is originally from Columbus, Ohio, and he has just completed the first stage of his formation as an oblate at the Institute's house in Saint Louis, Missouri. He is a gifted handyman, and will always be happy if anyone would like to work with him on various projects around the campus. We hope you can meet him today at the coffee hour after the High Mass. Now that we have a "full house" once again (relatively speaking), we are grateful to anyone who would like to sign up for the rectory **Meal Train**.

Today is our first "Invite-a-Friend Sunday," a new initiative aimed at making the Oratory better known in the community. Please feel free to invite your friends (individuals and families, Catholics and non-Catholics) whenever you would like, but especially on the days when we have a coffee hour after High Mass. Today we are happy to welcome **Father Eric Silva**, of the diocese of Bridgeport vocations team, whom I have invited to preach about vocations at both Masses.

Blessing of Sacramentals

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the work sacristy and pick them up by the back door the following Sunday.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR 2025

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!

◆ Beginning on **Monday, October 7th** we will start accepting Mass intentions for 2025. No intentions will be accepted before that date (no exceptions).

◆ Please make sure only to **use the forms** which will be available in church beginning Sunday, October 6th 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 regular parishioners.

◆ 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 2025.

◆ 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 \$10** 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 coffee hour 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.

Sacred Music Fund—Thank You!

Thanks to your support, the Sacred Music Collection has raised \$5737 so far! Envelopes are still available in church if you would still like to contribute. We are very grateful for your generosity in supporting the sacred liturgy for the glory of God!

ALTAR BOY OUTING Saturday, October 12th

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!

SACRED HEART RETREAT HOUSE

Please join us for the Retreat Center Fundraising Dinner taking place on November 16th in Burlington, Wisconsin! All proceeds will go towards the restoration of Sacred Heart Retreat Center. Tables for 10 are \$1,000; individual tickets are \$125.

Please use the QR code to buy your tickets, or if you cannot make the dinner but would like to donate to cover dinner expenses and help restore the Retreat Center. Thank you for your generosity in restoring a new spiritual center for the Institute!



October 6th 2024

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost