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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 (except during the summer months)

First Saturday: After Mass, Adoration with Holy Rosary, 15-minute meditation & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

May 25th 2025

Fifth Sunday after Easter

Masses this Week

Sunday, May 25th

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Maria Begej
requested by Irene Morgan

Monday, May 26th

Saint Philip Neri

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Marieto & Ophelia Fajarda
& All Souls

requested by Mr. & Mrs. James T. DeSilva

Rogation Mass

6:00 p.m. - ✠ John & Ethel Kashulon
requested by the Kashulon Foundation

Tuesday, May 27th

Saint Bede the Venerable

7:45 a.m. - Michael & Lenore Opalak
requested by the Daly Family

Wednesday, May 28th

Vigil of the Ascension

7:45 a.m. - William Henry Kugler
requested by the Tourigny Family

Thursday, May 29th

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

7:45 a.m. - Pro Populo
6:00 p.m. - Oratory Choir Members
requested by Linda Pryor

Friday, May 30th

Mass of the Ascension

7:45 a.m. - Thomas & Rose Cairo
requested by Felice & Judith DeFelice

Saturday, May 31st

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 a.m. - O'Hare Family
requested by Larry & JoEllen Pline

Sunday, June 1st

SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo
10:15 a.m. - Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Wang & Family
requested by Colleen Rowe McCarty



Upcoming Events

Month of May

Throughout the month of May, please feel free to bring fresh flowers for Our Lady

Sunday, May 25th

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Monday, May 26th

ROGATION DAY

Procession & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 27th

Our rector, Canon Altieri, will be giving a presentation on "100 Years of the Feast of Christ the King" to the young adults Faith on Tap at Towne Parlor Pizza in Stamford at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 29th

ASCENSION OF THE LORD {*holy day of obligation*}
Low Mass at 7:45 a.m. & High Mass at 6:00 p.m.

THE MONTH OF JUNE IS DEDICATED TO THE
MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

Sunday, June 1st

Monthly social in the church hall after High Mass
Visit from the Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus, the Sisters of the Institute of Christ the King

Tuesday, June 3rd

Adult theology talk at 7:00 p.m. in church hall
Theme: "Prayer, part 2 – Liturgical Prayer"

Please note that during the summer months, there is no evening Mass (or confessions or devotions) on First Fridays, only the usual morning Mass and confessions.

Saturday, June 7th

VIGIL OF PENTECOST {*known as "Whitsun Eve"*}

Vigil ceremonies & Mass beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Church will open at 9:15 a.m., with confessions held at 9:45 a.m. There will not be an early Mass.

Thursday, June 19th

CORPUS CHRISTI

Solemn Mass & Procession at 6:00 p.m.



CARDINAL NEWMAN ON MARY'S MONTH OF MAY

Why is May chosen as the month in which we exercise a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin? The first reason is because it is the time when the earth bursts forth into its fresh foliage and its green grass after the stern frost and snow of winter, and the raw atmosphere and the wild wind and rain of the early spring. It is because the blossoms are upon the trees and the flowers are in the gardens. It is because the days have got long, and the sun rises early and sets late. For such gladness and joyousness of external Nature is a fit attendant on our devotion to her who is the Mystical Rose and the House of Gold.

A man may say, "True; but in this climate we have sometimes a bleak, inclement May." This cannot be denied; but still, so much is true that at least it is the month of promise and of hope. Even though the weather happen to be bad, it is the month that begins and heralds in the summer. We know, for all that may be unpleasant in it, that fine weather is coming, sooner or later. "Brightness and beautifulness shall," in the Prophet's words, "appear at the end, and shall not lie: if it make delay, wait for it, for it shall surely come, and shall not be slack."

May then is the month, if not of fulfilment, at least of promise; and is not this the very aspect in which we most suitably regard the Blessed Virgin, Holy Mary, to whom this month is dedicated?

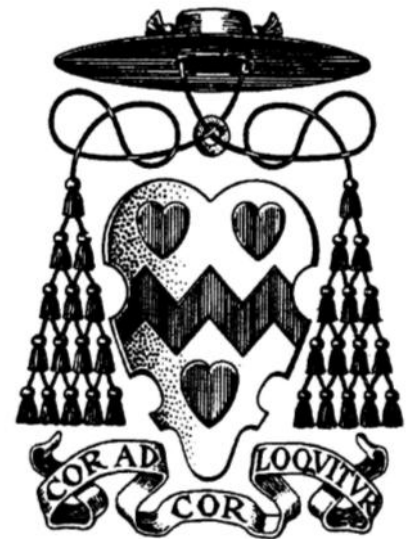
The Prophet says, "There shall come forth a rod out of the root of Jesse, and a flower shall rise out of his root." Who is the flower but our Blessed Lord? Who is the rod, or beautiful stalk or stem or plant out of which the flower grows, but Mary, Mother of our Lord, Mary, Mother of God?

It was prophesied that God should come upon earth. When the time was now full, how was it announced? It was announced by the Angel coming to Mary. "Hail, full of grace," said Gabriel, "the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women." She then was the sure promise of the coming Saviour, and therefore May is by a special title her month.

Why is May called the month of Mary, and especially dedicated to her? Among other reasons there is this, that of the Church's year, the ecclesiastical year, it is at once the most sacred and the most festive and joyous portion. Who would wish February, March, or April, to be the month of Mary, considering that it is the time of Lent and penance? Who again would choose December, the Advent season – a time of hope, indeed, because Christmas is coming, but a time of fasting too? Christmas itself does not last for a month; and January has indeed the joyful Epiphany, with its Sundays in succession; but these in most years are cut short by the urgent coming of Septuagesima.

May on the contrary belongs to the Easter season, which lasts fifty days, and in that season the whole of May commonly falls, and the first half always. The great Feast of the Ascension of our Lord into heaven is always in May, except once or twice in forty years. Pentecost, called also Whit-Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Ghost, is commonly in May, and the Feasts of the Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi are in May not unfrequently. May, therefore, is the time in which there are such frequent Alleluias, because Christ has risen from the grave, Christ has ascended on high, and God the Holy Ghost has come down to take His place.

Here then we have a reason why May is dedicated to the Blessed Mary. She is the first of creatures, the most acceptable child of God, the dearest and nearest to Him. It is fitting then that this month should be hers, in which we especially glory and rejoice in His great Providence to us, in our redemption and sanctification in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost.



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 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.

VIST FROM OUR SISTERS NEXT SUNDAY!

On June 1st we will be receiving a visit from the Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus, the religious sisters of the Institute of Christ the King. The Sisters will be giving a brief presentation during the coffee hour after the High Mass. Please sign up to bring refreshments, and be sure to invite friends!



“ONE IN CHRIST” - 2025 Bishop’s Appeal

The Bishop’s Appeal for 2025 is still underway. Envelopes are available in church. Your participation helps our parish! 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 (do not mail directly to the diocese). Thanks to your help, we are *very close* to reaching our goal. If you donate before June 30th anything we raise above the goal will be returned to the parish!



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