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Mass Times

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. Low Mass
10:15 a.m. High Mass

Monday-Saturday: 7:45 a.m. Low Mass

Holy Days: *please consult the bulletin*

Confessions

30 minutes before Mass every day (Sundays before both Masses) & First Fridays from 5:15 to 5:45 p.m. (during Adoration)

Devotions

Every Thursday: Holy Hour at 6:00 p.m.

First Friday: Additional Mass at 6:00 p.m., preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 5:00 p.m.

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

July 9th 2023

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses this Week

Sunday, July 9th

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Maria G. Castillo

requested by Gary & Diana Burt

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo

Monday, July 10th

The Seven Holy Brothers & Saints Rufina & Secunda

7:45 a.m. - Daniel & Emma Isabel

requested by the Isabel Family

Tuesday, July 11th

Saint Pius I

7:45 a.m. - ✠ John & Ethel Kashulon

requested by the Kashulon Foundation

Wednesday, July 12th

Saint John Gualbert

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Paul Wirkus

requested by Gene & Donna Wirkus

Thursday, July 13th

Saint Anacletus

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Edward Huminski

requested by Linda Gaboardi

Friday, July 14th

Saint Bonaventure

7:45 a.m. - ✠ The Holy Souls in Purgatory

requested by George Hough

Saturday, July 15th

Saint Henry the Emperor

7:45 a.m. - Special Intention

requested by Tim Watkins

Sunday, July 16th

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

{*Our Lady of Mount Carmel*}

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - David Cornelius de Vogel

requested by Annmarie Widmer



Upcoming Events

Please note that Sunday Vespers and Thursday Holy Hours are currently not being held during the summer months. Thursday Holy Hour will resume later in July when we receive our summer seminarian.

June 20th to July 15th

A server will be needed for daily Mass during the period when we have no seminarian here

Tuesday, July 11th

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

Theme: "The Last Things"

Please bring refreshments to share for our final meeting!

Friday, July 14th

Arrival of Abbé Anthony Beyer *early* at JFK Airport, in case anyone is able to pick him up ...

Saturday, July 15th

Confirmation catechism class at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, July 16th

COMM. OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
Enrollment in the Brown Scapular after Masses
Parish social after the High Mass—please sign up to bring refreshments!

Saturday, July 22nd

Administration of Confirmation test for all students

July 27th to August 3rd

Visit of Canon Pierre Dumain while Canon Altieri is home visiting his family for a brief rest

Tuesday, August 15th

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

{*holy day of obligation*}

Low Mass at 7:45 a.m.

High Mass & Blessing of Herbs at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, August 20th

Annual parish picnic at Old Mine Park (Trumbull)

More details to follow

August 27th to September 2nd

Canon will be away attending the Institute's annual general Chapter meeting at the motherhouse in Gricigliano, Italy

July 9th: Feast of Saint John Fisher & Saint Thomas More

Model Saints for Our Troubled Times

Many saints' days exist on what is called the "universal calendar" of the Church: these are feasts which are celebrated in all countries, in all dioceses. On such days the Mass and Divine Office are celebrated in their honour throughout the whole Church. Other feasts, however, are called *local feasts*: they are not observed throughout the whole world, but just in a particular diocese or religious order or country. On July 9th no feast is kept in the universal calendar; in England, however, today is the feast of Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More. They were canonized together in 1935, 400 years after their martyrdom. Saint John Fisher was a bishop and Saint Thomas More was a statesman. They both gave their lives in defence of the truth of the Catholic faith and as witnesses to the integrity of marriage, refusing to follow King Henry VIII when that monarch, jealous of his illicit marriage, broke with the Holy See and made himself the head of the Church of England. Saint John Fisher was executed on June 22nd 1535 (the date subsequently chosen after the liturgical reform for their joint feast), and Saint Thomas More was executed on July 6th 1535. After their canonization by Pope Pius XI in 1935, July 9th was chosen for the joint feast, as it was the first "free" day on the calendar after the date of the death of Saint Thomas More.

This pair of saints is relevant to our own troubled times, as they show us the heroic virtue which both laymen and clergy can be called upon to exercise in times of trial—times like theirs, times like ours. Their fidelity to the true Church of Jesus Christ—which is the Catholic Church alone—and their refusal to partake in the counterfeit, schismatic new church created by King Henry VIII are a poignant witness against the false ecumenism of our own days.

John Fisher was born in 1469, and like Thomas More, was an exemplar of the best tendencies of the Renaissance movement known as "Christian humanism." He served as the chancellor of the University of Cambridge, and for the last 33 years of his life served as Bishop of Rochester. He wrote learned tracts against the errors of the incipient Protestant movement. Alone among all the bishops of



England, John Fisher refused to sign Henry VIII's "Act of Supremacy" (1534) or to acknowledge the king's adulterous liason with Anne Boleyn. Pope Paul III named him as a cardinal, hoping this gesture would save Fisher's life. Henry VIII is said to have quipped that if the pope were to send Fisher the cardinal's red biretta, "he shall wear it on his shoulders, for I will leave him never a head to set it on." Saint John Fisher's heroic adherence to the unchanging truth of the Catholic faith, even when most of his brother bishops caved in, should lead us to seek his intercession so that our shepherds today will have the courage to uphold the true faith against the blandishments of "synodal Christianity," not to mention contemporary errors about marriage, grave errors that would have been unimaginable not only for a saint like John Fisher but even for a lecher like Henry VIII!

Thomas More, a brilliant legal scholar as well as dedicated family man, provides a layman's counterpart to the witness of Bishop Fisher. He was born in 1478 and through his legal acumen rose to the position of Lord Chancellor of England, a post to which he was named by Henry VIII. More's principled stand has been dramatized for stage and screen in *A Man for All Seasons*, including the famous line: "I die the king's good servant, but God's first." The example of Saint Thomas More is also deeply relevant for our times, providing an important corrective to the hypocrisy of pro-abortion or pro-LGBT "Catholic" politicians, who allow the false values of our hostile secular culture to trump the moral duty which all public servants have to follow the natural law and to facilitate the work of the Church. May the Lord in his mercy send us another Saint John Fisher and another Saint Thomas More!

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 for our next monthly 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.



Enders Island Retreat
Center Presents

PAINTING IN ZURBARÁN'S SHADOW

with Gwyneth Thompson-Briggs

August 27 - September 1, 2023

Create a master study in oils of Zurbarán's St. Francis at Prayer under the direction of sacred artist Gwyneth Thompson-Briggs. Students will improve their perception and rendering of the delicate transitions between the light and the shadow regions of the face and drapery.



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Appeal for the Adorers of the Royal Heart

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise \$5641 for the Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus Christ, the Sisters of the Institute of Christ the King. Thank you for your prayers and financial support of these traditional contemplative religious vocations!

Church Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The church secretary is present at these times, and in-person meetings with Canon can also be scheduled during these times.

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