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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

Masses this Week

Sunday, March 16th

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Bishop Caggiano

requested by Parishioners

Monday, March 17th

Saint Patrick

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Killoran/McGreavey Family

requested by George & Nancy Whitmore

Tuesday, March 18th

Tuesday in the Second Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - ✠ James H. Redmond

requested by Gene & Donna Wirkus

Wednesday, March 19th

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary

7:45 a.m. - Joseph Giordano

requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice

6:00 p.m. - Mike Prendergast

requested by Kate Prendergast

Thursday, March 20th

Thursday in the Second Week of Lent

7:45 a.m. - David & Lori Pia

requested by Felice & Judith DeFelice

Friday, March 21st

Saint Benedict

7:45 a.m. - Maud Joseph

requested by your friends at Saints Cyril & Methodius

Saturday, March 22nd

Saturday in the Second Week of Lent

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Henry McGrory

requested by Mr. & Mrs. Eric J. Ciardiello

Sunday, March 23rd

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Eugene Wirkus, Sr.

requested by Donna & Eugene Wirkus, Jr.

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

Wednesdays of March

Litany of Saint Joseph after morning Mass

Sunday, March 16th

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19th

Annual Connecticut March for Life

Please sign up for one of the remaining spots!

Contact: mrciardiello@gmail.com

* High Mass for Saint Joseph at 6:00 p.m. *

Thursday, March 20th

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

Friday, March 21st

SAINT BENEDICT {*indulgence for Institute patron*}

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by veneration of the relic and confessions

Saturday, March 22nd

First Communion Catechism class at 9:30 a.m.

SSCM prayer vigil for Forty Days for Life from 1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact: snowdenopalak@icloud.com

Sunday, March 23rd

Vespers & Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25th

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

“The Universal Call to Holiness”

Please feel free to invite friends – this talk also can be thought of as a Lenten spiritual conference

Thursday, March 27th

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

Friday, March 28th

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m., followed by veneration of the relic and confessions

Saturday, March 29nd

Lenten morning of recollection for men

Details to follow

Sunday, March 30th

Annual Lætare Sunday social in the church hall

Please sign up to bring refreshments!



CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH | HARTFORD, CT
RALLY AT 12 NOON. MARCH AT 1PM

A bus will be leaving from Saints Cyril and Methodius at 10:00am (approximately) and returning around 4:00pm.

Through the generosity of the Knights of Columbus Supreme Council, bus seats are being offered at a reduced price. The cost is \$10 per seat. Checks or cash will be the accepted form of payment.

For more information regarding payment and bus registration contact Maureen Ciardiello at mrciardiello@gmail.com.

For general information on the March including list of speakers visit <https://marchforlife.org/connecticut/>



Ash Wednesday, March 5, starts the next life-saving campaign of 40 Days for Life , and will run through Lent, until Palm Sunday, April 13. In Bridgeport, this peaceful vigil of prayer and fasting will take place daily from 8am to 5pm, along the public right-of-way in front of Commerce Park, 4697 Main Street, where Planned Parenthood is located. Please join in this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion---even one hour of prayer at the vigil can make a difference in saving the life of an unborn child! For more information, and to sign up, visit 40daysforlife.com/Bridgeport, or contact local leader Barbara Grabowski at bgrabow@aol.com, or co-leader Lenore Opalak at snowdenopalak@icloud.com.

BLESSING OF SACRAMENTALS

If you have any items to be blessed, you can drop them off in the work sacristy and then pick them up the following Sunday. Please make sure to put the items on the correct table in order to avoid missing out on the blessing.

THANK YOU!

We are deeply gratefully for your participation in the special Lenten appeal for the U.S. province of the Institute of Christ the King. Your generous support helps the Institute continue to restore Catholic life and culture in the U.S.A.!

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 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.

“ONE IN CHRIST” - 2025 Bishop's Appeal

The Bishop's Appeal for 2025 is now underway.

Envelopes are now 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). So far, we have reached 20% of our goal.



For more information:

www.2025bishopsappeal.org

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held at 6:00 p.m. (on First Fridays, after Mass), followed by the veneration of the relic of the True Cross.



March 16th 2025

Second Sunday of Lent