



# Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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

September 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## Masses this Week

Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>

### **FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - ✠ Mary Grogan

*requested by Mario & Maureen Ciardiello*

Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Saint Stephen of Hungary**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Frank M. Burt

*requested by Gary & Diana Burt*

Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Saint Pius X**

7:45 a.m. - Maura Hegley & Family

*requested by Colleen M. McCarty*

Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Votive Mass of Saint Joseph**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Maria & Domenick Vendetti

*requested by June Vendetti*

Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

### **Votive Mass of**

### **Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest**

7:45 a.m. - Ronald & Margherita Grosso

*requested by Thomas & Lisa DeFelice*

Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

7:45 a.m. - ✠ John Tvardzik

*requested by Grace Monks*

Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

### **Votive Mass of**

### **the Immaculate Heart of Mary**

8:30 a.m. - Maria Patricia Tourigny

*requested by Jacob & Katrina Tourigny*

Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

### **NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*{Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost}*

8:30 a.m. - Pro Populo

10:15 a.m. - Deceased Members of  
the Vendetti Family

*requested by June Vendetti*



## Upcoming Events

*Sunday Vespers and Thursday Holy Hours will resume later in the month when we receive our new seminarian.*

### Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>

FIRST FRIDAY

Holy Mass at 7:45 a.m. only (First Friday evening Mass & devotions will resume in October)

### Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>

FIRST SATURDAY

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

### Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Traditional blessing of seeds after the High Mass

*Please place your seeds and bulbs on the table provided before Mass.*

**\*\* Annual Parish Picnic \*\***

### September 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>

“Pilgrimage for Restoration” to the Shrine of the North American Martyrs. For information, visit: <https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org>

### October - Date to be Announced

Adult Theology class will resume, to be held on alternate Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

Meeting of the SSCM Ladies’ Guild after First Saturday Devotions

*Please feel free to bring refreshments*

### October 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>

Institute pilgrimage to Mexico, led by Canon Raphael Ueda

*Please see flyer for details*

### Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

ALL SAINTS PARTY

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

### **Blessing of Sacramentals**

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

*If you dropped off items while Canon was away, you can pick them up NEXT week.*

## From the inaugural encyclical letter of Pope Saint Pius X

Who can fail to see, Venerable Brethren, that while men are led by reason and liberty, the principal way to restore the empire of God in their souls is religious instruction? How many there are who mimic Christ and abhor the Church and the Gospel more through ignorance than through badness of mind, of whom it may well be said: "They blaspheme whatever things they know not" (Jude 2:10). This is found to be the case not only among the people at large and among the lowest classes, who are thus easily led astray, but even among the more cultivated and among those endowed moreover with uncommon education. The result is for a great many the loss of the faith. For it is not true that the progress of knowledge extinguishes the faith; rather is it ignorance, and the more ignorance prevails the greater is the havoc wrought by incredulity. And this is why Christ commanded the Apostles: "Going forth teach all nations" (Matthew 27:19).

But in order that the desired fruit may be derived from this apostolate and this zeal for teaching, and that Christ may be formed in all, be it remembered, Venerable Brethren, that no means is more efficacious than charity. "For the Lord is not in the earthquake" (III Kings 19:11); it is vain to hope to attract souls to God by a bitter zeal. On the contrary, harm is done more often than good by taunting men harshly with their faults, and reproving their vices with asperity. True the Apostle exhorted Timothy: "Accuse, beseech, rebuke," but he took care to add: "with all patience" (II. Timothy 4:2). Jesus has certainly left us examples of this. "Come to me," we find Him saying, "come to me all ye that labor and are burdened and I will refresh you" (Matthew 11:28). And by those that labor and are burdened he meant only those who are slaves of sin and error. What gentleness was that shown by the Divine Master! What tenderness, what compassion towards all kinds of misery! Isaias has marvelously described His heart in the words: "I will set my spirit upon him; he shall not contend, nor cry out; the bruised reed he will not break, he will not extinguish the smoking flax" (Isaias 42:1-3). This charity, "patient and kind" (I Corinthians 13:4), will extend itself also to those who are hostile to us and persecute us. "We are reviled," thus did Saint Paul protest, "and we bless; we are persecuted and we suffer it; we are blasphemed and we entreat" (I Corinthians 4:12). They perhaps seem to be worse than they really are. Their associations with others, prejudice, the counsel, advice and example of others, and finally an ill advised shame have dragged them to the side of the impious; but their wills are not so depraved as they themselves would seek to make people believe. Who will prevent us from hoping that the flame of Christian charity may dispel the darkness from their minds and bring to them light and the peace of God? It may be that the fruit of our labors may be slow in coming, but charity wearies not with waiting, knowing that God prepares His rewards not for the results of toil but for the good will shown in it.

— encyclical *E supremi apostolatus*, October 4<sup>th</sup> 1903

*This year marks the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Saint Pius X (1914-2024).*

### SIDEWALK RESTORATION PROJECT

Thank you to everyone who contributed to last Sunday's special collection to defray the costs of this necessary project. It is still possible to donate by contacting the church office.

The sidewalks around the property are our responsibility; nonetheless we were able to negotiate with the City to have the project substantially publically funded. Our share of this collaborative urban renewal project comes to about \$20,000 (as opposed to estimates of over \$120,000 if we had to foot the entire bill – meaning your donation goes further dollar for dollar). This project will improve both the safety and aesthetics of the site, making the church both more accessible and more welcoming.

## **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 picnic 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.

**Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

**Old Mine Park - 121 Old Mine Road - Trumbull, Connecticut**

Please sign up using the sheet available at the back of church to indicate which items you are able to bring.

Beer and wine are permitted (cans or boxes) at the Park, but no hard liquor, bottles or kegs.

It is recommended to bring picnic blankets and portable chairs. Please feel free to bring lawn games, sports equipment, children's games (bean bag toss, etc.)!

*Blessing of food around 12:30 p.m.*



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