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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 8th 2024

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Masses this Week

Sunday, September 8th

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

Monday, September 9th

Saint Gorgonius

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Matthew Kirk
requested by JoEllen & Larry Pline

Tuesday, September 10th

Saint Nicholas of Tolentino

7:45 a.m. - ✠ Helen Casso
requested by Mary L. Nelson

Wednesday, September 11th

Saints Protus & Hyacinth

7:45 a.m. - Rachel Manoni
requested by George Smith & Denise Manoni-Smith

Thursday, September 12th

Most Holy Name of Mary

7:45 a.m. - James Thomas & Mary Marjorie
De Silva (9th wedding anniversary)
requested by Mr. & Mrs. James T. De Silva

Friday, September 13th

Mass of the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7:45 a.m. - Mass of Thanksgiving
requested by Grace Monks

Saturday, September 14th

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Special Intention
requested by Grace Monks

Sunday, September 15th

SEVEN SORROWS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

{Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost}

8:30 a.m. - ✠ Ann Collins
requested by Kate Prendergast

10:15 a.m. - Pro Populo



Upcoming Events

Sunday Vespers and Thursday Holy Hours will resume later in the month when our oblate arrives.

Sunday, September 8th

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 18th, 20th & 21st

AUTUMN EMBER DAYS

Traditionally days of fast & abstinence

Wednesday, September 18th

Canon will be on the "Ask a Priest Live" show at 6:00 p.m. on the Station of the Cross channel

September 27th to 29th

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

October - Month of the Holy Rosary

Devotions daily at 6:00 p.m. (Monday to Friday)

October - Date to be Announced

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

Saturday, October 5th

Meeting of the SSCM Ladies' Guild after First Saturday Devotions

Please feel free to bring refreshments

October 7th to 12th

Institute pilgrimage to Mexico, led by Canon Raphael Ueda

Please see flyer for details

Sunday, November 3rd

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.

BLESSING OF SEEDS ON THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY

☩. Our help is in the name of the Lord. 🙏. Who made heaven and earth.

☩. The Lord be with you. 🙏. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray. Holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God: we request and we beseech that Thou wouldst deign to look upon these seedling fruits and seeds with merry eyes and a cheerful countenance. And as Thou didst promise to Thy servant Moses, saying: Say unto the children of Israel: When you shall have entered into the land which I will give you, that they may offer their first fruits to the priests, they will be blessed, so too, we beseech Thee, Lord, that through the help of Thy mercy Thou wouldst send upon this seedling fruit, which Thou hast deigned to bring forth for the harvest, the blessing (☩) of Thy right hand. May it not be crushed by hail or drowned by a flood of rain, but may it ever remain safe and sound for the use of soul and body, and mayest Thou deign to bring it well to full and abundant maturity. Thou who livest and reignest in the perfect Trinity unto ages of ages. 🙏. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, sower and tiller of the heavenly Word, who tillest the topsoil of our hearts with spiritual tools: kindly be present to our prayers, and pour fourth Thy abundant blessing upon the fields in which these seeds are to be planted, and by the grace of Thy defense turn away from them the violence of storms: that every one of these fruits may be filled with Thy blessing (☩), and may reach the granaries without hindrance; through Christ our Lord. 🙏. Amen.

They are then sprinkled with holy water and incensed.



MASS INTENTIONS

In October it will be possible to submit your Mass requests for 2025. Please do not submit any intentions before the date that will be given (early intentions will be returned). Precise instructions will be published in the bulletin in the coming weeks.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025

Parents whose children need to receive their First Holy Communion this year are kindly asked to contact the church office this week. Catechism classes will be held one Saturday each month. These classes are mandatory. The text is the *Saint Joseph First Communion Catechism*. Please be ready to provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

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 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.

Sunday, September 8th

ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC

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

Please join us today for this annual parish event! Come meet new friends! Fun for the whole family!

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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