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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM
 Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM
 Weekdays 7:00 AM
 Saturday 8:00 AM
 Holy Day Mass Times 7:00 PM (vigil)
 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 6:00 PM (on the day)

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HOURS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Monday—Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:45 PM to 3:45 PM or please call Msgr. Sullivan

HOLY MATRIMONY

Couples planning a Christian marriage should contact Msgr. Sullivan following their engagement.

HOLY BAPTISM

Baptisms take place at Sunday Mass once a month. Please see information inside this bulletin.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Please call Msgr. Sullivan for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick or Holy Communion.

WORSHIPING WITH US?

We hope you introduce yourself and register in our parish. Please call the rectory to do so.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” - Mt 28:19-20.

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Saturday—May 26th

- 8:00AM Marguerite L. Bourbon (birthday) req. of family
4:00PM Eileen and Roland Cooper (mem.) req. of Eileen Cofske

Monday—May 28th

- 8:00AM Ginette Cathcart (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—June 2nd

- 4:00PM George E. Hanlon (15th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—June 3rd

- 7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM Paul Joseph Gervais (22nd anniv.) and Paul Matthew Gervais (5th anniv.) req. of the Gervais and Burke Families
11:00AM Owen J. Murphy, Jr. (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Dorothy C. Tinsley**, and **John A. "JV" Vanasse**.

St. Thomas More Law School Scholarship

Each year the St. Thomas More Society of our Diocese awards a scholarship of not less than \$3000 to a law student attending an accredited law school. Applicants or parents must be registered and active members of a parish in the Diocese of Worcester. Applicants may be in any year of law school studies. Applications may be obtained by visiting the diocesan website, www.worcesterdiocese.org/st-thomas-more-society, by mailing requests to: St. Thomas More Society, Chancery Office, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 or by calling Sara Smillie at 508-929-4345. Applications are due on or before September 21, 2018. Should anyone wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, donations will be greatly appreciated and you can make contact at the above address or phone number.

Our New Parish Website: ctkworc.org

We want you to take note of our new website and its many modern features. All diocesan parishes were asked to create new websites in a collaboration with *eCatholic* and *Flocknotes*. It is part of a diocesan initiative to create better communications and evangelization through the use of more modern technology. And communications will be more instantaneous. You can find our new website by going to ctkworc.org. Try it today! We urge you to sign up for *Flocknotes* (free, of course) by providing your name, email address and mobile phone at the bottom of the home page.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (M-F, 7:00 am and Saturdays; 8:00 am all year round). The Mass brings many special graces! It is a wonderful way to begin the day. This week we will celebrate regular weekday Masses in addition to **Memorial Day** (8:00 am this Monday), **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Thursday); **Saint Justin Martyr** (Friday) and **Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs** (Saturday).

Recent Offertory Donations

As we are very grateful for the time you share with Christ the King, and the abundance of your talents, so we are for your offertory gifts. Your donations for last weekend were as follows:

Offertory: \$7,102.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$135.00;
Ascension: \$65.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$300.00;
Donation: \$350.00; **Catholic Communications:** \$10.00;
Peter's Pence: \$5.00.

Total: \$7,967.00

BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS

All parents must participate in a prep session, led by our trained team, if this is their *first child and/or if they do not worship at Mass here each Sunday*. Baptisms take place at Sunday Masses and parents choose the date (see available dates below). **PAR-ENT PREP SESSION:** One session is required and it takes place on select Sundays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the Rectory and church. **Upcoming 2018 Preparation Dates:** *June 17; August 19*. **Upcoming 2018 BAPTISM DATES** at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays (for prepared parents): *June 3; July 15; and August 12*. For sign-ups please call Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or email him at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

"I Told You So: *Humanae Vitae* 50 Years Later"

Immaculate Conception Church, 353 Grove St., Worcester is hosting a talk on **Monday, June 11 at 6:30 pm** by parishioner, Dr. Christopher Klofft, on Blessed Pope Paul VI's encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (*On Human Life*) during this 50th anniversary of the document. This is the most controversial Catholic document of the last century. Dr. Klofft will discuss how Pope Paul VI's letter to the world came about, what it actually says (and a few things it doesn't say), and how it proved to be astonishingly prophetic. The talk will be held in the Church basement. All are welcome to attend.

Massachusetts March for Life

The Massachusetts March for Life is on Father's Day, June 17! Help raise money for pregnancy help groups! Let the public and legislature know that 1.4 million babies have died in Massachusetts since *Roe v Wade*! And celebrate a pro-life Fathers' Day! Boston Common, Rally begins at 1:00 pm, March starts at 2:30 pm. Visit: www.masscitizensforlife.org or call 617-242-4199.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Announcing Our New Music Director

I am pleased to announce that Christ the King Parish has hired a new Director of Liturgical Music. He is Jonathan Bezdegian of Paxton. He will begin his work among us on the weekend of June 23 & 24. This announcement comes following an intensive search in recent months.

Several months ago, I assembled a search committee comprised of representatives of all three choirs: the Folk Group, the Festival Choir and the Youth Choir. The members were Melissa Boyle, Helen Foley, Paul Foley, Dick Freije, Elise Jacques, Bonnie McCrea, Kerri Melley, Neal Melley, Dave Ofarcik and Ginny Ryan. We entertained applications from the American Guild of Organists (both national and local chapters), the National Pastoral Musicians organization (both national and local chapters) and from advertising in local sources (*The Catholic Free Press* and diocesan websites). We interviewed finalists and each finalist engaged our three choral groups at special meetings. It was a wonderful and inclusive process.

Currently, Mr. Bezdegian is the music director and organist at St. Matthew Parish in Southborough (since 2012). He will complete his work there in the weeks ahead. On Saturday, June 9 he will receive his doctoral degree from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Mr. Bezdegian is a life-long parishioner of Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish. He is a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Worcester. He has studied at McGill University in Montreal and the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio. He has been an adjunct faculty member at Assumption College and is the Director of Liturgical Music at St. Peter-Marian High School and he will also continue in those roles.

We look forward to introducing Jonathan to our parish community in mid-June and know that you will welcome him.

At the same time (and I will write more on this in coming weeks) I am very grateful for the exemplary service of Peter Brockmann in these months following the untimely death of Dennis Ferrante. He has worked very hard with our music groups and has served us well. God bless you, Peter!

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

PLEASE GIVE TO *Partners in Charity!*

362 Donors So Far = 40% of Our Families
We must still raise \$560,800!

The goal for the Diocese this year is \$5 million again. This vital campaign supports all 28 charitable, educational and ministry programs of the Diocese. It's the responsibility of all of us to help with these important ministries. It is Christ's work and we should all be partners in Christ's work. All the money that is raised supports diocesan programs for the entire year ahead.

Donor envelopes can be found in the book rack in the foyer. Please be as generous as you possibly can and return the envelope in next week's collection or through the mail or by dropping it off at the rectory. Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works. Thank you!

A Letter from Bishop McManus

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In his message this year for World Communications Day, Pope Francis contrasts the constructive power of authentic communications and the destructive nature of fake news in our world. He writes, "a weighty responsibility rests on the shoulders of those whose job is to provide information, namely journalists, the protectors of news. In today's world . . . it is a mission . . . it means being in touch with people's lives. . . a real means of promoting goodness, generating trust, and opening the way to communion and peace."

Next weekend, June 2 and 3, our Diocese will take up a collection for the **Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)**. This national collection helps bring the Gospel message to the public square so that all can know the love of God and help make this a better world. It is not a mere coincidence that the pope's citation from the Gospel of St. John has also been part of the masthead of our own newspaper, *The Catholic Free Press*.

With your support of the CCC, the daily readings and seasonal reflections are available as free podcasts to download and listen to at any time, or to read from our diocesan and parish websites along with watching local Masses and program, as well as reading local and national Catholic news stories. Thanks to your donations, Catholics are able to stay connected to their parish and to their Catholic faith even when they are traveling or not regularly at Mass. Roughly half of the funds collected will remain here in the Diocese to help our local communications projects expand parish-centered communications in collaboration with diocesan programs. The remainder funds national media relations and communications efforts as well as international projects in developing countries.

Let us heed the words of Pope Francis, "As sons and daughters of God, we are called to communicate with everyone, without exception."

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

Youth Confirmation Interviews For the Class of 2019!

Confirmation is that Sacrament by which a person publicly reaffirms the faith into which he or she was baptized and through which we are strengthened by God's grace to live the Gospel of Jesus. The Holy Spirit comes to a person in a new and powerful way and *completes* his or her 'initiation' in the Catholic Church. If your son or daughter is a '*rising*' junior in high school and wishes to be confirmed they should, at this time, contact Msgr. Sullivan (508-754-5361) for an interview. Regular participation in the Mass and other ways of serving people as Catholic Christians are considered essential to the integrity of this Sacrament.

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LINE

If you know of someone who could use our prayerful support please contact either Mindy at 508-754-5361 or by email at mindy1052@gmail.com.

PLEASE USE OUR HOPE FOR HOUSING CARDS

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The Gospel of John Part One: The Prologue & Book of Signs

A Bible Study by Sister Ellen
Concludes This Wednesday

Sister Ellen Guerin's Bible Study course, **The Gospel of John Part One: The Prologue and Books of Signs** concludes this **Wednesday morning, May 30**. John's Gospel is a wonderful one to study and quite different than the Synoptics. The course takes place in the **Johnson Room** from **10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** All are welcome.

New Altar Servers Needed

We would like to begin to train some altar servers. We need you, particularly at the 4 pm, 7:30 am, and 11 am Masses. Those interested should have received their First Holy Communion and attend Mass each Sunday. Please contact Msgr. Sullivan if you are interested.

Are You Interested in Social Activities Trips?

Jack Staples, one of our parish social activities leaders, invites your interest in either of a couple of upcoming trips (sponsored by the Retired Men's Club of Greendale). Jack is also involved in that group. On **Monday, June 18**, you are invited to travel to *Indian Ranch* in nearby Webster and board *The Indian Princess* (a paddle wheel boat) for a **cruise** on Webster Lake. **Lunch** will follow at the Point Breeze Restaurant. On Thursday, **August 2**, you are invited to take a trip to New Hampshire's beautiful **Lake Winnepesaukee**, for a relaxing **cruise**. Full course buffet on the ship. For information regarding cost, times, etc., for either of these trips please **contact Jack Staples at 508-835-3954**. You will be most welcome on these trips.

Would You Like to Join Our Parish?

Please contact Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361. Or, you can email him at tsullivan5@mac.com and he will respond.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, May 27 - The Most Holy Trinity

Monday, May 21 - Memorial Day
8:00 am - Mass

Wednesday, May 30
10:30 am - Gospel of John, Johnson Room
3:30 pm - Mustard Seed Food Prep
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall
7:30 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, May 31
7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, June 1
3:30 pm - Daisies & Brownies, Hall
6:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall

Sunday, June 3 - Corpus Christi
11:00 am - Baptism at Mass
12:00 noon - CYC Meeting, Elections

Olive Wood Religious Items On Sale Here Today

Supporting the *School of Joy for Slow Learners* in Bethlehem, hand carved items will be on sale here after all the Masses on this weekend. You will see nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries and beautiful statues. Your offerings will help poor Christian families in the Holy Land.

JOIN THE CYC

All those 'higher schoolers' interested in participating in CYC activities (the annual retreat, boys basketball, the CYC musical, summer volleyball, etc.) will need to be registered with our CYC to participate. You can send an email now to CTKCYC@gmail.com for registration and to learn about our upcoming events.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick Offered Here All Masses on June 9 & 10

At all Masses on the weekend of June 9 & 10 we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to any person who wishes to receive it. And, we really hope that anyone afflicted by a serious physical or emotional illness, those recovering from or preparing for surgery, or those who experience age-related limitations will receive the sacrament.

In the sacrament we always receive the grace of God's healing. Monsignor Sullivan and Father Reidy will both participate in offering the two essential parts of the sacrament: the 'laying on of hands' and the anointing with the *Oil of the Sick*. The celebration of this Sacrament, with the whole community present and praying for one another, is always a powerful and beautiful experience. In the weeks ahead please consider if you would like to receive this Sacrament of Healing.

The Most Holy Trinity

What we celebrate on this Trinity Sunday *is the inner nature of God*. That inner nature is a *community* of Persons in love with one another. If the one God is Three Persons - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - and they exist *together*, in a perfect love for one another - and *if you and I are made in God's image - created to be like God, created to be an image of their union* - then all other beliefs flow from this.

Isn't the Trinity the essential reason for our loving? Loving is the truest mission of the Church. We're not a collection of loosely confederated individuals. Nor are we on our own journey to discover God, each of us independent of one another. We are a community of faith. We are not called to be a community of faith because it looks better. We are not called to be a community of faith because it's more efficient - but precisely *because God lives this way - because God is a community of Persons*.

We work toward that in simple and obvious ways and in more complex ways.

At Mass, we walk *as one body* to receive Holy Communion - to symbolize as well as create a unity which already exists *in the inner nature of God*. And if God is Three Persons, existing *together*, united in love, we treasure the dignity of every human person: those recently conceived in the womb, the homeless man now sent in prison, the single mother scraping out a living, the victim of earthquake or war, the eighty-five-year-old unable to remember the past.

Engaging in acts of love is how we celebrate the Blessed Trinity.

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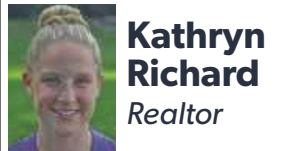
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