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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.

WORSHIPPING WITH US?

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

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)



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” - Mt 17:5b

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—March 7th

4:00PM Marvin Degon (mem.) req. of Carol Woods

Sunday—March 8th

7:30AM Jean King (mem.) req. of Tom and Amanda Gibbons

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Mary McKeon (1st anniv.) req. of family

Monday—March 9th

5:30PM For Priests req. of NPM

Tuesday—March 10th

7:00AM Fernand Leclézio, Jr. (1st anniv.) req. of Alice Fenlon

Thursday—March 12th

5:30PM Phyllis Cureau (mem.) req. of Mark and Monique Czyzewski

Saturday—March 14th

8:00AM Jay Greener (mem.) req. of Jack and Diane Staples

4:00PM Antonio Irragorri, Jr. (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—March 15th

7:30AM Dorothy Hallisey (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Dennis Ferrante (mem.) req. of The Festival Choir

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Dr. Michael T. Ryan, Ph.D.**, the brother in law of John Woods, **Judith M. Aubin**, the mother of Jillienne Church, **Edward P. Pelletier**, the brother of Paul Pelletier, **Deacon John F. Ledoux**, and **John "Jay" Eager**

'40 Days for Life' Participation **Monday, March 30 - Save the Date!**

YOU can help save lives by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. We will pray again that, with God's help, our 'witness' and that of many others will be the beginning of the end of abortion in Worcester. We pray outside the **Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 470 Pleasant Street**. Christ the King parishioners will be praying there between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. **on Monday, March 30**. Please sign on for one hour if you can. Though we will have sign-ups in church in late March you can sign on anytime now by emailing one of the following: **Kris Correia** (krisedpa@live.com), **Mary Beth Thomas** (eandmthomas@charter.net) or **Joyce Dubuque** (jhdubuque@aol.com). Thank you.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (**during Lent, Monday-Friday, 7:00 am and 5:30 pm**; Saturdays 8:00 am all year). The Mass brings many special graces! It is a wonderful way to begin the day. This week all the Masses are **Lenten weekdays**. No saints' days are commemorated.

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 are as follows:

Offertory: \$8,929.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$329.00;
Fuel: \$556.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$156.00;
Catholic Home Missions: \$75.00; **Church in Latin America:** \$383.00.; **Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00; **Easter:** \$137.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$60.00; **Donation in memory of Rob Campbell:** \$50.00;
Donation in memory of Zach Ford: \$100.00.

Total: \$10,875.00

BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS

All parents (registered parishioners) 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). **PARENT 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 2020 Preparation Dates:** March 29, May 17 and June 28. **Upcoming 2020 BAPTISM DATES** at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays (for prepared parents): *April 12 (Easter), May 3, June 14, July 12 and August 16*. For sign-ups please call Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or email him at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

LENTEN PRAYER PROGRAM

Tuesday Mornings, 10:00-11:30 a.m., at Marie Anne Center at **St. Bernard Church**, 228 Lincoln Street, Worcester. The speakers are (**March 10**) **Sr. Dorothy Scesney**, PBVM, IPA (International Presentation Association for Justice & Peace), "You have but one Father...the One in Heaven;" (**March 17**) **Mary Jane Person**, former DRE & Co-Director of PBVM Associates, "Hope: Our Gift and our Challenge;" (**March 24**) **Theresa Fugardi**, Pastoral associate/St. Rose of Lima, "Rise Up: Healed and Sent, a Lenten Journey;" (**March 31**), **Sr. Janet Provost**, SSJ, Pastoral Ministry, "The Last week...The Final Words."

Trip to Poland In October

Fr. Walter Riley of Immaculate Conception Parish is leading a trip to Poland this October 12-22. The trip will include visits to Warsaw, Gdansk, Our Lady of Czestochowa, Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp, Krakow, Malbork Castle, House of Nicholas Copernicus and the birthplace of Pope John Paul II. Other sites too. For the entire itinerary and signup sheet, visit icworc.com, Parish Pilgrimage to Poland.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

In September, CTK will be opening an atrium for this Montessori-based preschool education program. Although September seems a long way off, there is much to do in preparation of opening this program. The materials the children work with need to be made. Altar cloths and miniature chasubles need to be sewn, calligraphy on prayer cards, 2 & 3-D images created, model images to be created - and much more. If you are a creative person or have some time to donate to help to make these items please contact **Judi Brennan** at 508-754-5361 x. 13, or ctkedu1052@gmail.com.

Tuesday Night Lenten Confessions

Bishop McManus has requested that every parish in the Diocese of Worcester offer opportunities for Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance; confessions) on Lenten Tuesdays **between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. This is part of an initiative called "**Come Home to God's Mercy.**" We will be hearing confessions at those times. Lent is a wonderful time to receive God's mercy in this extraordinary Sacrament. We will be offering confessions on **March 10, 17, 24, 31** and **April 7**.

The Women's Guild's Annual Lenten Evening of Recollection *Save the Date - Monday, March 16*

The annual Lenten Evening of Recollection for the Women's Guild is scheduled for Monday evening, March 16. Father John Foley, our former pastor, will be our special guest and speaker. Our evening together will begin with the regularly scheduled Lenten weekday Mass at 5:30 p.m. Father Foley's talk will be offered at the dinner to follow. Please contact Donna Byrnes, at 508-753-3024, to make a reservation or if you have any questions. A donation of \$18 is asked for those who are members of the Guild and \$20 for non-members.

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on **Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent**. **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Annual Mass for Life

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the annual Mass for Life on **Tuesday, March 24 at 10 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, High and Chatham Streets, Worcester. This year marks the 25th anniversary of St. John Paul II's great encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life). Students from our Catholic Schools will be our special guests and the annual pro-life awards will be presented to individuals who have shown heroic witness to the intrinsic value of all human life. All are welcome to attend!

Religious Education Classes *This Week & Next...*

Most classes meet today, Sunday, March 8, at their regular times. **Grades 1-6** will meet from **10:00 to 11:00 am**. **Grades 9-10** will meet from **6:00 to 7:00 pm**. **However, grades 7 and 8 will not meet** because of **Saturday's (March 7) retreat** from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Next Sunday, March 15, **Grades 1-6** will meet from **10:00 to 11:00 am**. **Grades 7-10** will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Vacation Bible School this Summer

This summer, Christ the King will be holding a Vacation Bible School. A Vacation Bible School is a fun morning program for children, ages 4-10, filled with songs, crafts, games, and Bible lessons. Our Vacation Bible School will be run the week of **July 13-17 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.** Be sure to mark it on your calendar. Registration information will be coming soon! In order to run a Vacation Bible School we need a few volunteers to help out: about 4 adults to run various stations the children go to and several teens to help lead the groups of kids and run the music and outdoor game areas. Running a station is easy with the materials we provide. If you are interested in helping contact **Judi Brennan** at ctkedu1052@gmail.com.

Sending a Note to Sister Ellen?

Some have inquired as to where to write to Sister Ellen Guerin, RSM. They want to drop a 'Get Well' card. You can do so at this address: **20 Brookside Avenue, Apt. #14, Worcester 01602**.

20th Anniversary Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference Ticket Prices Increase this Thursday

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important 20th Anniversary Conference, scheduled for **Assumption College** on **Saturday, March 28**. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: **Scott Hahn** (two presentations), **Luis Soto** and with **Bishop Robert Reed** of Boston speaking on the need for confession. Bishops and priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer the Conference Mass. For a Conference brochure, further information or registration, call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345. **Adult tickets are \$45 until this Wednesday night, March 11th, at midnight, afterwards \$60**. Student tickets are always \$30.

Two Masses Each Weekday in Lent

During Lent we have the custom of offering two daily Masses each Lenten weekday (Monday through Friday). We have the **7:00 am Mass**, of course. In addition, we offer **Mass at 5:30 pm each weekday evening**. Our Saturday morning Masses, at **8:00 am**, continue throughout the year. We hope you'll be able to join us for daily Mass.

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.

HOPE FOR HOUSING CARDS Two Volunteers Needed

Due to recent changes and illness we need an additional volunteer at each of the Saturday (4:00 pm) and Sunday (9:00 am & 11:00 am) Mass slots. Please let us know if you can help us.

And purchase our food cards. Here's how they work: (1) You purchase food gift cards in various amounts of \$10 to \$100; (2) You use the food cards for your grocery shopping; (3) You receive the full face value of the card you purchase; (4) What you don't spend remains on your card for later use; and (5) The supermarket donates 5% to 10% of what you spend to prevent family homelessness.

Notre Dame Academy Spring Open House

Sunday, March 22nd, 2:00-4:00 pm. Register online at www.nda-worc.org.

Spend A Day at NDA

Discover the difference at Notre Dame Academy in Worcester. Register your daughter to spend the day shadowing one of the students at our all-girls, Catholic college-preparatory school. Now accepting grades 7-12. Register today at www.nda-worc.org/admissions.

Inviting All Parishioners to "Taste, Toast and Take Care"

Christ the King parishioners are invited to support the **Inter-faith Hospitality Network** of Greater Worcester by attending their 3rd Annual Evening of Hope: "Taste, Toast and Take Care." This year's event will be held on **Saturday, March 14th, from 7-10 pm** at Temple Emanuel Sinai, 661 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA. Tickets are \$75 per person and are available by calling IHN at 508-755-2212 or at ihnworchester.org. For more information, please email Advisory Board member and parishioner Jim Lang at lang@assumption.edu. Sponsorships from businesses or individuals are also needed and available; more information about sponsorship levels can be found on the IHN website.

Ash Wednesday "Pew Count"

We are very pleased that so many parishioners and friends from near and far came to participate in Mass and receive blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday, a week and a half ago. There was a need for all the Masses offered that day. The estimated Mass congregation sizes were as follows (*the number in parenthesis were the number attending*): 7:00 am (120), 9:00 am (75), 12:00noon (125), 3:00 pm (130), 5:30 pm (225), 7:00 pm (75). The total count was approximately **750 persons**. Thanks, parishioners, and have a good Lent!

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, March 7

9:00 am-12:00 noon - Grades 7 & 8 Retreat
Hall

Sunday, March 8

10:00-11:00 am - Grades 1-6 Religious Education
11:00 am Mass - with 2 Baptisms
6:00-7:00 pm - Grades 9 & 10 Religious Education

Monday, March 9

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center
5:30 pm - NPM's Mass for Priests
7:00-9:00 pm - CYC Musical Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 10

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions, Church
7:00 pm - AA Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, March 11

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
7:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

Thursday, March 12

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

Friday, March 13

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
3:30-5:30 pm - Daisies, Hall
7:30-9:00 pm - AA Meeting, Lower Rectory

Saturday, March 14

4 pm Mass - St. Patrick's Parade Committee
& Reception, Johnson Room

Sunday, March 15

10:00-11:00 am - Grades 1-6 Religious Education
6:00-7:00 pm - Grades 7-10 Religious Education

Final CYC Basketball Season Wrap-up

Christ the King's CYC White basketball team advanced to the semi-finals only to lose to St. Matthew 1, 45-39 last Sunday. On Saturday, the team upset number 2 seed St. John's Parish 47-42 behind Reggie DeVone's 19 points with Griffin King adding 9 and Joey Marrone 8. This was the first time in over eight years that a CTK team beat St. John's Parish. The boys finished the season 8-5 overall.

After upsetting Blessed Sacrament in the first round of the playoffs the week before, the Blue team came out flat on Saturday and lost to the same St. Matthew 1 team that beat the White team on Sunday. The Blue Team, which finished its season 3-9, is the younger of the two teams and it features returning players Andrew Thomas, Cormac Woods, Kevin Aquino, Caleb Cormier, Colin Wanat, Josh Soaeres, Adam Zementowski, Ryan Keating, and Damon Kotsopoulos for the 2021 season.

Next Saturday, March 14th

PLEASE WELCOME !

**THE ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARADE COMMITTEE AT OUR 4:00 PM MASS**

The Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday, March 15th. As you know, tens of thousands attend this great annual event in our City.

What you may not know is that the parade is always preceded by a special Mass at which time we honor the organizers and pray for those committee members who are now deceased. For many years the Mass has been celebrated at St. Paul's Cathedral. But for the first time this Mass will take place at Christ the King and will be followed by a reception for the committee and their guests (in the Johnson Room). Many CTK parishioners have been instrumental in organizing the parade over the years.

This Mass will be celebrated next Saturday, March 14, at 4:00 pm. We anticipate a larger than normal congregation and we welcome all those associated with the Parade.
