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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.

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)



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—March 14th

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

Monday—March 16th

7:00AM Joseph and Charlotte Healy (mem.) req. of Mary, Joe, Mary Terese, Andrew and Motta

Tuesday—March 17th

5:30PM Charlotte Hearly (mem.) req. of family

Wednesday—March 18th

7:00AM Lucy Rozanski (mem.) req. of Jeanette Anas

Thursday—March 19th

5:30PM Margaret Hart-Kelly (mem.) req. of Mark and Monique Czyzewski

Saturday—March 21st

4:00PM John and Patricia Dolan, Jr. (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—March 22nd

7:30AM Helen and Francis McGrath (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Hackett, Bolduc, Podmostaka and Siwicki Families

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bruce M. Foley**, the father of Tracy DePasquale, **Ann E. Sullivan**, the mother of Maureen Jarvis and **Philip St. Martin**, the father of Jacqueline St. Martin and Denise Mills.

'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** with the exception of **Thursday**, which is the **Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

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: \$7,870.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$65.00;

Fuel: \$229.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$39.00;

Catholic Home Missions: \$30.00; **Church in Latin America:** \$279.00.; **Haiti Twinning:** \$70.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$180.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$45.00; **Donation in memory of Rob Campbell:** \$125.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$300.00; **Catholic Univeristy:** \$10.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$10.00.

Total: \$9,252.00

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 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."

Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Jack Griffin Kelley** and **Liam Zachary Petty** who were baptized here last Sunday morning by Msgr. Sullivan. Jack's parents are Ryan and Rachael (Dalton) of the parish. Liam's parents are Matthew and Brittany (Ford) Petty. Brittany is a native of CTK and her parents, Paul and Rosemary Ford, and her sister, Kristin DiFrancesco, are active parishioners. May Jack and Liam always live in the light of Christ!

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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 sign-up sheet, visit icworc.com, Parish Pilgrimage to Poland.

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 17, 24, 31 and April 7**.

The Women's Guild's Annual Lenten Evening of Recollection Tomorrow - Monday, March 16

The annual Lenten Evening of Recollection for the Women's Guild is scheduled for **tomorrow, Monday evening, March 16**. Father John Foley, our former pastor, will be the 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...

Today, 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.

Next Sunday, March 22, Grades 1-6 will meet from 10:00 to 11:00 am and 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.

Shopping for First Communion Gifts?

For your child, grandchild or other relatives. Simply go to www.prospecthillco.com. Click on 'Parish Fundraiser' at the top of the home page. Over 70 great ideas in their thoughtful selection, including prayer books, Bibles, missal kits, rosary beads, sports medals, music boxes, crosses with chains, etc. **25% of your purchase goes back to our parish.**

20th Anniversary Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference ~ March 28

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 now \$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.

MARCH 15, 2020

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 [mindyd1052@gmail.com](mailto: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.

Partners in Charity!

Please Contribute

Diocesan Goal: \$5 million
CTK Goal: \$110,700
27% of CTK Families Have Donated

For those who have not already donated we ask your kind consideration of a gift to the 2020 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Donor envelopes can be found in the rear of the church, near the large glass inner windows or near the bulletin racks. Please be generous 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 in the year ahead.

Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Just a few examples are those living at the Nazareth Home for Boys ~ the care of fifty-two retired priests ~ poor families served by Pernet Family Health Service ~ seniors receiving home health care through Catholic Charities ~ children seeking a good education ~ those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate ~ the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more!

Highlights of the Week Ahead

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

Monday, March 16

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
6:00 pm - Women's Guild Evening, Johnson Room
7:00 pm - Scout Leaders, Rectory
7:00-9:00 pm - CYC Musical Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

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

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 19 - St. Joseph's Day

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
4:15-5:15 pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal
7:00 pm - CYC Rep/Advisor Meeting
7:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 20

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm
3:30-5:30 pm - Daisies, Hall
6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall
7:30-9:00 pm - AA Meeting, Lower Rectory

Sunday, March 22

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

Thank You, Paul Franco!

Our sincere thanks to Paul Franco who has coached our CYC Basketball teams from 2008 until this most recent 2020 season concluded. With his youngest son, Anthony, about to graduate from Doherty High School, Paul has now made the decision to "retire" from his active coaching role here. We are so much in his debt. He has been an outstanding coach and he has organized our teams for membership in the Diocesan League all these many years. Paul is a wonderful family man and active parishioner, a true role model for the young and all of us. Through his personal initiative, this past season he acquired 30 new uniforms for our future CYC teams which should last our program for the next ten years. We "owe you," Paul. Thank you and God bless you.

Dignifying Birth and Death

The birth and death of human beings are two of human life's most significant and remarkable events, realities that we experience frequently. The Catholic Church, in Baptism and the Anointing of the Sick, makes sacred these two great moments for persons, ritually celebrating the "entry" into and "exit" from life in the world.

Christian belief that Jesus Christ became *flesh* and that the Holy Spirit *dwells* in us leads us to a *sacramental* concept of the human body, through which our basic biological functions become signs of spiritual events ~ birth being reenacted in baptism ~ eating and drinking in the Eucharist ~ sexual union in the Sacrament of Matrimony ~ and illness and death in the Anointing of the Sick.

No matter how much modern medicine and technology may achieve mastery over birth and death, Christians believe these events will always retain a sense of sacred mystery given the body's origin and destiny in the God of Jesus Christ. As St. Paul teaches, "The body is not for immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power."

The Church has always had an intense concern for both the earthly and the transcendent aspects of the birth and death of human persons as reflected in the establishment of hospitals from our earliest centuries. This concern for the person's bodily existence makes perfect sense. Her founder, Jesus, had declared that He came into the world that we might "have *life* and have it abundantly." Jesus identified himself as "the resurrection and the *life*." He worked many miracles of healing for those sick in mind and body. He raised the dead in order to prove this divine claim. Indeed, his own resurrection from the dead, St. Paul tells us, is "the first fruits" and cause of what is to come: our own bodily resurrection.

The Church's concern for the sick and suffering arises out of a desire to imitate Christ's own compassion and care for them as persons composed of a union of flesh and spirit. Each and every individual is a human person with inherent *dignity*, which in turn implies that each and every person's *life* is to be respected and revered as inviolable no matter his or her mental or physical condition, color, creed, ethnicity, or age.
