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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)

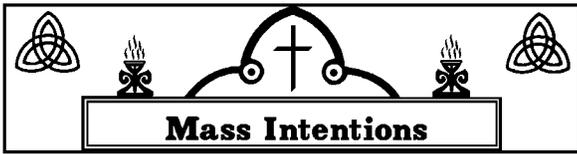


EASTER SUNDAY

“Do not be afraid! I know that you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.” - Mt 28:5b-6

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In the week ahead these Mass Intentions will be honored by our priests, in private Masses, as they can:

Wednesday—April 15th

Elizabeth Fyrberg (7th anniv.) req. of family

Thursday—April 16th

Katarina Minardi (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—April 18th

Thomas Waters (mem.) req. of family
Joanne St. Martin (4th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—April 19th

Parishioners of Christ the King,
James Gallagher (mem.) req. of family, and
William Currie (10th anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Anna T. Goodney**, the sister of Joseph Carlomagno, **Paulette Lane Garcia**, the sister of Richard Lane, and **the three deceased residents at the Jewish Healthcare Center.**

**How We Care for Others
During this Time**

Keep Things in Perspective - Don't forget all the other tragic events in the world going on now. Together with all believers we can pray for all those who are suffering.

Reach Out to the Homebound - With phone calls, messages, email, offering to deliver groceries, etc.

Live the Present Moment Well - Maintain a healthy balance in info gathering. Focus on what you can do now that you couldn't do before. Be creative.

Rediscover the Presence of God in Your Neighbor - Small gestures at home. Cook a special meal. Bake a cake. and if you're alone, connect with others online to give life to Jesus among us at a distance.

Appreciate What You Have - and believe that God is love. Take walks to redirect fears and anxieties, contemplate the beauty of nature, look for the positive and signs of solidarity and share them.

**BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS
& CELEBRATIONS**

During this unique time in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis please just call Monsignor Sullivan to inquire about baptisms and discuss your hopes and arrangements - at 508-754-5361 - or email him at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

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. In light of the suspension of all Masses our donations have been much smaller, as you would expect. Some have been dropping their donations through the door slot at the rectory and others have mailed them in. Nearly three weeks ago we began online giving through our website (you can do that at ctkwork.org). Through those combinations of giving, and since our last report, your contributions have been as follows:

Offertory: \$3,421.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,405.00

Fuel: \$14.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$261.00;

Easter: \$165.00; **Ascension:** \$10.00; **Good Friday:** \$45.00;

Mass Stipends: \$20.00.

Total: \$5,341.00

**Calling Your Family, Friends
and Neighbors during this Time!**

Since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic and our "social distancing" measures I have spent a good deal of time reaching out to our parishioners on the telephone. My intention has been to see how they and their family members have been holding up during this crisis, to assure them of my prayers and to ask if there is anything we can do for them within the limits of the safety protocols now requested by our civic leaders and the medical community. I have been able to reach many parishioners at home.

In some cases I've found that we no longer have accurate contact information (e.g., many no longer use landline phones and the only information we've had is a landline number no longer in use; some phone numbers have changed and we've not been told of that change; some do not use email). If your personal information has changed this would be a good time to contact me so that I can update your personal information. You can call me at **508-450-2556** or email me your updated information at tsullivan5@mac.com.

I have been able to reach most parishioners, however, and we have had good conversations. In the vast majority of cases people have been telling me how well they are doing and that they remain in good health, and that, for the most part, they are at home, working from home or, in some cases, must still be at work in their "essential" roles.

It has me thinking that we could all be doing the same thing. I'm confident that many of you have already. Within families there is a great deal of communication. But we can do the same for fellow parishioners, friends and neighbors. Wouldn't this be a good time for all of us to connect again with friends and neighbors and express our concern for them on the phone? Also, we can make a commitment to be praying for them and we can *tell them* that we are doing so.

In the meantime, be safe and healthy and know that you are in my prayers.

Monsignor Tom

An Easter Message from Monsignor Tom

My fellow parishioners of Christ the King,

We all know that this is the most unusual Easter that we've ever celebrated in our lifetimes. And it's been the most unusual Lent as well, due to the cancellation of so many church, business, school and family customs and responsibilities. The day will come, and we pray soon, that we will resume our normal activities.

But still the message of Easter goes on! The Risen Lord says to us, "Peace be with you!" These words capture the heart of Easter. Through the Resurrection of Jesus we see life as it is meant to be, filled with a dignity endowed by God. Like Peter, John, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, we stand at the empty tomb and believe in life, not death. Like them we believe in Christ, risen from the dead and receive His peace.

"*He is risen, as he said!*" (Matthew 28:6) These words are a proclamation of faith from the first Easter. The confusion, doubt, fear and grief experienced throughout the tragedy of Calvary were transformed as life in all its glory was given to us through the Resurrection. Its power was first seen in the transformation of the Apostles through the Holy Spirit, and the unity of life, prayer and service they fostered in the early Church.

Easter proclaims that Jesus is present now with that same power in our lives and in our troubled world. He is acting in His Risen Presence to bring healing out of hurt, joy out of sorrow, peace out of turmoil, and life out of death. For Easter is that event through which a God of love brings us new life. We are not alone! Through the Risen Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit, God calls us to the fullness of His life. All of this means that we must seek to put our trust in God.

The message of Easter encourages us to live our Christian faith daily, with courage and hope, making the love of God and our neighbors the first priority in our personal, family and community lives. Our entire pastoral staff at Christ the King Parish wishes you and your loved ones a very blessed Easter!

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

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Sunday, April 26 from 3 to 4 pm

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Marianapolis Preparatory School is a Catholic, independent, co-educational, boarding and day school located in Thompson, CT for grades 9-12 and postgraduates. We are home to 350 students from 56 area towns, numerous states around the U.S., and over 20 countries worldwide.

Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic

Bishop McManus has announced the following changes:

All daily and Sunday Masses are suspended. The obligation to take part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation is thereby lifted. All Mass intentions will be honored by our priests through private Masses. The church will be open for private prayer between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm as long as the number of persons present at any time does not exceed **10 persons**.

Parishioners are encouraged to **watch Mass on television**. A live broadcast of the Sunday Mass will be offered by Bishop McManus at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings on Charter channel 193. It will be repeated at 6:00 pm. Weekday Masses will be offered at 9:00 am on Charter channel 193. A schedule is being developed for Masses in Spanish. The readings for the Mass each day can be found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, at www.usccb.org.

Parish priests will not have access to our hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers and assisted living facilities. In the hospitals only existing in-house chaplains will provide pastoral care. Two priests in each deanery (or defined area) will be trained and assigned to all serious pastoral emergencies **for at-home visits**. They will be relieved of all other pastoral duties.

All confessions are suspended. In the case of the dying only those two trained priests (above) will be hearing confessions.

ALL religious education classes and all meetings at Christ the King are **suspended**.

Priests are urged to remain in the rectory and maintain phone, email and social media contact with parishioners.

Parishioners and visitors should not visit the rectory at this time. The Chancery Offices of the Diocese will be closed to the public during this period.

Funeral Masses and Weddings may be celebrated with the immediate family only (limited to **5 people for a funeral and 6 people for a wedding**). Staggered seating will be necessary for these. The doors of the church will be locked once the family has arrived. Families will be provided the opportunity to celebrate only the Rites of Committal at the cemetery (with a Funeral Mass to be scheduled sometime in the future when the crisis is over).

A Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary

This is the prayer by which Bishop McManus blessed the Diocese from six different locations on the *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.

O Mary, conceived without sin, look upon your children in our beloved Diocese: intercede for us with your Son that he who willed to take flesh in your immaculate womb might banish from our midst all sickness and disease; and calm the trembling of our hearts. We consecrate our Diocese to your protection, O Mother of God, that the overshadowing power of the Holy Spirit, might still the waters of chaos and death and save us from this present hour. Amen.

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.

Partners in Charity!

Please Contribute

Diocesan Goal: \$5 million
CTK Goal: \$110,700
31% 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!

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. It takes many gifts to reach our goal of \$5 million. All checks should be made payable to "Partners in Charity" (not Christ the King). We hope you'll be generous in making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Please make a gift of mercy. Thank you!

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.

FLOCKNOTES MESSAGES!

Are you Hearing from Us?

We certainly hope that you are receiving our Flocknotes messages. It is the primary way that we are communicating with our parishioners at this time. If you are not receiving them please contact either Monsignor Tom Sullivan (at tsullivan5@mac.com) or Kris Correira (at krisedpa@live.com) to have your name and email address added to our growing list. God bless!

USE OUR PARISH WEBSITE

A great deal of work has gone into updating our parish website. You can easily find it at www.ctkworc.org.

Free Online 'Magnificat'

During this difficult time, many of the faithful may be unable to attend Mass. To help them sanctify their day and to keep walking in the liturgical rhythm of the Church, the publishers of *MAGNIFICAT* are honored to make their online version of *MAGNIFICAT* temporarily available to everyone and free of charge at <https://us.magnificat.net/free>.

Free temporary access is also available in Spanish at www.magnificat.com/gratis.

It is their hope and ours that everyone will take this opportunity to pray with *MAGNIFICAT* in union with the Church each Sunday and weekday. Please pray with us for a speedy and safe end to this time of difficulty in our world.

Helping Out with the 2020 U.S. Census at Home

Because of the current coronavirus pandemic and the required social distancing it is very difficult for the U.S. Government to obtain local volunteers to visit households. Now more than ever, we should all respond to the Census online, by phone, or by mail. Responses are kept confidential, and it's easy to respond in English as well as in 12 non-English languages. The Census count directs federal funding for the next ten years to our community.

Your family will be mailed a census form. However, you can complete your family's census online by visiting www.2020census.gov. The survey can be completed in five minutes or less.

Making Parish Donations Online

Use: ctkworc.org

Even though we're abiding by the firmest regulations of social distancing ever asked, the parish is not asleep. Msgr. Sullivan is speaking with our parishioners on the phone and communicating by email. Mindy Dulude is in the office and receiving calls each morning. Judi Brennan has emailed lessons for our religious education families and has been assisting families from her home. Our offices are scattered around the CTK campus. You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers! During this unusual period you can help our parish maintain its financial obligations because they remain the same (staff salaries, insurances, heat, etc.). If your family finances are stable at this time, I'd ask that you please continue your support of the parish offertory.

You can mail us a check or your parish offertory envelopes. Or drop them through the mail slot at the rectory's front door.

And we have created an option for simple online giving. Please go to our website, ctkworc.org. Either click on the tab at the top of the page or the button in the middle of the page called 'CTK Online Giving.' There you will be able to make a donation to the parish using your credit card or use the "check" option to transfer funds directly from your checking account.

Many thanks for your continuing generosity.

A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial.

Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: *Be not afraid, for I am with you always.*

Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants. Give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen
