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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)



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

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Saturday—May 30th

4:00PM Arthur Cofske (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—May 31st

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Patricia Falcone (2nd anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Patricia Barry (mem.) req. of Paula Melican

Thursday—June 4th

7:00AM Dr. Anthony and Florence Polito, Sr. (mem.)
req. of The Thomas Family

Friday—June 5th

7:00AM Aaron Shoreys (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—June 6th

8:00AM The O'Neil Family (mem.) req. of Jack and
Diane Staples

4:00PM William Gibbons (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—June 7th

7:30AM Regina Anderson (24th anniv.) and Edward
Anderson (20th anniv.) req. of family

9:00AM Richard Foley (mem.) req. of Julie and James
Pepi

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Ronald J. Ouellette, James "Jimmy" F. Caola, and Richard D. Rushford**, the father of Allison Freeman.

Please 'Make Up' Your Envelopes

We realize that our parishioners have not been able to come to Mass since early March. For those who have not made online donations or who have not mailed in or dropped off their offertory envelopes we hope that you will 'make up' your Offertory envelopes for the weeks of this pandemic. Then, the parish will be able to meet its fiscal obligations. Thank you for your goodness and 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.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (7:00 am, Monday-Friday; Saturdays 8:00 am all year). The Mass brings many special graces! And it is a great way to begin the day. This week our Masses celebrate **The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church** (Monday); **Ss. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs** (Tuesday); **St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs** (Wednesday); **St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr** (Friday); and **St. Norbert, Bishop** (Saturday).

**Announcing A New Bible
Series for the Coming Year**

Monsignor Sullivan will offer a new Bible series for the year ahead (free of charge, of course). It will feature a complete study of **The Gospel of St. Luke**, a rich and colorful Gospel. Recall the previous programs offered in recent years: the *Gospel of St. Mark*, the *Acts of the Apostles*, the *Letters of St. Paul* and the *Confessions of St. Augustine*. In the new format there will be twelve sessions, each devoted to two chapters of Luke's 24-chapter Gospel. The program will take place in the Johnson Room on Monday evenings, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm, and begin the week after the Novena to St. Joseph concludes. The dates are November 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14, 21; January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1 & 8. If you are interested you can email him at any time (tsullivan5@mac.com) or call him at 508-754-5361.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

The Ignatian Volunteer Corps opened its New England Region in January 2009. The first Ignatian Volunteers were looking to put their life experiences, talents and time at the disposal of the poor in the neighborhoods of Boston, Worcester, and Providence, and in surrounding communities. Today, more than 40 women and men continue to serve in these neighborhoods and communities. These volunteers are supported by one another and by "spiritual reflectors" whose task is to help the volunteers look at their service and to reflect upon its deeper meaning for themselves and for those whom they serve. These volunteers teach, mentor, and advise in a variety of educational programs; provide services to potentially homeless elders; educate and locate resources for adult students and immigrants; assist older clients with medical appointments and entitlement benefits; offer administrative, development and HR support to non-profit staff; coordinate food and furniture outreach to families in need; coach job seekers in a culinary arts program; and, organize retreats for homeless and formerly homeless women and men. The Volunteers are mature men and women who share their time and talents in service to their community, and who participate in a year-long spiritual development program, including prayer and reflection in the Jesuit tradition. They commit to 2 days per week of service in parishes, schools or non-profit organizations working directly with those experiencing poverty or marginalization, or in the pursuit of social justice. The service commitment takes place over a ten-month period. The volunteer engages in spiritual reflection and journaling with the assistance of a "reflector" whom he or she meets monthly. All volunteers take part in two days of reflection, one overnight retreat, and monthly meetings of the entire group of volunteers. Volunteers share their reflection and service experiences in these gatherings and probe their deeper meaning. For more information, contact: Dave Hinchin, IVC Regional Director, 31 Fairview Street; Roslindale, MA 02131; (617) 571-3838; dhinchin@ivcusa.org; www.ivcusa.org/new-england

For Catholics who wish to know more about their faith, we announce...

'Pivotal Players'
Coming Here this Fall!

Let us know if you wish to participate!

Christ the King will offer **'Pivotal Players,'** the highly acclaimed **'New Evangelization'** program on **Thursday evenings this coming fall.** All are welcome and be sure to invite your friends. The program was produced by Bishop Robert Barron and the **Word on Fire** initiative. We'll offer special DVD presentations of the highest quality and have discussion groups. The program **begins on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.** (with dinner). Each Thursday we will begin with dinner (free will offerings accepted). The program concludes by 9:00 p.m. each evening.

The schedule is as follows: **St. Francis of Assisi: The Reformer** (Sept. 10); **St. Thomas Aquinas: The Theologian** (Sept. 17); **St. Catherine of Siena: The Mystic** (Sept. 24); **St. John Henry Newman: The Convert** (Oct. 1); **G.K. Chesterton: The Evangelist** (Oct. 8); **Michelangelo: The Artist** (Oct. 15); **St. Augustine: The Teacher** (Oct. 22); **St. Benedict: The Monk** (Oct. 29); **Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: The Communicator** (Nov. 5); **Flannery O'Connor: The Storyteller** (Nov. 12).

Please let Msgr. Tom know if you would like to participate. You can call him at **508-754-5361** or email him at **tsullivan5@mac.com.**

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>**. 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.

Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility of hope and healing. The Church encourages you to come forward. You may meet with Bishop McManus or his delegate, Mrs. Judith Audette, the Director of the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-929-4363). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

We're Still Planning A Vacation Bible School this Summer

This summer, Christ the King is still planning a Vacation Bible School even though we are living with clouds of uncertainty about future plans. 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.**

Bishop McManus Announces "Re-Openings"

Our churches are now open again for **worship only.** All other forms of meetings and social gatherings are not permitted at this time.

Persons who are ill should not come to Mass at this time. Because older adults and those with underlying health conditions continue to be advised to avoid public assemblies, the suspension of the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays remains in force until December 31, 2020.

All people must wear a mask throughout the Mass with the **following exceptions...**(1) children under the age of 2 **should not wear** a mask; (2) parents will use their own discretion for those children between the age of 2 and 5 years old; (3) if a person has a medical or disabling condition they are not required to wear a mask.

Family members may sit together in the same pew. With the exception of your own family members you must sit at least six feet apart from others. Social distancing is required. Every alternate pew will be left empty. We will mark off the pews with tape. The manner in which people receive Holy Communion will be announced at each Mass. We will receive assistance from "guides" as well as floor markings to enable this to happen correctly. Instructions will be offered to people entering and exiting the church.

If we learn that an attendee has tested positive for COVID-19 we will immediately contact the Board of Health of the City of Worcester so that proper contact tracing can begin. Moreover, we will advise that person to self-quarantine.

We will not have an entrance procession or a recessional from the doors of the church. The priest, lector, server and Holy Communion minister(s) proceed from and return to the sacristy directly.

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).

Partners in Charity!

Please Contribute
Diocesan Goal: \$5 million
37% of CTK Families Have Donated

The Diocese has now achieved 60% of its goal this year which is well behind where we would normally be and as you might expect given the coronavirus pandemic. Our Diocese needs your assistance if you have not already made a gift.

Although Christ the King has done very well this appeal is meant to engage all the people of all our parishes. 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 book rack in the church foyer. Please be generous and return the envelope through the mail or by dropping it off through the mail slot at the rectory's front door. **All checks** should be made payable to "**Partners in Charity**" (not Christ the King). Or you can offer your gift online this year. In that case please go to partners-charity.net/donate.

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. Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. We hope you'll be generous in making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. 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.

Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public... and can serve you even now!

Monsignor Sullivan is a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized, even now during the pandemic, you are welcome to call upon him. There is no fee. Just call the rectory should you need this service. Please wear a mask and we keep appropriate social distance.

Low Gluten Hosts for Communion

We offer 'low-gluten' Communion hosts (gluten content of less than 0.01%). Please speak to Msgr. Sullivan prior to Mass so that we can offer this special host to you.

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 (tsullivan5@mac.com) or Kris Correira (krisedpa@live.com) to have your name and email address added to our growing list. God bless!

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. 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.

Novena to St. Joseph Begins in September!

Our 9th Annual Novena to St. Joseph begins on **Monday, September 14**, at 7:15 pm. Running for nine consecutive Mondays it will conclude on November 9. Each evening lasts just 45 minutes and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Novena is open to all who wish to come. Beginning in August parishioners can call or email us the names of those who are seriously or terminally ill for whom we will pray.

Our homilists this year are: **Msgr. Sullivan** (Sept. 14); **Msgr. F. Stephen Pedone** (Sept. 21); **Bishop Robert J. McManus** (Sept. 28); **Fr. Stephen Gemme** (Oct. 5); **Fr. John Gavin, SJ** (Oct. 12); **Msgr. Peter Beaulieu** (Oct. 19); **Catherine Pimley** (Oct. 26); **'Jo' Massarelli** (Nov. 2); and **Msgr. Sullivan** (Nov. 9).

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.

PENTECOST SUNDAY!

Today is Pentecost Sunday, one of the greatest solemnities of the Church. Only Easter ranks higher as a solemnity!

Pentēkostē is the Greek name for the *Feast of Weeks*, a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. This feast is still celebrated as *Shavuot* in Judaism. For Christians it became the feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other disciples of Jesus Christ (120 in all) as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). For this reason, it is often called the “*Birthday of the Church.*”

While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speaking in many languages, the Apostle Peter stood up with the Eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of God’s word: “I will pour out my spirit.” Three thousand people gladly received his word and were baptized that day. No wonder we call it *our birthday!*

The main sign of Pentecost is the color red, which symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Priests and deacons wear red vestments on Pentecost, as do many of the people, and the altar is covered in red.
