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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)



19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—August 8th

4:00PM Charles and Mary H. Hanson (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—August 9th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM John Hackett (2nd anniv.) req. of Ron Bruchmann

11:00AM Catherine Warner (mem.) req. of family

Tuesday—August 11th

7:00AM Peg Shea (mem.) req. of Joseph and Carol Carlomagno

Wednesday—August 12th

7:00AM George and Judy Aubin (mem.) req. of Joseph and Carol Carlomagno

Thursday—August 13th

7:00AM David E. Swenson (19th anniv.) req. of James D. Brock

Friday—August 14th

7:00AM William Hovenesian (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—August 15th

8:00AM Sr. Ellen Guerin (mem.) req. of Joseph and Carol Carlomagno

4:00PM Paul Francis Thomas (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—August 16th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Neil Hickey (2nd anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Mary E. DiPilato (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **John R. Moher, Rev. Charles E.J. Borowski, John F. Racine**, the brother of Brian Racine, **Edward “Buddy” J. Villave, Belarmina De Arco**, the mother of Rev. Javier Julio, **John J. Mikolajczyk, Sr.**, the father of John Mikolajczyk, and **James Moore**, the brother-in-law of Sr. Janet Provost, SSJ.

Please ‘Make Up’ Your Envelopes

We realize that most 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 or made an offering at Mass we hope that you will ‘make up’ your Offertory envelopes for the months of this pandemic. Then, the parish will be able to meet its fiscal obligations. Thank you for your goodness and generosity.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This coming Saturday, August 15th, Catholics celebrate the Solemnity of *The Assumption*. It celebrates both the happy departure of Jesus’ mother from this life by her natural death, and her bodily assumption into heaven. Since it falls on a Saturday this year it is *not a holy day of obligation*. The *only Mass* for the Assumption will be the regular **8:00 am** Mass on Saturday.

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 **St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr** (Monday); **St. Clare, Virgin** (Tuesday); **St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious**, (Wednesday); **Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs** (Thursday); **St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr** (Friday); **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Saturday).

Recent Offertory Donations

Thanks for your continuing donations at Mass, through the mail, dropping them off and online (at ctkworc.org). You can make donations in the foyer of the church before Mass begins in the large donations basket there. Ushers are not permitted to pass the baskets at this time. **Since our last report on contributions (on July 19th) the following donations have been made:**

Offertory: \$20,858.00; **Online Giving:** \$3,651.00;
Mass Stipends: \$365.00; **Ascension:** \$7.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$300.00; **Peter’s Pence:** \$40.00; **Easter:** \$5.00; **Donation:** \$1,000.00; **Confirmation Registration:** \$400.00;
Religious Education Registration: \$520.00; **Fuel:** \$110.00;
Haiti Twinning: \$100.00; **Good Friday:** \$10.00; **Assumption:** \$157.00; **Church in Eastern Europe:** \$110.00;
Catholic Relief: \$2.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$60.00.

Total: \$27,695.00

BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS

With the new guidelines given by Bishop McManus we are now able to celebrate private baptisms again and some are already now taking place (using safety the protocols with which you are aware). Please call Monsignor Sullivan to inquire about baptisms and discuss your hopes and arrangements - at 508-754-5361 - or email him at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

Our parish community welcomes Father John Gavin, S.J., from the Jesuit community at the College of the Holy Cross, who will be offering one of our Masses each Sunday morning. **Today**, he will offer our **11:00 am Mass**. He is an Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at Holy Cross and his fields of concentration are in Catholic theology and patristics (the study of the ancient Church Fathers).

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.

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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.**

HOSPITAL VISITS

Msgr. Sullivan is honored to support you and your family during times of illness by visiting the hospitals. **NEVER DO UMASS (at the LAKE) HOSPITAL OR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT PATIENTS' RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.** So, we are entirely dependent on information we receive from family or friends. **St. Vincent's Hospital's records are excellent, and "St. V's" provides current information in a timely way.** Please call the rectory to advise us that someone is in the hospital so that Msgr. Sullivan can visit that person.

REGISTER NOW FOR 2020-2021 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

A few weeks ago Religious Education registration forms were mailed to all those families (registered in the parish or otherwise known to us) for (next year's) Grade 1 through (next year's) Grade 10. Please complete the simple forms and get them back to us with your check for the religious education fee. If you did not receive one (or perhaps mislaid it) please **call us at 508-754-5361** and we can send one in the mail or by email. The Confirmation program has a separate registration process. Those candidates should contact Msgr. Sullivan.

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.

Coming to Mass Now...

We've had wonderful re-opening Mass experiences the past **11 weekends.** As we write, we've celebrated several funerals, baptisms for an adult and several children and a wedding. All other forms of meetings are not yet permitted.

Persons who are ill should not come to Mass at this time.

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 is left empty. We've marked off the pews with tape.

INDOOR CONFESSIONS

Confessions are offered indoors on Saturday afternoons, from **2:45 to 3:45 p.m.** These confessions **do not take place in the regular confession room** adjacent to the church foyer (where the space is too small). **Confessions are heard in the Johnson Room.** You will have the option of going to confession anonymously (behind a screen) or face-to-face. Please wear a mask. And we keep social distancing. If someone is in the Johnson Room ahead of you please wait until that person leaves the room and then enter.

Want to Become Catholic? Or Complete Your Sacramental Initiation?

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults ~ It's for non-baptized adults ~ or baptized Christians who wish to become Catholic ~ or baptized Catholic adults (who never received First Communion or Confirmation) and with little or no religious formation. Candidates are prepared throughout the year and are baptized or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass in 2021.

Adult Confirmation Prep ~ For baptized and practicing Catholics who have received First Communion but were never confirmed. We meet five times from November to January. Bishop McManus then celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults on a Sunday afternoon in February.

If you are interested in either of these programs, please contact Monsignor Tom Sullivan at 508-754-5361 ~ tsullivan5@mac.com.

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.

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).

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.

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.

Christ the King Women's Guild Scholarship

The Women's Guild of Christ the King is pleased to announce that applications are available for the annual scholarship. This scholarship is offered to any high school senior who is a member of Christ the King Parish and who manifests his/her Christian spirit by service to others. 2020 marks the TWENTY-FIFTH year the Guild has been able to offer this award. Thank you to everyone who has supported this and other charities through the Guild through your membership and donations. For an **application**, please contact **Kathleen Murray** at 508-798-2498 or by email: kathleensmurray@charter.net.

USE OUR PARISH WEBSITE

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

MASS HELPERS NEEDED

For the past eleven weeks we have heavily relied on a few parishioners to greet folks as they come into Mass and sanitize their hands as they enter and again at Holy Communion. These volunteers have done a wonderful job. But it is now time to share the load a bit. If you feel you would like to share in this effort please contact Msgr. Sullivan by calling (508-754-5361) or emailing him (tsullivan5@mac.com) and specify which Mass you would like to help at. Thanks.

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 Correia (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. A great deal of work is being conducted. 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 we would 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. Or donate at Mass.

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).

Special Thanks for the Church Sanitizing

As we have said numerous times the church is being sanitized after each Mass. It is about the safest place to be. In a special way we want to thank those three families who have been doing it on weekends: the Zamarros, the McDonalds and the Pennys. What a great effort they've made these three months after all the Masses. Thaddeus, our custodian, and Carmen Webb have been doing it during the week. We thank the Thompson family for supplying much of the sanitizer early on in the re-opening effort and the Alonso family for their major product donation as well. Please feel safe in coming to Mass.

Partners in Charity!

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

The Diocese has now achieved 78% of its goal this year which is well behind where we would normally be 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!
