



# Christ the King Parish

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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)



## 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” - Mt 21:42ab

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## CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



### Saturday—October 3rd

- 8:00AM Christina LaPlante (mem.) req. of The Sousa Family  
4:00PM Maria—Hoa Nguyen (mem.) req. of Thanh Nguyen and Family

### Sunday—October 4th

- 7:30AM Walter, Evelyn and Edward Klosek (mem.) req. of family  
9:00AM Ron McCrohon (9th anniv.) req. of family  
11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

### Tuesday—October 6th

- 7:00AM Annette J. Bleau (mem.) req. of Fran and Ann Weeks

### Wednesday—October 7th

- 7:00AM Frank Fenlon (birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

### Friday—October 9th

- 7:00AM Leo Dalbec, Jr. (11th anniv.) req. of Jean Dalbec

### Saturday—October 10th

- 8:00AM Brian Woods (mem.) req. of Judy & Tony, Laurie & Regis, Christine & Nate and David & Jane  
4:00PM Mary Donahue (birthday) req. of The Gibbons Family

### Sunday—October 11th

- 7:30AM Peggy Coppinger (4th anniv.) req. of family  
9:00AM Patricia Falcone (birthday) req. of family  
11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Francis X. Birch**.

### Last Sunday's Confirmation Covenant-Signing Mass

It was great to see the Confirmation Class of 2021 assembled as a group for last Sunday's 9:00 am Mass...along with their parents and family members...and so many other folks in the congregation. You, the class, have made a wonderful commitment to Christ and the Church. And thanks, too, to **Jonathan Bezdegian**, our music director, and **Alana Kearney**, cantor for the Mass, for the rich and glorious music. Thanks also go to **Quent Bruso**, lector, **Teresa Bruso** and **Celeste Lamoureux**, Extraordinary Ministers, **Andrew Thomas** and **Michaela Namiotka**, servers, and **Judi Brennan**, our Director of Religious Education and Confirmation catechist. The class members are: **Abigail Antonelli**, **Dakota Boucher**, **Katherine Bresnahan**, **Benjamin Donahue**, **Mya Faulkner**, **Caroline Gaudette**, **Liam Grow**, **Quinn Herlihy**, **Ryan Hunter**, **Jack Lang**, **Lucie Lang**, **Helena McDonald**, **Timothy Melley**, **Michaela Namiotka**, **Sean Nodurft**, **Liam O'Coin**, **Terry O'Connor**, **William O'Connor**, **John Pagano**, **Nicole Sarmiento**, **Andrew Thomas** and **Jackson Wamback**.

### 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 **Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest** (Monday); **Saint Bruno, Priest** (Tuesday); **Our Lady of the Rosary** (Wednesday); **Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs** (Friday) and the **Blessed Virgin Mary** (Saturday).

### Offertory Donations

Thanks for your continuing donations at Mass, through the mail, dropping them off and online (at [ctkworc.org](http://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. Your donations last weekend were as follows:

**Offertory:** \$6,794.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,140.00;  
**Mass Stipends:** 255.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$600.00; **Religious Education Registration:** \$200.00; **Assumption:** \$10.00; **Donation in memory of Mary Sullivan:** \$100.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$478.00; **Fuel:** \$170.00; **Donation:** \$100.00; **Donation to CYC:** \$100.00; **All Saints:** \$20.00; **All Souls:** \$20.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$30.00

**Total: \$10,007.00**

### BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS

We've been celebrating baptisms for some months now. Each family celebration is separate. 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](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).

### Congratulations First Communicants!

As you know, last May's First Communion Mass had to be postponed. Now we want to congratulate all the members of the First Communion class of 2020 who celebrated their reception of the Eucharist for the first time in recent Masses. They are: **Isabel Alonso**, **Turner Benefit**, **Elizabeth Bisson**, **Joseph Cincotta**, **Dylan Cormier**, **Alyson Dennehy Christopher Derr**, **Abigail Freeman**, **Alexis Gonzalez**, **Parker Goyette**, **Mason Hedge**, **Patrick Hickey**, **Celina Jimenez**, **Marcus Johnson**, **Anthony Kilroy**, **John Maloney**, **Eliza Mulry**, **Calista O'Coin**, **Nicholas Shanahan**, **Skyla Sullivan**, **Bret Tidymann** and **Benjamin Wamback**.

But these joyful experiences would not have happened without the collaboration of wonderful parents along with **Judi Brennan**, our Director of Religious Education; the youths' catechists, **Mia McDonald** and **Leah DiPilato**; and the class assistants, **Nora Oliver** and **Helena McDonald**. And many thanks to **Jonathan Bezdegian**, our Director of Music, and **Alana Kearney**, our cantor, for the beautiful music offered at our two recent ceremonies.

**'Pivotal Players' has begun...  
...but you can still join in**

'Pivotal Players,' the highly acclaimed video program, began several weeks ago. All of the 'Pivotal Players' videos (they're exquisite) are available **by computer using your Flocknotes account**. We've already told you how to access the videos through **Flocknotes**. You can view the videos in the comfort of your home any time you want. Then, for those who wish to discuss the video for 30 minutes, there are **ZOOM** discussions, again using your computer. They take place on Thursdays (dates below) from **7:15 to 7:45 pm**. Each week you will be sent a **ZOOM** 'invitation' to your email address. For those who've never used **ZOOM** we will send you further instructions for that too. It's quite simple and you will see and hear the other participants on your computer screen. Let us know in advance if you will be participating. You can call Msgr. Sullivan at **508-754-5361** or email him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**. The remaining sessions are: **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); and **St. Ignatius of Loyola: The Founder** (November 19).

**Want to Become Catholic?  
Or Complete Your Sacramental Initiation?**

Monsignor Sullivan is working with adults to be baptized and/or received into the Church at the Easter Vigil Mass in 2021. Please contact him if you are interested. This preparation is 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. **Contact Msgr. Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or tsullivan5@mac.com**. He will also conduct the **Adult Confirmation Preparation Program** for baptized and practicing Catholics who have received First Communion but were never confirmed. We'll meet five times from November to January. Bishop McManus celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults in February.

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Novena to St. Joseph  
Continues Tomorrow**

The 9th Annual Novena to St. Joseph continues tomorrow evening from 7:15-8:00 pm. **Father Stephen Gemme**, a chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital, will be the homilist. There is prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care and to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be mailed to Msgr. Sullivan at the parish (**1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602**), or you can call them in (**508-754-5361**), or you can email them to Msgr. Sullivan at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

**Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !**

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 9:00 am Mass today.

**Congratulations to the Newly Baptized!**

Congratulations to **Vivian Riley Baronowski** who was baptized last Saturday by Monsignor Sullivan. Vivian is the daughter of **Jarod and Kerri (Woods) Baronowski** who had been living in the Boston area following their CTK wedding but have relocated to Worcester and are making Christ the King their church home (where Kerri grew up). The godparents were Julia Baronowski and Brian Woods. Vivian's grandmother, Carol Woods, is a longstanding member of CTK. Vivian, may you always live in the light of Christ!

**UMASS-MEMORIAL HOSPITAL VISITS**

Msgr. Sullivan is honored to support you and your family during times of illness by visiting the hospitals. **NEVER DO UMASS OR MEMORIAL HOSPITALS PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT PATIENTS' RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION. SO YOU MUST CALL US TO LET MSGR. SULLIVAN KNOW THAT A LOVED ONE IS IN THE HOSPITAL. IN ADDITION, UNDER THE NEW COVID-RELATED POLICY AT UMASS(LAKE) THERE CAN BE ONLY THREE VISITORS A DAY AND THE NAME OF THE VISITOR HAS TO BE ON A LIST WHICH THE PATIENT SUBMITS. AND THAT LIST CHANGES EACH DAY. EVEN A VISITING PRIEST MUST BE ONE OF THE THREE ON THAT LIST. SO, IF YOU'D LIKE MSGR. SULLIVAN TO VISIT YOU SHOULD INSURE HIS NAME IS INCLUDED FOR A SPECIFIC DAY AND CONTACT HIM PERSONALLY AT 508-754-5361 ABOUT THE PROPER TIME TO VISIT.**

**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.

**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!

OCTOBER 4, 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).

### SATURDAY CONFESSIONS

**Confessions** are offered **indoors** on Saturday afternoons, from **2:45 to 3:45 pm in the Johnson Room**. You have the option of going to confession anonymously (behind a screen) or face-to-face. Please wear a mask. 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.

### Virtual Trivia and Theology for High School Youth

All high school youth are invited to join us for a new monthly virtual youth ministry series called *Trivia & Theology!* Join us on the **first Sunday of the month beginning today, October 4, from 7-8 pm** as we discuss various difficult questions and issues related to our Catholic faith and how the Church answers those questions. To sign up or for more information, go to [neworchester.org/trivia-and-theology](http://neworchester.org/trivia-and-theology).

### Coming to Mass Now...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **20 weeks**. We are regularly celebrating confessions, baptisms and other sacraments in addition to all our Masses. Persons who are ill should not come to Mass at this time. 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 those pews with tape. 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.

### Virtual Bible Study for Middle School Youth

All middle school youth in 6-8th grade are invited to participate in the Diocesan Middle School Bible Study! Join us for an 8-part study as we take a closer look at Scripture, what it means, and why it is important for our lives. If you are interested in learning more about the Bible and how it all fits together, then this is the perfect opportunity for you! Our study will be broken up into 8 sessions that will be roughly 45 minutes each. These sessions will take place on the **third Sunday of the month beginning on October 18 at 6 pm**. Over the course of the 8 sessions, we will discuss how to read and approach the Bible, the basic story from beginning to end, how to pray with Scripture through "lectio divina", and how the Bible connects to our lives. To sign up or for more information, go to [neworchester.org/middle-school-bible-study](http://neworchester.org/middle-school-bible-study).

### Highlights of the Week Ahead

#### Sunday, October 4

12:00 noon - Flipgrid Email, Grades 1-10

#### Monday, October 5

7:15-8:00 am - Novena to St. Joseph  
with Fr. Stephen Gemme

**Evening** - Women's Guild; Place TBA

#### Wednesday, October 7

7:00 pm - Knight of Columbus

#### Thursday, October 8

7:15-7:45 pm - Pivotal Players by ZOOM

### Let Your Voice Be Heard – Again!

*"Say No to ROE"* The state legislature has extended the session until January 5, 2021. Please remind the members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary that you oppose the expansion of abortion in Massachusetts by calling 617-722-2396 and let them know you are **opposed** to H3320 and S1209 – the ROE legislation. Every telephone call helps! These bills would remove: 1) The requirement that young girls obtain consent before an abortion; 2) the requirement that efforts be made to save a living baby who survives abortion; 3) the requirement that late term abortions be performed in hospitals; and 4) the bills would allow abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy! For more information about how the ROE legislation would expand abortion in Massachusetts visit [www.macatholic.org](http://www.macatholic.org). Thank you!

### Honoring Married Couples on their Wedding Anniversary

Due to the restrictions of the coronavirus pandemic, a public celebration of the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will not be held this year. Congratulatory certificates from Bishop McManus to couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2020 will be issued by postal mail. Couples wishing to receive certificates should complete the registration form at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass) by **October 15** or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

### 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.

### Would You Like to Join Our Parish?

Please contact Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361. Or, you can email him at [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com) and he will respond.

***Christ the King's Day for:  
'40 Days for Life'  
Wednesday, October 14 - Sign Up Now!***

**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 Wednesday, October 14**. Please sign on for one hour if you can.

You can sign on for a time slot anytime now by **Joyce Dubuque**:

**Email: [jhdubuque@aol.com](mailto:jhdubuque@aol.com)**

**Cell: 508-826-0703**

Parking is available at Blessed Sacrament Parish and on Hudson and Dewey Streets. DO NOT park in the lot of the medical building at 475 Pleasant St. Please DO NOT park in the Problem Pregnancy lot during their business hours: M, T, W, 10-4, Th 9-3, F 9-noon.

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