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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)



ALL SAINTS



"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:12a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—October 31st

4:00PM Paul Ghize (mem.) req. of Jack and Diane Staples

Sunday—November 1st

7:30AM Deceased Members of the Jurewicz and Mayette Families

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM James and Gertrude Ryan (mem.) req. of family

Monday—November 2nd

7:00AM Ruth Brennan and Theresa Espanoza (mem.) req. of family

Wednesday—November 4th

7:00AM All Souls

Thursday—November 5th

7:00AM Peter Hai (mem.) req. of family

Friday—November 6th

7:00AM James D. Brock (mem.) req. of The Slavinkas Family

Saturday—November 7th

8:00AM Pat Gibbons (Living—for good health) req. of a friend

4:00PM Joseph Early (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—November 8th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM John H. and Irene Collins (mem.) and John F. Collins (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Donald J. Tobin (75th anniv.) and Sarah "Sally" Scully Tobin (25th anniv.) req. of The Maloney and Dowden Families

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Lorrinda M. Covello**, the daughter of Mary Covello.

Weekday Evening Masses During Advent

For eight years now we have added an additional daily Mass during the weekdays of the holy season of Advent. This has enabled parishioners to come to daily Mass who otherwise are unable to be present for the 7:00 am Masses. We will do so again this year as a great spiritual preparation for Christmas. Each weekday night at 5:30 pm we will offer Mass during Advent. This will commence on Monday, November 30 and conclude on Wednesday, December 23. Please consider joining us.

Pope Francis on 'All Saints'

"Let us ask ourselves what side we are on: that of heaven or that of the earth? Do we live for the Lord or for ourselves, for eternal happiness or for some fulfillment now? Let us ask ourselves: do we really want holiness? Or do we content ourselves with being Christians without disgrace and without praise, who believe in God and esteem others but without going too far? In short, either holiness or nothing!"

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 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)** (Monday); **St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop** (Wednesday) 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). 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: \$6,619.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,610.00;
Mass Stipends: \$105.00; **Donation:** \$500.00; **Fuel:** \$ 120.00;
World Mission: \$25.00; **All Saints:** \$25.00; **All Souls:** \$25.00;
Christmas Flowers: \$20.00; **Easter:** \$5.00; **Good Friday:** \$5.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$5.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$5.00; **Eastern Europe:** \$5.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$5.00; **Assumption:** \$5.00; **Human Development:** \$15.00.

Total: \$9,099.00

BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS

We continue to celebrate all requested baptisms. 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.

Men's Prayer Group This Friday Night

The Men's Prayer Group will meet from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm this Friday night, November 6th, in the church. All men are welcome to join us.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 11:00 am Mass today.

"Sometimes it may seem to us that there is no purpose in our lives, that going day after day for years to this office or that school or factory is nothing else but waste and weariness. But it may be that God has sent us there because but for us, Christ would not be there. If our being there means that Christ is there, that alone makes it worthwhile."

Caryll Houselander

**'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: **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?

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.**

**9th Annual Novena to St. Joseph
Continues Tomorrow**

The 9th Annual Novena to St. Joseph continues tomorrow evening from 7:15-8:00 pm. **Joanne ("Jo") Massarelli**, a parishioner of St. Paul's Cathedral and the Director of the Social Role Valorization Implementation Project, 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**.

**Low Gluten Hosts Available
for Holy Communion**

For several years we've been offering 'low-gluten' hosts for those who cannot tolerate gluten. These hosts meet the requirements of the Catholic Church for Holy Communion in terms of ingredients and gluten content. The Holy See and the American bishops have endorsed certain breads that are low in gluten content. The hosts we use have gluten content of less than 0.01%. It is important for the person requiring this special host to speak to Msgr. Sullivan prior to Mass so that we can offer this special host 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.

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 last March we 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!

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.

Adult Confirmation?

Msgr. Sullivan will conduct the **Adult Confirmation Preparation Program** for baptized and practicing Catholics who have received Baptism and 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. Please be in touch with Msgr. Sullivan by calling **508-754-5361** or by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Coming to Mass Now...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **23 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.

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.

'BABY BOTTLE' DRIVE

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** is concluding now. It's one way in which we put our faith into practice. The funds generated support the mothers and newborn children who receive such high quality hospitality and care through **Visitation House**. The drive is being conducted "virtually." Your donation can be made by going directly to the donations page of Visitation House. When you make a one-time or recurrent donation there is a special box at the bottom indicating that you learned about this drive through the Baby Bottle notice at Christ the King. On behalf of our Women's Guild and the mothers and infants living at Visitation House thank you very much!

Please give here: <https://give.visitationhouse.org/give>

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, November 1 - ALL SAINTS

12:00 pm - Religious Education by FLIPGRID

1:00 pm - Private Baptism

6:00 pm - Confirmation Class, by ZOOM

Monday, November 2 - ALL SOULS

7:15 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Evening - Women's Guild Meeting

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day

Wednesday, November 4

7:00 pm - KofC Meeting, Johnson Room

Thursday, November 5

7:15-8:00 pm - Pivotal Players by ZOOM

Friday, November 6

7:30-8:30 pm - Men's Prayer Group, church

Sunday, November 8

12:00 pm - Religious Education by FLIPGRID

How to Put 'The Priest Retirement Fund' in Your Will

After providing for your family and loved ones, you may wish to put *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund* in your will, thus assuring the care of our 50 retired priests. Bequests are free of estate tax and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government. You can give needed support for *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund* by simply including the following words in your will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund*, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 (insert amount being given here) to be used to support our retired diocesan priests." A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. You can also name *The Diocese of Worcester* as a contingency beneficiary in the event someone named in your will is no longer living. It is recommended that an attorney help in drafting or amending a will.

Women's Guild's Advent Evening of Recollection

Please watch for further information in upcoming weeks but we want you to know that CTK's Advent Evening of Recollection sponsored by the Women's Guild will take place, albeit with a different format. This will take place on Wednesday, December 16. Monsignor Sullivan will offer the 5:30 pm Mass. At 6:00 pm the Guild's guest speaker, Father David Engo, will give an Advent reflection and do so in the body of the church. The Guild is unable to sponsor the dinner this year because of social distancing. We hope the women of the parish will come and hear Father Engo. Save the date now.

VOTE THIS TUESDAY

A few excerpts follow from “*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: The US Bishops’ Reflection on Catholic Teaching and Political Life*”

As a nation, we share many blessings and strengths, including a tradition of religious freedom and political participation. However, as a people, we face serious challenges that are both political and moral. This has always been so and as Catholics we are called to participate in public life in a manner consistent with the mission of our Lord, a mission that he has called us to share. As Pope Francis teaches, “*An authentic faith . . . always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet on which God has put us, and we love the human family which dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. The earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters. If indeed the just ordering of society and of the state is a central responsibility of politics the Church cannot and must not remain on the sidelines in the fight for justice.*”

Love compels us to go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation. That creation refers to every aspect of human life; consequently, the mission of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ has a universal destination. Its mandate of charity encompasses all dimensions of existence, all individuals, all areas of community life, and all peoples. Nothing human can be alien to it. This mandate includes our engagement in political life.

The political realities of our nation present us with opportunities and challenges. We are a nation founded on “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness,” but the right to life itself is not fully protected, especially for unborn children, the terminally ill, and the elderly, the most vulnerable members of the American family. We are called to be peacemakers in a nation sometimes at war. We are a country pledged to pursue “liberty and justice for all,” but we are too often divided across lines of race, ethnicity, and economic inequality. We are a nation of immigrants, struggling to address the challenges of many new immigrants in our midst. We are a society built on the strength of our families, called to defend marriage and offer moral and economic supports for family life. We are a powerful nation in a violent world, confronting terror and trying to build a safer, more just, more peaceful world. We are an affluent society where too many live in poverty and lack health care and other necessities of life. We are part of a global community charged with being good stewards of the earth’s environment, which is being threatened.
