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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)



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher— "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—January 16th

4:00PM Jean King (birthday) req. of family

Sunday—January 17th

7:30AM Deacon Michael Chase (mem.) req. of Renee Johnson

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Dorothy Gagne (mem.) req. of family

Monday—January 18th

7:00AM Richard Trio (mem) req. of Robert Reynolds and Katie Reynolds—Weed

Wednesday—January 20th

7:00AM Sr. Mary Edward Messier, RSM (mem.) req. of a friend

Thursday—January 21st

7:00AM Sr. Carol Proietti, SSA (month's mind) req. of Fran and Ann Weeks

Friday—January 22nd

7:00AM Edward G. Goodman (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

Sunday—January 24th

7:30AM Deacon Michael chase (mem.) req. of a friend

9:00AM Paul Bedard (mem.) req. of John Hanson

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Beverly L. Granger**, the sister of George Albro, **Nancy S. Wysocki**, **Marie E. Jurgelonis**, the sister of Rev. Joseph Jurgelonis, Jr., **Fr. Patrick Brown**, **OCSO**, of St. Joseph's Abbey, and **Maureen A. Bowe**, the sister of Msgr. Michael F. Rose.

Congratulations to Our Youths Who Made First Penance

Please pray for all those children who experienced the Sacrament of Reconciliation (first confession) with Monsignor Sullivan last week at Christ the King. They are: **Sofia Alonso**, **Linda Batchelder**, **Eryn Boquist**, **Nicholas Borek**, **Crosby Boucher**, **Connor Brazile**, **Madeleine Church**, **Madeline Derr**, **Clara Grendol**, **Lillian Head**, **Anthony Marzo**, **Emily Marzo**, **Imani Pascaline Nganza** and **Mollee Whittemore**. And we thank **Judi Brennan** and **Leah DiPilato** who worked so hard in the last few months to prepare the children.

A new book for children!

"Brilliant! 25 Catholic Scientists, Mathematicians and Supersmart People" introduces children to many of the Catholics who have been behind groundbreaking discoveries in science and math. They'll walk in the footsteps of these supersmart Catholics who changed the world and learn how brilliant they can be when they unite faith and science! Watch the video to learn more: <https://store.wordonfire.org/products/brilliant>.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (7:00 am all year; Saturdays 8:00 am all year). The Mass brings many special graces! This week we celebrate **St. Sebastian, Martyr** (Wednesday); **St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr** (Thursday); **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children** (Friday); and **Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin** (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. The donations listed below represent donations made last weekend:

Offertory: \$5,818.00; Online Giving: \$710.00; Mass Stipends: \$35.00; Funeral Stipends: \$600.00; Fuel: \$563.00; Christmas: \$85.00; Priests Retirement: \$25.00; Immaculate Conception: \$25.00; Solemnity of Mary: \$175.00; Our Religious Education: \$225.00; Donations in memory of Mary and Lorrinda Covello: \$50.00; Catholic Home Missions: \$35.00; Catholic University: \$135.00.

Total: \$8,481.00

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.

Facing Fear with Jesus: PPE for the Soul A ZOOM Session

We face many fears: sickness and death from a worldwide pandemic, job, and financial loss, loneliness, and radical changes in our society. We need PPE (personal protective equipment) for our souls and emotions. Explore eight concrete tips from the Bible, the Saints, and our Catholic Faith. The session, which is free, includes prayer, reflection, small group sharing, and talks. Speakers: John and Therese Boucher, Catholic teachers of adults and authors. To be held on **Saturday, Jan. 30 from 9:15-11:30 pm**. Limited spaces available! **Register** by email by **Thursday, Jan. 28** with your name, email, and phone number to Esperanza Oliveras at cje21@verizon.net to receive the **Zoom.com** video session link.

Meeting for Parents of First Eucharist Students

There will be a meeting for parents **this Tuesday, January 19 at 7:00 pm** by ZOOM. At least one parent from each family should be at this informational meeting.

Thanks from the Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Worcester

The parish received a letter from Michelle Beaver, the Director of IHN, last week. She wrote:

“On behalf of the Interfaith Hospitality Network I would like to thank you for the generous financial contribution and the ongoing support of our program. IHN provides a safe, supportive environment for families who are experiencing homelessness. Last year we provided housing, meals, and case management/referral services to 12 families who had nowhere else to turn for help. IHN staff and volunteers are able to do this work thanks to the generosity of you, our donors. Your financial contribution makes it possible for us to continue offering a temporary home to families in crisis. We are truly grateful for all that you do for our families and our program, and we thank you for helping us in our continued efforts to provide shelter and assistance to families who have no place to call home.”

Upcoming Pro-Life Events in January

Did you know that in Dioceses throughout the United States, **January 22** is designated as a **Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Human Life?** As Catholics we are called to observe this day through the penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms, in a way similar to our Lenten practices. Learn more about how you can participate at <https://www.worcesterdiocese.org/jan-22-day-of-prayer>.

All are invited to join Bishop McManus for the **Annual Mass for Life on Thursday, Jan. 28 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester. A special Holy Hour for Life will follow at 7:30 p.m. Please join us as we remember the 48th tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade and pray for an end to abortion and the conversion of our nation. All are welcome!

9 Days for Life is a focused period of prayer, penance, and pilgrimage set aside to mark the tragic anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion during all nine months of pregnancy. **The novena will take place nationwide from January 21 through 29.** During this time, all are invited to participate by joining together with thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a new intention each of the nine days. Visit www.9daysforlife.com to learn more and to download a free app for your smartphone or to sign up for daily emails or text messages with each day's prayer intention. Your prayers matter! Your sacrifices make a difference!

Please join us for a **Pro-Life Morning of Reflection** with Monsignor James Moroney on **Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, 38 High St., Worcester. Additional information and registration information will be available at: [worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life).

HOSPITAL VISITS ON HOLD

We priests have been told that we are unable to visit the sick at St. Vincent's Hospital at this time. The three in-house priest chaplains, all of whom have been vaccinated, are assuming all the pastoral needs of the hospital patients. UMass, Memorial and Fairlawn Hospitals have also been impossible to visit in recent times. We pray that these restrictions will soon be lifted so that we priests can resume visiting the sick in our hospitals.

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.

Special "Collection" on Ash Wednesday

Due to the considerable annual costs of supporting our retired priests, Bishop McManus has announced that there will be a collection to be taken at each Mass on Ash Wednesday in all of our parishes. A collection has never been taken before on Ash Wednesday. The bishop did so after a broad consultation with finance experts, the Diocesan Finance Committee, the Presbyteral Council, pastors, laity, and a special ad hoc committee which worked to make specific recommendations on our annual fiscal challenges.

This collection will be taken this year and each year going forward. Ash Wednesday is February 17th. Offerings can be placed in the basket as parishioners enter the church (as we have been doing). We were able to contact the Waltz Envelope Company which supplies our parishioners with their monthly envelopes and they will include a special envelope for this purpose in the next monthly mailing (arriving at the end of January).

The cost of supporting our retired (50+) diocesan priests is millions of dollars each year. Some of those costs are supported by the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal, some by Forward in Faith funds from over twenty years ago, some by bequests that have been left, some by the annual budget support of all the parishes and some by special burses. But the shortfall often approaches a million dollars per year and in some years exceeds it. And recently the diocese has had to reduce the financial support given to these priests.

And so, we ask for your generosity in this new endeavor.

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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.

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.

Coming to Mass...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **35 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.

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 you can donate online. 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.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Tuesday, January 19

7:00 pm - First Communion Parents' Meeting
By Zoom

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!

TELEVISED MASSES

WCCA TV, Spectrum Cable **Channel 194** in Worcester now airs the Daily Mass from St. Paul's Cathedral from Monday to Friday at 9am. WCCA TV Ch. 194 will also air the Sunday Mass in Spanish on Sundays at 8:00 am and the Mass in English at 10:00 am. All Masses will also stream live at those times at wccatv.com.

Interfaith Hospitality Network January, 2021

Christ the King Parish returns to the Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter at 91 June St, Worcester on January 24 through January 31. For the past 24 years we have gathered parish volunteers to host our community homeless. Once again we are asking for your assistance in donating meals, chaperoning during evening hours, overnight supervision and grocery gift cards. Any donation amount is appreciated. Strict COVID restrictions are enforced and volunteers will be briefed as they communicate with our coordinators on these matters.

Please call either **Celeste Hedge (508-735-3997)** or **Janet Rauptis (508-450-7496)** to offer your time and assist us during the week of January 24-31. Your participation in this ministry is a beautiful manifestation of your commitment to the Gospel's invitation to love your neighbor.

Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public

Monsignor Sullivan is a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized you are welcome to call upon him. There is no fee. Just call the rectory should you need this service.

The 'March for Life' This Year

Catholics across the country are encouraged to observe a nationwide prayer vigil from Thursday, January 28 to Friday, January 29, 2021 marking the 48th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's 1973 *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions legalizing abortion through nine months of pregnancy. Since those decisions, over 60 million abortions have been performed legally in the United States. Each January, the National Prayer Vigil for Life is hosted by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Pro-Life Secretariat, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, and The Catholic University of America's Office of Campus Ministry to pray for an end to abortion and a greater respect for all human life. While thousands of pilgrims typically attend the vigil in person each year, the Basilica will not be open to the public for the 2021 vigil due to local attendance restrictions in place because of the coronavirus pandemic. In response, this year, for the first time ever, in addition to the televised Mass, bishops in dioceses across the country will be taking turns leading live-streamed holy hours every hour on the hour throughout the all-night vigil.

The vigil will begin with a live broadcast at 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 28 from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. with a rosary, followed by Mass opening the National Prayer Vigil for Life. The principal celebrant and homilist for the opening Mass will be Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas City in Kansas, who is chairman of the Committee on Pro-Life Activities for the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). After the Mass and throughout the night, holy hours led by bishops from various dioceses around the country will be broadcast on the USCCB's website: www.usccb.org. The vigil concludes at 8:00 AM on Friday, January 29 with Mass celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore.

The schedule of the 2021 National Prayer Vigil for Life is as follows: **Thursday, January 28:** 8:00 pm National Rosary for Life; 8:30 pm Opening Mass with Archbishop Naumann; 9:45 pm Holy Hour for Life; 11:00 pm Live-stream of holy hours throughout the night; **Friday, January 29:** 8:00 am Closing Mass with Archbishop Lori. The live television broadcasts on January 28 from 8:00-11:00 pm and on January 29 from 8:00-9:00 pm will be provided by the Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) and will also be available via live-stream on the Basilica's website: www.nationalshrine.org. Live-streaming information for the over-night bishop-led holy hours from various dioceses will be provided on the USCCB's website: www.usccb.org.
