



# 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)



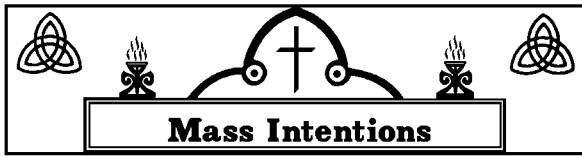
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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## CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



### Saturday—January 23rd

4:00PM Francis Bafaro (mem.) and Theresa Bafaro (mem.) req. of Peggy Picard

### 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

### Monday—January 25th

7:00AM Veronique Tritle (Living, birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

### Saturday—January 30th

8:00AM Nancy Wysocki (mem.) req. of Edd and Donna Byrnes  
4:00PM Francis Bafaro (mem.) and Theresa Bafaro (mem.) req. of Peggy Picard

### Sunday—January 31st

7:30AM Catherine Warner (mem.) req. of Fran and Betty Ann Warner  
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King  
11:00AM Earl Gagne (mem.) req. of family

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Michael P. Sweeney**.

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

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

### 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>.

### 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.

### 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 **Conversion of St. Paul** (Monday); **Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops** (Tuesday); **St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder** (Wednesday); **St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); 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. The donations listed below represent donations made last weekend:

**Offertory:** \$5,411.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,725.00;  
**Mass Stipends:** \$210.00; **Fuel:** \$220.00; **Christmas:** \$20.00;  
**Solemnity of Mary:** \$30.00;  
**Our Religious Education:** \$35.00; **Donations in memory of Nancy Wysocki:** \$10.00; **Catholic University:** \$5.00; **Wedding Stipend:** \$250.00; **Donation:** \$50.00.

**Total: \$7,966.00**

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:cje21@verizon.net) to receive the **Zoom.com** video session link.

### Confirmation Classes

The two different Confirmation classes will meet next week as planned. The Sunday night group will meet Sunday, **January 31**, from **6:00 to 7:15 pm**. The Monday night group will meet on Monday, **February 1**, from **7:00 to 8:15 pm**. Both groups meet in the Johnson Room.

**Agencies & Ministries  
Supported by the Annual  
Partners in Charity Appeal**

**Charity**

Catholic Charities  
Priests' Retirement  
McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys  
Pernet Family Health Service  
Retired Priests Health Ministry  
St. John Diocesan Cemetery System

**Ministry**

African Ministry  
Hispanic Apostolate  
Catholic Campus Ministry  
Minister to Priests  
Office for Divine Worship  
Office of Hispanic/Latino Ministry  
Office of Marriage and Family  
Office of the Diaconate  
Respect Life Office  
St. Paul's Cathedral  
Vocations Office & House of Studies  
Youth & Young Adult Ministries

**Education**

Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity  
Catholic Schools Office  
Communications Ministry  
Grant-in-Aid for Schools  
Office of Religious Education  
Ongoing Priestly Formation  
Seminarian Education

**Annual Mass for Life  
This Thursday**

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!

**CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group'  
Meets Each First Friday  
February 5, 7:30-8:30 pm**

Tony Penny and Anthony Zamarro of our parish spearhead this group for men's spiritual growth. We meet for prayer and spiritual development for one hour in the evening on First Friday in the church. The format varies a bit from month to month but we will incorporate prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual talk. Following the hour the men may get a bite to eat off campus. All Catholic men are invited and welcome, not just parishioners. The group meets on First Fridays from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.

**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.

**St. Peter Central Catholic  
OPEN HOUSE**

St. Peter Central Catholic Elementary School, located at 865 Main Street, will host an Open House on Sunday, January 31, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm **by appointment only**. Please contact Meg Kursonis at [meg.kursonis@stpetercc.com](mailto:meg.kursonis@stpetercc.com) or by phone at 508-791-6496. Please respect COVID protocols. St. Peter's has openings in Grades Pre-K through 8. For further information call 508-791-6496 or visit their website at [www.stpetercentralcatholic.com](http://www.stpetercentralcatholic.com).

**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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**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 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](mailto:mindy1052@gmail.com).

### Coming to Mass...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **36 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](http://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](http://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.

### Interfaith Hospitality Network Our Service Begins Today

Christ the King Parish returns to the Interfaith Hospitality Network Shelter at 91 June St, Worcester **today, January 24 and we work 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 Rauktis (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.

### 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](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com)) or Kris Correia ([krisedpa@live.com](mailto: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](http://wccatv.com).

### 'ASH WEDNESDAY'

#### WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 17th

We know it is still a few weeks away but in the spirit of preparing in advance these days (due to the pandemic) we wanted you to know some things about it, especially those things that will be different.

On Wednesday, February 17th, we'll celebrate **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of Lent. We will celebrate 6 Masses, spread throughout the day, enabling everyone to find the time to come to Mass, receive Ashes and begin the holy season of Lent. We will continue with our tradition of offering six Masses. While we have always had good size congregations for all these Ash Wednesday Masses, having six Masses makes more sense this year than ever before. It will spread out the congregational sizes that much more.

The Masses will be at **7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 noon, 3:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm**. Music will be offered at the last three Masses.

We have been informed as to the new (pandemic-related) manner for the distribution of ashes and describe it here: The priest will bless the ashes with a prayer and sprinkle the ashes with holy water in the customary fashion. Then he will address all those present and **only once say**, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." The priest (or priests) will then cleanse his hands, put on a face mask and distribute the ashes. Individual Q-tips will be used to apply ashes to each forehead without saying anything. After each individual use the Q-tip will be discarded.

As we have been doing with Communion we will distribute ashes on one side of the church at a time.

## 2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

My dear fellow parishioners,

I write to ask your kind consideration of a gift to the 2021 *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. I'm confident that you are already aware that this appeal supports all our essential diocesan charities. This annual campaign has been essential to the works of the Diocese since 1960. But we need the help of all parishioners more than ever to meet our diocesan needs. Many of us have witnessed all that is accomplished through *Partners in Charity*. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Just a few examples are these: those living at the Nazareth Home for Boys - the care of about fifty retired priests - poor families served by Pernet Family Health Service - seniors receiving home health care - children seeking a good education - those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate - and the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more!

Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. Our parish goal is \$110,700. The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year and that will take a lot of us pitching in to achieve it! Last year, while Christ the King exceeded its goal, the Diocese was several hundred thousand dollars short of its goal, largely because of the pandemic.

Most of our most faithful parishioners have not been able to return to Mass so I've written a letter to everyone. We will not be able to have an in-pew appeal as we have in the past. What is not conducive to hygienic best practices just now is the common touching of pens, envelopes, collection baskets, etc. Our appeal will largely be through the mail. If you plan on sending a **check** it should be made **payable** to *Partners in Charity*. You can also donate **online** by going to **partners-charity.net/donate**. Or you can **text** your gift by texting the word **donate** to **84576**. You can even call-in your pledge to 508-929-4366 (Mondays-Thursdays).

I am most grateful to you. May the Lord bless you for your goodness and generosity!

Sincerely yours,

*Monsignor Tom Sullivan*

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