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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)



5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He told them, "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come." - Mk 1:38

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—February 6th

4:00PM Larry O'Connell (10th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—February 7th

7:30AM Jean Moynihan (mem.) req. of Renee Johnson

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

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—February 8th

7:00AM Janice Santo (mem.) req. of a friend

Wednesday—February 10th

7:00AM Thanksgiving for Healing req. of Yvonne Nguyen

Friday—February 12th

7:00AM All Souls req. of Yvonne Nguyen

Saturday—February 13th

8:00AM Theresa and Francis Bafaro (mem.) req. of Bill and Kathy Adams

4:00PM George J. Allen (mem.) req. of The Coppinger Family

Sunday—February 14th

7:30AM Rob Campbell (mem.) req. of a friend

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Leo Sheehy (10th anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Lillian B. McGinn**, the mother of Anne Tangney and **John "Jack" J. Staples**.

Tuesday Night Confessions During Lent

Some years ago Bishop McManus requested that every parish in the Diocese of Worcester offer opportunities for Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance; confessions) on Lenten Tuesdays **between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. This was part of an initiative called "**Come Home to God's Mercy**." We have always done this and will be hearing confessions those evenings. Lent is a wonderful time to receive God's mercy in this extraordinary Sacrament.

Diocesan Scouting Mass

The Diocesan Scouting Mass for Youth is a celebration for members of the American Heritage Girls, Girl Scouts of the USA and Scouts-BSA. It will be celebrated on **February 28th at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's Cathedral** to bring these three organizations serving youths together as a diocesan community to commemorate the founding of the American Heritage Girls and Scouts-BSA in early February and the Girl Scouts in early March. This qualifies for the Girl Scout Sunday Patch or the Scouts-BSA Scout Sunday Patch and American Heritage Girls Scout Sunday patch. All scout participants are asked to come in uniform and to bring their unit flag and stand.

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. Jerome Emiliani** (Monday); **St. Scholastica, Virgin** (Wednesday); **Our Lady of Lourdes** (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). 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: \$7,028.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,855.00;
Mass Stipends: \$180.00; **Fuel:** \$162.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$42.00; **Our Religious Education:** \$70.00; **Home Mission:** \$339.00; **Donation:** \$50.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$196.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$75.00; **One Church:** \$40.00; **Catholic University:** \$33.00.

Total: \$10,070.00

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.

Scout Sunday Today

Today, Sunday, February 7, at the 9:00 am Mass, we will welcome all those scouts associated with our parish on *Scout Sunday*.

Confirmation Classes

The two different Confirmation classes will meet tonight and tomorrow as planned. The Sunday night group will meet tonight, Sunday, **February 7**, from **6:00 to 7:15 pm**. The Monday night group will meet tomorrow night, Monday, **February 8**, from **7:00 to 8:15 pm**. Both groups meet in the Johnson Room.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

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

**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

**Music with Cantor
At 2 Masses Begins Soon**

Beginning with the First Sunday of Lent, February 21, Alana Kearney will be the cantor at our 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses each weekend for the foreseeable future. Many will remember what a beautiful job she did for us at all five Christmas Masses. Not only will she lead the processional and recessional hymns but will lead us in the Responsorial Psalm as well as the various sung Mass parts. Up until now we have recited the Responsorial Psalm. She has agreed to assist us at least through Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd. Welcome, Alana!

**Extra Daily Masses in Lent
& Your Mass Intentions**

Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 17, we will have a 5:30 pm Mass each weekday during Lent. This has been a tradition of ten years. For those still concerned about coming to a Sunday Mass we invite you to consider these (much smaller) daily Masses.

Also, if you have a Mass intention but find the morning Mass is already taken by someone else, or if it is convenient for you to make it, you may want to consider designating this late afternoon Mass for your intention. Some have already done so. If interested, just call Mindy at 508-754-5361. These Masses at 5:30 pm run on weekdays (Mon-Fri) from Wednesday, February 17 through Wednesday, March 31, the day before Holy Thursday.

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.

**Stations of the Cross
on Lenten Friday Afternoons**

This Lent we will return to the tradition of celebrating the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. The time will be at **3:00 p.m.** For many years we celebrated the Stations (at night) but when the crowds dwindled this tradition was discontinued. So, this year we thought we would renew the Stations and try it at 3:00 p.m. The service should last about 30 minutes. We **begin** this new practice on **Friday, February 19.**

**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, lay, 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 53 retired diocesan priests is \$2.2-\$2.6 million dollars each year. An additional 42 priests will reach retirement age (75) within the next nine years. 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 modify the financial support given to these priests. And so, we ask for your generosity in this new endeavor.

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 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.

Coming to Mass...

We've had a safe re-opening Mass experience for the past **38 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.

Good Friday Service at 3:00 pm on April 2nd

Traditionally, our solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday has been in the evening. Last year (because of COVID) we could not enjoy the Living Stations (afternoon) nor the solemn celebration (evening). As you know we still cannot have the Living Stations this year (due to social distancing of the teen actors) but we must do the solemn celebration. This year we will have that service, the Church's principal service on this special day, **at 3:00 p.m.** Hopefully, more will come to it than in the recent past. For many, Good Friday may be a day off from work and school. Throughout the Church's long tradition the afternoon is actually the preferred time. We have noticed in recent years that attendance on Good Friday afternoon's Living Stations has been far higher than the solemn celebration in the evening. So, we are going to try this principal service on Good Friday afternoon. This is a decision for this year alone.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, February 7

Religious Education, Grades 1-10 by Flipgrid
6:00-7:15 pm - Confirmation Class, Johnson Room

Monday, February 8

7:00-8:15 pm - Confirmation Class, Johnson Room

'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.

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.

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!

SCOUT SUNDAY

The Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY: Tell the truth and keep promises. People can depend on you. **LOYAL:** Show that you care about your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country. **HELPFUL:** Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward. **FRIENDLY:** Be a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from you. **COURTEOUS:** Be polite to everyone and always use good manners. **KIND:** Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason. **OBEDIENT:** Follow the rules of your family, school, and pack. Obey the laws of your community and country. **CHEERFUL:** Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy. **THRIFTY:** Work to pay your own way. Try not to be wasteful. Use time, food, supplies, and natural resources wisely. **BRAVE:** Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what you think is right despite what others might be doing or saying. **CLEAN:** Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean. **REVERENT:** Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.
