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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)



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." - Mk 1:14-15

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—February 20th

4:00PM John and Patricia Dolan, Jr. (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—February 21st

7:30AM Sr. Ellen Guerin, RSM (mem.) req. of a friend

9:00AM Kirwin and Elizabeth Matthews (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—February 22nd

7:00AM All Souls req. of Yvonne Nguyen

Tuesday—February 23rd

7:00AM Dominico Nen Nguyen (mem.) req. of Yvonne Nguyen

Wednesday—February 24th

7:00AM Robert F. Sullivan (4th anniv.) req. of James D. Brock

5:30PM Charles Hanson (mem.) req. of family

Thursday—February 25th

7:00AM Catherine V. Black (mem.) req. of family

5:30PM Emily Czyzewski (mem.) req. of Mark and Monique Czyzewski

Friday—February 26th

7:00AM John "Jack" Staples (mem.) req. of Roger and Joyce Dubuque

Saturday—February 27th

8:00AM James Rourke (mem.) req. of family

4:00PM Zachary Ford (10th anniv.), Barry Johnson (7th anniv.), and Rita Finnegan Fraser (36th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—February 28th

7:30AM Catherine Warner (mem.) req. of Fran and Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Carlos, Maria and Elsa Sarmiento (mem.) and Francisco and Maria Escobar (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Joan M. McMaster**, the sister in law of Margaret Farrey, **Kosta Karazurna**, the uncle of Jackie Penny, and **Thomas M. Stachura**, the brother of Rev. Thaddeus Stachura.

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.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (**7:00 am all year; also Lenten weekdays (Mon-Fri at 5:30 pm each day; Saturdays 8:00 am all year)**). The Mass brings many special graces! This week we celebrate the feast of **The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle** (Monday). All the other days of the week will be Lenten weekday Masses.

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: \$5,239.14.00; Online Giving: \$1,760.00; Mass Stipends: \$110.00; Fuel: \$564.00; Home Mission: \$25.00; Donation: \$55.00; Catholic Free Press: \$313.00; Ash Wednesday: \$330.00; One Church: \$35.00; Religious Retirement: \$750.00; Easter Flowers: \$30.00; Good Friday: \$15.00; Catholic Relief: \$60.00; Haiti Twinning: \$20.00; Donations in memory of John "Jack" Staples: \$175.00.

Total: \$8,806.14

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.

Confirmation Classes

The two different Confirmation classes will meet today and tomorrow as planned. The Sunday night group will meet tonight, Sunday, **February 21**, from **6:00 to 7:15 pm**. The Monday night group will meet tomorrow, Monday, **February 22**, from **7:00 to 8:15 pm**. Both groups meet in the Johnson Room.

Congratulations Newly-Confirmed

Congratulations to **Carmine Joseph Gugliotti** and **Gianna Lillian Gugliotti** who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday at St. Paul's Cathedral. Bishop McManus confirmed this brother-sister duo in the annual special Confirmation Mass for adults which always takes place in February. Monsignor Sullivan has been working with Carmine ("C.J.") and Gianna in recent months to prepare for this celebration in which they became fully-initiated members of the Catholic Church. May God bless you both!

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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
Seminar Education

Diocesan Scouting Mass Next Sunday

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 next Sunday, **February 28th at 10 am, 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.

Extra Daily Masses in Lent & Your Mass Intentions

We have a 5:30 pm Mass each weekday during Lent, rain, snow or shine. 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 Lenten Friday Afternoons Continues

We have returned to the tradition of celebrating the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. We began this past Friday. The time is **3:00 pm**. For many years we celebrated the Stations (at night) but when the crowds dwindled this tradition was discontinued. We have now brought it back. We encourage you to join in.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 7:30 am Mass today.

Homelessness: the Other Pandemic

Hotel Grace is a 24/7 shelter in Worcester that is helping young, middle-aged and older adults find shelter and food throughout the wintertime. More than that, it provides dignity to people, no questions asked. **Hotel Grace** is in great need of volunteers. Please go to www.netofcompassion.org to find out how you can help during these freezing cold days.

Music with Cantor At 2 Masses Begins Today

Beginning today, the First Sunday of Lent, 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 reciting the Responsorial Psalm. She has agreed to assist us at least through Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd. Welcome, Alana!

Women's Guild's Lenten Evening of Recollection

Please watch for further information in upcoming weeks but we want you to know that CTK's Lenten Evening of Recollection sponsored by the Women's Guild will take place, albeit with a different format. This will take place on **Tuesday, March 9**. Monsignor Sullivan and Father John Gavin, S.J. will celebrate the 5:30 pm Mass. At 6:00 pm the Guild's guest speaker, **Father Gavin**, will give a Lenten reflection and do so in the body of the church.

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 **40 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 21

Religious Ed Classes by Flipgrid
6:00-7:15 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, February 22

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
7:00-8:15 pm - Confirmation Class

Tuesday, February 23

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions

Wednesday, February 24

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
2:30 pm - Mustard Seed Food Prep

Thursday, February 25

Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm

Friday, February 26

Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm
3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, February 28

Religious Ed Classes by Flipgrid

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!

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Looking for Work?

It has come to our attention that *ARCHway*, a service agency which staffs and runs the Nazareth Home for Boys, is looking for workers. If you are interested in learning more you can contact the Residential Director, Sharon Combs, by calling her at 508-892-4707 or emailing her at scombs@archwayinc.org. The Nazareth Home is located at 77 Mulberry Street in Leicester.

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*. **As I write this letter (last Monday) just 24% of our parishioners have made a gift. That's 200 families. But we need everyone's gift. We average donations from about 350 families each year. There are 835 families in the parish.** 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. This year will be far more challenging.

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. Our appeal will largely be through the mail and **all registered parishioners have received a letter**. 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
