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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.

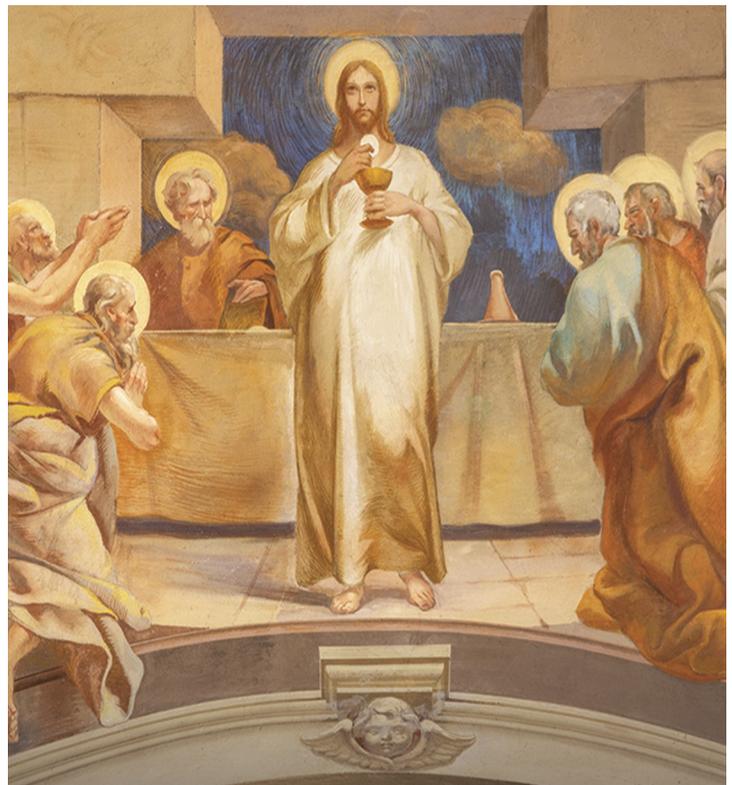
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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)



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. - Jn 3:20-21

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—March 13th

4:00PM Mary Law (mem.) req. of sister, Eileen Cofske

Sunday—March 14th

7:30AM Bradford Howlett (mem.) req. of a friend

9:00AM Roy Correa (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—March 15th

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

5:30PM Deceased members of the Rauptis Family

Tuesday—March 16th

7:00AM Leo F. Dalbec (71st birthday) req. of family

Thursday—March 18th

5:30PM Rita and Anatole Richard (mem.) req. of Mark and Monique Czyzewski

Saturday—March 20th

4:00PM John “Jack” Staples (mem.) req. of Friends from Western New England Univ. School of Law

Sunday—March 21st

7:30AM Nora N. Hines (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM George F., Sr. and Judith M. Aubin (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Rev. D. Timothy O’Mara.**

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 two weeks ago. 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.

Music with Cantor Continues at 2 Sunday Masses

Alana Kearney continues in her role as the cantor at our 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday Masses each weekend and for the foreseeable future. She has agreed to assist us at least through Pentecost Sunday on May 23rd.

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 all the Masses will be Lenten weekday Masses with the exception of this coming **Friday, March 19th**, when we celebrate the **Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**.

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: \$7,679.50; **Online Giving:** \$2,145.00;
Mass Stipends: \$200.00; **Fuel:** \$679.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$195.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$385.00; **One Church:** \$35.00;
Easter Flowers: \$250.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$175.00; **Good Friday:** \$155.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$20.00; **Donation:** \$150.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$20.00.

Total: \$12,088.50

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.

A Change in the ‘Doxology’ of The Collect (Opening Prayer)

Effective on Ash Wednesday came a change in the ‘Doxology’ (the conclusion) of *The Collect* (the opening prayer of the Mass). The Congregation for Divine Worship in Rome has pointed out that the conclusion “in the unity of the Holy Spirit, **one** God, for ever and ever” is incorrect. In the Latin text, the word “one” does not appear. Thus, we will no longer say it. Going forward the priest will just say, “in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.”

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'40 Days for Life' Participation by Christ the King Parishioners Tuesday, March 23 - Please Join Us!

YOU can help save lives by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. We will pray again that, with God's help, our 'witness' and that of many others will be the beginning of the end of abortion in Worcester. We pray outside the **Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 470 Pleasant Street**. Christ the King parishioners will be praying there between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. **on Tuesday, March 23**. Please sign on for one hour if you can. You can "sign on" to participate anytime now by contacting either of these parish leaders: **Joyce Dubuque** (Tel: 508-826-0703; email address: jhdubuque@aol.com) or **Claire Weirich** (Tel: 508-791-0678; email address: weirich.ralph@gmail.com). We know that some will not be able to join us that day. Perhaps you would consider becoming a "prayer partner" that day. From home you could pray and fast that day in solidarity with the rest of us.

Perhaps you have heard that **Planned Parenthood has just released their latest annual report showing the most abortions ever** (354,871 in their 2019/2020 annual report vs. 197,070 in their 2001/2002 annual report...which is oddly titled, "Creating Hope for Humanity"). Meanwhile their provision of healthcare (breast exams, Pap tests, prenatal care) is down substantially since 2000. We need to match this news with renewed resolve to pray for eyes to be opened and hearts to be changed.

Thanks for the Church Sanitizing

As we have said numerous times the church is being sanitized after each Mass. In a special way we want to thank those three families who have been doing it on weekends: the Zamarros, the McDonalds and the Pennys. What a great effort they've made after all the Masses since we re-opened last May 23. Monsignor Sullivan, our custodian Thaddeus Iwueke and volunteer Jim Hanlan have been doing it during the week and after funerals and weddings. In coming to Mass you are coming into a safe and clean environment.

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

We priests have been told that we are unable to visit the sick at the hospitals at this time. The in-house priest chaplains, all of whom have been vaccinated, are assuming all the pastoral needs of the hospital patients. We pray that these restrictions will soon be lifted so that we priests can resume visiting the sick in our hospitals. **However, if you would like to have a loved one visited by a priest and you let us know, Monsignor Sullivan can communicate that request to an in-house priest chaplain at all three major hospitals in the city.**

Next Saturday, March 20 Catholic Men's Conference Schedule

If you purchased a ticket for last year's (cancelled) conference we already know who you are. On Thursday, March 18 you will receive an email with a link to the 2021 conference. You do not have to pay anything. If you did not purchase a ticket last year and would like to participate in this year's 'remote and interactive' conference please call Joan DeMasi at 508-929-4345 for a ticket (\$20). You can view this year's entire conference from home or with friends.

12:00 noon to 12:45 pm ~ Welcome by **Bishop McManus** followed by: **Dr. Scott Hahn**: "*The Road to Emmaus: The Path to Lifelong Conversion*" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn

12:45 pm to 1:30 pm ~ **Bishop Robert Reed**: "*O God, Just Give Me One More Chance*" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Bishop Reed

1:45 pm to 2:45 pm ~ **Luis Soto**: "*Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas*" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Luis Soto

2:45 pm to 4:00 pm ~ **Dr. Scott Hahn**: "*The Power of the Sacraments*" ~ then 'Live' Questions & Answers with Scott Hahn

4:00-5:00 pm ~ Mass with **Bishop Robert Reed** of Boston

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.

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 **ten months**. We are regularly celebrating confessions, baptisms, funerals 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 should 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.

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!

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, March 14

10:00-11:00 am - Grades 8 & 9 Religious Ed.
Other Rel Ed Classes by Flipgrid
11:00 am Mass - 2nd Scrutiny for 'Elect'
6:00-7:15 pm - Confirmation Class, Johnson Rm.

Monday, March 15

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
7:00-8:15 pm - Confirmation Class, Johnson Rm.

Tuesday, March 16

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

Wednesday, March 17 - St. Patrick

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

Thursday, March 18

Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm

Friday, March 19 - St. Joseph

Masses at 7 am and 5:30 pm
3:00 pm - Stations of the Cross
7:15 pm - CYC Movie Event, Millbury

Sunday, March 21

7:30 am Mass - 3rd Scrutiny for 'Elect'
10:00-11:00 am - Grades 8 & 9 Religious Ed.
Other Rel Ed Classes by Flipgrid
6:00-7:15 pm - Confirmation Class, Johnson Rm.

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.

CYC Movie Event: Friday

And now the CYC "re-opens." Consider joining us for a movie night at the Showcase Cinema at Blackstone Valley this coming Friday night, March 19. Movie time is 7:15 pm. We have rented the theatre but we have a cap of 20 persons (including members and adult chaperones). You must arrive at the theatre on your own by 7 pm. Concessions will be open (on you). There is no cost to see the movie (we are unsure what it will be). Parents are welcome. If interested contact Anne Thompson at 774-239-2018 or by email: adthompson6@charter.net.

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 early last week about 30% of our parishioners have made a gift. That's 244 families. There are 835 families in the parish. But we need everyone's gift. We average donations from about 350 families each year.** 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. **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-Fridays).

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

Sincerely yours,

Monsignor Tom Sullivan
