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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 OF EASTER

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—April 10th

4:00PM Joanne V. St. Martin (5th anniv.) req. of her children

Sunday—April 11th

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

9:00AM Marcellaisse Brodruer (20th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Mary Covello (mem.) req. of The Christ the King Decorating Committee

1:00PM Luigi Carbone (mem.) req. of family

Monday—April 12th

7:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Tuesday—April 13th

7:00AM Ann Frost (mem.) req. of Jack and Julie O'Connor

Wednesday—April 14th

7:00AM Denise Heisler (Living—birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

Thursday—April 15th

7:00AM Elizabeth Fyrberg (8th anniv.) req. of family

Friday—April 16th

7:00AM Susan Burke (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—April 17th

8:00AM Emile R. Quillia (90th anniv.) req. of James D. Brock

4:00PM Gary Ojerholm (mem.) req. of Joseph and Sheila Sullivan

Sunday—April 18th

7:30AM Joan M. Sheehan (34th anniv.) req. of grandson PJ

9:00AM James Gallagher (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **David A. Harris**, the father of David Harris.

Welcome Father John Gavin, S.J. !

Father John Gavin, SJ, will be celebrating our 9:00 am Mass on this Easter Sunday.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (7:00 am Monday-Friday all year; Saturdays at 8:00 am). The Mass brings many special graces! This week all the Masses are daily celebrations of the Easter season. The Mass on Tuesday can also memorialize the martyr, St. Martin I, pope.

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 the **last two weekends** due to early bulletin printing schedules:

Offertory: \$14,315.00; **Online Giving:** \$2,900.00;
Mass Stipends: \$70.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$300.00; **Fuel:** \$27.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$30.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$412.00;
Good Friday: \$897.00; **Donation:** \$610.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$113.00; **Easter:** \$5,077.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$83.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$5.00; **Wedding Stipend:** \$300.00; **Ascension:** \$50.00;
Church in Latin America: \$5.00.

Total: \$25,294.00

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.

Congratulations to the Newly Baptized and Confirmed!

Congratulations to **Larissa Ellen Murphy** and **Ashante Safari Kamenya** who were baptized, confirmed and received the Holy Eucharist for the first time at our Easter Vigil Mass. And we are very appreciative of the efforts of their very committed sponsors, **Dennis O'Connor** and **Keith Landers** respectively, who worked with them during our lengthy RCIA process. And we are grateful for the support of their family members. Welcome to the Catholic Church, Larissa and Ashante! May the Risen Lord bless you always.

Calling all St. Joseph's!

Emmanuel Catholic Radio is halfway to our "Year of St. Joseph" 100-men goal. Accept the challenge to live like St. Joseph for 100 days in prayer and action. To join call (508) 767-1230.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Lent & Easter Thanks

On this week following Easter I wish to thank all those on the parish staff who worked so hard to make our Holy Week spiritually fruitful: Father Richard Reidy, Jonathan Bezdegian, Thaddeus Iwueke, Mindy Dulude and Judi Brennan. In addition, I offer my thanks to Father John Gavin, SJ, who participated in our Triduum and Easter celebrations.

The music for all our services was exceptionally inspiring. We are very grateful to Jonathan, the Director of Liturgical Music, for his leadership and Alana Kearney for her wonderful service as our cantor.

I am grateful to all our extraordinary ministers, lectors and altar servers for making our Holy Week liturgies so beautiful...and to those families who have continued to sanitize the church regularly.

I am thankful to those who decorated the church so beautifully for these holiest of days.

I express my gratitude to God for all our catechists who so regularly commit to the spiritual formation of our young people and who complete this year's teaching in a few weeks.

I appreciated the presence of so many parishioners and guests at our Sunday and weekday liturgies. I am also very thankful to those who regularly contribute to the parish and the Diocese, and to those who donated towards our purchase of Easter flowers.

May the Risen Lord bless you all, each and every one!

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

Social Day Trip Run by Parishioner Dick Pinkes thru the Retired Men's Club of Greendale

400th Anniversary of Pilgrims'
Arrival in the New World

July 28, 2021 (Wednesday)...\$126 per person included all gratuities and features listed below.

Highlights: Join us as we travel to Plymouth, MA to celebrate the 400 anniversary of the Pilgrims landing (one year late) in the new world and establishing Plymouth Colony. We'll spend the day at Plymouth Plantation, starting with an educational guided tour through the 17th century English village including the Wampanoag Homesite, the visitor's center, Craft Center, and the Nye Barn. After the guided tour we will have an **unforgettable dining experience**. We will sit down together family style and enjoy a Wampanoag Social feast. We will enjoy a fun and educational experience hosted by a Museum Educator that will offer us a slice of 17th century life while we enjoy a classic Wampanoag meal made with fresh seasonal ingredients. After lunch we have tickets to view the Mayflower II. On the way home we'll make stops at the Grist Mill (admission included) and Plymouth Rock. A copy of Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate required.

HOSPITAL VISITS

We priests have been told that we are still 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 know that only one visitor per day is allowed for each patient and that generally eliminates the visit of a priest. 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.**

2021 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

My dear fellow parishioners,

I 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. And 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. **The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year** and that will take a lot of us pitching in to achieve it! Last year, the Diocese was several hundred thousand dollars short of its goal, largely because of the pandemic. This year is more challenging.

Most parishioners have yet to return to Mass so I've written to everyone. Our appeal has been conducted through the mail and we hope all will respond. 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).

May the Lord bless you for your goodness and generosity!

Sincerely yours,
Monsignor Tom Sullivan

Donation to Interfaith Hospitality Network

As you know, for many years we have supported the Interfaith Hospitality Network (specifically the residence at 91 June Street) which offers shelter to homeless families while they get back on their feet. We contribute money, meals and food cards and staff it two weeks every year. Other churches do the same. Our parish recently made a donation of \$500 to IHN's annual *Virtual Evening of Hope* in further support of this wonderful charitable program. We have received a letter of thanks from Michelle Beaver, the Executive Director. Thanks for your goodness.

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 **nearly eleven 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

It is quite obvious to many that the parish is not asleep. A great deal of work is being conducted and many activities have returned in recent months. 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.

Masses Resume at Jewish Home

Another sign that things are "opening up" is that Msgr. Sullivan has been invited to resume his celebration of a Mass each month at the Jewish Healthcare Center. The first one is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday, April 12. It will be good to return there regularly.

In-Person CYC Meeting Today / Sunday

The CYC will have an in-person meeting in the Johnson Room **this (Sunday) morning**, April 11. Masks and social distancing are necessary. Come to the 9:00 am Mass. Following Mass, at about 9:45 am, the meeting will begin.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, April 11 - 'Divine Mercy'

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am
9:45 am - CYC Meeting, Johnson Room
10:00-11:00 am - Rel. Ed. for Grades 8 & 9
Flipgrid for other Religious Ed Classes
1:00 pm - Mass for Luigi Carbone
2:00-4:00 pm - First Communion Retreat
6:00-7:15 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, April 12

7:00-8:15 pm - Confirmation Class

Tuesday, April 13

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, April 18

Masses at 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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!

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.

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.

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.

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday!

The world was in the midst of the Great Depression in 1931 and the memories of World War I were still very much alive in the minds of Europeans when in Poland a sister of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), is said to have been personally visited by Jesus. According to her diary, which was listed on the Index of Forbidden Books for more than 20 years, an image was revealed to her of the risen Lord, from whose heart shone two rays, one red (representing blood) and the other “pale” (symbolizing water), with the words “Jesus, I trust in you” at the bottom.

When she was canonized in 2000 Pope John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday, thereby widely promoting the devotional practices associated with St. Faustina’s visions. Her diary entries focus on God’s mercy, the call to accept God’s mercy and to be merciful, the need for conversion, and the call to trust in Jesus. The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity to reflect on the theme of how God’s mercy can overcome sin and, as the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments states, “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that the human community will experience in the years to come.”
