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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.

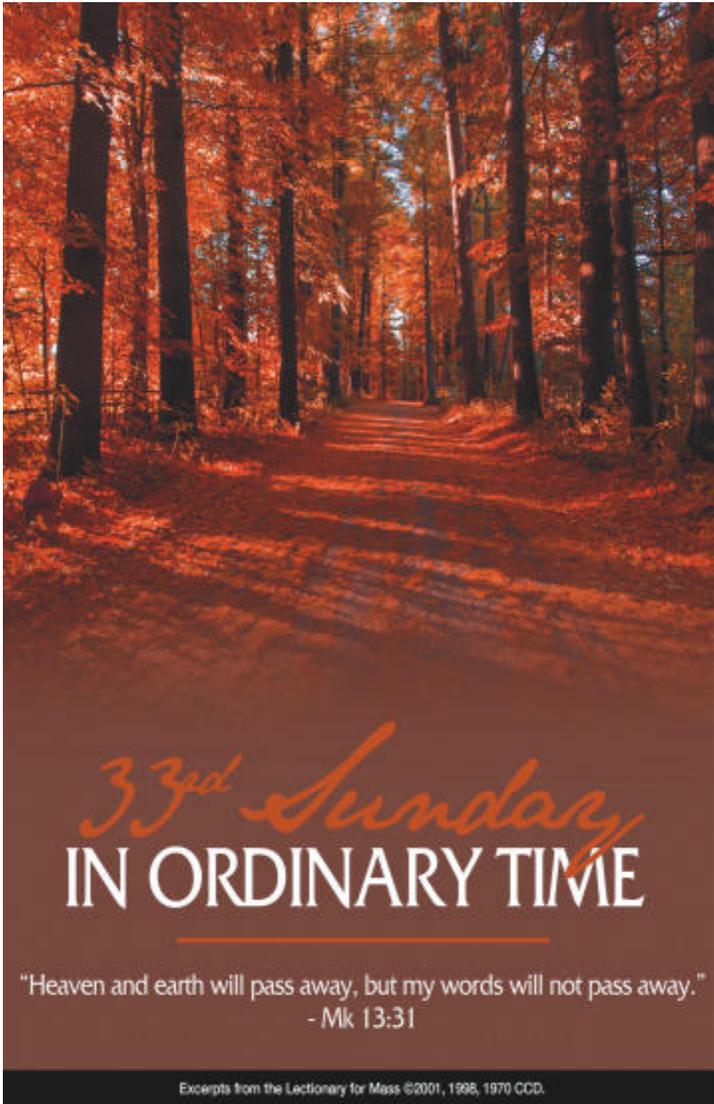
PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

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)



CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—November 17th

4:00PM Arthur Cofske (wedding anniv.) req. of wife, Eileen

Sunday—November 18th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Mary Ellen Standing (mem.) req. of The Gibbons Family

11:00AM Joseph Lysiak (2nd anniv.) req. of family

Monday—November 19th

7:00AM Mary Ellen Standing (3rd anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—November 21st

7:00AM Laurentia Bilodeau (1st anniv.) req. of family

Thursday—November 22nd

8:00AM Helen Zalauskas (mem.) req. of The Bowler Family

Friday—November 23rd

7:00AM Daniel Martin Tuohy (mem.) req. of family

Saturday—November 24th

8:00AM William Gibbons (mem.) req. of Gary, Randi Tanguay and Family

4:00PM George Van Pelt (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—November 25th

7:30AM Evelyn H. Klosek (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Adele Wheeler (11th anniv.) req. of family

Mass on Thanksgiving Day

Observing our custom of many years our Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. We hope that many of our families will join us for this important Mass on America's most celebrated holiday.

BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS & CELEBRATIONS

All parents (registered parishioners) must participate in a prep session, led by our trained team, if this is their *first child and/or if they do not worship at Mass here each Sunday*. Baptisms take place at Sunday Masses and parents choose the date (see available dates below). **PARENT PREP SESSION:** One session is required, and it takes place on select Sundays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. in the Rectory and church. **Upcoming 2019 Preparation Dates:** *January 13; March 3; May 19*. **Upcoming 2018-19 BAPTISM DATES** at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays (for prepared parents): *December 16; January 13; February 17*. For sign-ups please call Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or email him at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (M-F, 7:00 am and Saturdays; 8:00 am all year round). The Mass brings many special graces! It is a wonderful way to begin the day. This week we will celebrate regular weekday Masses in addition to **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (Wednesday); **St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr** (Thursday); **St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr** (Friday); and **St. Andrew Dŭng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs** (Saturday).

Thanksgiving All Year-Round

At this time of year, our thoughts turn to apple cider, cozy sweaters, and crackling fires in the hearth - Thanksgiving is just around the corner! Almost everyone has one or more Thanksgiving traditions that they hold dear. Besides the traditional family dinner, there's the friendly game of touch football, popping in a favorite movie while devouring your slice of pumpkin pie, or going for a walk around the neighborhood while the turkey roasts.

In this day and age of instant gratification - think social media posts, two-day delivery guarantee, information at your fingertips, and more - the time is ripe to slow down and count your blessings. Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to start new traditions that reflect our gratitude towards God. Take advantage of this time of year to kick-start your stewardship way of life by making this day, and the days leading up to it, even more special. Here are some suggestions:

Start the Day with Prayer

Start your day by counting your blessings at Mass. While there, reflect on three or four qualities or talents you have been blessed with and how you can best share these gifts with others.

Create a Gratitude Tree

Who says Christmas is the only time to decorate around the house? Place a small tree branch in a vase and attach paper leaves on which you and family members can write things for which you are grateful. Keep these notes of gratitude and encouragement year-round.

Help Someone

Extend your generosity and blessings beyond your immediate family and friends. Distribute food baskets from the parish to those in need, serve dinner at your local homeless shelter, or simply help an elderly neighbor rake leaves or take out their recyclables. Small steps have the ability to make a huge impact.

Adopt-a-Family-Member for the Holidays

Share your Thanksgiving meal with someone who is alone this year. Look for a neighbor, coworker, fellow parishioner, or college student who may be separated from family for the holidays. A few hours of good food and authentic conversation does everyone good. What are some of your favorite ways to show gratitude?

Happy Thanksgiving!

“Thanks are the highest form of thought, and gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder.” So wrote G.K. Chesterton. He espoused a sense of wonder and appreciation for life, delighted in the ordinary, and vowed not to surrender to the boredom which strips so many people of joy.

All of life should enthrall us and it will if we don't take things for granted or languish in entitlement. Gratitude and wonder go hand in hand, of course, with a commitment on our part to uphold the dignity of each human life. To be grateful for life is to defend it, with all our hearts and with every word and in every deed.

Real Christians offer their thanks for all that God has done and continues to do.

We at Christ the King have so much for which to be thankful: the warmth of rich family lives, an abundance of food, our precious national freedoms and much more. So, let us be grateful on Thanksgiving Day and each day. Let us thank God for our very existence, even as we take great joy in the lives of everyone else.

Msgr. Tom Sullivan

NEXT SUNDAY'S FEAST! *The Solemnity of Christ the King*

The Solemnity of Christ the King has always been important to our parish. It's a modern feast - established by Pope Pius XI only in 1925 and set for the last Sunday of the liturgical year - a time to focus on the most important person the world has ever known - as the year draws to its end. The pope created this feast to lead the world to peace. Just seven years after the end of *The Great War*, the worst ever fought up to that time, Pope Pius saw that world again rushing headlong into still a new war. “*As long as individuals and states refuse to submit to the rule of our Savior,*” wrote Pius, “*there would be no hopeful prospect of a lasting peace among nations.*”

The people of his day had “*thrust Jesus Christ out of their lives,*” he said. We see the joining of Christ and the pursuit of peace illustrated in the stained-glass window of our church. Angels and saints are gathered around the throne of the King of Heaven and inscribed are the names of those continents where *men and women of the earth* dwell: America, Europe, Africa, Asia and Oceania. It's a beautiful window. It tells us that the world finds peace when it looks to Christ the King.

1925 was just 11 years before Bishop Thomas O'Leary of Springfield established our parish. From the beginning our parish has been marked by devotion and sacrifice and generosity. Perhaps, in part, that energetic love came as a result of the connection between a new feast and a new parish. From the beginning this parish enjoyed the life of the Spirit. We've seen it for decades! Our lay leaders today are as committed as they were in 1936 and that gives us bright hope for the future.

Congratulations Newlyweds!

We congratulate the fine couple married here last Sunday afternoon. Monsignor Sullivan officiated their wedding Mass. **Maria Christina Marzilli**, who grew up here at Christ the King, married **Matthew Paul Parenteau**. Maria, a teacher, is the daughter of **John and Katherine Marzilli** of the parish. Matt is in the construction industry. The couple will reside in Webster, MA. May the Lord bless them with the treasure of happiness, the best of health and the gift of holiness all the days of their lives.

‘WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE’

Our Parish Council recently decided to offer our parishioners an innovative new program called *Word on Fire Engage*. You will have 100% access to the Word on Fire Digital library, so you can watch any of the films and study programs on any device, whenever you'd like. The programs are produced by **Bishop Robert Barron** who leads the nation in producing the highest quality evangelization and educational programs on our Catholic faith. We've instructions on how to do that. We hope you enjoy it! **Some programs that are now available are:** *The Eucharist ~ Understanding God ~ The Last Things ~ Who Is Jesus? ~ The Teachings of Jesus ~ Why the Church Matters ~ & He is Risen!*

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.

March for Life Information!

Please join us for the Diocese of Worcester's bus trip to the 46th annual March for Life in Washington, DC. Buses leave on **Thurs. Jan. 17 after the 7:30 p.m. Mass** at St. Paul's Cathedral, travel to Washington for the March for Life on Jan. 18, followed by the return trip to Worcester. Cost is \$80 per seat for registrations postmarked by December 31, and \$95 thereafter. For more information, and to download registration forms, visit www.worcesterdiocese.org/respect-life. Can't attend this year but want to help? Consider making a donation that will help defray expenses for our students who want to attend but might otherwise find it difficult to do so. Thank you!

‘Giving Tree’ Gifts Available Soon!

‘Giving Tree’ gift tags will be available on the first weekend of Advent (coming soon!), **December 1 & 2**. Your gifts will be due back on the **3rd Sunday of Advent**, the day all gifts are transported to the gifting center, **December 15 & 16**. **Do not wrap any gifts or place them in decorated gift bags**. Please **do not enclose ribbon**, bows, or any external decorations. This will save about 2,000 rolls of gift-wrapping paper. Please **do not** purchase gifts that **require batteries**. Should a gift require them, please do not include batteries with the gift. The improper disposal of batteries is a major environmental hazard. **Do not include candy, cookies or foodstuffs** with your gifts. Because of the danger of contamination, the program organizers are **unable to distribute them**.

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.

PLEASE USE OUR HOPE FOR HOUSING CARDS

Please purchase 'Hope for Housing' food cards. Here's how they work: (1) You purchase food gift cards in various amounts of \$10 to \$100; (2) You use the food cards for your grocery shopping; (3) You receive the full face value of the card you purchase; (4) What you don't spend remains on your card for later use; and (5) The supermarket donates 5% to 10% of what you spend to prevent family homelessness.

Join Us for 'Messiah Sing'

On **Sunday, December 2, at 2:00 pm** the choristers of Anna Maria College are sponsoring a concert of songs from Handel's 'Messiah,' called 'Messiah Sing.' The event will take place here at Christ the King in the church. This is a free concert and all are welcome to come and participate.

Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility of hope and healing. The Church encourages you to come forward. You may meet with Bishop McManus or his delegate, Mrs. Judith Audette, the Director of the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-929-4363). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

CYC Basketball Sign-ups

Christ the King CYC Basketball is returning very soon, so those interested must contact Director Paul Franco by email, pauljfranco@gmail.com at their earliest convenience, or no later than December 9. Boys in grades 9-12 are eligible if they are not on a varsity basketball roster. We are having two teams with no more than 15 players on each team. Christ the King members have preference. The cost is \$70 for the season plus the \$10 CYC membership fee. There will be a sign-up day and tryout day in December.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, November 17

5:00 pm - Italian Night, Hall

Sunday, November 18

10:00-11:00 am - Grades 1-6, Religious Education

11:00 am - Baptism at Mass

6:00-7:00 pm - Grades 7-9, Religious Education

6:00-7:30 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, November 19

6:30 pm - Women's Guild, Johnson Room

7:00 pm - Scout Leaders, Lower Rectory

Tuesday, November 20

6:30-7:30 pm - WINGS consecration, Johnson Room

7:00-9:00 pm - AA Meeting, Lower Rectory

Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving

8:00 am - Mass; "Coffee and" follows in the Johnson Room

Friday, November 23

7:00-9:00 pm - AA Meeting, Lower Rectory

Sunday, November 25

Solemnity of Christ the King

Religious Education This Weekend

Classes for those in **Grades 1-6** are scheduled for **today, November 18**, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Classes for those in **Grades 7-9** are scheduled for **today, November 18**, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The **Confirmation class** will meet **today, Sunday, November 18**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm in the Johnson Room.

No Religious Education Next Weekend

There are no classes scheduled for next Sunday, November 25, because of the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Have Your Marriage Blessed?

We've learned, over time, that some (civilly) married parishioners have never entered into a sacramental marriage. Please call Msgr. Sullivan about having your marriage "blessed" if you would like to pursue this. 508-754-5361.

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.

Excerpts from President Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation establishing Thanksgiving Day

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

They are the gracious gifts of God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and Union.

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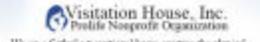


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