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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.

# Christ the King Parish

#### **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)



*25<sup>th</sup> Sunday*

IN ORDINARY TIME

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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## CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



### Saturday—September 21st

4:00PM Mary McKeon (mem.) req. of family

### Sunday—September 22nd

7:30AM Michael Hine (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Maria Simoes (5th anniv.) req. of husband and children

### Tuesday—September 24th

7:00AM William E. Dulude, Sr. (5th anniv.) req. family

### Thursday—September 26th

7:00AM Grace McDonough (mem.) req. of family

### Friday—September 27th

7:00AM James Tisdell (2nd anniv.) req. of family

### Saturday—September 28th

8:00AM Arthur Cronin (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

4:00PM Philip Murphy (2nd anniv.) req. of family

### Sunday—September 29th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM John Hackett (1st anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Paul LaForce (mem.) req. of Kathleen Wilk

### Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Linda Hamm**, the mother of Martin Rolfe.

### Deacon Joe on Medical Leave

As previously announced, Deacon Joseph Baniukiewicz has requested a medical leave of absence from Bishop McManus and the Diocesan Diaconate Office and his request has been granted. So, for the time being, he is unable to assist at Mass. Please keep our beloved deacon in your prayers.

### 'Baby Bottles' to be Distributed

Next weekend the Women's Guild will distribute 'baby bottles' to our parishioners at all Masses in support of the efforts of Visitation House, which offers a warm home environment and nurture to young mothers and their children, born and unborn. The Guild has organized this critical fundraiser for many years and we hope that you will support their efforts again this year.

### WELCOME RELIGIOUS SISTERS

Today, Sunday, we welcome about sixty religious sisters of the 'Religious Collaborative' for their annual Mass (2:00 pm) and social (in the Johnson Room following Mass). Sister Janet Provost, SSJ, is on the organizing committee and has spearheaded today's special event. Welcome Sisters from near and far!

### COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (M-F, 7:00 am and Saturdays, 8:00 am). The Mass brings many special graces! It is a wonderful way to begin the day. This week we celebrate these special observances and feasts: **St. Pius of Pietrelcina**, ('Padre Pio'), Priest (Monday); **Ss. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs** (Thursday); **St. Vincent de Paul, Priest** (Friday); and **St. Wenceslaus, Martyr** (Saturday).

### Recent Offertory Donations

As we are very grateful for the time you share with Christ the King, and the abundance of your talents, so we are for your offertory gifts. Your donations for last weekend were as follows:

**Offertory:** \$6,756.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$50.00;  
**Religious Education Registration:** \$600.00;  
**Haiti Twinning:** \$20.00; **Annual School Appeal:** \$50.00;  
**Fuel:** \$468.00.

**Total:** \$7,944.00

### 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:** *October 6, December 1*. **Upcoming 2019 BAPTISM DATES** at the 11:00 am Mass on Sundays (for prepared parents): *October 20, November 10, and December 8*. For sign-ups please call Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or email him at: [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).

### Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, Oct. 20 at 3 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 11** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at [www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass](http://www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass), or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

### Would You Like to Join Our Parish?

Please contact Monsignor Sullivan at 508-754-5361. Or, you can email him at [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com) and he will respond.

## Do You Wish to Become Catholic or Complete Your 'Initiation' Into the Catholic Church?

A vibrant Catholic parish invites people into the life of Jesus Christ and the Church! There are many adults and youths who are not baptized, confirmed and/or have never received Holy Communion. We'd love you to become full and active members of the Catholic Church. Perhaps you're one of them or you know someone who has thought about becoming a fully initiated Roman Catholic. We invite you to enter one of our loving, learning processes through which the Church welcomes and prepares adults and youths for Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Consider these options FOR YOU, your relatives and friends! Please tell others about God's love for them and invite them to become a Catholic.

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** - For non-baptized adults; for baptized Christians who wish to become Catholic; for baptized Catholic adults (without First Communion or Confirmation) and with little or no religious formation.

**Adult Confirmation Prep** - For baptized and practicing Catholics who have received First Communion but were never confirmed.

In either case, contact **Monsignor Tom Sullivan** at 508-754-5361 or [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).

## G.K. Chesterton to "Visit" Assumption College

Drawing upon Catholic convert and apologist G.K. Chesterton's wit, wisdom and humor, historian John C. "Chuck" Chalberg, Ph.D., will take on the character of Chesterton and examine and contrast topics of concern in the early 1900s to their continued impact and interest in today's society. The lecture, "What's Still Wrong with the World," is based upon a book written by Chesterton more than a century ago. Some of the topics "Chesterton" will discuss include the state of the family, feminism, education, democracy and the general state of the country. The lecture is free and open to the public, and will take place on **Tuesday, October 8 at 7 p.m.** in the Jeanne Y. Curtis Performance Hall of the Tsotsis Family Academic Center on the Assumption College campus, 500 Salisbury Street in Worcester.

## HOSPITAL VISITS

Msgr. Sullivan is honored to support you and your family during times of illness by visiting the hospitals. **RARELY DO UMASS (LAKE) HOSPITAL OR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PROVIDE ANY INFORMATION ABOUT PATIENTS' RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION.** So, we are entirely dependent on information we receive from family or friends. **St. Vincent's Hospital's records are excellent, and "St. V's" provides current information in a timely way.** Please call the rectory to advise us that someone is in the hospital so that Msgr. Sullivan can visit that person.

## Congratulations New Ministers!

We congratulate **Ed and Mary Bresnahan** who were installed as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion last Saturday and will serve at our 4:00 pm Masses. God bless you both!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES CONTINUE TODAY !** ~ Your sons and daughters should already be registered. See Judi Brennan if they are not. Classes for those in **Grades 1 through 6** meet on **Sunday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 am.** Classes for those in **Grades 7 through 10** meet on **Sunday evenings from 6:00 pm. to 7:00 pm.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR THOSE ENTERING FIRST GRADE** ~ If you are already registered in the parish and have a son or daughter entering the first grade **but have not received registration forms** for this year's religious education classes please call **Judi Brennan**, our Director of Religious Education at 508-754-5361. She will give you the forms. **If you are not registered in the parish first call Monsignor Sullivan** (508-754-5361). He will meet with you first and register your family.

## "A Catholic Approach to End of Life Care Decisions"

**Presentation: Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:00 pm**

Medical care now involves three different end-of-life forms: (1) healthcare proxy, (2) advance directives, and (3) MOLST. While seemingly simple, they have a big impact on the medical care you receive. They are important to have, but none of them should be completed without a thorough understanding of what you are signing. A special presentation will be offered on these subjects on **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in the parish hall.** All are welcome.

## Widening Our Hearts: Immigration Stories: US-Mexico Border

Are you seeking a place to discuss issues that really matter? Do you want to hear from those on the front lines of the immigration conflict at the border? Consider coming to a special program **next Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm** at **Notre Dame Academy**, 425 Salisbury Street. This program is a new initiative of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur East-West Province. Please RSVP if you can come to: [wideningourhearts@sndden.org](mailto:wideningourhearts@sndden.org).

## W.I.N.G.S.

*(Women in God's Spirit)*  
**Continues Tuesday**

The Fall session of *W.I.N.G.S.* continues this Tuesday, **September 24th.** This will be the third session of five on consecutive Tuesdays, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm, in the Johnson Room. We are reading *The Contemplative Rosary* by Dan Burke and Connie Rossini. It's a journey into a deeper meditative understanding of the Rosary led by St. Teresa of Avila and St. John Paul II. All women are welcome. Please spread the word!

## USE OUR PARISH WEBSITE

A great deal of work has gone into updating our parish website. You can easily find it at [www.ckworc.org](http://www.ckworc.org).

### 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](mailto: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.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Novena to St. Joseph Continues Tomorrow

The 8th Annual Novena to St. Joseph continues at Christ the King Parish on Monday evenings this fall. We will celebrate tomorrow night, Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, from 7:15 to 8:00 p.m. There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, and prayer to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. **Monsignor F. Stephen Pedone**, the judicial vicar of the Diocese and pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish, will be the homilist.

The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be mailed to Msgr. Sullivan at the parish (1052 Pleasant Street, Worcester, MA 01602), or you can call them in (508-754-5361), or you can email them to Msgr. Sullivan at [tsullivan5@mac.com](mailto:tsullivan5@mac.com).

The homilist for September 30 will be our own parishioner, **Kris Correia**, who has done so much to oppose physician assisted suicide in our state in recent years.

### Is Low Vision Affecting Your Reading?

The Worcester Talking Book Library loans talking books, large-type books, braille materials, and assistive devices for free to residents of Central Mass with visual, physical or reading disabilities. Learn more: 508-799-1730 or [talkingbook.mywpl.org](http://talkingbook.mywpl.org).

### Register Now

### WORCESTER CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

All women are invited to this exciting Conference, to be held at Assumption College on Saturday, November 23. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kathleen Beckman, L.H.S.; Michelle Schmidt; Mother Miriam of the Lamb of God, O.S.B.; and Tim Francis. Bishops and diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions. Bishop McManus will offer Mass. For more information or to register, visit our website at [www.worcestercatholicwomenconference](http://www.worcestercatholicwomenconference) or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

### Highlights of the Week Ahead

#### Sunday, September 22

10:00-11:00 am - Grades 1-6, Religious Education  
2:00 pm - Mass for Religious Sisters  
2:45 pm - Religious Sisters Meet, Johnson Room  
6:00-7:00 pm - Grades 7-10, Religious Education

#### Monday, September 23

7:15-8:00 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

#### Tuesday, September 24

6:30-8:00 pm - *W.I.N.G.S.*, Johnson Room  
7:00-9:00 pm - AA Meeting, Lower Rectory

#### Wednesday, September 25

3:00 pm - Mustard Seed Food Prep, Kitchen  
7:00-8:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall  
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

#### Thursday, September 26

4:15-5:15 pm - Youth Choir Rehearsal  
7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir, church

#### Friday, September 27

3:30-5:30 pm - Daisies, Hall  
6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall  
7:30-9:00 pm - AA Meeting, Lower Rectory

#### Saturday, September 28

12:00 pm - Baptism  
4:00 pm - Baby Bottle Distribution

#### Sunday, September 29

All Masses - Baby Bottle Distribution  
10:00-11:00 am - Grades 1-6, Religious Education  
6:00-7:00 pm - Grades 7-10, Religious Education

### PLEASE JOIN OUR YOUTH CHOIR !

The Youth Choir will have their **third rehearsal this coming Thursday, September 26th**, from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. We hope that many more young people will join our Youth Choir this year and sing on select Sundays at the 9:00 am Masses. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the choir please call **Dr. Jonathan Bezdegian**, our Director of Liturgical Music, at 508-754-5361 or email him at [Jonathan.Bezdegian@gmail.com](mailto:Jonathan.Bezdegian@gmail.com).

### St. John's High School

Saint John's High School will be holding an Open House next **Saturday, September 28** at 8:30 a.m. and again on Tuesday, October 22 at 5:30 p.m. The Placement Test for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be held on **Saturday, October 26, 2019**. Visit [www.stjohnshigh.org](http://www.stjohnshigh.org) or contact the Admissions Office at (508) 842-8934, ext. 266, for further information.

We welcome senior class member and parishioner, **Ben Coderre**, to the pulpit at the end of today's 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses to share his experience of going to St. John's.

# CHRIST THE KING PARISH FAMILY PICNIC

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**  
**12:00 nn ~ 3:00 pm**

Please plan on having your family join us for this fun-filled day!

All parishioners are invited.

Bring a homemade dish to share with others.

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Desserts and drinks will be provided.

There will be children's games and a chance to meet and greet your fellow parishioners.

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