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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)



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?” - Jn 14:2

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The following Mass Intentions will be honored by Monsignor Sullivan this week:

- Saturday—May 9th**
Richard and Hester Rocheford (mem.) req. of family
- Sunday—May 10th**
Parishioners of Christ the King
- Monday—May 11th**
Carole Paskalis (mem.) and Lillian Scott (mem.) req. of family
- Thursday—May 14th**
James E. Walles (16th anniv.) req. of family
- Friday—May 15th**
Zachary Ford (birthday) req. of family
- Saturday—May 16th**
Robert Conroy (9th anniv.) req. of family
- Sunday—May 17th**
Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Annette Bleau**, the cousin of Roger Dubuque, **Sr. Marie Bissonnette, RSM**, and **Dr. Claire Quintal**.

**BAPTISM PREP SESSIONS
& CELEBRATIONS**

During this unique time in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis please just 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 Prayer in Time
of Pandemic**

O God, whose Only Begotten Son bore the weight of human suffering for our salvation, hear the prayers of your Church for our sick brothers and sisters and deliver us from this time of trial. Open our ears and our hearts to the voice of your Son: *Be not afraid, for I am with you always*. Bless all doctors and nurses, researchers and public servants. Give us the wisdom to do what is right and the faith to endure this hour, that we might gather once again to praise your name in the heart of your Church, delivered from all distress and confident in your mercy. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recent Offertory Donations

In light of the suspension of all Masses our donations have been smaller, as you would expect. Some have been dropping their donations through the door slot at the rectory and others have mailed them in. Seven weeks ago we began online giving through our website (you can do that at ctkworc.org). Since our report last weekend your contributions have been as follows:

Offertory: \$9,216.00; **Online Giving:** \$2,125.00
Easter: \$111.00; **Good Friday:** \$10.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$185.00; **Ascension:** \$206.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00.

Total: \$11,953.00

**Announcing A New Bible
Series for the Coming Year**

Monsignor Sullivan will offer a new Bible series for the year ahead (free of charge, of course). It will feature a complete study of **The Gospel of St. Luke**, a rich and colorful Gospel. Recall the previous programs offered in recent years: the *Gospel of St. Mark*, the *Acts of the Apostles*, the *Letters of St. Paul* and the *Confessions of St. Augustine*. In the new format there will be twelve sessions, each devoted to two chapters of Luke's 24-chapter Gospel. The program will take place in the Johnson Room on Monday evenings, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm, and begin the week after the Novena to St. Joseph concludes. The dates are November 16, 23, 30; December 7, 14, 21; January 4, 11, 18, 25; February 1 & 8. If you are interested you can email him at any time (tsullivan5@mac.com) or call him at 508-754-5361.

**Novena to St. Joseph
Begins in September!**

Our **9th Annual Novena to St. Joseph** begins on **Monday, September 14**, at 7:15 pm. Running for nine consecutive Mondays it will conclude on November 9. Each evening lasts for 45 minutes and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. The Novena is open to all who wish to come. Again, there will be a variety of clergy and lay homilists. Beginning in August parishioners can call or email us the names of those who are seriously or terminally ill for whom we will pray.

Please 'Make Up' Your Envelopes

We realize that our parishioners have not been able to come to Mass since early March. For those who have not made online donations or who have not mailed in or dropped off their offertory envelopes we hope that you will 'make up' your Offertory envelopes for the weeks of this pandemic. Then, the parish will be able to meet its fiscal obligations. Thank you for your goodness and generosity.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

For Catholics who wish to know more about their faith, we announce...

'Pivotal Players' Coming Here this Fall!

Let us know if you wish to participate!

Christ the King will offer 'Pivotal Players,' the highly acclaimed 'New Evangelization' program on **Thursday evenings this coming fall**. All are welcome and be sure to invite your friends. The program was produced by Bishop Robert Barron and the **Word on Fire** initiative. We'll offer special DVD presentations of the highest quality and have discussion groups. The program **begins on Thursday, September 10, at 7:00 p.m.** (with dinner). Each Thursday we will begin with dinner (free will offerings accepted). The program concludes by 9:00 p.m. each evening.

The schedule is as follows: *St. Francis of Assisi: The Reformer* (Sept. 10); *St. Thomas Aquinas: The Theologian* (Sept. 17); *St. Catherine of Siena: The Mystic* (Sept. 24); *St. John Henry Newman: The Convert* (Oct. 1); *G.K. Chesterton: The Evangelist* (Oct. 8); *Michelangelo: The Artist* (Oct. 15); *St. Augustine: The Teacher* (Oct. 22); *St. Benedict: The Monk* (Oct. 29), *Bishop Fulton J. Sheen: The Communicator* (Nov. 5); *Flannery O'Connor: The Storyteller* (Nov. 12).

Please let Msgr. Tom know if you would like to participate. You can call him at **508-754-5361** or email him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

Mary and the Month of May

Among Catholics, May is well-known as "Mary's Month," a specific month of the year when special devotions are performed in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

There are many different factors that contributed to this association. First of all, in ancient Greece and Rome the month of May was dedicated to pagan goddesses connected to fertility and springtime (Artemis and Flora, respectively). This, combined with other European rituals commemorating the new season of spring, led many Western cultures to view May as a month of life and motherhood.

In the early Church there is evidence of a major feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrated on the 15th of May each year, but it wasn't until the 18th century that May received a particular association with the Virgin Mary and the Jesuits had a major role in initiating this tradition. In 1945, Pope Pius XII solidified May as a Marian month after establishing the feast of the Queenship of Mary on May 31st. After the Second Vatican Council, this feast was moved to August 22nd, while May 31st became the feast of the Visitation of Mary. The month of May is one rich in tradition and a beautiful time of the year to honor our heavenly mother.

Regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic

Until Governor Baker offers new guidelines on May 18th Bishop McManus' instructions continue as follows:

All daily and Sunday Masses are suspended. The obligation to take part in the Mass on Sundays and Holy days of Obligation is lifted. All scheduled Mass intentions are being honored by Msgr. Sullivan. The church is open for private prayer between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm as long as the number of persons present at any time does not exceed **10 persons**.

Parishioners are encouraged to **watch Mass on television**. Two daily Masses are offered by using the home page on our website: **ctkworc.org**. A live broadcast of the Sunday Mass will be offered at 10:00 am on Sunday mornings on Charter channel 193. It will be repeated at 6:00 pm. Weekday Masses will be offered at 9:00 am on **Spectrum/Charter channel 193**. The readings for the Mass each day can be found on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, at **www.usccb.org**.

Parish priests are not permitted access to our hospitals, nursing homes, rehab centers, assisted living facilities or people's homes. In the hospitals only existing in-house priests provide pastoral care. A few priests in the City of Worcester have been trained and assigned to care for those who are **actively dying**.

Msgr. Sullivan is available to **hear confessions out-of-doors on Saturdays between 2:45 and 3:45 pm (in the rear of the church)** or by **calling him in advance (508-754-5361)**. However, the anonymity of the penitents is not possible. The penitent remains in his/her car and social distancing is maintained.

Priests are urged to remain in the rectory and maintain phone, email and social media contact with parishioners.

Funeral Masses may be celebrated with the immediate family only (limited to **5 people**). Staggered seating will be necessary for these. Families will be provided the opportunity to celebrate only the Rites of Committal at the cemetery (with a Funeral or Memorial Mass scheduled when the crisis is over).

We're Still Planning A Vacation Bible School this Summer

This summer, Christ the King is still planning a Vacation Bible School even though we are living with clouds of uncertainty about future plans. A Vacation Bible School is a fun morning program for children, ages 4-10, filled with songs, crafts, games, and Bible lessons. Our Vacation Bible School will be run the week of **July 13-17 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.** Be sure to mark it on your calendar. Registration information will be coming soon! In order to run a Vacation Bible School we need a few volunteers to help out: about 4 adults to run various stations the children go to and several teens to help lead the groups of kids and run the music and outdoor game areas. Running a station is easy with the materials we provide. If you are interested in helping contact **Judi Brennan at ctkedu1052@gmail.com**.

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.

Many Thanks to our 'Mustard Seed' Workers

Even though the format for the distribution of food at The Mustard Seed has changed our parish workers have kept at it. For years our commitment day to provide for the homeless there is the last Wednesday of the month, even during the pandemic. So hard at it last week were Ed, Mary Beth and Andrew Thomas, Margaret & Moussa Abboud and Joyce Griffin. Those being served must now eat outdoors under a tent which has been provided and while all keep social distancing. But the work goes on! Our thanks to you all.

Thanks to the Dennis & Mary O'Connor Family

For a long time now this family has been serving the homeless down at St. John's on Sunday evenings. The new locale for this service is at North High School. But that doesn't stop them from serving the needy there. Thanks to a wonderful family!

And Thanks to the CYC

Our CYC recently made a gift to the Interfaith Hospitality Network home that we assist on June Street. Using funds from our most recent *Super Bowl of Caring* drive (early February) they made a generous gift to this important ecumenical service organization.

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.

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 Correira (krisedpa@live.com) to have your name and email address added to our growing list. God bless!

USE OUR PARISH WEBSITE

A great deal of work has gone into updating our parish website. You can easily find it at www.ctkworc.org.

Mother's Day Drive-Through Blessings

As a way to show our love and care for all the mothers in our parish Monsignor Tom will again be present for special blessings in the church parking lot on **Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** So, Moms, please come and receive a blessing.

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. Msgr. Sullivan is speaking with our parishioners on the phone and communicating by email. Mindy Dulude is in the office and receiving calls each morning. Judi Brennan has emailed lessons for our religious education families and has been assisting families from her home. You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers! 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, I'd 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.

And we have created an option for simple online giving. 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.

Partners in Charity!

Please Contribute Diocesan Goal: \$5 million 36% of CTK Families Have Donated

For those who have not already donated we ask your **kind consideration of a gift** to the 2020 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Donor envelopes can be found in the book rack in the church foyer. Please be generous and return the envelope through the mail or by dropping it off through the mail slot at the rectory's front door. **All checks** should be made payable to "**Partners in Charity**" (not Christ the King). Or you can offer your gift online this year. In that case please go to partners-charity.net/donate.

Your gift will help the Diocese implement its essential charitable, pastoral and educational works in the year ahead. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Hopefully, you will consider making a gift from your generosity and spirit of sacrifice. We hope you'll be generous in making a gift which reflects your gratitude to God for all you have. Thank you!

Remembering You Today, Mom!

**To those who gave birth to a new child this year ~
we celebrate with you!**

**To those who lost a child this year ~
we mourn with you!**

**To those who have warm and close relationships with your children ~
we rejoice with you!**

**To those who have disappointment, heartache,
and distance from your children ~
we are there with you!**

**This Mother's Day, we walk with all of you and
thank you and ask God to bless you!**

Have a Blessed Day!
