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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.

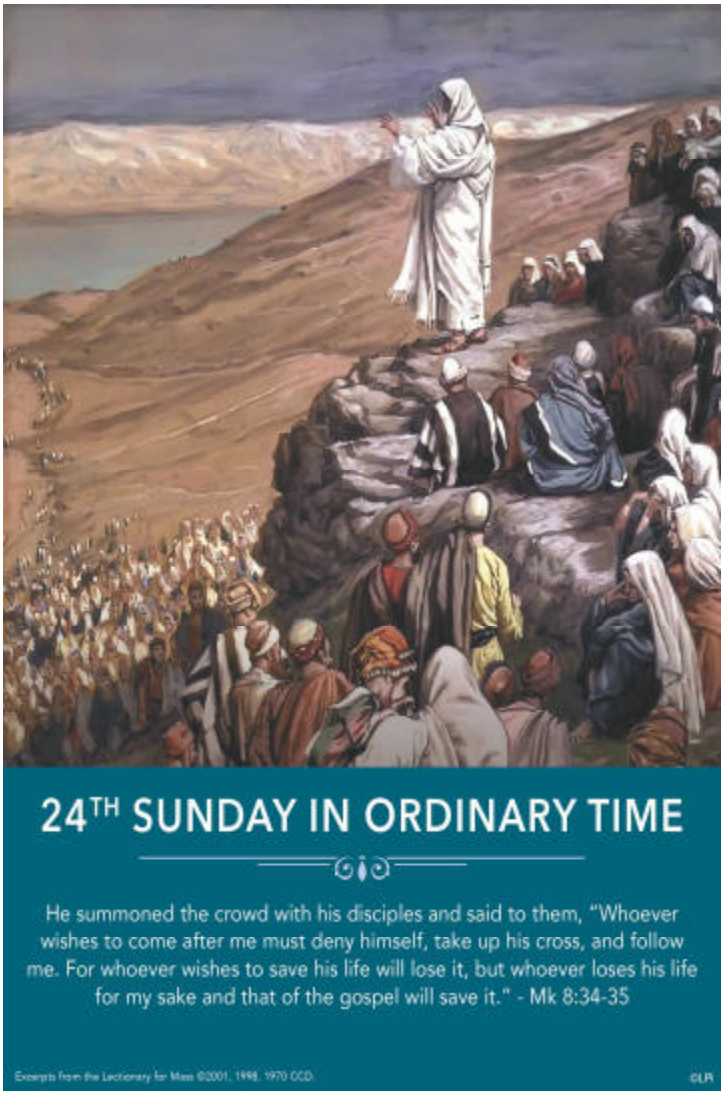
HOLY BAPTISM
Baptisms take place at Sunday Mass once a month. Please see information inside this bulletin.

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: Please watch our bulletin for posted times



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Saturday—September 11th
4:00PM William and Ann Marie Gibbons (mem.) req. of family
Sunday—September 12th
7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM Madelyn and Cornelius Hickey (mem.) req. of family
11:00AM Mary McKeon (mem.) req. of family
Monday—September 13th
7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday—September 14th
7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday—September 15th
7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory
Thursday—September 16th
7:00AM Tony (for continued healing) req. of Yvonne Nguyen
Friday—September 17th
7:00AM Tony (for continued healing) req. of Yvonne Nguyen
Saturday—September 18th
8:00AM Judith Armen (mem.) req. of Mary Shea and Kathryn Marzilli
4:00PM Philip Murphy (4th anniv.) req. of family
Sunday—September 19th
7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM Marsha Bombard (4th anniv.) req. of family
11:00AM Richard Gaudette (2nd anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Nancy C. Naas,** a friend of Msgr. Sullivan.

'40 Days for Life' WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22 & SIGN-UP TODAY

Christ the King parishioners will be praying outside Planned Parenthood at 470 Pleasant Street between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm on **Wednesday, September 22. YOU can help save lives** by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. To sign on for an hour of prayer (with others) please contact one of the following: **Ralph and/or Claire Weirich** (weirich.ralph@gmail.com) or **Joyce Dubuque** (jhdubuque@aol.com). **You can sign up for an hour of prayer at any Mass this weekend at the special table in the church foyer.**

Thanks for Mission Appeal Generosity

Our parish raised **$3,113** to support the Diocese of Long Xuyen in the annual mission cooperative appeal a couple of weeks ago. Many thanks for your goodness to the Catholic community in Vietnam.

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 we have several feast days. **St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Monday); **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** (Tuesday); **Our Lady of Sorrows** (Wednesday); **Saint Cornelius, Pope, and Saint Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs** (Thursday); **St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Friday). And next Saturday we will honor the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, the mother of Jesus again as we do so often on Saturdays.

Offertory

We are grateful for your gifts and donations. God bless you for your stewardship. The donations we received last weekend are as follows:

Offertory: $6,667.00; **Online Giving:** $1,220.00; **Mass Stipends:** $220.00; **Funeral Stipends:** $600.00; **Religious Education Registration:** $600.00; **Mission Co-Op:** $250.00; **Assumption:** $50.00; **Haiti Twinning:** $700.00; **Haiti Disaster Relief:** $125.00; **School Appeal:** $150.00; **Fuel:** $60.00.

Total: $10,642.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

All parents must participate in a team-led preparation session if this is their first child and/or if they do not worship at Sunday Masses. Parents whose children are not yet born may participate in the program if they like. It takes place in the rectory on select Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The dates for the next three sessions are: **September 12**; **November 14**; and **January 16**. ***Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to pre-register for the program***. Actual **baptisms** take place at our 11:00 am Mass on select Sundays (usually monthly except during Lent). Parents choose which date they'd like. The next scheduled celebrations of infant Baptism at Mass will take place on **the following Sundays: October 3**; **November 7**; **December 5**; and **January 9**.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER FOR SEPTEMBER 19th's PARISH PICNIC?

If you can come and help out, please be in touch with Janet Rauktis at her email address: **Janet.Rauktis@ipfs.com**. Many thanks.

Making Parish Donations Online

We ask all parishioners to please continue your support of the parish offertory. 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.'** You can donate using your credit card. Many thanks.

Were You Never Confirmed?

Many of our adults, even some regularly at Mass, have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please consider it! We have a process that can help you receive the Sacrament of Confirmation that completes your initiation into the Catholic Church. Msgr. Sullivan will instruct those interested. The dates of instruction are Thursday nights (7:00-8:00 pm): November 4, 11; December 2, 9, 16; and January 13). Bishop McManus will confirm these adults at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February of 2022. Candidates should be coming to Sunday Mass. Contact Msgr. Sullivan at **508-450-2556** or by email at: **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

Meet Claudio Ferrari-Melo At Our Parish Picnic

Claudio just graduated from Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. His family has been registered here for a few years and some may know his mother, Cecilia, an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. At the end of the month Claudio begins a special program of doing "missionary evangelization" work on the streets of Rome, Italy. He will also participate in a special studies program at a parish church in Rome where he will also live. The program is called "The Emmanuel School of Mission." Only six persons are admitted into the program so it is highly selective. But he has been doing his own fundraising. He must raise between $10,000 and $15,000 for the one year in Rome. You can meet him at the Parish Picnic next Sunday afternoon where he will have a table. If you wish to donate to his cause he will be most grateful.

Tell Congress to save the Hyde amendment!

The Hyde Amendment and similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion for 45 years. Now, powerful members of Congress want to take away these laws that both Democrats and Republicans have supported for nearly half a century. Billions of federal taxpayer dollars could be used to pay for abortion. Government money would be better spent supporting women in crisis pregnancies and struggling new mothers than paying to end the lives of their children. It is critically important for Catholics to send a strong message before Congress moves forward to impose taxpayer-funded abortion. Visit **https://bit.ly/no-taxpayer-abortion-action** to learn more and to send a message to Congress with just a few clicks and sign the petition at **www.notaxpayerabortion.com**.

Our Parish Picnic Next Sunday

Next Sunday, September 19, the parish will host our **Parish Picnic**. The event will take place on our parish grounds from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm that day. **There will be free pony rides for our children from 12:30 to 2:30 pm at the picnic.** While we have had these wonderful picnics in the past it will be especially good to sponsor one this year to "welcome home" so many of the good people we have not seen during the pandemic. Those coming may bring desserts to enjoy and/or share but all the basic **food items and beverages will be provided by the parish**. There is no cost. Games and events for children are being planned. Please plan to join us that day and come and enjoy the company of other parishioners.

HOSPITAL VISITS

The in-house priest chaplains, all of whom have been vaccinated, are assuming most of the pastoral needs of the hospital patients. Please let us know if a loved one is hospitalized, and Msgr. Sullivan will make every attempt to visit that person. Msgr. Sullivan has been visiting St. Vincent's Hospital of late.

Change of Pastors at Immaculate Conception Les Anglais, Haiti

As so many of our parishioners know, we have been supporting Immaculate Conception Parish in Les Anglais, Haiti, since 2013. Our particular support has been directed to their school and its students, Notre Dame du Lourdes. As we have reported recently, the church there was completely destroyed in the recent earthquake (23 persons were killed during a baptism). The rectory was also destroyed. The school has been badly damaged. The whole parish has experienced devastating losses.

What was not known to us until two weeks ago is that the parish has a new pastor. Unrelated to the earthquake the previous pastor, Father Wilson André Exantus, who visited us three years ago, has been reassigned to a new parish (and a new diocese) in the far north of the country. The new pastor as Les Anglais, which is in the far south, has just been installed. He is Father Pierre Gerard Sincère, OMI (Oblates of Mary Immaculate). He has been communicating with Msgr. Sullivan on a regular basis. Msgr. Sullivan has been requesting information about developing a relief plan for the parish.

FESTIVAL CHOIR BEGINS THURSDAY

The **Festival Choir practices from 7:30-9:00 pm on Thursday evenings and they sing at 11:00 am Masses on Sundays**. The **first rehearsal** is scheduled for **this Thursday, September 16**. Our Festival Choir is in need of new members, and we look forward to welcoming any who wish to join in the fun. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jonathan Bezdegian by email at **jonathan.bezdegian@gmail.com**.

American Heritage Girls Meeting This Tuesday

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish at 37 Massasoit Road in Worcester will be hosting an informational meeting to learn more about **American Heritage Girls this Tuesday, September 14, 2021, 5:00-6:30 pm**. AHG is for families with daughters (ages 5-18) who are seeking a faith-based, scout-type experience. There are 49,000 members across 15 countries and in all 50 states. AHG helps girls to know who they are and whose they are in Christ through service work, badge work, leadership opportunities, and more. Girls choose from more than 240 badges, participate in service projects, and are challenged by leadership opportunities and outdoor experiences. Troops are led by adult volunteers. Visit the AHG website at **americanheritagegirls.org** to learn more. Contact Lynn Somers at **lmmsomers@gmail.com** with any questions.

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 **mindyd1052@gmail.com**.

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!

10th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Begins Tomorrow, September 13

Now in its tenth year will be the Novena to St. Joseph on Monday nights. We will pray for the sick, pray for improvements in palliative care, and pray to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive **Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm**. We **begin tomorrow, Monday, September 13** and **Msgr. Sullivan is our homilist** for the first evening. We hope that you will participate in this annual Novena especially as there are very strong indications that physician assisted suicide could become the law in Massachusetts in the year ahead through an act of the Legislature. You can call in the names of seriously ill persons for whom we should pray (508-754-5361) or email Msgr. Sullivan at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

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.

The Sacrament of *'The Anointing of the Sick'* At All Masses This Weekend

At all our Masses this weekend we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to any person who wishes to receive it. This is the first time we will offer this sacrament in a communal setting since before the pandemic. You will remember that it has been our custom to offer the sacrament in this manner twice a year. We hope that anyone afflicted by a serious physical or emotional illness, those recovering from or preparing for surgery, or those who experience age-related limitations will receive the sacrament. In the sacrament we always receive the grace of God's healing. The two essential parts of the sacrament are the 'laying on' of hands and the anointing with the *Oil of the Sick*. The celebration of this Sacrament, with the whole community present and praying for one another, is always a powerful and beautiful experience. Please consider in advance if you would like to receive this Sacrament of Healing.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, September 11
7:30 am - Rosary for '9-1-1,' Women's Guild
9:00-10:30 am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
4 pm Mass - Anointing of the Sick
Table for '40 Days for Life' Sign-Ups

Sunday, September 12
All Masses - Anointing of the Sick
Table for '40 Days for Life' Sign-Ups
10:00-11:00 - Grades 1-6 Religious Education
1:00-2:30 pm - Parent Baptism Prep, Rectory
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Religious Education
6:00-7:30 pm - Confirmation Class

Monday, September 13
10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center
3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park
5:00 pm - Women's Guild Meeting, Johnson Room
7:15-8:00 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, September 14
7:00 pm - Special Parish Council Meeting
7:00-8:30 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, September15
6:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

Thursday, September16
7:00-8:30 pm - "The Mass" program, Hall
7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 17
6:30 pm - Cub Scouts - Hall
7:00-8:30 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Saturday, September 18
9:00-10:30 am - Catechesis/Good Shepherd
4 pm Mass - KofC Recruiting

Sunday, September 19
All Masses - KofC Recruiting
9:00 am Mass - Install 3 new Ministers
10:00-11:00 - Grades 1-6 Religious Education
12:00-3:00 pm - Parish Picnic

Worcester Public Schools Sex Ed

This Spring the Worcester School Committee adopted a very problematic K-12 sex education curriculum for the Worcester Public Schools. The curriculum, Rights, Respect, Responsibility is explicit, age inappropriate and without an adequate moral grounding. It will be taught in all grades beginning with Kindergarten this Fall. Under Massachusetts law, parents have the right to opt their children out of sex-ed programs. Bishop McManus is urging parents of Worcester Public School Students to review the Rights, Respect, Responsibility curriculum (**http://3rs.org/3rs-curriculum/3rs-curric-search/**) and to consider opting their children out. For opt out forms, please visit **http://worcesterschools.org/sexual-health-education-curriculum-information-sessions** or call the rectory for a hard copy. Thank you.

Every Life is Sacred

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, the value of human life is being threatened by the harsh treatment of so many minority groups and the disabled as well as through physician assisted suicide, cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Just as the commandment "Thou shalt not kill" sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say "thou shalt not" to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure but it is news when the stock market loses two points?

The basis for all that the Church believes about the moral dimensions of economic life is its vision of the transcendent worth, the sacredness, of human beings. The dignity of the human person, realized in community with others, is the criterion against which all aspects of economic life must be measured.

There exist sinful inequalities that affect millions of men and women. These are in open contradiction of the Gospel. The equal dignity of all persons demands that we strive for fairer and more humane conditions. Excessive economic and social disparity between individuals and peoples of the one human race is a source of scandal and militates against social justice, equity, human dignity, as well as social and international peace.

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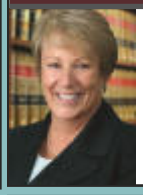
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