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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.

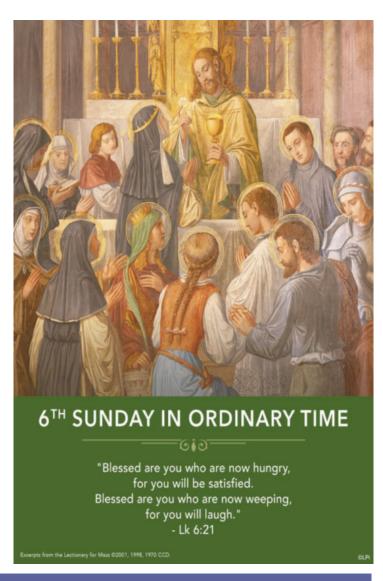
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# Christ the King Parish

#### 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: Please watch our bulletin for posted times





Saturday—February 12th

4:00PM Deacon Joseph Baniukiewicz (mem.) req. of

Mary Hovenesian Hines

Sunday—February 13th

7:30AM Ralph and Elise Warner (mem.) req. of Fran &

Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM Robert Haran (mem.) req. of Angelo Guadagno

11:00AM Philip R. Dowd (8th anniv.) req. of family

Monday—February 14th

7:00AM Paul Keith (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce

Dubuque

Tuesday—February 15th

7:00AM Souls in Purgatory Wednesday—February 16th

7:00AM Joseph M. Baniukiewicz, Jr. (19th anniv.) req.

of family

Thursday—February 17th

7:00AM Lisa Sansoucy (mem.) req. of a friend

Friday—February 18th

7:00AM Danienne Dunham (Living– birthday) req. of

Alice Fenlon

Saturday—February 19th

4:00PM Anthony Ritacco, Sr. (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—February 20th

7:30AM Deacon Joseph Baniukiewicz (mem.) req. of

the Franco Family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Leo Sheehy (11th anniv.) req. of family

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the souls of **Juan Antonio Sicard**, the father of Jacob Sicard and **Richard "Dick" Nodurft**, the father of Andrew Nodurft.

#### **Vocations Discernment Retreat**

The Office for Vocations will host the annual priestly discernment retreat for men high school aged or older on Friday, April 8 from 6 pm to Saturday, April 9 until 6 pm at Immaculate Conception Retreat Center in Putnam, CT. There is no cost for this retreat which will consist of prayer, witness talks from priests and seminarians, and a presentation from Bishop McManus on discerning a priestly vocation. To register, please contact Father Donato Infante at donato.infante@gmail.com or by phone at 508-630-4473.

#### Shovel a Local Driveway?

An elderly parishioner needs someone to shovel her driveway, for pay, following snowstorms. She lives in the vicinity of the two banks at Tatnuck Square. If you are interested, please call Mindy at the rectory, 508-754-5361.

#### **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! Special observances and saints' days this week are as follows: St. Cyril, Monk, and St. Methodius, Bishop (Monday); The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (Thursday); the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday).

#### **Offertory**

We are grateful for your gifts and donations. God bless you for your stewardship. The breakdown which follows is for collections and donations received last weekend:

Offertory: \$7,781.00; Online Giving: \$1,600.00; Mass Stipends: \$110.00; Donation in memory of Deacon Joseph Baniukiewicz: \$100.00; Donation in memory of Patricia Generelli: \$50.00; Fuel: \$391.00; Church in Latin America: \$25.00; Home Mission: \$42.00; Ash Wednesday: \$30.00; Easter Flowers: \$25.00: Free Press: \$696.00.

Total: \$10,850.00

#### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM**

All parents must participate in a 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 be prepared in advance if they like. Our meeting takes place in the rectory on select Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The date for the next group session is **February 27**. If you cannot make that session Msgr. Sullivan will prepare you separately. **Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-450-2556) to plan for a baptism.** For the time being, until the coronavirus pandemic is behind us, infant baptisms will be scheduled as private celebrations. Parents will work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date.

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **Diocesan Youth Retreat**

All high school youth and current Eighth graders are invited to sign up for the Diocesan Youth Retreat on May 20-22 at Anna Maria College! The theme for the retreat is Verso L'Alto ("Into the Heights"). This theme is based on the motto of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. The retreat will aim to capture this motto as we journey into the heights through fun & games, music, guest speakers, breakout sessions, and ultimately into the spiritual heights through an encounter with Jesus in the Sacraments. The weekend will include experiences of Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Mass! Cost is \$75 if registered before April 1st. After April 1 the cost is \$100. Final deadline to register is April 27. To sign up or to get more information, go to: neworcester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat. If you have any questions, contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdiocese.org.

# Thanks, Knights of Columbus ...for the Winter Coats

Our parish recently received a letter from the Superintendent of Schools for Webster Public Schools, Ms. Ruthann Petruno-Goguen, Ed.D. She writes, "Thank you for the donation of sixteen winter coats. These coats were given to very grateful students at Park Avenue Elementary School. We are grateful for your hard work and generosity."

Thanks to our Knights of Columbus members.

# **Annual Worcester Diocesan Catholic Men's Conference**

Men (of all ages, including teens and college students) are invited to this important in-person conference, scheduled for Assumption University on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Visit the conference website at www.firstmensconf.org for information and to purchase tickets online and elsewhere. Come and hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders: Kevin O'Brien, Tim Francis, Dan Egan, Father Anthony Hamaty and Dr. Pat Castle. Adult tickets are \$45 until March 21, 2022; afterwards \$60. Student tickets are always \$30. For further information please call Msgr. Tom Sullivan at 508-450-2556 or email him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

#### Enjoy 'WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE'

Every parishioner has free access to our **WOF** digital library. The programs are produced by Bishop Robert Barron, an amazing array of excellent Catholic programming. **Here's how you can access** the *Word on Fire Digital Library*. First set up a 'Login.' It takes a few seconds. On your computer go to **flock-note.com/login**. Enter your email address and then click Reset or create a password *below* the big blue Sign-In button. Click the yellow 'Reset my password' button that comes up and follow the prompts from there. *Flocknotes* will email you a link to create your password. Check your email to finish. Now that you have your *Flocknotes* login go to

https://app.flocknote.com/CTKworc/dashboard at any time. Click the Visit WoFDigital.org button (a big picture) and the library will open! It's that simple to access all the amazing content! Scroll through to your heart's content.

#### HOSPITAL VISITS

The priest chaplains at our hospitals continue to serve the pastoral needs of their patients. Please let us know if someone you know is hospitalized and Msgr. Sullivan will be happy to make the attempt to visit that person as he can. Visits are still restricted currently because of COVID but priests are able to visit for serious matters or when a patient is in danger of death. Monsignor has also been visiting Fairlawn Hospital regularly when he knows someone is there. The best thing is for a family member or friend to call the rectory to let us know your loved one is in the hospital.

# The Need to Expand our Greeters Program

Some generous men and women of the parish have been greeting parishioners as they arrive for Mass, holding doors open for our guests, distributing bulletins at the end of Masses and saying "Goodbye" to folks as they leave. We have principally been doing this at the 11:00 am Mass on Sunday and sometimes at the 4:00 pm Mass. We need more hands "on deck" and invite your help. We'd also like to begin this program at the 9:00 am Mass on Sundays as well. This hospitality program is open to all men, women and young people in the parish. If you can help, please give Jim Valk a call, 508-868-1791, or email him at valk-man@charter.net. Thank you!

# R.C.I.A. & Adult Confirmation

It has been a pleasure to be working with six adults these past many months in both of these two programs. In our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program this year I have been instructing **Zachary Ferguson** (of Paxton), **Klodiana Ripa** (of Worcester) and **Axel Cruz** (of Worcester). Zachary and Klodiana will be baptized, confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil Mass set for April 16 at 7:30 pm. Axel has already been baptized but will be received into the Church and be confirmed and receive Communion at the same Mass. Their sponsors are **John Laracy** (for Zack), **Laurie McCrohon** (for Klodiana), and **Jean Dalbec** (for Axel).

At the same time, I have been preparing three other adults for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be offered at St. Paul's Cathedral next Sunday, February 20 at 3:00 pm. They are Waleska Morse (sponsor is Nathan Morse), Donna Levasseur (sponsor is Richard Kolesnik) and Altin Qeleshi (sponsor is Margaret Cournoyer). Their program of preparation has just concluded.

Please pray for all those seeking a further union with Christ in these programs and their sponsors!

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### Thanks from Conner Morgan Seminarian

Conner Morgan is a seminarian for the Diocese. He recently wrote to us: "Dear Parishioners of Christ the King: I hope this note finds you all well and thriving in the new year. Please allow me this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude for your generous gift. Thank you for thinking of your seminarians during the Christmas season. I count it a great privilege to be able to study for you and our diocese. I admit to being particularly fond of your parish given that I live just over in Columbus Park and am in the habit of joining y'all for Saturday morning Mass. Am I the only one who thinks Msgr. Sullivan sounds like Tom Hanks? God bless."

(Editor's note: Perhaps he is the only one who thinks I sound like Hanks. I've never heard that before. Msgr.)

#### **Religious Education Leadership**

Anne Thompson is now overseeing our Sunday morning religious education program for Grades 1-6 until our final morning classes on Sunday, May 1. Her commitment is that of a *Sunday morning volunteer* for the remainder of this year's program. If you wish to contact Anne with any concerns, please use the regular religious education email address: ctkedu1052@gmail.com.

Monsignor Sullivan is coordinating the program for Grades 7-10 on Sunday evenings and is teaching the Confirmation program. For personal concerns please contact him by calling the rectory (508-754-5361) or by using his personal email address: **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

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#### Highlights of the Week Ahead

#### Saturday, February 12

9:00-10:30 am - Catechesis / Good Shepherd 11:00 am - Funeral of Stephen McCann

#### Sunday, February 13

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

#### Monday, February 14

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center

#### **Tuesday, February 15**

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

#### Wednesday, February 16

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts 7:30 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

#### Thursday, February 17

7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, February 18

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

#### Saturday, February 19

10:00 am - Funeral of Lisa Sansoucy 12:00 pm - Private Baptism

#### Sunday, February 20

3:00 pm - Adult Confirmation, St. Paul's Cathedral

#### The Women's Guild's Annual Lenten Evening of Recollection Monday, March 7

The annual Lenten Evening of Recollection for the Women's Guild is scheduled for **Monday evening, March 7**. Sister Janet Provost, SSJ, a parishioner and member of our Folk Group, will be the special guest and speaker. Our evening together will begin with the regularly scheduled Lenten weekday Mass at 5:30 p.m. Sister Janet's talk will be offered at the dinner to follow. Please contact Donna Byrnes, at 508-753-3024, to make a reservation or if you have any questions. Further information will appear in future bulletins.

# **Postponing Meeting for Parents** of First Eucharist Students

The meeting that was scheduled for parents for this coming Tuesday evening has been postponed until Tuesday, March 1. It will take place on Tuesday, March 1, at 7:00 pm in the Johnson Room. The reason for the postponement is the recent surgery (and need for convalescence) of Ms. Leah DiPilato, our 2nd grade catechist.

## Annual Partners in Charity Appeal

Dear parishioners of Christ the King,

I am very grateful for the ongoing generosity of our parishioners to the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Tens of thousands of people receive direct assistance through our charitable giving. Among others, those thousands are children needing protective shelter and/or education ~ youth and young adults throughout the Diocese ~ those preparing for the priesthood and the diaconate ~ seniors receiving home health care ~ and over fifty retired priests. More than two dozen diocesan ministries and agencies are supported through this appeal. And that is why the diocesan goal is \$5 million.

Tim McMahon, the Director of Catholic Charities, who grew up here at Christ the King and whose father and sister still worship here, expressed the need well: "The difference for families today is that those who were not in crisis before the pandemic or were able to maintain stability in their home life are now facing crisis situations. Many never had to navigate the system for help with food, rent assistance or other forms of aid. Through the generosity of people supporting Partners, of which we are a beneficiary, Catholic Charities can assist them in finding the individual help they need so they do not despair."

If you have not already done so, I hope you will participate and that you will make your pledge or one-time gift within the next couple of weeks. To do so, simply complete and return the gift card (which you will find in your pew). You should return it to me by mail, or by dropping it off, or by putting it in the Offertory basket at Mass. Your gift will be reported to the Diocese immediately. All checks should be made payable to 'Partners in Charity' (not Christ the King). I look forward to hearing back from you and take this opportunity to express my deepest appreciation in advance.

With prayers for you, the whole Church and all those who are ill, I am

Sincerely, Monsignor Tom Sullivan

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