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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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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

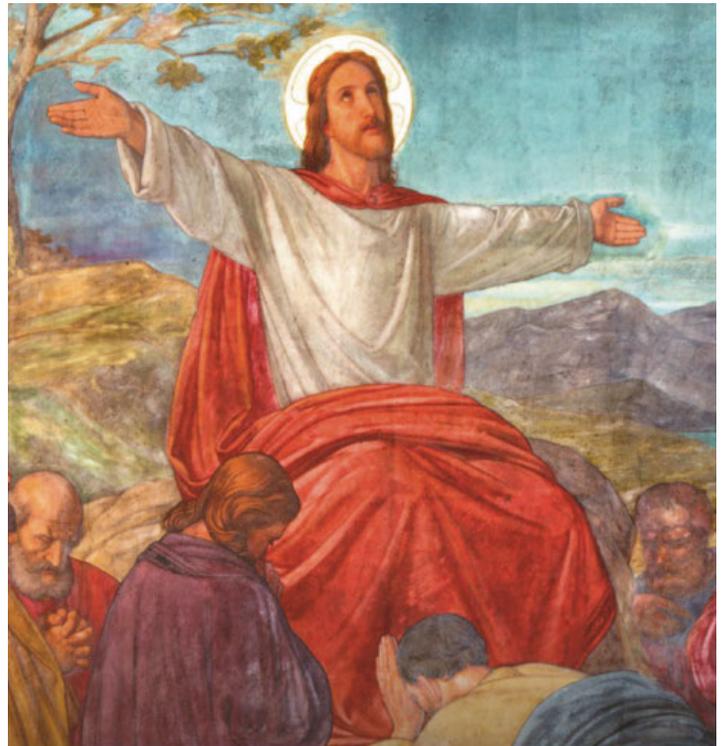
Baptisms take place at Sunday Mass once a month. Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—March 19th

4:00PM Stephen McCann (mem.) req. of Joe & Carol Carlomagno

Sunday—March 20th

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

9:00AM Peter Hai (mem.) req. of Yvonne Nyguen

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—March 21st

7:00AM Virginia Mary Shea (7th anniv.) req. of Kathleen & Stephen Brothers

5:30PM Dennis Ferrante (birthday) req. of family

Tuesday—March 22nd

7:00AM Peace in the Ukraine

5:30PM Myra Connor (mem.) req. of Louis Tripodi

Wednesday—March 23rd

7:00AM Peter Hai (mem.) req. of Yvonne Nguyen

5:30PM Peace in the Ukraine

Thursday—March 24th

7:00AM Peace in the Ukraine

5:30PM Margaret Hart Kelly (mem.) req. of Mark & Monique Czyzewski

Friday—March 25th

7:00AM Rebehak O'Connor (2nd anniv.) req. of family

5:30PM Lisa Sansoucy (mem.) req. of Valerie & Jerry Held

Saturday—March 26th

8:00AM Florence Dulude (43rd anniv) req. of family

4:00PM Peter Hai (mem.) req. of Yvonne Nguyen

Sunday—March 27th

7:30AM Joseph and Ethel Arduini (mem.) req. of Fran & BettyAnn Warner

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Mary Alice Byrnes (mem.) req. of Edd & Donna Byrnes

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.

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 tomorrow, 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.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (**7:00 am Monday-Friday all year; 5:30 pm each weekday during Lent; Saturdays at 8:00 am**). The Mass brings many special graces! All the Masses this week ahead are Lenten weekday Masses with the exception of this **Friday** at which time we'll celebrate the great **Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**.

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: \$5,299.00; **Online Giving:** \$2,115.00;
Mass Stipends: \$90.00; **Fuel:** \$160.54; **Ash Wednesday/ Priest Retirement:** \$230.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$125.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$285.00; **Donation from Friday Night AA:** \$50.00; **Donation in Memory of Kamal Afshari:** \$50.00.

Total: \$8,404.54

INFANT BAPTISM PREPARATION

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. **Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-450-2556) to plan for a baptism**. For the time being, until the coronavirus pandemic is completely 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.

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE IN LENT

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on all the **Fridays of Lent** including **Good Friday** of course. **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on **Good Friday**. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Please support **PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

We hope you will consider a gift for the *2022 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. As we write, about **28%** of our parishioners have donated to date. This appeal supports all our essential diocesan charities. We need the help of all our parishioners more than ever. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Some examples: Catholic Charities - Nazareth Home for Boys - 49 retired priests - Pernet Family Health Service - seniors receiving home health care - youths seeking a Catholic education - those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate - and the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more! The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year and that will take a lot of us pitching in!

A letter was recently mailed to all our parishioners. Please return the gift card you've received and use the special return envelope. More gift cards are available in the book rack in the church foyer. If you plan on sending a **check** it should be made **payable to Partners in Charity**. You can also donate **online** by going to partners-charity.net/donate. Thank you!

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.

"COME HOME TO GOD'S MERCY" *Tuesday Night Confessions During Lent*

Several years ago, Bishop McManus requested that every parish in the Diocese offer opportunities for Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance; confessions) on Lenten Tuesdays **between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. We continue this practice. Lent is a wonderful time to receive God's mercy in this extraordinary Sacrament. In addition to Saturday afternoons, we will be offering confessions on Lenten Tuesday evenings on **March 22, 29 and April 5**. During Holy Week confessions will be offered several afternoons and evenings.

Proposing a Father-Son August Canoeing Trip

Do you like canoeing, camping, fishing, swimming, and exploring? Did you know that Father Reidy has his own canoe? He and Fran Warner are organizing a trip for fathers and sons for this August. We are collecting names of interested parties for a father/son(s) trip to take place during the week of August 15. There will be more information forthcoming depending on response. Boys should be 12 or older and able to swim. If interested, please contact our parishioner, Fran Warner, at franciswarner@juno.com or 774-364-2393.

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 visit that person. 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.

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: neworchester.org/diocesan-youth-retreat. If you have any questions, contact Tim Messenger at 508-929-4360 or at tmessenger@worcesterdioocese.org.

Extra Masses in Lent & Your Mass Intentions

We have a 5:30 pm Mass each weekday during Lent. This is our eleventh year of this practice. Daily Mass during the holy season of Lent is a rich spiritual experience.

Also, if you have a Mass intention but find the morning Mass is already taken by someone else, or inconvenient for you to make, you may want to consider designating this late afternoon Mass for your intention. Some have already done so. If interested, just call Mindy at 508-754-5361. These late afternoon Masses run from through Wednesday, April 13, the day before Holy Thursday.

Update on our Support of Immaculate Conception Parish & School at Les Anglais, Haiti

You will recall that our Parish Council, Parish Finance Council and Haiti Twinning Committee (at a joint meeting of all 3 groups) decided last September to support our twinning parish at Les Anglais in the amount of \$178,000. This was the because of the catastrophic earthquake there in August. All the parish buildings and school were destroyed. We know that work has been progressing. Last fall we made an initial transfer of funds of a little more than \$26,000. Three weeks ago, we transferred another \$55,800. \$53,000 of that came from our master savings account and the balance from our Haiti Twinning savings account, as agreed by our committees. The remaining sum will come from our Legacy of Hope funds. We wanted to update you because of your generosity in making this great charitable act possible.

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.

The First 'Scrutiny' for *The Elect*

At the recent "Rite of Election" at St. Paul's Cathedral, Bishop McManus *elected* many men and women to become Catholic at Easter. Those catechumens are now called "the elect" and they are within the last few weeks of their preparation for the great moment of their Baptism, Confirmation and reception of the Eucharist at Easter. The ceremony also celebrated those Christians (already baptized) who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church. They, too, will be confirmed and receive Holy Communion at Easter. At today's 9:00 am Mass we will celebrate the first Scrutiny after the homily, some brief prayers for them and their sponsors. It will be celebrated for **Klodiana Ripa** and **Zachary Ferguson**. Our candidate for full communion is **Axel Cruz** who typically worships at the 11:00 am Mass. What a wonderful group this year. And I thank their sponsors, **Laurie McCrohon**, **John Laracy** and **Jean Dalbec**.

How can we pray for you?

Our 4th grade religious education class has been exploring the idea that we are to pray in our lives beyond Sunday Mass and that what we begin at Mass should be lived in our lives. We would like to know how we can pray for you. On the bulletin board in the foyer is a "Prayer box" for you to put your prayers in (we have also included note paper and pens so you can write them down). We will be collecting prayer intentions throughout Lent. Thank you for helping us learn about ways we can pray for one another.

40 Days for Life ~ Tuesday, April 5! Sign-up Today

YOU can help save lives by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. We pray that, with God's help, our 'witness' and that of many others will be the beginning of the end of abortion in Worcester. We pray outside the **Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 470 Pleasant Street**. Join fellow parishioners on Tuesday, April 5, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Sign up today for an hour of prayer. Or you contact one of the following: **Ralph & Claire Weirich** (508-791-0678 ~ weirich.ralph@gmail.com) or **Joyce Dubuque** (508-826-0703 ~ jhdubuque@aol.com). *40 Days for Life* is the largest internationally coordinated pro-life mobilization in history, helping people in local communities end the injustice of abortion through. Some milestones are: 750,000 Volunteers ~ 1,000+ Cities ~ 60 Nations ~ 8,000 Local Campaigns ~ 18,000+ Lives Saved ~ 200+ Abortion Workers Quit and 100+ Abortion Centers closed.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, March 19 - St. Joseph's Day

9:00 am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
4:00 pm - '40 Days for Life' sign-up

Sunday, March 20

All Masses - '40 Days for Life' sign-up
9:00 am Mass - First Scrutiny for RCIA
10:00-11:00 am - Grades 1-6 Religious Education
6:00-7:00 pm - Grades 7-10 Penance Service

Monday, March 21

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

Tuesday, March 22

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
7:00-8:00 pm - Lenten Confessions
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, March 23

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, March 24

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 25 - 'Annunciation'

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm
3:00-3:45 pm - Stations of the Cross
6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Saturday, March 26

9:00 am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, March 27

9:00 am Mass - 2nd Scrutiny for RCIA
10:00-11:00 am - Grades 1-6 Religious Education

Stations of the Cross Lenten Friday Afternoons

We celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. We began this last year, and a good number of people came. The time is **3:00-3:30 pm**. We encourage you to join in.

Interest in Summer Volleyball? For Boys and Girls Grades 7-12

The Diocese is sponsoring a league again this year. It is open for boys and girls, grades 7-12. The season will run from mid-June until mid-August. Traditionally, the games have been played on Monday nights. We need to determine your interest before we sign up to have a team. If you are interested, please contact Monsignor Sullivan at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Lent

In Lent, which began two and a half weeks ago, we are exposed to the entire mystery of what God has done for us in Christ. The austerity of the season - marked by simplicity, sacrifice and renewed prayerfulness - is dictated not only by sorrow for sin but also as a time of waiting and anticipation for the coming Easter celebration. Joy is as much a keynote of the season as austerity. It is the joy of those who know that while they are sinners, God's merciful love has been revealed through Jesus Christ.

The whole of the Lenten season looks forward with anticipation to the *Triduum* (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the great Vigil on the eve of Easter), which fully reveals what we will be seeking during the forty days ahead: to die and rise to new life with Christ.

Lent is baptismal, too, because Christian life is baptismal. To be baptized is to die with Christ and rise with him to new life, a process initiated at Baptism, to be sure, but one that is not entirely completed until we rise with him on the last day.

Lent, then, is a time of baptismal renewal, when the Church lingers over the meaning of Baptism - not as a past event in our lives but as a vocation to be lived, not as something that happens merely to individuals but as the task of the whole Church until her Lord comes in glory. It is the time when the Church reaffirms her reason for existence and rededicates herself to her task of *being* the body of Christ.

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