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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

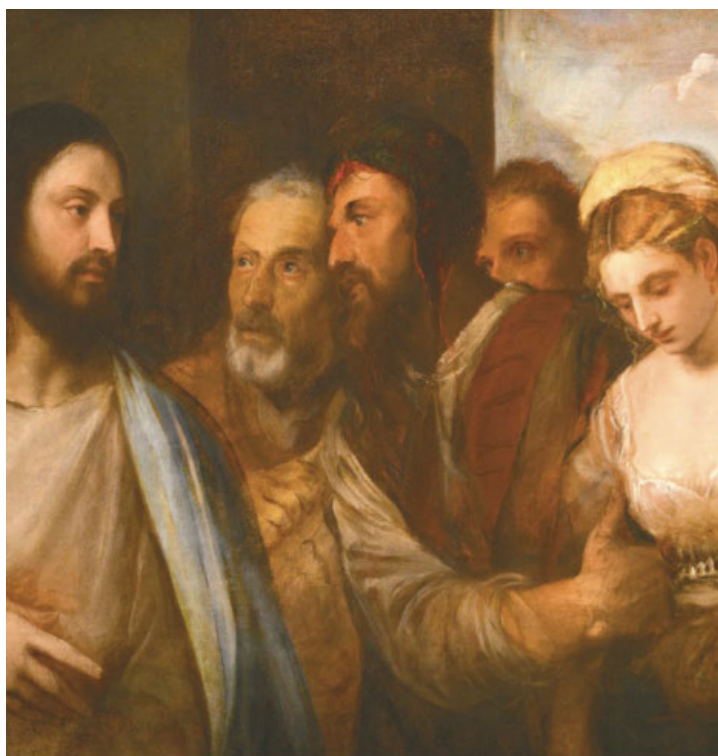
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

Sunday 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM

Weekdays 7:00 AM

Saturday 8:00 AM

Holy Day Mass Times: Please watch our
 bulletin for posted times



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his
 finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened
 up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is
 without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." - Jn 8:6b-7

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—April 2nd

4:00PM Rose, Nicholas and Concetta Colicchio (mem.)
req. of family

Sunday—April 3rd

7:30PM Deacon Joseph Baniukiewicz (mem.) req. of
Bill & Rita Scully

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM The Curran & Cousineau Families

Wednesday—April 6th

5:30PM E. Jay Tierney (10th anniv.) req. of Judy St.
Amand

Thursday—April 7th

7:00AM Mary Ann Bowden (22nd anniv.) req. of The
Bowden Family

5:30PM Rufus Moore (mem.) req. of Mark & Monique
Czyzewski

Friday—April 8th

5:30PM Patricia Gibbons (mem.) req. of Fred & Pat
Rushton

Saturday—April 9th

8:00AM Patricia Gibbons (mem.) req. of Joe & Carol
Carlomagno

4:00PM Joanne St. Martin (6th anniv.) and Philip St.
Martin (2nd anniv.) req. of their daughters

Sunday—April 10th

7:30AM Newell and Elizabeth Warner (mem.) req. of
Fran & Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Kelly Herlihy (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **William F. Holmes**, and **Gail Monroe**.

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.

Update on Russell LaFlash Sunday 7:30 am Greeter & Usher

Many of you continue to ask how Russell is doing following his personal injury some weeks ago. As you may know, he was at the Overlook Rehab Center in Charlton for some weeks. He has returned to his home in Leicester where he lives with his sister and brother. He will continue to wear the neck brace for another two months. Recall that he broke his neck (among other injuries) during the fall down a flight of stairs at home. He certainly cannot drive at this time and has only been out of house once since returning home. We all miss Russell. Please keep him in your prayers. We hope to see him again by the beginning of summer. If you would like to send a note to him you can write to him at 15 LaFlash Lane, Leicester, MA 01524.

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.

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: \$6,581.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,070.00;
Mass Stipends: \$210.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$600.00; **Donation:** \$50.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$156.00; **Easter:** \$25.00;
Ash Wednesday/Priest Retirement: \$155.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$350.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$242.00; **Fuel:** \$60.00.

Total: \$9,499.00

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.

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the week that falls immediately before Easter.

It begins with ***Palm (or 'Passion') Sunday***. We commemorate the triumphal entry into Jerusalem described in all 4 gospels. Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was noted by the crowds who shouted praises and waved palm branches. To commemorate the Messiah's entry into Jerusalem to accomplish his paschal mystery, it is customary to bless palm branches. The blessing ceremony includes the reading of a Gospel account of how Jesus rode into Jerusalem humbly on a donkey, reminiscent of a Davidic victory procession, and how people placed palms on the ground in front of him. Immediately following this great time of celebration over the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem, he begins his journey to the cross. The Mass includes a reading of ***the Passion***, the narrative of Jesus' capture, sufferings and death.

Holy Thursday commemorates the **Last Supper**, where Christ lays out the model for the Eucharist. During the meal, Jesus predicted the events that would immediately follow, including his betrayal, the denial of Peter, and his death and resurrection. The Mass of the Lord's Supper also commemorates the institution of the Mass, the institution of the priesthood and the commandment of brotherly love that Jesus gave after washing the feet of his disciples.

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his death. The only sacraments which can be celebrated are Penance and the Anointing of the Sick. Holy Communion is distributed to the faithful but only in the Service of the Passion of the Lord. However, it can be taken at any hour by the sick.

Holy Saturday is the day between the crucifixion of Jesus and his resurrection. The Mass is not celebrated. As the Sabbath day, the Gospel accounts all note that Jesus was hurriedly buried in a cave tomb after his crucifixion, with the intent to finish proper embalming and burial ceremonies on Sunday as the Sabbath day prohibitions would have prevented Jews from completing a proper burial. On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his Descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection. After sundown on Holy Saturday is the traditional time for the Easter Vigil. The celebration of Easter begins after sundown on what, though still Saturday in the calendar, is liturgically Easter Sunday.

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.

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.

***Please support* PARTNERS IN CHARITY**

We hope you will consider a gift for the *2022 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. As we write, about **31%** of our parishioners have donated. 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! Please return the gift card you received in the mail 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!

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.

Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church we encourage you to come forward. You may meet with Bishop McManus or his delegate, Mrs. Judith Audette, the Director of the Diocesan Office of Healing and Prevention (508-929-4363).

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.

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! **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.

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.

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 franciswarn-er@juno.com or 774-364-2393.

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, April 2

9:00 am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, April 3

9:00 am Mass - 3rd Scrutiny for RCIA

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

6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Religious Education

6:00-7:30 pm - Confirmation class

Monday, April 4

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

6:15 pm - Women's Guild, Johnson Room

Tuesday, April 5 - 40 Days for Life

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

'40 Days' - 7:00 am - 7:00 pm

7:00-8:00 pm - Confessions

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

Wednesday, April 6

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

7:00 pm - KofC meets, Johnson Room

7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, April 7

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

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

Friday, April 8

Masses at 7:00 am and 5:30 pm

3:00-3:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall

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

Saturday, April 9

9:00 am - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sunday, April 10 - Palm Sunday

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

6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Religious Education

6:00-7:30 pm - Confirmation Class Penance Service

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.

Events Prior to and During Holy Week & Easter

Confessions this Week:

Tuesday, April 5 - 7:00-8:00 pm Saturday, April 9 - 2:45-3:45 pm

Holy Week

Mon., April 11 - Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm Confessions: 3:00-4:00 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm
 Tues., April 12 - Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm Confessions: 3:00-4:00 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm
 Wed., April 13 - Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm Confessions: 3:00-4:00 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm

Holy Thursday ~ April 14

6:30 am, Rosary ~ 7:00 am, Morning Prayer (no a.m. Mass) ~ 7:30 pm, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday ~ April 15

6:30 am, Rosary ~ 7:00 am, Morning Prayer ~ 3:00 pm, Solemn Observance of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday ~ April 16

7:30 am, Rosary ~ 8:00 am, Morning Prayer ~ 10:00 am, Blessing of Food Baskets
 Confessions: 2:45-3:45 pm ~ 7:30 pm, Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday ~ April 17

Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 11:00 am

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