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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 celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
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



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight." - Lk 10:30b-31, 33

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Saturday—July 9th

4:00PM Diane Racine (mem.) req. of Barbara Racine

Sunday—July 10th

7:30AM Ida May Nicholson (mem.) req. of Fran and

Betty Ann Warner

9:00AM Mary Leslie Patrock (11th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Tuesday—July 12th

7:00AM A Friend (Living) req. of Joe & Carol

Carlomagno

Saturday—July 16th

4:00PM Stanley Matthews (mem.) req. of Neil & Carol Carmody

Sunday—July 17th

9:00AM Neil Hickey (4th anniv.) req. of family

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (**7:00 am Monday-Friday; Saturdays at 8:00 am**). The Mass brings many special graces! This week we will celebrate the following feasts and special occasions: **St. Benedict, Abbot** (Monday); **St. Henry** (Wednesday); **St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin** (Thursday); **St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Friday); and **Our Lady of Mt. Carmel** (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: \$8,634.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,490.00;
Mass Stipends: \$40.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$300.00; **Peters Pence:** \$165.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00;
Religious Education Registration: \$200.00

Total: \$10,929.00

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Robert N. Scott**, and **Robert L. Boucher, Sr.**

**Upcoming ‘AMPLIFY NIGHT’
for Middle Schoolers**

This past April, several of our CTK families gathered a small group of six middle schoolers (students in grades 6-8) to attend a Diocesan “Amplify Night” which included lawn games, pizza and snacks, praise and worship and concluded with Eucharistic Adoration. There is NO COST to attend but we would like to gather another group for the next one which is **July 24th** from 5:00-7:30 pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel & Our Lady of Loreto at 33 Massasoit Road in Worcester. It will include Dinner, Lawn Games, Music, Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions.

For now, we are interested in generating interest in the July 24th date. If interested, please contact **Mia McDonald** at **mia.c.mcdonald@gmail.com** if interested.

Other dates to follow for 2022-23 are September 25 at St. Mary’s in Uxbridge ~ January 8 (2023) at Annunciation in Gardner ~ and March 19 (2023) at St. Bernadette in Northborough.

Confirmation Class for 2023

Those “rising” high school juniors or seniors who wish to be included in the Confirmation Class of 2023 should contact Msgr. Sullivan for a preliminary interview. These interviews are set by appointment. Please call Monsignor at **508-754-5361** or email him at **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

Infant Baptism Preparation

All parents must participate in a preparation meeting with Monsignor Sullivan 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 a meeting with Monsignor Tom if they like. **Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to arrange for a meeting.** Actual **baptismal celebrations** take place at either our 11:00 am Mass on select Sundays or privately. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date.

**ANNOUNCING NEW
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DIRECTOR
FOR GRADES 1-6**

Mrs. Anne Thompson, a lifelong parishioner, has been appointed as the new D.R.E. for Grades 1-6. She will supervise and oversee our classes on Sunday mornings and assist our catechists in their important ministry. This is a **part-time position** as Anne, a teacher and school administrator for many years, is already a full-time administrator in the Webster Public Schools system. Prior to a career in education, she was a nurse. For many years she has given her time in support of our youth ministries and CYC. She is also a Parish Council member. We welcome Anne to our team. Her direct contact information will be provided later this summer. Msgr. Sullivan will coordinate (and teach some) classes from Grades 7-10 and Confirmation.

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.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Atrium (or prepared environment) is an important element which helps the relationship between God and the child to flourish. After a Sacred Scripture reading (or a theme) has been presented to the young child, he or she is free to choose an activity that will make possible the inner dialogue with the Holy Spirit. One of the early works in the Atrium is the enthronement of the Holy Bible and learning to foster love for and veneration of the Word of God.

The second year of the Christ the King Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) religious program will be held on Sunday mornings this coming fall (10:00-11:00 am). We will continue to describe a bit about the program this summer and hope you will reach out with questions and register if you know a child aged 3-6 who would like to grow closer to Christ. To learn more about the CGS program or schedule a visit to our Atrium contact Jackie Penny at jpenny325@gmail.com.

Please support PARTNERS IN CHARITY

We still hope you will consider a gift for the 2022 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. 37% of our parishioners have donated. At CTK we have fewer donors than any year in more than a decade. The Diocese has reached just 82% of its goal with approximately \$900,000 more to raise. 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! 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!

NEED 'ADULT CONFIRMATION?'

Were you baptized and received Holy Communion but never confirmed? Do you want to be able to be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor? If any are interested, our parish has preparation sessions each year for those adults who were never confirmed. The program is for adults who were baptized and received First Holy Eucharist (Communion) but never completed their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Msgr. Sullivan conducts the 6-session program on Thursday evenings (November 10 & 17; December 1 & 15; January 12 & 19) from 7:15 to 8:15 pm. The Confirmation ceremony takes place at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February, when Bishop McManus celebrates the sacrament for adults from throughout the diocese. If you are interested, please contact Msgr. Sullivan at either 508-450-2556 or by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

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.

'HOPE FOR HOUSING' CARDS

Hope for Housing cards are sold in the church foyer after all Masses. Here's how they work: You purchase food or gift cards in various amounts of \$10 to \$100; You use the food cards for your shopping; You receive the full-face value of the card you purchase; What you don't spend remains on your card for later use; The supermarket or store donates 5% to 10% of what you spend to prevent family homelessness. Yvonne Nguyen already has a couple of volunteers but will need to engage some additional ones (as in the past). If you would like to assist her (and you will be trained) Yvonne's telephone number is **508-762-2161** & her email address is Yv0nn3@aol.com. Cards are available for: The Big Y, CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Panera Bread, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, TJMaxx / Marshall, Starbucks, Amazon and Target.

Upcoming Trip to 'Pickity Place' And LaBelle Winery

One of our parishioners is running a trip for the Retired Men's Club of Greendale to **Pickity Place** and **LaBelle Winery** on Wednesday August 17, 2022. The all-inclusive price is \$112 per person. **Highlights:** Join us as we travel North to the scenic Mason, NH home of Pickity Place, a hilltop hideaway featuring fine dining, themed gardens and a unique shopping experience. We arrive at 10:00 a.m., giving us time to explore their gardens and gift shop. After our 5-course gourmet lunch we'll have additional time to further explore Pickity Place. Then it's off to Amherst and a visit to LaBelle Winery for a wine tasting of their award-winning wines. We're sure some will return with a bottle or two from their store. We return home about 5:00 pm after a great day in the Granite State. Informational flyers are available on the bulletin boards in the vestibule and basement entrance. For further information and/or to sign up please contact Dick Pinkes at 508-769-2913.

New Altar Servers Needed

Monsignor Sullivan looks forward to preparing some new altar servers and particularly those who might be able to serve at the 4:00 pm (Saturday), and 7:30 and 11:00 am Masses on Sunday (and even at the 9:00 am Mass time!). If your son or daughter is interested in learning to be an altar server, please let Msgr. Sullivan know by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com. He will be back in touch with you as to when your training can begin this summer.

CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LINE

If you know of someone who could use our prayerful support please contact Mindy at 508-754-5361 or by email at mindyd1052@gmail.com.

Congratulations, Extraordinary Ministers

At two Masses last Sunday, Monsignor Sullivan formally installed four new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. **Emily Schoen** and **Nellie Rushton** of our recent Confirmation class were installed at the 9 am Mass. They are also catechists for our 3rd grade program. **David Belliveau** and his wife, **Deborah Jean-Baptiste**, were installed at the 11 am Mass. They became parishioners in late 2020. Dave is an accountant and Deborah a college professor. Congratulations to all four parishioners. May God bless your new ministry!

The 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph will take place at Christ the King Parish on Monday evenings this fall. There will be prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, for the end of the pandemic, and to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. Beginning September 12, the Novena will be celebrated nine consecutive Mondays from 7:15 pm to 8:00 pm. This year's dates and homilists are: Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Sept. 12); Bishop Robert J. McManus (Sept. 19); Fr. James Mazzone (Sept. 26); Fr. Stephen Lundrigan (Oct. 3); Fr. John Gavin, SJ (Oct. 10); Fr. Ronald Falco (Oct. 17); Fr. Anthony Mpagi (Oct. 24); Msgr. Thomas Sullivan (Oct. 31; Novena and Vigil Mass for the Feast of All Saints); and Fr. Alfredo Porras (Nov. 7). The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be mailed or emailed beginning in late August.

2022-23 Principal Catechists at CTK

It is with gratitude that we announce the following members of the community who will be our lead catechists in the religious education program at Christ the King in the year ahead. The list does not include those who intend to serve as class aides. The principal catechists are: Grade 1, **Joan Cross**; Grade 2, **Leah DiPilato**; Grade 3, **Nellie Rushton & Emily Schoen**; Grade 4, **Dennis O'Connor**; Grade 5, **Sam Bowden**; Grade 6, **Anthony Zamarro**; Combined Grades 7 & 8, **Monsignor Sullivan**; Grade 9, **Mary Ann Nalbandian**; Grade 10, **Mark Andrews**; and Confirmation preparation, **Monsignor Sullivan**. God bless you all!

Report Sexual Abuse

If you have been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, please believe in the possibility of hope and healing. The Church encourages 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 (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-929-4363). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Monday, July 11

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare Center
3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

Tuesday, July 12

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

Friday, July 15

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

Saturday, July 16

9:00 am - Flynn Family Baptism
2:00 pm - Wedding: Anne-Marie Haylon
& William Hahn

Donate Or Sell a Used Car?

Msgr. Sullivan is attempting to assist an immigrant family who come to Mass each Sunday but must use *Uber* to get here and return. And a nineteen-year-old college student in the family must use *Uber* to go to classes in Gardner, MA, which is very expensive each way. If you have an old car you would like to donate or perhaps sell to this family (who don't have much money) please contact **Msgr. Sullivan** at **508-450-2556** or by email: tsullivan5@mac.com.

2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Please Register Now

Religious Education registrations were mailed to all our families for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and Grades 1-10 several weeks ago. They have also been sent through our Flocknotes email system. Parents should please complete and return the forms (with your registration fee check enclosed). If you do not have a form please call **Mindy Dulude, 508-754-5361**, and she can mail one to you. Or you can arrange to pick one up from her, Monday-Friday (9 am-4 pm). Or Msgr. Sullivan can email them to you. Please use his email address: tsullivan5@mac.com. Classes (CGS and Grades 1-10) begin on **Sunday, September 18**.

The Confirmation Program has a separate registration process. (See another item in today's bulletin.) That program is for rising juniors and seniors. Please contact Msgr. Sullivan with any questions regarding Confirmation. Confirmation classes begin **September 25**.

'Newcomers' or any families not yet registered at Christ the King are welcome and should first contact Msgr. Sullivan to register in the parish.

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.

Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts

We have just Three Weeks to Fight!

The Massachusetts State Legislature is considering passing into law a deeply troubling bill which would legalize Physician Assisted Suicide. The bill, SB1384, is "An Act relative to end-of-life options." Physician Assisted Suicide is an affront to life and a dangerous precedent for determining end of life issues. Physicians are trained to care for the ill, not hasten death. The legislative session ends July 31st so we should act now.

Here are some troubling facts to consider: The bill would allow a physician to provide a deadly drug mixture to an individual diagnosed with less than 6 months to live that, when consumed, would cause death. **NOTE:** The diagnosis could be wrong. Countless individuals have outlived that 6-month diagnosis and enjoyed many more precious months and years with family and friends.

No Real Safeguards - A vulnerable individual who is physically disabled, depressed, or fears being a "burden" may be subject to undue influence by others to take the drug mixture, especially if there is a financial benefit as an incentive.

The primary focus of elected officials should be dedicated to legislation providing quality health care, mental health care and palliative care to the sick and dying - particularly in the underserved, poor and minority communities that suffer the most at the time of need.

Call or email your legislators, let them know you are a Massachusetts voter, and say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide!

Log on to www.macatholic.org and follow the links to find contact information for members of the legislative Joint Committee on Health Care Finance or your individual State Senator and Representative via address and zip code link.

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