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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

PHONES

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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.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said in reply, "Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." - Lk 17:17-19

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—October 8th

4:00PM James Hines (birthday) req. of wife, Mary Hines

Sunday—October 9th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Ronald McCrohon (11th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Philip Murphy (5th anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—October 12th

7:00AM Leo Dalbec (13th anniv.) req. of family

Thursday—October 13th

7:00AM Melanie Hoey (mem.) req. of The Dunlevy Family

Friday—October 14th

7:00AM Alfred Parrella (mem.) req. of Debra Dang and Family

Saturday—October 15th

8:00AM Fr. Dermont Fenlon (mem.) req. of The Keville Family

4:00PM Paul Francis Thomas (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—October 16th

7:30AM Margaret "Peggy" Coppinger (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Patricia Falcone (birthday) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Bertha S. Malone**, the mother of Kathleen Glosinski, **Sandy McKeon**, the sister of Donald McKeon, **Egisto Menardi**, the cousin of Fiorella Crossen, and **James J. Grady**, the father of Michael Grady.

New Email Address for Religious Education Program

Please note that our new email address for Religious Education inquiries (as is shown on the front cover of this bulletin) is reledctkworc@gmail.com.

ANNUAL DEACON JOE BANIUKIEWICZ 'COATS FOR KIDS' APPEAL

As a father himself, a Knight of Columbus, and long serving Deacon of our parish family, Joe started this project many years ago to provide warmth for children in need during cold winter months. His goal was to ensure that no child in our area goes without a coat during the winter season. Some parishioners have contributed in the past and the Knights Of Columbus of Christ the King parish want to continue Deacon Joe's efforts going forward. Please send your generous contribution to: Dick Lane, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 12691, 265 Moreland Street, Worcester, Mass 01609. Please make checks payable to *Knights of Columbus Council 12691*.

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: **Columbus Day** (Monday; 7 am); **Saint John XXIII, pope** (Tuesday); **Saint Callistus I, pope and martyr** (Friday); and **St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** (Saturday).

Offertory

We are very grateful for all your donations and gifts to the parish and the Diocese. Please find our report of your donations that we have received for last weekend:

Offertory: \$9,066.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,420.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$200.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$300.00; **Religious Education Registrations:** \$120.00; **Fuel:** \$1,037.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$61.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$100.00; **Baptism Donation:** \$100.00; **All Saints:** \$35.00; **All Souls:** \$35.00; **Prop of Faith:** \$120.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$50.00.

Total: \$12,644.00

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 **Sundays: in 2022: today, October 9 and November 20; and in 2023 (thus far) on January 8. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to pre-register for the program.** Later dates for these sessions will be posted in 2023. Actual baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date. The next scheduled public celebrations of infant Baptism at Mass will take place on **the following Sundays: in 2022 ~ November 6 and December 11.** Dates for baptisms in **2023** are: **January 15, February 19, April 16, May 21, and June 18.**

Mass on Columbus Day 7:00 am

Since so many people still work on Columbus Day, (tomorrow) Monday, October 10, our daily Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 am that day.

Low Gluten Hosts Available for Holy Communion

We've been offering 'low-gluten' hosts for those who cannot tolerate gluten. These hosts meet the requirements of the Catholic Church for Holy Communion in terms of ingredients and gluten content. The hosts we use have gluten content of less than 0.01%. Speak to Msgr. Sullivan prior to Mass so that we can offer this special host to 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.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than this Wednesday, October 12** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

Interested in Joining our 9:00 a.m. Folk Group?

Any person interested in joining our Folk Group is welcome...as we try to add new members. The Folk Group rehearses every other Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. You can just come and join in on a Wednesday night. If you have any questions, please be in touch with our new Director of Liturgical Music, Ellen Linn, by emailing her at ellen.linn@gmail.com or Dick Freije by emailing him at rmfreije@gmail.com.

The 11th Annual Novena to St. Joseph

The Annual Novena takes place here on Monday evenings. There is 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. We begin at 7:15 pm and conclude at 8:00 pm. **Tomorrow** evening's homilist is **Father John Gavin, SJ**, a professor of theology at the College of the Holy Cross and regular celebrant of Sunday Masses here. The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be **mailed** to our rectory office, or called in to **508-754-5361**, or emailed to Msgr. Sullivan 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.

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.

Women's Guild's Annual Baby Bottle Drive

Last weekend Women's Guild volunteers **distributed** special envelopes for this drive at all Masses. This is a benefit for Visitation House, a Catholic home for homeless pregnant women in crisis. Since opening many years ago the staff has welcomed hundreds of mothers and their babies. While women await the birth of their babies Visitation House feeds, clothes, educates and nurtures them. After the birth of their baby, mothers can stay up to six months and are assisted with housing, higher education, job opportunities and necessities to start their new lives. It costs well over \$3,000 per month (for each mother and baby) and the house can accommodate 12 moms and infants at a time. Please support Visitation House and return the envelope you received to the address provided by the end of October.

Or you can **visit the website** of Visitation House and make a donation that way by clicking on 'Christ the King' when you get to this page: <https://visitationhouse.org/baby-bottle-drive>.

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.

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 mindy1052@gmail.com.

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.

St. John's High School

Open House

Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 6:00 pm - Visit
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Sat., November 19, at 8:30 am & Sat., December 10 at 8:30 am - Visit

stjohnshigh.org/admissions/admissions-tests

Pre-registration is required. Contact the Admissions Office with any questions at (508) 842-8934 ext. 266 or admissions@stjohnshigh.org

Interested in Joining our 11:00 a.m. Festival Choir?

Any person interested in joining our Festival Choir is welcome...as we try to add new members. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. You can just come and join in on that night. If you have any questions, please be in touch with our new Director of Liturgical Music, Ellen Linn, by emailing her at ellen.linn@gmail.com.

Greeters Program

Some parishioners have been greeting fellow congregants as they arrive for Mass, holding doors open for our guests, distributing bulletins at the end of Masses - mostly at the 4:00 pm and 11:00 am Masses. We'd like to do this at the 9:00 am Mass too. If you see yourself doing this please call **Jim Valk** (508-868-1791) or by email him at valkman@charter.net. Thanks!

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

Saturday, October 8

8:30 am - Ad Altare Dei Scout Program
4:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Recruiting
4:00 pm - Cub Scouts Popcorn Sale
6:00-9:00 pm - CYC Game Night, Hall

Sunday, October 9

All Masses - Knights of Columbus Recruiting
All Masses - Cub Scouts Popcorn Sale
1:00-2:30 pm - Baptism Prep for Parents

Monday, October 10

19:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare
7:15 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, October 11

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

Wednesday, October 12

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

Thursday, October 13

5:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal
7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 14

4:00 pm - Wedding
6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Sunday, October 16

10:00-11:00 am - Rel. Ed., CGS-Grade 5
6:00-7:30 pm - Rel. Ed., Grades 7-10

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.

How to Put 'The Priest Retirement Fund' in Your Will

After providing for your family and loved ones, you may wish to put *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund* in your will, thus assuring the care of our 50 retired priests. Bequests are free of estate tax and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government. You can give needed support for *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund* by simply including the following words in your will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund*, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 (insert amount being given here) to be used to support our retired diocesan priests." A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. You can also name *The Diocese of Worcester* as a contingency beneficiary in the event someone named in your will is no longer living. It is recommended that an attorney help in drafting or amending a will.

Why Come to Sunday Mass?

The American Bishop Fulton J. Sheen, when conducting a retreat for teens, once gave a talk on the meaning of the Mass. He said, "If you don't get anything out of Mass, it's because you don't bring the right expectations to it." It is not entertainment. It is worship of the God who made us and saves us, an opportunity to praise and thank God for all that God has done for us. If we have a correct understanding of Mass it becomes more meaningful for us. We'll want to go to Mass. We'll understand why the Mass is God's precious gift to us, and we wouldn't think of refusing that gift. Here are some reasons to go to Mass:

The third of the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God is, "**Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.**" The Mass was instituted at the Last Supper by Jesus. **He said, "Do this in memory of me."** When we participate in the Mass we remember his great act of love for us on the Cross so that we can live with him forever in heaven.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that Mass attendance on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is the first of the six *Commandments of the Church*. These **commandments** also require receiving Communion at least once a year during the Easter season, confessing any mortal sin as a preparation for Communion, and observing the prescribed days of fasting and abstinence. The **Mass is the perfect sacrifice** created by Jesus. Through the priest we offer Jesus, *Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity*, to the Father, just as Jesus offered Himself to the Father on the Cross.

Jesus said, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day." **Receiving Holy Communion strengthens our union with Jesus.** He lives within us in a special way. The Mass increases our love of God and neighbor. God wants us to **come together in community** to worship Him. Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there I am in your midst."

God will help us experience the tremendous benefits of the Mass. Bring an **attitude of prayer and thanksgiving** to Mass, and you will reap great spiritual riches: consolation, confidence, happiness, and spiritual strength for the challenges of life.

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