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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

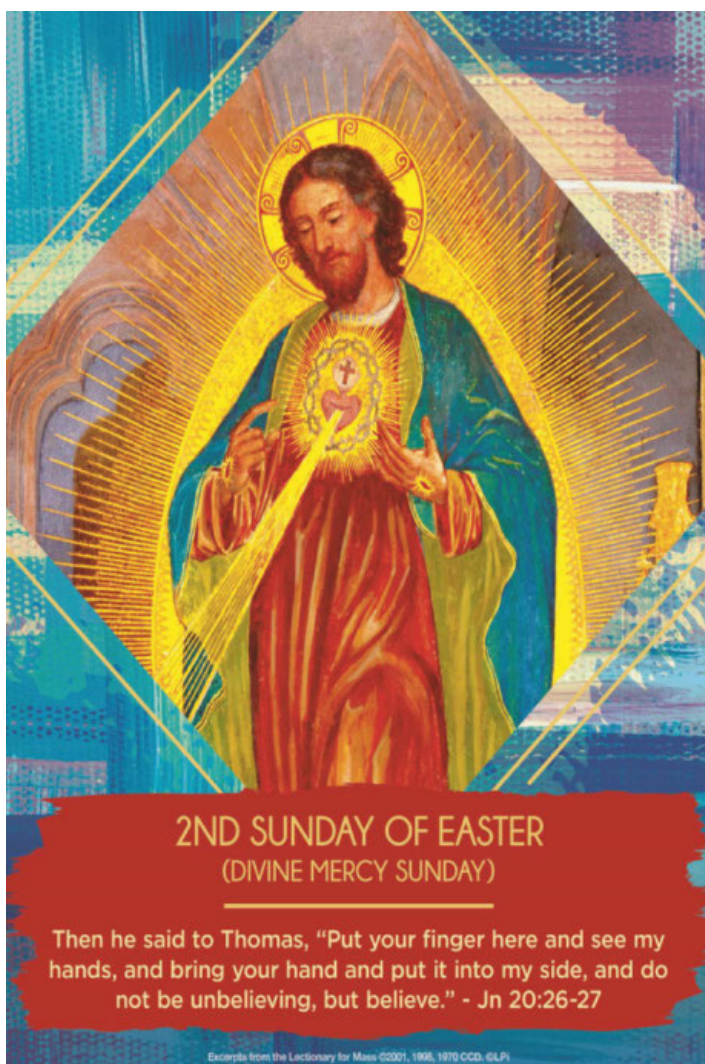
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—April 15th

4:00PM John J. Cronin (20th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—April 16th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Joan M. Sheehan (36th anniv.) req. of Grandson PJ

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

Monday—April 17th

7:00AM Caterina Minardi (mem.) req. of Maria Crossen

Tuesday—April 18th

7:00AM Patricia Gibbons (mem.) req. of The Keville Family

Wednesday—April 19th

7:00AM Judy Morrisson (mem.) req. of Bob & Anne Butretsky

Thursday—April 20th

7:00AM William F. Foley (mem.) req. of Robert Reynolds & Family

Saturday—April 22nd

8:00AM Patrick O'Connor (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—April 23rd

7:30AM Francis X. Brothers (1st anniv.) req. of Stephen & Kathleen Brothers

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the Kin

11:00AM Patricia Kenary (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Beverly M. Hauver**.

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.

'In Hour of Need' Shelter April 23 through April 30

Our second week of service to our community homeless families at the IHN shelter begins on **Sunday, April 23** through **Sunday, April 30** at 91 June Street, Worcester. **If you would like to make a donation to our work there a volunteer will be receiving donations as you leave Mass today.**

Donations of grocery gift cards, cash donations, meals, paper goods such as paper towels, toilet tissue, diapers and household cleaning products are greatly appreciated. Please consider helping with the gift of your time by donating a few hours of evening chaperoning or staying overnight as a volunteer. Please call **Celeste Hedge** (508-735-3997) or **Janet Rauktis** (508-450-7496) to volunteer and assist in this important ministry.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (Monday-Friday at 7:00 am and 8:00 am on Saturdays). This week all our Masses are those celebrating the season of Easter. On Friday we will honor the bishop and Doctor of the Church, St. Anselm.

Offertory

We are very grateful for all your donations and gifts to the parish and the Diocese. Your donations from last weekend, Easter Sunday weekend, are as follows:

Offertory: \$8,240.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,465.00;
Mass Stipends: \$30.00; **Donation:** \$10.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$145.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$45.00; **Easter:** \$4,670.00; **Good Friday:** \$1,655.00; **Fuel:** \$310.00; **Ascension:** \$50.00; **Ash Wednesday:** 10.00; **Parish Outreach:** \$125.00.

Total: \$16,755.00

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 date for our next session is: **Sunday, April 23. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to pre-register for the program.** 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: May 21, and June 18.**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Joana Ripa** who was welcomed into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil Mass last Saturday night. This wonderful sophomore at WPI worked very hard this past year to study about our faith and make her decision to enter our church. Her mother, Klodiana, was baptized at the Easter Vigil last year. The family are natives of Albania.

We also congratulate **Dr. Gregory Kunkel**, a new parishioner and surgical resident in urology at the UMass-Memorial Hospital system, who received the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Easter Vigil. Msgr. Sullivan received special delegation of Bishop McManus to celebrate this Confirmation (typically only bishops celebrate Confirmation). Greg's wife, **Alicia**, was his sponsor. Their first-born child will soon be baptized here.

CTK's Father-Son Canoeing Trip

Do you like canoeing, camping, fishing, swimming, and exploring? We are collecting names of interested parties for a father/son(s) trip to take place during the week of **August 14-18**. Boys should be 10 or older and able to swim. There will be more information forthcoming. If interested, please contact Fran Warner at franciswarner@juno.com or cell: 774-364-2393.

**Hold the Date
Forum on Physician Assisted Suicide
Monday, June 19 ~ 7:00 pm**

Christ the King will host a forum on the key issue of Physician Assisted Suicide. The major presenters will be Most Rev. Robert J. McManus, the Bishop of Worcester, and Senator Ryan C. Fattman, whose district includes part of Worcester and Hampden counties. The thrust of the presentation will be on what Massachusetts would look like if PAS were ever adopted here. Thus far, attempts to introduce it into law here in Massachusetts have gone down to defeat for more than a decade. Please plan on coming and inviting as many people as you like to the program.

Mass at WSU

Mass will be held at Worcester State University, Sunday April 30th at 7:00 pm in Wasylean Hall. The celebrant will be Rev. Donato Infante. All are welcome.

Renewal of Priestly Promises

Each year all diocesan priests participate in the Mass of the Oils celebrated at St. Paul's Cathedral during Holy Week. Not only are the holy oils (for the Sick, Catechumens and holy Chrism) blessed for the year but the diocesan bishop invites all priests to renew their priestly promises and all others present to pray for we priests. Since I am now ordained a priest forty-six years, I renewed my priestly vows for the forty-fifth time just a few days before Easter. The priesthood is an absolute joy, and it is my great privilege to serve God and His people as a priest. The following are the questions that Bishop McManus asked us and to which we responded...

"Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made?" **I am.**

"Are you resolved to be more united with the Lord Jesus and more closely conformed to him, denying yourselves and confirming those promises about sacred duties towards Christ's Church which, prompted by love of him, you willingly and joyfully pledged on the day of your priestly ordination?" **I am.**

"Are you resolved to be faithful stewards of the mysteries of God in the Holy Eucharist and the other liturgical rites and to discharge faithfully the sacred office of teaching, following Christ the Head and Shepherd, not seeking any gain, but moved only by zeal for souls?" **I am.**

Following these questions and responses the laity are asked to pray for their priests and their bishop, which they did.

Offering for Intentioned Masses

Throughout the Diocese the customary offering for a Mass intention is \$10. That offering is given to the priest who celebrates the Mass as a way of supplementing his small salary. Increasingly, many are not making the offering. We hope you will do so.

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. **St. Vincent's Hospital** does provide us with information about parishioners. Generally, the information is correct but occasionally their reporting about parishioners is inaccurate. We can never get any information from either **UMass Hospital** (at the Lake) or **Memorial Hospital**, members of the same institution. It is always best to call the rectory.

'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.

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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.

Please give to *Partners in Charity*!

We are very grateful for the ongoing generosity of our parishioners to the *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. The diocesan goal is \$5 million this year and we have a long way to go to meet that goal. Tens of thousands of people are served by this essential annual campaign. We hope you will contribute now with a pledge or one-time gift. **33%** of our **parishioners** have done so thus far. Pledge cards and envelopes are available in the church vestibule's book rack and at the rectory. Simply return it by mail, or by dropping it off, or by putting it in the offertory basket at Mass. All **checks** should be made payable to '*Partners in Charity*' (not Christ the King).

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.

Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public

Monsignor Sullivan is a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized you are welcome to call upon him. There is no fee. Just call the rectory should you need this service.

Children's Choir of Greater Paris Returning this Summer Volunteer as Host Family Now

Many will recall the wonderful concert and two-day visit we experienced in July of 2019. And now the *Children's Choir of Greater Paris* will return in July of 2023. Under the direction of Professor Francis Bardot about forty boys and girls (ages 11-14) will perform here on the evening of Tuesday, July 18, 2023. This is a free concert. All are welcome. For their tour the group is accompanied by several adult chaperones. Professor Bardot and his wife have met with Elise Jacques, Tom & Sue Flynn and Monsignor Sullivan to lay the initial groundwork for the group's return visit. **We are now inviting CTK families to consider hosting a child or two (or more) for the evenings of Monday and Tuesday, July 17 and 18.** A couple of families have already volunteered on their own. If you would like to do so, please contact either **Tom Flynn** (email: fly5thom@yahoo.com) or **Sue Flynn** (email: nurse_sue52@yahoo.com). On Wednesday morning, July 19, the group will travel to Cape Cod for multiple concerts there. Plan now to join us for this wonderful evening.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, April 16 - Divine Mercy

Tuesday, April 18

7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting

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

Wednesday, April 19

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

Thursday, April 20

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

Friday, April 21

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

Sunday, April 23

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed.

1:00-2:30 pm - Parent Baptism Prep, Rectory

1:00-5:00 pm - Private Party, Johnson Room

6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Rel. Ed.

Religious Education Classes

This Week & Next...

There are **no classes** scheduled for **this** weekend, **April 16**, because of the April school vacation. The **next** classes are scheduled for **next Sunday, April 23**. On that day classes will be held for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and **Grades 1-6** from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. Classes for **Grades 7-10** will meet from **6:00 to 7:30 pm**.

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.

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.

Lent & Easter Thanks

On this week following Easter I wish to thank all those on the parish staff and dozens of our parish volunteers who worked so hard to make our most recent Lent, Holy Week and Easter liturgical experiences spiritually fruitful. In a special way we thank the members of our parish staff: Father Richard Reidy, Ellen Linn, Mindy Dulude, Mike Watson, Anne Thompson and Debra Pasquale. In addition, I offer my thanks to all those Jesuits from the community at the College of the Holy Cross who joined us for the Triduum: Fathers John Gavin, Jim Hayes, Bill Stempsey, Earle Markey, Ferenc Pastch (from Hungary), Selva Rathinam (from India, and who sang the Exsultet at the Easter Vigil Mass) and Joachim Zoundi (from East Africa).

The music for all our services was exceptionally inspiring. We are very grateful to Ellen, the Director of Liturgical Music, for her leadership, the Festival Choir for its preparation for and singing at all our Triduum services, the Folk Group for its preparation for and singing at the 9:00 am Mass on Easter Sunday, and Alana Kearney for her service as a cantor on Easter Sunday.

I am grateful to all our extraordinary ministers, lectors and altar servers for making our (morning and afternoon) Lenten and Holy Week liturgies so beautiful. I am thankful for our greeters and those who decorated the church so beautifully for these holiest of days.

I express my gratitude to God for all our catechists who so regularly commit to the spiritual formation of our young people and who complete this year's teaching on May 7.

I appreciated the presence of so many parishioners and all others who have worshipped at our Sunday and weekday liturgies. I am also very thankful to those who regularly contribute to the parish and the Diocese, and to those who donated towards our purchase of Easter flowers.

May the Risen Lord bless you all!

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

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