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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.



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy;
I came so that they might have life and have it more
abundantly." - Jn 10:9-10

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—April 29th

4:00PM Doris Prestes (25th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—April 30th

7:30AM Richard Oliver (8th anniv.) req. of family

9:00AM Edward Deyette (2nd anniv.) req. of wife,
Barbara

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—May 1st

7:00AM A Friends Health req. of Roger & Joyce
Dubuque

Tuesday—May 2nd

7:00AM Bertha Jean Mulkey (mem.) req. of Fran &
Betty Ann Warner

Thursday—May 4th

7:00AM Thomas Burke (4th anniv.) req. of family

Saturday—May 6th

4:00PM Ryan Daily (1st anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—May 7th

7:30AM Jim Brock (mem.) req. of a friend

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Nancy A. McCormack O'Connell (mem.) req.
of The family of Patricia Schmitt

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Jane M. Ottaviano**, the sister of
Jean Perry, and **Frederick T. Jackson**.

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.

Congratulations Newlyweds!

We congratulate **Daniel Patrick Quick** and **Sarah Elizabeth Coderre** who were joined together in marriage here at Christ the King this past Friday afternoon, April 28. Monsignor Sullivan officiated at the Nuptial Mass. These days it is quite rare for a bride and groom to come from the same parish but that is the case for Sarah and Dan and we rejoice with them. Sarah is the daughter of Jim and Amy Coderre, very active members of the parish. And participating in the wedding from Sarah's family were **Nathaniel Coderre** (Best Man), **Emily Coderre** (Maid of Honor), **Laura** and **Rachel Coderre** (Bridesmaids), and **Benjamin** and **Zachary Coderre** (lectors). Dan is the son of Harry Dumont Quick and Donna Marie (Hawkesworth) Quick, who are both deceased. Dan's sister, **Megan Quick**, was a lector at the wedding. May the Lord bless these wonderful newlyweds with the treasure of happiness, the best of health and the gift of holiness all the days of their lives. The couple will reside in Somerville, MA.

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 we honor **St. Joseph the Worker** (Monday); **St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Tuesday); and **Saints Philip and James, Apostles** (Wednesday).

Offertory

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

Offertory: \$5,091.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,415.00;
Mass Stipends: \$60.00; **Easter:** \$85.00;.

Total: \$6,651.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

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 participate in the program if they like. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to register for a meeting time. Baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass or, on occasion, privately. 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.

Please pray for this year's Confirmation Class

Next Sunday, May 7, (St. Paul's Cathedral, 3:00 pm) Bishop McManus will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the following members of Christ the King's Confirmation class and those of twelve other parishes. Please keep them in your prayers and ask God that the Holy Spirit will lavish His gifts upon them and keep them always close to God and the Church. The members of our class this year are: **Aidan Murphy Coppinger, Leila Emilia Gentile, Nikolas Theodore Edward Gillaspie, William Edward Foster Holmes, Stephen Bernard McDonald, Conley Roger Lee Monroe, Damon Patrick Myers, Kavira Joy Nganza, Emily Anne O'Connor, Nora Katherine Oliver, Shane John Parretti, and Reagan Elizabeth Scavone.**

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.

**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 event is being sponsored by the *Catholic Free Press*. 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.

FRIDAY MORNING "COFFEE & BOOKS"

Are you interested in a little socializing after Friday's morning Mass with "Coffee & Books" in the Johnson Room (first and last Fridays of the month)? Come and introduce yourself, have a cup of coffee to start your day, and browse the books in our lending library. The session is from 7:30 to 9:00 am. All are welcome! Even if you can't make it to Mass, you'd be most welcome to join us! If interested, email Catherine Doyle: cathdoyle1710@gmail.com or text/leave a message: 508-340-6532. **Hope to see you this Friday, May 5!**

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.

Ignatian Volunteer Corps

Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) New England, a yearlong volunteer opportunity for women and men 50 years of age and better, is seeking volunteers for the upcoming (September to June) year. Volunteers generally give two full days/week of service and commit to a monthly spiritual reflection program in the Jesuit tradition. IVC works with nonprofits in the Boston/Worcester/Providence areas that address problems of homelessness, education, immigration and more. Get info and application by contacting regional director Dave Hinchey at newengland@ivcusa.org, or check out the IVC New England website at www.ivcusa.org/newengland.

**Thanks For Your Help With the
IHN Family Homeless Shelter**

Many thanks to those volunteers who worked at the **IHN Home** this past week and to all those who prepared meals and/or donated food cards or cash for the local homeless. Our week of service ends today, Sunday, April 30. And we are very grateful for the cash contributions of so many parishioners as they left Mass on the weekend of April 15 and 16. Those contributions amounted to \$1,400. We appreciate your goodness and generosity very much. God bless you.

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.

**Please pray for this year's
First Communion Class**

Next Saturday, May 6, at 10:00 am., our parish will celebrate the annual First Holy Communion Mass for our new class. That is always an important day in any parish. These wonderful young people have already been baptized, of course, and then received the Sacrament of Reconciliation (last December). Next Saturday they receive their second Sacrament of Initiation into the life of the Church (Holy Eucharist). Please keep them in your prayers and ask God to continue to lavish His gifts upon them and keep them always close to Himself and the Catholic Church. The members of our class this year are: **Beatriz Alonso, Donald Batchelder, Isla Brazile, Dylan Clarke, Ryan Dawkins, Theodore DiMassa, Delilah Dooley, Finnegan Dooley, Abriana Gonzalez, Jesse Kemeh, Brian Merriam, Evan Masumbuko, Logan Nuy, April Parente, Noah Nieves, Chilotel Okoli, Sabrina Stacey and Joshua Whitemore.**

**CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group'
Each First Friday
May 5, 7:30-8:30 pm**

Tony Penny, Anthony Zamarro and Patrick McDonald of our parish spearhead this group for men's spiritual growth. The men who join us continue to meet for prayer and spiritual development for one hour in the evening on First Friday in the church. The format varies a bit from month to month, but we incorporate private prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual reading or presentation. All Catholic men are invited and welcome, not just parishioners. The group will meet **this coming Friday, May 5, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.**

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.

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). You can donate online as well by going to: partners-charity.net/donate.

Women's Guild Mother's Day "Shower" New Format

The Women's Guild of Christ the King will be collecting cash donations (\$1 or whatever you would like to give) after all our Masses next **Saturday** and **Sunday, May 6-7**, for our Annual Mother's Day "Shower." Traditionally, the "Mother's Day Shower" takes place a week before our actual "Mother's Day," so don't be confused by that. The Guild will be buying items from the **Visitation House** and **Abby's House** wish lists, e.g.: pots and pans, silverware, a stroller. Gift cards to Target, Amazon, grocery stores, gas stations, CVS, etc., are also welcome and appreciated. Thank you for your support for the women and children at the Visitation House and Abby's House.

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 invite CTK families to consider hosting a child or two (or more) for the evenings of Monday through Wednesday, July 17-19.** 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 Thursday morning, July 20, the group will travel to Cape Cod for multiple concerts there. Plan now to join us for a wonderful evening concert on July 18.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, April 30

9:00 am - Grade 2 Mass
10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed.
6:00-8:00 pm - Final Confirmation Class

Monday, May 1

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park
6:00 pm - Guild Arts & Crafts, Hall

Tuesday, May 2

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

Wednesday, May 3

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting

Thursday, May 4

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

Friday, May 5

7:30-9:00 am - Coffee & Books, Johnson Rm.
5:00 pm - First Communion Rehearsal
6:30 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory
7:30-8:30 pm - Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, May 6

10:00 am - First Holy Communion Mass
4:00 pm - 'Mother's Day' Shower giving
5:30 pm - Confirmation Class Rehearsal

Sunday, May 7

All Masses - 'Mother's Day' Shower giving
10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed.
3:00 pm - Confirmation, St. Paul's Cathedral
6:00-7:30 pm - Rel. Ed. - Grades 7-10

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

Classes are scheduled for **today, Sunday, April 30**, for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and **Grades 1-6** from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The **final Confirmation class** is scheduled for **tonight, Sunday night, April 30**, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

The **final classes** for the year are scheduled for **next Sunday, May 7**, for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and **Grades 1-6** from 10:00 am to 11:00 am. The final classes for the year for those in **Grades 7-10** are scheduled for **next Sunday, May 7**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. **These are very important classes at all grade levels and incorporate the required annual Religious Education Inventory at all grade levels.**

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.

Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary During the month of May

The month of May is the month in which the faith of many people is especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.

The Christian custom of dedicating May to the Blessed Virgin arose at the end of the 13th century and this has been especially recommended by the Popes. Pope Pius XII (1939-1958) made frequent reference to it and did so in his great encyclical letter on the Sacred Liturgy (*Mediator Dei*). Pope Paul VI (1963-1978) wrote a short encyclical in 1965 using the Month of Mary devotion as a means of obtaining prayers for peace. In May of 2002 Pope Saint John Paul II (1978-2005) said that we should celebrate May as a Marian month with devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives.

And wrote John Cardinal Wright, the first Bishop of Worcester, "The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the Church and therefore the example, as well as the guide and inspiration, of everyone who, in and through the Church, seeks to be the servant of God and man and the obedient agent of the promptings of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the soul of the Church. All the activity and service of the members of the Church, beginning with the supreme participation of the Blessed Mother in the work of the Church, is vivified by the Holy Spirit as the body, in all its activities, is vivified by its soul. The Holy Spirit is the Paraclete, Advocate, and Comforter which Christ Himself sent to be our consolation in the sorrowful mysteries of life, our source of moderation in the joyful mysteries of life, our added principle of exaltation in the glorious mysteries of life. Wherever there is faith there is the example of Mary, because she lived by faith. If piety is the virtue which binds us to the sources of all life - to God, our parents, the Church and Christ, then certainly Christian piety binds us, in grateful love, to Mary."

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