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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 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



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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Saturday—September 23rd

4:00PM Philip Murphy (6th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—September 24th

7:30AM Michael F. Hines (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Francis Birch (3rd anniv.) req. of family

Monday—September 25th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday—September 26th

7:00AM Claire Weirich (birthday) req. of family

Saturday—September 30th

8:00AM Anthony Sereti (2nd anniv.) req. of family

4:00PM William & Catherine Kee (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—October 1st

7:30AM William E. Dulude, Sr. (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Robert C. Reidy (mem.) req. of Fr. Reidy

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for all the souls of the faithful departed.

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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." *St. Teresa of Calcutta*

"Right is right if no one's doing it; wrong is wrong even if everyone is doing it." *St. Augustine*

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 Newly Baptized!

We congratulate **Hazel Mae Ryan** who was baptized here last weekend by Msgr. Sullivan. Hazel's parents are Patrick and Alicia (Cahill) Ryan of the parish. Her godparents are Timothy McCann and Stephanie Ryan. Hazel, may you always live in the light of Christ!

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 **Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs** (Tuesday); **St. Vincent de Paul, Priest** (Wednesday); **St. Wenceslaus** (Thursday); and **Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels** (Friday); and **St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Saturday).

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. Since Mindy Dulude was off on a scheduled vacation last week our bulletin had to go to press early. Last weekend's offerings will be published in the next bulletin.

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. The **next scheduled sessions** (*Sundays, 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the rectory*) for the year ahead are: **2023: October 8, and December 3.** In **2024**, they are **January 14, March 10 and May 19.**

Baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass (or sometimes privately). The scheduled **dates for the actual baptisms** at the **11:00 am Mass** on Sundays are: **2023: October 15, November 19 and December 10.** In **2024, they are January 21, April 7, May 5, and June 11.** Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

Welcome Alumnae of Ascension High School For our 11:00 am Mass

The annual reunion Mass for alumnae of Ascension High School takes place this morning at 11:00 am. We welcome all those women who gather for this Mass. As we welcome these graduates and congratulate them we also welcome the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur who taught them and guided them throughout the years. What a great contribution you have made to the lives of these women. Welcome, Sisters!

Please 'Make Up' Your Summer Envelopes

We realize that many of our parishioners have been away during the summer and hope that you will 'make up' your Offertory envelopes for those weeks or months. Then, the parish will be able to meet its fiscal obligations. Thank you for your goodness and generosity.

The 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Continues Tomorrow ~ September 25

Please join us for the Novena to St. Joseph tomorrow evening. The Novena will be celebrated for nine consecutive Mondays from **7:15 pm to 8:00 pm**. We pray for the sick, pray for improvements in palliative care, and pray to oppose all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide. **Rev. Msgr. James P. Moroney, the pastor of St. Cecilia Parish in Leominster, will be our homilist.**

The schedule of remaining homilists is: Oct. 2, **Rev. Paul J. Shaughnessy, SJ**; Oct. 9, **Rev. John J. Gavin, SJ**; Oct. 16, **Rev. Robert A. Grattaroti**; Oct. 23, **Rev. Richard W. Polek**; Oct. 30, **Rev. Enoch Kyeremateng**; and Nov. 6, **Rev. Msgr. Thomas J. Sullivan**. We hope that you will participate in this important annual event as the pressure increases on the state legislature to make physician assisted suicide the law in Massachusetts.

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**.

Notre Dame Academy Campus Tours and Open House Next Sunday, October 1 - 12:00-2:00 pm

Tour our beautiful 13-acre campus, meet faculty and students, and learn about our unique educational experience for young women in grades 7-12. Also please note that the **High School Entrance Exam** will be offered on **Saturday, October 21**, at 8:30 am, in the main academic building. Pre-registration is required. To register for both events, visit **www.nda-worc.org/admissions/events**. For questions, please contact our Director of Enrollment, Frances Queen, at 508-757-6200, ext. 272 or **Admissions@nda-worc.org**.

Order Tickets Now Catholic Women's Conference October 7

The next Women's Conference will be on **October 7, 2023**. All women are invited to the Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Male & Female He Created Them", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster. Hear dynamic talks from Catholic leaders, Dr. Deborah Savage, Dr. Christopher Klofft, Fr. Derek Mobilio, Fr. Colin Blatchford, and Patricia Sandoval. Diocesan priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at **www.wcwconference.com** or call **Corinn Dahm** at **508-277-3969**. Seating is limited, register early!

"Love & Transformation" Today A Concert by Jane Shivick

Please consider coming to "Love & Transformation" a special concert by Jane Shivick, soprano, and Olga Rogach, pianist, at Mechanics Hall on September 24th at 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$35, \$25 and with special pricing for students and young people available at **www.mechanicshall.org**. This concert is given in memory of Todd A. Dickie, Jane's husband who died in 2021.

HOSPITAL VISITS UPDATE

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 has recently had technical issues with their new computer system and cannot provide any information.** We can never get any information from either **UMass Hospital** (at the Lake) or **Memorial Hospital**, the same institution. **Therefore you must call the rectory.**

Adults Seeking Confirmation!

Many of our adults, even some regularly at Mass, have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have a simple process that can help you with this final Sacrament of Initiation. As he has in the past, Msgr. Sullivan will offer a preparation course this year. The program will be conducted on Thursday evenings (7:15-8:15 pm) on the following dates: October 5, 19; November 9; December 7, 14; and January 18. Bishop McManus will confirm these adult candidates at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February of 2024. Please consider it! Contact Msgr. Sullivan at **508-450-2556** or by email at: **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation are known as the *Sacraments of Initiation*. A Catholic is not fully initiated into the life of the Catholic Church until he or she has received all three of these sacraments. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.) is the process of spiritual and educational formation by which adults become full members of the Catholic Church. The process welcomes both people who have never been baptized and people who were baptized in another Christian tradition and now wish to become Catholic. There is the expectation that candidates will attend Mass each Sunday as well as the formation sessions which will be offered. Anyone interested in learning more about the possibility of joining the Catholic Church should contact Monsignor Sullivan at either **508-754-5361** or by email: **tsullivan5@mac.com**.

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

Low Gluten Hosts Available for Holy Communion

For more than twelve years now 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.

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.

Saint Paul High School Fall Open House

Next Saturday, Sept. 30 from 10 am-noon join us for our Fall Open House and explore all that Worcester county's only co-educational, Catholic Junior/Senior High School offers students and families in grades 7-12. At our Open House, you will be able to explore the academic, social, and spiritual opportunities we offer; engage with faculty, staff, and coaches; connect with current students and families; tour our campus; and experience a sampling of Knight Life. Please pre-register here: www.saintpaulknights.org/admissions/open-house.cfm.

'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.

Welcoming New Cub Scouts!

Although kids can join at any time of the year, our local Pack 37 is about to kick off its annual registration for 2023-24! Are you interested in a combination of fun, educational activities, new friendship and lifelong values? Scouting also helps parents and their children strengthen character and faith, develop citizenship and physical fitness. We are welcoming boys entering grades K-5. Boys and their leaders meet at Christ the King in the lower hall on select Friday evenings during the school year. For more information and a calendar for the year, please contact **Tony Penny**, Cubmaster **508-826-2956** or email: pack37cubmaster@gmail.com.

Respect Life Retreat

All are invited to attend *A Morning for Life* to be held next Saturday, Sept. 30 from 9:15 am to 1 pm at St. Paul's Cathedral, 38 High St., Worcester. Msgr. James Moroney will offer a reflection on "Preaching the Gospel of Life to a Confused World." The day will include Mass and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, Sept 24

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

Monday, Sept 25

4:00-5:00 pm - Girl Scouts, Hall
7:15-8:00 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, Sept 26

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory
7:15 pm - Gospel of St. Luke

Wednesday, Sept 27

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts
7:00 pm - 2nd Grade Parent Meeting

Thursday, Sept 28

5:30 pm - Closed A.A. Meeting
7:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Sept 29

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

Saturday, Sept 30

4 pm Mass - Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, Oct 1

All Masses - Anointing of the Sick
10:00-11:00 am - Rel Ed, CGS-Grade 6
6:00-8:00 pm - Confirmation Class

Religious Education Classes This Weekend

Classes for those in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** and **Grades 1-6** will meet **today, Sunday, September 24**, from 10:00-11:00 am in the hall. All those in **Grades 7-10** will meet **tonight, Sunday, September 24**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Religious Education Classes Next Weekend

Classes for those in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** and **Grades 1-6** will meet **next Sunday, October 1**, from 10:00-11:00 am in the hall. The **Confirmation class** will meet next **Sunday, October 1**, in the Conference Room from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

"The Gospel of St. Luke" Continues Tuesday Night

The second session of Monsignor Sullivan's program of study for the **Gospel of St. Luke** will take place this Tuesday night, September 26, and goes from 7:15 to 8:45 pm. The entire Gospel is being read.

The Sacrament of 'The Anointing of the Sick' At All Masses Next Weekend

At all our Lord's Day Masses next weekend (September 30 - October 1) we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to those who wish to receive it. It has been our custom to offer the sacrament at Mass twice a year, once in the fall and again in the spring (so that extreme weather will not prevent people from coming). We hope that anyone afflicted by a serious physical or emotional illness, those recovering from or preparing for surgery, or those who experience age-related limitations will receive the sacrament.

The Sacrament can be received by anyone who is afflicted by a physical or emotional malady, those who are preparing for or recovering from an operation, or the elderly who need God's grace to deal with those 'crosses' associated with the aging process. Those parishioners who are not receiving the Sacrament join together in praying for those who are. This Sacrament, like all others, is a powerful sign of God's grace. Occasionally, God effects a dramatic or even miraculous healing. All those who are anointed, however, receive the means by which God gives us strength to carry the cross of our infirmity.

In the sacrament we always receive the grace of God's healing. The two essential parts of the sacrament are these: (1) a priest imposes hands on the head of those receiving the Sacrament, quietly calling upon the Holy Spirit to come down and heal the person in body, mind and spirit; and (2) a priest anoints the foreheads and the palms of both hands with the Oil of the Sick.

The rite takes place immediately after the homily. The celebration of this Sacrament, with the whole community present, praying for one another, is always a powerful and beautiful experience. Please consider in advance if you would like to receive this Sacrament of Healing.

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