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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.



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—October 7th

4:00PM James Hines (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—October 8th

7:30AM John F. Bowler (mem.) req. of Christ the King
Knights of Columbus Council #12691

9:00AM Ronald McCrohon (12th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

Monday—October 9th

7:00AM Leo F. Dalbec, Jr. (14th anniv.) req. of wife,
Jean

Tuesday—October 10th

7:00AM Catherine Warner (birthday) req. of Fran &
Betty Ann Warner

Thursday—October 12th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday—October 14th

8:00AM Raymond Luring (mem.) req. of Kathleen
Keville

4:00PM Raymond Luring (mem.) req. of Joe & Carol
Carlomagno

Sunday—October 15th

7:30AM 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 **Timothy D. Haylon**

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: 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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

“Cling to God and leave all the rest to Him. He will not let you perish. Your soul is very dear to Him. He wishes to save it.” *St. Margaret Mary Alacoque*

“Turn all your thoughts and aspirations to heaven. Work hard to secure for yourself a place there forever.” *St. Damian*

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. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs** (Monday); **Pope St. John XXIII** (Wednesday); and **Saint Calistus I, Pope and Martyr** (Saturday).

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. The Offertory and other related donations for last weekend are noted below:

Offertory: \$8,321.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,530.00;
Mass Stipends: \$120.00; **Fuel:** \$606.00; **Donation:** \$60.00;
Catholic School Appeal: \$195.00; **Prop. Of Faith (World Mission):** \$35.00; **Christmas Flowers:** \$70.00; **Human Development:** \$30.00; **All Saints:** \$45.00; **All Souls:** \$50.00; **Assumption:** \$10.00; **Bulletin Rebate:** \$920.00.

Total: \$11,992.00

Congratulations, Monsignor Reidy!

I am one of many parishioners and priests who was delighted to hear the news that Pope Francis recently named our good friend, Father Richard Reidy, a Chaplain to His Holiness with the title of ‘Reverend Monsignor.’ He certainly deserves this honor and title. He has served as Vicar General of the Diocese for more than ten years now and his responsibilities take him into the life of virtually every parish. He also has oversight for many diocesan committees. During these years he has had to administrate numerous parishes in the absence of a pastor. And this is to say nothing of the great contribution he has made at Christ the King these past ten years as he celebrates Mass each day and so generously preaches at Masses too numerous to mention. He is ever so prayerful and a true servant of all and has a heart of gold.

I have had the good fortune of living with Monsignor Reidy twice. When I was Chancellor of the Diocese, and he was the Rector of St. Paul’s Cathedral I lived with him from 2004 to 2008 (when he was sent on for canon law studies). When he assumed much of what I was doing in 2013 he came to live here. That has been a special joy for me!

We look forward to the day when there will be a diocesan celebration when Bishop McManus will formally install him (but the honor and title took effect immediately this past September 28).

Congratulations, Monsignor Reidy! *Ad multos annos!*

Msgr. Tom

The 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Continues Tomorrow ~ October 9

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. John J. Gavin, S.J., Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the College of the Holy Cross**, will be our homilist.

The schedule of remaining homilists is: 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**.

Tenth Annual Celebrate Priesthood Taste of the Diocese Gala

For the past nine years, the Diocese of Worcester has hosted a wonderful gala called “**Celebrate Priesthood - Taste of the Diocese**” as a benefit for Retired Priest’s Care. Our retired priests have served our parishes and parishioners for decades until they were at least 75. Some served as pastors well into their eighties before retiring. Many of our retired priests regularly fill in on weekends, cover vacations and serve in prison ministry. We appreciate their efforts and regard all our retired priests with great esteem, respect and affection. Your generous support is greatly appreciated as the proceeds help us care for our retired priests with dignity. Join us on **Thursday, October 26, 2023** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at **Saint Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School** in the Gymnasium. To make a donation in memory of a deceased priest or in honor of a priest who still is serving, buy ticket(s) for Taste of the Diocese, or to get more information, visit **www.worcesterdiocese.org** or call 508-929-4366.

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.

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.

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.**

Christ the King a Voting Center for Elections this Tuesday

Christ the King will again be a local voting center this **Tuesday, October 10** (a special election for the recent state senatorial vacancy). We made this agreement as a contribution to the City’s civic life after City officials approached us again.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

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**.

Assumption Graduate Student Looking for Room

Kira McCully will attend Assumption’s Physician Assistant program beginning in January. She is a practicing Catholic and is looking for someone who might have a room to rent, an efficiency apartment, or an elderly person who needs some companionship. Generally, she will go to Rhode Island on weekends. If you can help, please contact her father, Paul, at **groundswell@comcast.net**, or her mother, Colleen, at 609-703-7880 or **colleenmccully@comcast.net**.

Celebrate Life Dinner!

Reserve your seat at The Mass Citizens for Life 50th Anniversary Gala with keynote Dr. Ben Carson. Sat., Oct 14 at the Newton Marriott. Tickets available through Oct. 8. Sellout expected. Visit **MAProLife.org/50** or call 617-242-4199.

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.

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.

Notre Dame Academy

Our **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 the exam, 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.

Venerini Academy Open House This Thursday Evening

Venerini, a PreK through Grade 8 private Catholic school located at 27 Edward Street in Worcester will be having an Open House this Thursday, October 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. You will be able to explore the academic, social and spiritual opportunities the school offers. You can meet the teachers, students and some families. Please pre-register for the Open House by going to the school website VeneriniAcademy.com or by calling Albert Ganem, Jr., at 508-753-3210.

'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.

The Anointing of the Sick Last Weekend

Our celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses last weekend was a wonderful moment for those who received the sacrament and those who were quietly praying for them. **85 people** received the sacrament and were very grateful for it. **23 were anointed at the 4 pm Mass; 10 at the 7:30 am Mass; 8 at the 9 am Mass; and 44 at the 11 am Mass.** Thanks to all for your prayerful attentiveness.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, Oct 8

1:00-2:30 pm - Parent Baptismal Prep

Monday, Oct 9 - Columbus Day

7:00 am - Morning Mass

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare

7:15-8:00 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, Oct 10

Voting Here all day

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

7:15 pm - Gospel of St. Luke

Wednesday, Oct 11

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, Oct 12

7:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Oct 13

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

6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts

Saturday, Oct 14

4 pm Mass - Diocesan Pew Count
& Baby Bottle Drive

Sunday, Oct 15

All Masses - Diocesan Pew Count
& Baby Bottle Drive

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

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

Religious Education Classes

There are **no Religious Education Classes** this Sunday, October 8, because of Columbus Day weekend.

Classes for those in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** and **Grades 1-6** will meet **next Sunday, October 15**, from 10:00-11:00. **Classes** for those in Grades 7-10 will meet **next Sunday, October 15**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

"The Gospel of St. Luke" Continues Tuesday Night

The fourth session of studying the **Gospel of St. Luke** takes place this Tuesday night from **7:15 to 8:45 pm**.

St. John's High School
Fall Open House(s)
Tuesday, October 17 - 6:00 pm
&
Saturday, November 18 - 9:00 am

To learn more and to register, call Justin Smith (508-842-8934, ext. 230) or visit www.beapioneer.org/experience.

ANNUAL 'BABY BOTTLE' DRIVE

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** will begin here next weekend and go through the end of October. It has been sponsored by our Women's Guild for many years. It is one way in which we put our faith into practice. The funds generated by the **Baby Bottle Drive** support the mothers and newborn children who receive such high-quality hospitality and care through **Visitation House**, which has provided a residence and care for 302 pregnant women and their infants since 2005.

Women's Guild volunteers will be on hand at every Mass to give you a donation envelope at the end of Mass. If you would like to bring a check in advance it should be made **payable** to *Visitation House, Inc.* (and not Christ the King). You can also donate online at **visitationhouse.org**.

We hope that you will give to the Baby Bottle Drive as so many of you always have. On behalf of our Women's Guild and the mothers and infants living at Visitation House thank you very much!

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