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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

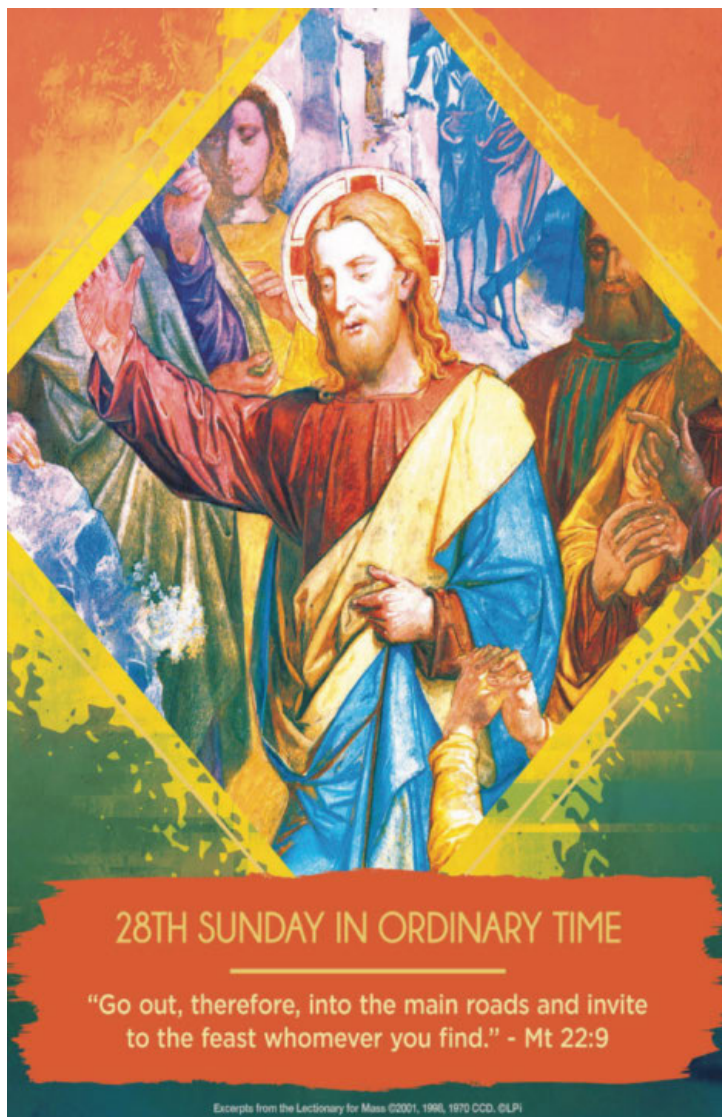
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite
to the feast whomever you find." - Mt 22:9

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—October 14th

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

Monday—October 16th

7:00AM Dennis O'Connor (6th anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—October 17th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday—October 18th

7:00AM Richard Gaudette (birthday) req. of family

Thursday—October 19th

7:00AM Margaret M. Titus (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

Friday—October 20th

7:00AM Alfredo Simonelli (3rd anniv.) req. of Fran and Betty Warner

Saturday—October 21st

8:00AM Mary Covello (mem.) req. of The Generelli Family

4:00PM William Bloomfield (16th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—October 22nd

7:30AM Joseph Turner (7th anniv.) req. of family
9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King
11:00AM Mary McKeon (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Patricia A. Coyne**.

Diocesan 'Pew Count' Today!

Each year all parishes participate in the 'Diocesan Pew Count.' This is where we count the number of all those men, women and youths coming to Mass here and submit the figures to the Diocese. Every parish takes a count this weekend. The information is relayed to the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee and helps the committee to discern the strengths and weaknesses of all its parishes.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often." *St. John Henry Newman*

"Everything, even sweeping, scraping vegetables, weeding a garden and waiting on the sick could be a prayer, if it were offered to God." *St. Martin de Porres*

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. Margaret Mary Alacoque** (Monday); **St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr** (Tuesday); **St. Luke the Evangelist** (Wednesday); **Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, and Companions, Martyrs** (Thursday); **St. Paul of the Cross, Priest** (Friday); and **the Blessed Virgin Mother** (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: \$5,319.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,465.00;
Mass Stipends: \$155.00; **Funeral Stipends:** \$600.00; **Fuel:** \$504.00; **Donation from Tuesday AA:** \$100.00; **Donation from Thursday AA:** \$100.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$120.00; **Prop. Of Faith (World Mission):** \$45.00; **Central/Eastern Europe:** \$10.00.

Total: \$8,418.00

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. The **next scheduled sessions** (*Sundays, 1:00 to 2:30 pm in the rectory*) for the year ahead are: **2023: December 3** and 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: 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.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE TODAY

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** begins today and goes through the end of October. It is sponsored by our Women's Guild and 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 the end of every Mass today to give you a donation envelope. Checks should be made payable to **Visitation House, Inc.** (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!

**The 12th Annual Novena to St. Joseph
Continues Tomorrow ~ October 16**

Please join us for the Novena to St. Joseph tomorrow evening. **Rev. Rev. Robert A. Grattaroti, the pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Charlton**, will be our homilist. The Novena is 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. The remaining homilists are: 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.**

**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**.

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.

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 Victim Services Coordinator (49 Elm Street, Worcester, 01609; 508-726-2880). It is the policy and practice of the Diocese to respond promptly and with compassion to all reports of misconduct.

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.

**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**.

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.

Changing Christmas 2023 Masses

This year, Christmas Eve, December 24, falls on a Sunday. It is a Sunday divided into two liturgical seasons. In the morning is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. The afternoon is Christmas Eve when vigil Masses are offered. If we were to follow custom, there would be six Masses celebrated that day (three on Sunday morning and three additional ones later in the day). The Parish Council has discussed this at its two most recent meetings and agrees that it is too unrealistic a schedule, especially considering the burden it places on our choirs to say nothing of our priests. There has also been the concern that the late-night Christmas Eve Mass, traditionally celebrated here at 10:00 pm, has been attracting so few congregants (especially since COVID). The concert before that Mass, for which the Festival Choir practices for weeks, had about five persons attend last year. So, we are discontinuing our late-night Mass on Christmas Eve.

On Sunday, December 24, we will have our 3 morning Advent Masses, the regular Sunday schedule. Then later, Christmas Eve Masses will be celebrated at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm. On Monday, December 25, Christmas morning, the Mass schedule will be as it has been. Masses will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

We thank you for your understanding. We will see how this goes and review our plan in 2024.

'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.

St. Mary School, Shrewsbury Fall Open House

Wednesday, November 8, 8:30-10:30 am. Talk with our teachers and students. Learn about what makes the school so special. Registration not required. For more information email: admissions@stmarysparish.org.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

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.

Monday, Oct 16

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

Tuesday, Oct 17

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

Wednesday, Oct 18

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group rehearsal

Thursday, Oct 19

7:00-8:30 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, Oct 20

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

Sunday, Oct 22

10:00-11:00 am - CGS, Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed.
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Rel. Ed.

Religious Education Classes This Week & Next...

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

Classes for those in **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd** and **Grades 1-6** will meet **next Sunday, October 22**, from 10:00-11:00. **Classes** for those in Grades 7-10 will meet **next Sunday night, October 22**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

"The Gospel of St. Luke" Continues Tuesday Night

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

Notre Dame Academy

Our **High School Entrance Exam** will be offered **next 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.

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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