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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

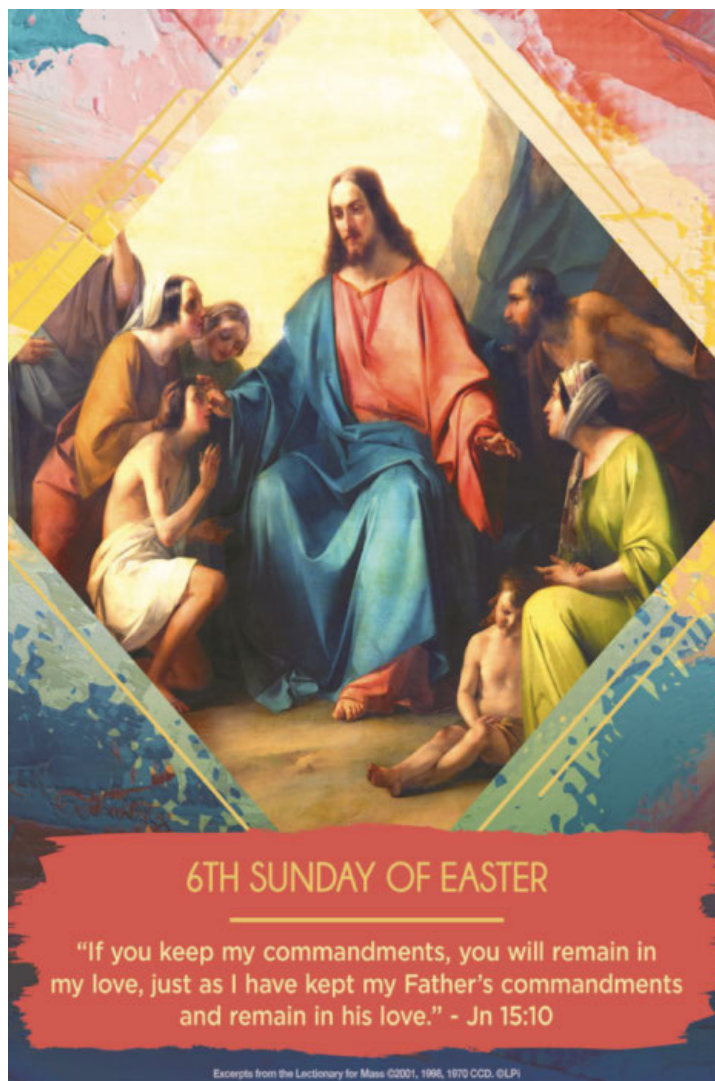
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately. Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—May 4th

4:00PM Ryan Dailey (2nd anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—May 5th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Robert D. Blute, Jr. (mem.) req. of The Rushton Family

11:00AM Timothy Haylon (mem.) req. of Helen Fitzgerald

Monday—May 6th

7:00AM Joao and Maria Correia (mem.) req. of Fran & BettyAnn Warner

Tuesday—May 7th

7:00AM William Cummings (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Wednesday—May 8th

7:00AM Mary Duffy (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

4:00PM William Cummings (mem.) req. of Lucille Dion

Thursday—May 9th

7:00AM Robert Lawson (mem.) req. of Sam & Leslie Bowden

12:00NOON William Hovenesian (mem.) req. of Mary Hovensian Hines

6:00PM Rich and Nita Woelflein (mem.) req. of family

Friday—May 10th

7:00AM Anne Kiritsy (mem.) req. of Fred & Pat Rushton

Saturday—May 11th

8:00AM Peter Wayne Nalbandian (2nd anniv.) req. of family

4:00PM Laurie Chafee (mem.) req. of Ed & Mary Beth Thomas

Sunday—May 12th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Anges Franco (mem.) and Ann Marie Drennan (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Patricia Kenary, Robert Kenary, Stephen Kenary and Robert Kenary, Jr. (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Jane F. Banach**, the mother of Archbishop Michael W. Banach, Apostolic Nuncio to Hungary, **Jane Allen**, the sister of BettyAnn Warner, and **Francis J. Trainor**, the brother of Mary Cannon.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

We offer 'low gluten' hosts. Wheat content less than 0.01%. Go to the priest for Communion.

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 celebrate: **The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** (Thursday) and the **Feast of St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Friday). The remaining days are Easter season weekdays.

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. Your donations for last weekend are indicated below:

Offertory: \$6,040.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,185.00;
Mass Stipends: \$40.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$400.00; **Donation in memory of Joseph Carlomagno:** \$25.00; **Ascension:** \$10.00.

Total: \$7,700.00

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 time to meet. Baptisms sometimes take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass or often privately. The **next scheduled date for the actual baptisms** at an **11:00 am Mass** on Sunday is **June 16**. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

Annual Mass Tomorrow To Remember our Children

You are invited to attend the **Pieta Annual Mass** to honor and remember your children. The Mass is scheduled to take place on **Monday, May 6 at 7:00 pm at St. George Church, 40 Brattle Street, Worcester**. It is sponsored by the Pieta Support Group for Bereaved Parents. This is a special time to come together with family and friends. Refreshments are served following the Mass. Any who have lost a child are invited. For more information call Terry Gentile (508-284-0796) or Sue Stevens (508-852-4887) or email pieta3@gmail.com.

First Communion Next Saturday!

Please keep in prayer the members of our First Communion Class who will receive the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 11, at 10:00 am. They are: **Joseph Anzalone, Eleanor Bachelor, Kayley Brazile, Stella Cahill, Jacob Clarke, James Machado, Aubree Mason, Maliya Masumbuko, Cecilia McCarthy, Gabriella Paulino, Francis Penny, Elin Prokop, and Mason Sala**.

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.

**Rite of Election
9:00 am Mass Today**

Since late 2023, Monsignor Sullivan has been instructing **Monica Locker** for her Baptism, Confirmation and reception of the Holy Eucharist. Monica, married and the mother of two children, was raised in the Hindu faith. At the 9:00 am Mass today she will participate in the Rite of Election (normally celebrated at St. Paul's Cathedral by Bishop McManus on the First Sunday of Lent). She will be joined by her sponsor, Jennifer (Adams) Whelan, who at one time worshiped here but now lives in Uxbridge with her family. In some of the upcoming weeks Monica will undergo the required "scrutinies" (normally celebrated during Lent). On Sunday morning, July 7, at the 9:00 am Mass, Monica will be baptized along with her two children.

**TODAY!
Mothers Spa Day Shower
Sponsored by Women's Guild**

We invite you to help us fill a basket(s) with personal health and beauty items for the mothers at Visitation House. Examples: gift certificates for a manicure and/or pedicure, haircut, massage, reflexology, gift cards to CVS, TJMaxx, Target, nail polish & remover, files, cotton balls, Q-tips, face, hand and body wash/ lotion, shampoo and conditioner, scrunchies, curling iron, blow dryer, etc. All items appreciated. Thank you for your support.

**Support
In the Hour of Need Shelter**

Our semiannual week of service to the homeless families at the IHN shelter at 91 June Street ran through yesterday. We are grateful for the support of our parishioners. The Hour of Need Family Shelter (IHN) at 91 June St. in Worcester continues to rely on gifts from the congregations and pursue grants and sponsorships to cover the costs of caring for our six families living at IHN. This year, there is a shortfall in our finances. A grant for \$50,000 ended after Covid (called the Emergency Shelter Grant). The cost of everything has risen greatly. As a result, they are struggling to make ends meet. Our long-standing commitment to serve homeless families is jeopardized. Spread the word about the Evening of Hope, their biggest annual event. **2024's Evening of Hope** will be held on **Friday, May 10, 2024**, at the JMAC Brick Box Theater (20B Franklin St. downtown Worcester) with curtains up at 7:00 pm. An evening of great music for a great cause! Info at www.ihnworchester.org/2024.

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.

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's new computer system cannot provide any information.** For many years we have **not** been able to obtain any information from either **UMass Hospital** (at the Lake) or **Memorial Hospital** about patients listed by their parishes. **Therefore, you must call the rectory if you would like Msgr. Sullivan to visit a loved one.**

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day of Obligation
This Thursday, May 9**

Masses:
Wednesday, 4:00 pm Vigil
Thursday at 7:00 am & 12:00 noon
& 6:00 pm

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day after Easter Sunday and commemorates Christ's ascension into heaven. In the ancient Church this feast was known as the *analepsis*, 'the taking up,' and also as the *episozomene*, 'the salvation,' meaning that by ascending into His glory Christ completed the work of our redemption. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. It is a feast that ranks with Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost. St. Augustine, writing in the early 400s, wrote that the feast went back to the time of the Apostles themselves.

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.

RETIRED FRIENDS TRIP

A parishioner, Richard Pinkes, is running a trip for the Retired Friends Club of Greendale and is opening it up to our parishioners. On Wednesday, July 10, Dick is going to visit the "Friesians of Majesty" in Townshend Vermont. We'll visit Yankee Candle on the way to lunch at the Bella Notte Restaurant at the Brattleboro VT Country Club for a scrumptious Italian lunch. Then it's off to the Horse Farm and Breeding stables. We'll have a tour of the barns and see these magnificent animals and their Spring foals up close. Then we'll be treated to a performance by these beautiful and graceful Stallions and Mares in their arena. The cost is \$141 per person which includes the motorcoach ride, lunch, the tour and show, and all gratuities. There are some flyers hanging on the bulletin boards in the rear of the church and at the basement entry. Contact Dick Pinkes at 508-769-2913 to make a reservation or to get more information for this trip. Reserve early as day trips are filling up very fast.

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.

'Forty Hours' Sign-Ups

Please join us for our Forty Hours Devotion leading up to the June 2 Feast of Corpus Christi. We will have exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the forty hours from 5 pm on Friday, May 31 until the 9 am Mass on Sunday, June 2. There is a sign-up sheet on the vestibule bulletin board as well as an online sign up on the parish website: ctk-worc.org/40-hours-devotion. During this period of witness to the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are asking parishioners to pray for an hour or more before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance on the altar. Thank you.

Coffee Shop Today

Coffee shop takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month (so today, Sunday, May 5). Come and join us in the Johnson Room. Enjoy coffee, donut holes and especially one another's company. Let's strengthen our community! We finish before the 11 am Mass. If you'd be interested in helping please contact **Victoria DiMassa**. You can call or text her at 440-522-7700 or email her at dimassavictoria@gmail.com.

Please Support! *The Partners in Charity Appeal*

Our annual parish appeal which supports all our essential diocesan charities. **38% of our parishioners have now donated.** We need the help of all parishioners more than ever to meet our diocesan needs. Tens of thousands of people receive direct assistance through our personal gifts. Among others, those thousands are children needing protective shelter and/or education ~ youth and young adults throughout the Diocese ~ those preparing for the priesthood and the diaconate ~ seniors receiving home health care ~ and over fifty retired priests.

25 diocesan ministries are supported through this appeal. Partners in Charity agencies work for all our people 365 days a year. We hope all will consider making a gift from their generosity and spirit of sacrifice. The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year and that will take a lot of us pitching in! If you have not already made a gift be prepared to do so at this time.

Gift cards are available in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule. You can direct it back to us here in an envelope marked 'Partners in Charity.' Or we can send you a gift card through the mail. If you use a check, it should be made payable to *Partners in Charity* (not Christ the King). You can also donate online by going to partners-charity.net/donate. May the Lord bless you for your goodness and generosity!

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, May 4

4:00 pm - Guild's 'Spa' Day

Sunday, May 5

All Masses - Guild's 'Spa' Day

9:00 am - Mass with 1st Communion Class
& Rite of Election

10:00-11:00 am - CGS & Grades 1-6

1:00 pm - Conte Family Baptism

Monday, May 6

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park

6:00 pm - Women's Guild Meeting

Tuesday, May 7

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

Wednesday, May 8

4:00 pm - Ascension Vigil Mass

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts

7:30 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9 - Ascension Day

Masses: 7 am, 12 noon, 6:00 pm

7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 10

5:00 pm - 1st Communion Rehearsal

6:30 pm - Cub Scouts meet

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

Saturday, May 11

10:00 am - First Holy Communion Mass

1:00 pm - Private Baptism

Sunday, May 12 - Mother's Day

9:00 am Mass - First Scrutiny, M. Locker

Religious Education

The **final classes** for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and Grades 1-6 are today, **Sunday, May 5**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

Congratulations, Confirmation Class!

Congratulations to those in our Confirmation Class who received the sacrament last Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's Cathedral: **Ryan Callinan, Abbey Donahue, Neil Kelleher, Nicolas Morano, Claire O'Connor, Tess St. Pierre and Ainsley Schoen.** May you always live under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. **Brigid Burke** will receive the sacrament on May 19.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Don't be anxious about what you have, but about what you are." - *Pope Saint Gregory the Great*

Consider Joining Our Pro-Life Efforts

The parish Pro-Life Committee serves Christ the King Parish by striving to build a culture of life and upholding and promoting the dignity of human life from the moment of conception to natural death. We work in concert with the Diocesan Respect Life Office which, in turn, works to implement the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Pastoral Plan for Pro-Life Activities*, in which we are called upon as Church, with our resources, our people, our services and institutions, to pursue the cause of life with renewed energy and commitment. Through prayer, education, pastoral care, and public policy advocacy, we work to proclaim the Gospel of Life in our midst throughout all ages and stages of life. By working together diligently, prayerfully, and courageously in the Lord's service, the culture of death that surrounds us today will one day be replaced with a culture of life.

Twice a year we participate in the '40 Days for Life' program, conducting a peaceful prayer vigil at the site of Planned Parenthood in Worcester. We work to oppose Physician Assisted Suicide in Massachusetts and oppose euthanasia. We participate in the Annual Mass for Life at St. Paul's Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop McManus on the Solemnity of the Annunciation, as well as the Mass which precedes the Annual March for Life conducted in Washington, DC, each year. We support the parish's annual Novena to St. Joseph, wherein we pray for those who are seriously or terminally ill. Throughout the year we participate in fundraising efforts to support the ministry of Visitation House where mothers and children find lodging and support in times of a crisis pregnancy.

All are welcome to join us in these efforts. If you would like to do so, please contact one of our Pro-Life chairpersons, Ralph Weirich, (508-791-0678; weirich.ralph@gmail.com) or BettyAnn Warner (508-826-9293; bacwarner@hotmail.com).

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