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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.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth." - Jn 16:12

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—May 18th

4:00PM Joan M. Sheehan (37th anniv.) req. of grandson, PJ

Sunday—May 19th

7:30AM James and Stacia Hammond (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Ann Quinn (11th anniv.) req. of family

Monday—May 20th

7:00AM All Souls in Purgatory req. of a friend

Tuesday—May 21st

7:00AM Francis X. Cotter (mem.) req. of The Leahy Family

Wednesday—May 22nd

7:00AM Krystyna Plewa (mem.) req. of a friend

Thursday—May 23rd

7:00AM William Cummings (mem.) req. of Mary Hovenesian Hines

Friday—May 24th

7:00AM Judith Roy (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Saturday—May 25th

8:00AM Marguerite L. Bourbon (birthday) req. of family

4:00PM James Hines (2nd anniv.) req. of wife, Mary Hines

Sunday—May 26th

7:30AM Maureen Coppinger (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Patricia Falcone (5th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **all the faithful departed**.

Events on the Eucharist

Keep your eye out, in area theaters, for the film premiere of *Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist*. It is scheduled to play locally from **June 4 to 6** and many are saying it is quite good.

From **June 7 to 9** at the gymnasium of St. John, Guardian of Our Lady Parish in Clinton there will be a special exhibit on **Blessed Carlo Acutis'** Eucharistic miracles from around the world, along with relics for his veneration. You can learn more from the web-site: <https://stjohnsclinton.org/bl-carlo-acutis-exhibit-of-eucharistic-miracles>.

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.

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 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church** (Monday); **St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs** (Tuesday); **St. Rita of Cascia, Religious** (Wednesday) and **Saint Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church** (Saturday). The other days are seasonal weekdays.

Offertory

Many thanks to all those who regularly support our parish with their financial gifts. Your donations for last weekend will be cited next weekend. This is because Mindy Dulude was on a scheduled vacation week this past week.

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.

Do You Wish to Become Catholic or Complete Your 'Initiation' Into the Catholic Church?

There are many adults and youths who are not baptized, confirmed and/or have never received Holy Communion. We'd love you to become full and active members of the Catholic Church. Consider these options **FOR YOU**, your relatives and friends! **Watch for more information about programs and dates in upcoming bulletins in the weeks ahead.**

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - For non-baptized adults; for baptized Christians who wish to become Catholic; for baptized Catholic adults (without First Communion or Confirmation) and with little or no religious formation. **Adult Confirmation Prep** - For baptized and practicing Catholics who have received First Communion but were never confirmed.

In either case, **contact Monsignor Tom Sullivan** at 508-754-5361 or tsullivan5@mac.com.

Congratulations Brigid Burke!

We congratulate Brigid Burke of this year's Confirmation Class. She will be confirmed later today at St. Paul's Cathedral (she wasn't able to be confirmed with our class three weeks ago because of a family event out of state). God bless you with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, Brigid!

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

At all our Masses next weekend, May 25-26, we will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick to any person who wishes to receive it. You will remember that it has been our custom to offer the sacrament in this manner twice a year. 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. In the sacrament we always receive the grace of God's healing. The two essential parts of the sacrament are the 'laying on' of hands and the anointing with the *Oil of the Sick*. The celebration of this Sacrament, with the whole community present and 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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"If there be a true way that leads to the Everlasting Kingdom, it is most certainly that of suffering, patiently endured." - St. Colette

'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.

Thanking Our Catechists!

Our religious education classes for the year concluded two weeks ago. Again, we thank Anne Thompson, our Director of Religious Education for *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* and Grades 1-6. And we thank all those catechists and assistants who made such an enormous weekly commitment in sharing the faith with our parish sons and daughters. Thanks to all who contributed: Joan Cross, Claire O'Connor, Leah DiPilato, Nora Oliver, Jackie Penny, Molly Chase, Sophia Penny, Henry Penny, Lydia Penny, Sam Bowden, Anthony Zamorro, Dennis O'Connor, Mark Andrews, and Mary Ann Nalbandian. You are all so wonderful and your service vital to the spiritual health of the parish. We congratulate Nora Oliver on her upcoming graduation from Leicester High School but regret her "departure" from CTK's catechetical team. She is off to college, of course, and we rejoice with her.

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.**

**Parish Book Club
New September Beginning**

Our parish book club, which meets monthly in the academic year, is **taking the summer off**. They enjoy fiction and nonfiction literature, largely around religious themes, from 7 to 8 pm on the first Thursday of the month. There is discussion and enjoying each other's company. The next meeting is **Thursday, September 5**. The group will be reading William P. Young's *'The Shack.'* The group meets in the Conference Room in the lower level of the church, adjacent the parish hall. If interested in joining, please contact Victoria DiMassa by calling her or texting her at 440-522-7700. You can also email her at dimassavictoria@gmail.com. Hopefully, you can read the book in advance. The group decides the next book.

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.

Totus Tuus Summer Program

Blessed Sacrament Parish (at 555 Pleasant Street) is hosting a weeklong diocesan summer program for boys and girls in **Grades 1 through 6**, Monday through Friday, **August 5 through 9**. It will run from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm**. *Totus Tuus* was the personal motto of Pope Saint John Paul II. It means "Totally Yours" and denotes our desire to devote ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through Mary. There will **also be a program for teens** (rising 7th graders through 12th graders) from **6:30 to 8:45 pm**, from Sunday, **August 4 through Thursday, August 8**. The program is run by enthusiastic young adult missionaries and will be a week of fun and memories for the Catholic youth of Worcester. The total cost for the week is only \$25 per child. *Totus Tuus* staff includes two seminarians and two college-aged women who bring energy and joy to the Gospel. The focus this summer will be on the Apostles' Creed and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. If you have any questions, or seek registration forms, you can contact the Coordinator of Faith Formation at Blessed Sacrament, **Leah Perez**, at 617-571-2358 or email her at blessedsacramentFF@gmail.com.

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: ctkworc.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. 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!

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday

Tuesday, May 21

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

Wednesday, May 22

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts

7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, May 23

7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, May 24

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

Saturday, May 25

4:00 pm Mass - Anointing of the Sick

Sunday, May 26 - Holy Trinity Sunday

All Masses - Anointing of the Sick

Catholic Women's Conference

Register Now! All women are invited to the exciting Worcester Catholic Women's Conference, "Trust in the Lord with All Your Heart," to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster on **Saturday, October 5, 2024**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Fr. Carlos Martins, Pamela Acker, and Ester Munt Brooks. Diocesan and religious 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 today!

SAINT JOHN'S SPRING OPEN HOUSE

This Wednesday, May 22, 2024

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join the Saint John's High School community **this Wednesday, May 22**, for our Spring Open House. During this event, prospective families and students will hear from Saint John's faculty, staff, and students regarding the limitless opportunities available to our students! Limited space is still available for students hoping to enroll for 2024-2025; we encourage both families interested in this coming school year and next school year to attend! Registration required; please visit: www.beapioneer.org.

Mass to Begin Forty Hours

May 31, 5:00 pm

To initiate our Forty Hours celebration (May 31-June) which leads up to our Mass and Procession on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (Sunday, June 2, 9:00 am) we will have an opening Mass. That Mass will be offered at **5:00 pm on Friday, May 31**. All are welcome.

PENTECOST SUNDAY!

Today is Pentecost Sunday, one of the great solemnities of the Church. Only Easter ranks higher! *Pentēkostē* is the Greek name for the *Feast of Weeks*, a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. This feast is still celebrated as *Shavuot* in Judaism. For Christians it became the feast commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other disciples of Jesus Christ as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speaking in many languages, the Apostle Peter stood up with the Eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of God's word: "I will pour out my spirit." Three thousand people gladly received his word and were baptized Catholics that day. No wonder we call it the "birthday" of the Church!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

**O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful,
grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations.**

Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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