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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.

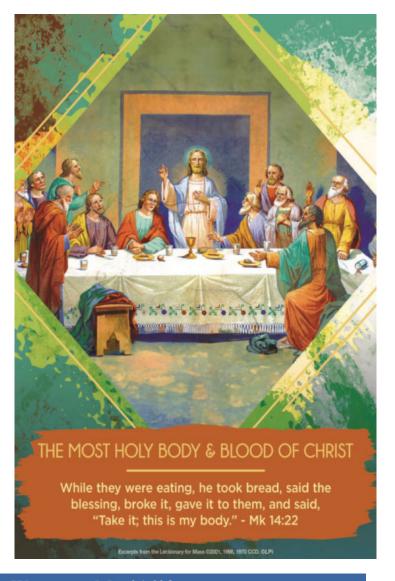
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# Christ the King Parish

### 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





Saturday—June 1st

4:00PM Angelo T. Pappas (3rd anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—June 2nd

7:30AM Bernadette M. Baniukiewicz (25th anniv.) req.

of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Carlos and Maria Sarmiento (mem.), Elsa

Sarmiento (mem.), and Francisco and Marina

Escobar (mem.) req. of family

Tuesday—June 4th

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

Wednesday—June 5th

7:00AM Florence Scarpaci (mem.) req. of a friend

Thursday—June 6th

7:00AM Walter Army (mem.) req. of The Leahy Family

Saturday—June 8th

8:00AM John Cronin (mem.) req. of family

4:00PM Nancy and Larry O'Connell (mem.) req. of

family

Sunday—June 9th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Col. William Conley (mem.) req. of Fred & Pat

Rushton

11:00AM Jennie Jones (6th anniv.) and George Jones

(14th anniv.) req. of family

### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the soul of Francis F. Riley.

# Pray for Priests at the Presbyteral Assembly

Most of our diocesan priests will be at the annual Presbyteral Assembly at Cape Cod from Wednesday through Friday this week. (Msgr. Sullivan will remain here and offer Masses). Please pray for those at the Assembly and all priests.

### **Prayer for Our Priests**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. During this assembly, set their souls on fire with love for your people and zeal for the mission of your Church. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace and allow them to experience joy in their ministry.

Please grant our priests courage in leadership, humility in service, fraternity with their brother priests, and a stronger bond with the laity, so that together we might be one, as you are One.

Allow them to fully surrender to you as you continue molding them into vessels filled with your love and purpose. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom and prepare their hearts for the mission ahead. Amen.

### 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: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs (Monday); St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr (Wednesday); St. Norbert, Bishop (Thursday); The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (Friday); The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Saturday).

### **Offertory**

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

Offertory: \$5,554.00; Online Giving: \$985.00; Mass Stipends: \$215.00; Funeral Stipend: \$250.00; Ascension: \$25.00.

Total: \$7,029.00

### 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. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism

### **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 website: https://stjohnsclinton.org/bl-carlo-acutis-exhibit-of-eucharistic-miracles.

### Msgr. Reidy Away

Msgr. Reidy will be away at Cape Cod from Wednesday through Friday this week to participate in the Annual Presbyteral Assembly.

### **Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion**

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

### 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.

### '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.

### **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 (7:00-8:00 pm) on the following dates: November 7 and 21, December 5 and 12, and January 9. Bishop McManus will confirm these adult candidates at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February of 2025. Please consider it! Contact Msgr. Sullivan at 508 -450-2556 or by email at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

### Monsignor Sullivan is a Notary Public

For many years Monsignor Sullivan has been a notary public. Should any parishioner need to have a document notarized you are welcome to call upon him. There will be no fee for any notarizations. He is simply happy to assist you. Just call the rectory should you need this service.

### 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.

### **COMING THIS FALL**

Introducing the Roman Catholic Faith

A 15-session program to be held on Tuesday evenings this fall and early winter, this program will introduce learners to all the major beliefs held by the Roman Catholic Church. It is designed especially for those inquirers unfamiliar with the belief of Catholics and/or who may be considering receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at Easter (April 19, 2025) or later. However, all interested parties can join in, especially if they would like a "refresher." The program will be held in the Johnson Room, from 7:15 to 8:30 pm, on the following Tuesdays: September 17 & 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29; November 5, 12 & 19; December 3, 10 &17; January 6 & 14. Thereafter, from mid-January through Lent those wishing to pursue joining the Church will be offered the support customarily offered to "catechumens." There is no cost to participate. And each participant will be given a free copy of *United States Cath*olic Catechism for Adults. For further information, please contact Monsignor Thomas J. Sullivan by calling him at 508-450-2556 or emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

### **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.

### CTK's Father-Son Canoeing Trip

Looking for serenity and adventure? And with Monsignor Reidy? Do you like canoeing, camping, fishing, swimming, and exploring? We are collecting names of interested parties for a father/son(s) wildnerness trip on the Allagash waterway in Maine from **August 19-23**. Ideally, we need one more father and two sons to even out the numbers to 8 persons (four canoes). Boys should be 10 or older and able to swim. If you want more information, please contact Fran Warner at

franciswarner@juno.com or cell: 774-364-2393.

### 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 mindyd1052@gmail.com.

### Parish Book Club Starts Again in September

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.

### **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!

# Please Support! The Partners in Charity Appeal

Our annual parish appeal which supports all our essential diocesan charities. 39% of our parishioners have now donated. 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 we hope you will do so at this time. 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.

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

### The Wisdom of the Saints

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

## Highlights of the Week Ahead

### Saturday, June 1

Adoration until 8:00 am Mass 8:00 am - Mass Adoration throughout the day 4:00 pm - Mass Adoration throughout the night

### Sunday, June 2 - Corpus Christi

Adoration until 7:30 am Mass Adoration 9:00 am Mass and Procession 12:30 pm - 2 Baptisms

### Monday, June 3

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park 4:00 pm - Girl Scouts

### Tuesday, June 4

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

### Wednesday, June 5

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts 7:00 pm - Parish Council Meeting 7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

### Friday, June 7

7:00-8:00 pm - Adoration & Holy Hour 7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

### Saturday, June 8

4:00 pm Mass - Mission Coop Appeal

### Sunday, June 9

All Masses - Mission Coop Appeal

### 'Confirmation 2025' Interviews Now

Confirmation is that sacrament which completes a Catholic's initiation into the Catholic Church. The candidate for Confirmation has already been baptized, has received the Eucharist, prepares spiritually and intellectually for the final Sacrament of Initiation, and comes to Mass each Sunday to participate in the Eucharist with the Catholic community. Msgr. Sullivan is currently conducting Confirmation (Spring, 2025) interviews for rising high school juniors. If you have not yet been interviewed, please contact him for an interview time (email:

**tsullivan5@mac.com**). A 30-to-35-minute interview will be arranged. The program expectations are explained at that time.

### Holy Hour ~ June 7 Please Come!

A monthly Holy Hour takes place on the First Friday evening of each month. The hour includes Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and a brief spiritual reflection. **Please come** on **Friday**, **June 7** from **7:00 to 8:00 pm**. All parishioners and all Catholics of other parishes are most welcome. We hope you will join us!

# Visiting Priest for the Missionary Cooperative Appeal Here Next Weekend

Every year all diocesan parishes participate in the Mission Coop Appeal. The Catholic Church is world-wide. The Catholic Church in the United States greatly assists various dioceses and the missionary work taking place in less developed nations. To help us better understand the universality of the Church and to give us an opportunity to assist the Catholic Church in Ghana we will welcome Father Richmond Osei Amoah. He will speak at all our Masses next weekend.

Father Amoah will ask your support for the strengthening of evangelization in the Archdiocese of Kumasi in Ghana. We will be taking a special **second collection** to support his Archdiocese and we invite your generosity.

The population of Ghana is about 31 million. Catholics represent a little over 11% of the population. While other Christian denominations exist there, over 17% of the people are Muslims and there are many who identify with traditional African religion or who have no affiliation with a faith tradition. The Archdiocese of Kumasi has seen a notable increase in infant and adult baptisms, sacramental marriages and vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Last year, Archbishop Gabriel J. Anokye of Kumasi ordained six new priests.

Their efforts for evangelization involve many humanitarian activities such as the care for street children, the building of new churches and educational institutions and the drilling of water wells for the people. They also need to open health clinics. A major project is the attempt to establish a College of Education for the formation of teachers at rural Kobreso, a small village 50 miles outside and north of Kumasi. The new teachers will be taught Catholic theology and Catholic social teaching to become part of the new evangelization in their interaction with students at primary, junior high and senior high school levels.

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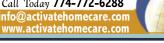
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