



Christ the King Parish

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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.



12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea,
"Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was
great calm. - Mk 4:39

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—June 22nd

4:00PM Frances Oliver (12th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—June 23rd

7:30AM Nora Hines (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Rita Herbst (birthday) req. of Karen Herbst Grogan

Monday—June 24th

7:00AM Becky Leggett (Living-birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

Tuesday—June 25th

7:00AM Roy Correa (51st anniv.) req. of Fran and Betty Ann Warner

Wednesday—June 26th

7:00AM Jane Allen (mem.) req. of Fran and Betty Ann Warner

Thursday—June 27th

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

Saturday—June 29th

8:00AM Rev. Walter J. Riley (mem.) The Breakfast Club

4:00PM Rita Toomey (30th anniv.) and Mark Lefebvre (44th wedding anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—June 30th

7:30AM Anne and Patrick Geoghegan (mem.) req. of The Coppinger Family

9:00AM Joseph Carlomagno (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **John 'Jack' T. O'Connor** and **Bishop Emeritus Daniel P. Reilly**, Fourth Bishop of Worcester.

Congratulations to the Recently Baptized!

Congratulations to **Henry Thomas Shea** and **Deseli Zora-Ata Curseen Soref** who were baptized here last Sunday morning at the 11:00 am Mass by Msgr. Sullivan. And congratulations to their parents: **Peter & Elizabeth (Burke) Shea** and **Jack Soref & Allison Curseen**. May Henry and Deseli always live in the light of Christ!

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 Nativity of St. John the Baptist** (Monday); **St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); **St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr** (Friday); and **Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles** (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: \$5,342.60; **Online Giving:** \$1,610.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$70.00; **Donation in memory of Francis Riley:** \$75.00; **Confirmation Registration:** \$160.00; **Mission Co-Op Appeal:** \$25.00.

Total: \$7,282.60

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.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

The Wisdom of the Saints

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

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.

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 Catholic 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.

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.

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.

13th Annual Novena to St. Joseph Begins September 9

Please join us for this fall’s Novena to St. Joseph. 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 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. The schedule of homilists is Sept. 9, Msgr. Thomas Sullivan; Sept. 16, Most Rev. Robert J. McManus; Sept. 23, Msgr. Richard Reidy; Sept. 30, Marie Romagnano; Oct. 7, Rev. Stephen Lundrigan; Oct. 14, Rev. John J. Gavin, SJ; Oct. 21, Rev. Richard Trainor; Oct. 28, Rev. James Boulette; and Nov. 4, ‘Jo’ Massarelli. 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.

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.**

CTK’s Father-Son Canoeing Trip Last Chance!

A last chance for serenity and adventure! Join Monsignor Reidy on this canoe trip. Do you like canoeing, camping, fishing, swimming, and exploring? We are collecting names of interested parties for a father/son(s) wilderness trip into the pristine 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). **Please have all inquiries in by June 30 as we need to plan ahead!** Boys should be 10 or older and able to swim. For more information, please contact Fran Warner at franciswarner@juno.com or cell: 774-364-2393.

Knights of Columbus Leadership Changes

We wish you to know that there have been a number of changes in the leadership structure of our parish’s Knights of Columbus Council. Having served many long years both Dick Lane and Vinny Matulaitis have retired from their positions. Dick has been the Grand Knight in recent years and Vinny the Treasurer. They have both done a remarkable job and we thank them for their efforts at this time. The newly elected Grand Knight is Wes Cotter and the newly elected Treasurer is Phil Salmon. We wish them well as they accept these responsibilities. Filling out other leadership positions in the Council are Allen Stansky, Bill Doyle, Jim Valk, John Stevens, Brandon White, Mike Lynch, Ed Burke, Tony Penny and Msgr. Sullivan. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead!

WORCESTER BRAVEHEARTS GAME Friday Night ~ July 12

Our Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a parishioner participation evening at Fitton Field, Holy Cross, for a baseball game featuring the Worcester Bravehearts vs. the Westfield Starfires. It’s Friday night, July 12. 6:30 pm. It also happens to be Rainers Hockey Night. \$20 per person. All you can eat. Kids under 3 free. Free parking. To purchase tickets: please contact Bill Doyle by emailing him at bcdoyl15@charter.net. Or you can go to the group portal: braveheartsfun.com (password: kofc2024). Tickets on sale here after all Masses next weekend.

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.

'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 Yvonn3@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.

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. **40% 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 partners-charity.net/donate.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, June 23

9:00 am Mass - 3rd Scrutiny for Monica Locker

Tuesday, June 25

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, June 26

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts

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

Thursday, June 27

5:30 pm - Closed A.A. Meeting

Friday, June 28

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, June 30

12:30 pm - Baptism

'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 ~ July 5 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, July 5 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** All parishioners and all Catholics of other parishes are most welcome. We hope you will join us!

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.

ANNUAL PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

On the weekend of June 30 our diocese will participate in the global **Peter's Pence Collection**. This annual collection provides essential support for the Holy See's activities and helps Pope Francis assist the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world. The collection has ancient roots that reach back to apostolic times. The early Christians provided material support so that the apostles - those preaching the Gospel - could distribute to those in need (see Acts 4:34-35, 11:29).

Today, the Peter's Pence Collection is an opportunity for the Church around the world to stand in solidarity with those in need. For example, migrants and refugees from southwestern and southern Asian countries - such as Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Bangladesh - travel to Europe by the Balkan route, which runs through southeastern Europe. Since 2018, migrants traveling this way have ended their journeys in refugee camps. Late in 2020, a fire in one camp in Lipa, Bosnia-Herzegovina, forced 1,500 of these refugees to live outdoors during the cold and snow of winter. Pope Francis responded with a donation to build structures to accommodate the refugee families and unaccompanied minors.

Your contribution to Peter's Pence helps fund not only all the activities of the dicasteries of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in his ministry, but also several solidarity projects that aid those most in need. To learn more about the ways in which Peter's Pence supports the Holy Father's ministry of mercy, visit www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/cos-e-l-obolo.html.

I invite you to join with our brothers and sisters in faith from around the globe to help our Holy Father in his charitable outreach. Thank you for considering how you can respond to the call to "be a sign of mercy" by your prayers, by your spreading the word about this good work, and by your financial support.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
 Bishop of Worcester

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