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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.

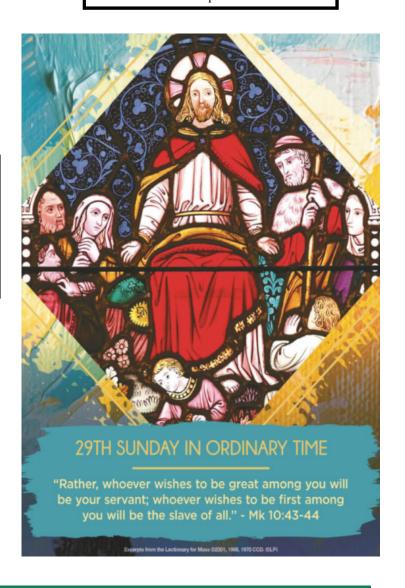
Please call the rectory to do so.

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—October 19th

4:00PM Patricia Coyne (1st anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—October 20th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM William Bloomfield (17th anniv.) req. of

family

11:00AM Mary McKeon (mem.) req. of family

Monday—October 21st

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

Tuesday—October 22nd

7:00AM Joan Cross (Living, Healing) req. of Roger &

Joyce Dubuque

Wednesday—October 23rd

7:00AM Claire Weirich (mem.) req. of The Derr Family

Thursday—October 24th

7:00AM Elaine Bleau (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce

Dubuque

Friday—October 25th

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

Saturday—October 26th

8:00AM Dennis J. O'Connor (mem.) req. of family 4:00PM Patricia Daly (9th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—October 27th

7:30AM Jane Allen (mem.) req. of Fran & Betty Ann

Warner

9:00AM Madelyn Hickey Pocoski (8th anniv.) req. of

amily

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Gail P. Webster**, the sister of John Hoey, and **John F. Hanson**.

Hurricane Relief Efforts

Catholic Charities USA is coordinating relief efforts with local Catholic Charities in communities facing such devastation from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Visit **www.catholiccharitiesusa.org** to make an online donation or to get information on how to mail a check. 100% of your donation will go to relief efforts.

Thanks for Your Participation in '40 Days for Life'

Last Wednesday our parishioners participated in the 40 Days for Life program by their peaceful prayer vigil across the street from Planned Parenthood on Pleasant Street. We are very grateful for the participation of all who came and for your witness to the dignity of all human life. God bless you. Continue to pray for the integrity of all human life, born and unborn.

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. John Paul II, Pope (Tuesday); St. John of Capistrano, Priest (Wednesday); St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop (Thursday); 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 as follows:

Offertory: \$5,511.00; Online giving: \$2,060.00; Mass Stipends: \$60.00; Donation in memory of Francis Riley: \$25.00; Fuel: \$205.00; Human Development: \$25.00; All Souls: \$50.00; All Saints: \$50.00; Christmas Flowers: \$100.00.; World Mission: \$160.00.

Total: \$8,246.00

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. Upcoming scheduled meetings take place from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on the following Sundays: in 2024: November 10 and in 2025: January 5, February 23, March 30, April 23 and June 1. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to register for a time to meet. Baptisms usually take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass. The remaining available date in 2024 is Sunday, November 24. In 2025 the available dates are: January 12, March 2, April 27, and June 15. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism.

'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.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

Novena to St. Joseph Continues Tomorrow Night With Father Richard Trainor

Our 13th Annual Novena to St. Joseph continues tomorrow, Monday, October 21, at 7:15 pm. Each evening lasts just 45 minutes and concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Father Richard Trainor, our former associate pastor and now the Minister to Priests, will offer the homily. The Novena includes prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, and to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. 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.

Information Sessions on the Permanent Diaconate

Do you feel that Christ is calling you, but you are not sure what it is He is calling you to do? He may possibly be calling you to serve His followers as a Permanent Deacon. If you are a male between the ages of 30 and 59, single or married, this form of service may just be the answer to what you may be looking. To learn more about the program, please come to one of our information sessions. We are currently in the process of putting together our next class that would begin in 2025. Information sessions are as follows: Our Lady of Loreto parish hall in Worcester this Wednesday, Oct. 23, at 6:00 pm; St. Mary in Shrewsbury on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 6:30 pm, and Our Lady of Loreto parish hall in Worcester on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at 6:00 pm. For more information or to register for a session please contact Deacon Donald Pegg at dpegg@worcesterdiocese.org.

Volunteers Needed Bishop's Holiday Dinners

Last year, with the incredible support of nearly one thousand volunteers, we served **over 6,500 Thanksgiving and Christmas meals** to those in need. We extend our deepest thanks to you all - our volunteers, sponsors, and donors - for making this possible. Catholic Charities needs volunteers for Thanksgiving and Christmas meal packaging, deliveries, and the sit-down dinner events! Here's how you can get involved on Thanksgiving and/or Christmas. Visit

www.ccworc.org/bishopsdinnervolunteer/ Thank you.

Celebrate Priesthood: Taste of the Diocese This Coming Thursday Evening

Join our 11th annual Celebrate Priesthood event on **Thursday**, **October 24 from 5:30 - 7:30 pm** at St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School on Granite Street and visit with priests and parishioners from around the Diocese while enjoying tastings from dozens of vendors and ethnic delicacies and various refreshments, beer and wine. All proceeds benefit the Priests' Retirement Fund. Visit **worcesterdiocese.org/celebrate-priesthood** to learn more, buy tickets, advertise in the program book, or donate to the fund.

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.

The Anointing of the Sick Last Weekend

Our celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses last weekend was a wonderful moment for those who received the sacrament and those who were quietly praying for them. 70 parishioners received the sacrament and were very grateful for it. The breakdown was 20 persons (4:00 pm Mass); 3 persons (7:30 am Mass); 6 persons (9:00 am Mass); and 41 persons (11:00 am Mass). Thanks to all for your prayerful attentiveness.

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.

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.

Venerini Open House

Venerini Academy, a private Catholic elementary (PK-3 through Grade 8) school, will host an Open House on **Wednesday**, **October 30th** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Explore the boundless opportunities awaiting your child! During this event you'll hear inspiring stories from our dedicated staff and enthusiastic students, showcasing the vibrant and supportive community there. To register please contact **admissions@veneriniacademy.com**.

Have Your Marriage Blessed?

We've learned, over time, that some (civilly) married parishioners have never entered into a sacramental marriage. Please call Msgr. Sullivan about having your marriage "blessed" if you would like to pursue this. 508-754-5361.

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.

Plan now to join us for a spectacular & free concert at Christ the King Church
Friday, November 8 at 7:00 pm
Featuring
Ron Williams, baritone
& Olga Rogach, piano

Entitled 'Crossing over into Campground' this will be a program of African American spirituals and piano works by African American women composers. Ron Williams and Olga Rogach will collaborate to present beautiful arrangements of many of the African American spirituals sung by slaves prior to their emancipation. You will hear their story through music and narration. In addition, Olga will present solo piano works of 20th century Black women composers including Florence Price, Margaret Bonds and Betty Jackson King. Ron is a renowned singer, lecturer, and vocal instructor. He has achieved national recognition for his outstanding work with opera companies including the San Francisco Spring Opera, Detroit Opera, Opera San José, and the Boston Lyric Opera. He has been the bass soloist for a production of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony at Boston's Hatch Shell. Olga, a pianist, performs extensively in New England and is acclaimed for her recitals and collaborations with instrumentalists and vocalists. She received a Master of Music degree in piano performance from Russia's famed St. Petersburg Conservatory and became a faculty member. She emigrated to the U.S. in 1991 and made Worcester her home. A leading regional piano teacher she also offers private instruction to students at Worcester's Polytechnic Institute. A reception will follow in the Johnson Room.

Parish Book Club Next Meeting

Our parish book club, which meets monthly in the academic year, enjoys 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, November 7. The group will be reading C.S. Lewis' important work, *The Great Divorce*. 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.

'BABY BOTTLE' DRIVE

The annual **Baby Bottle Drive** continues through the end of October. The funds 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 well over three hundred pregnant women and their infants since 2005. Checks should be made **payable** to *Visitation House*, *Inc.* (not Christ the King). You can also donate online at **visitationhouse.org**.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, October 19

4:00 pm Mass - Annual 'Pew Count'

Sunday, October 20

All Masses - Annual 'Pew Count' 10:00-11:00 am - Rel. Ed, CGS, Grs 1-6 11:00 am - Baptisms at Mass 6:00-7:30 pm - Rel. Ed, Grs 7-10

Monday, October 21

7:15 pm - St. Joseph Novena

Tuesday, October 22

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting 7:15-8:30 pm - 'Intro to Catholicism'

Wednesday, October 23

3:00-5:30 pm - 'Trunk or Treat' event

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts

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

Thursday, October 24

6:00-7:00 pm - City of Worc meeting 7:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 27

10:00-11:00 am - Rel. Ed, CGS, Grs 1-6

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TODAY AND NEXT SUNDAY

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Grades 1-6 will meet today, Sunday, October 20, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Grades 7-10 will meet tonight, October 20, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Grades 1-6 will meet next Sunday, October 27, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Grades 7-10 will not meet next Sunday night.

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 & 21, December 5 & 12, & January 9. These adult candidates will be confirmed in 2025. Please consider it! Contact Msgr. Sullivan at 508-754-5361 or by email at: tsullivan5@mac.com.

The Wisdom of the Saints

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

CabriniThe Movie

Recently I watched the movie *Cabrini* on *Amazon Prime*. I encourage you to watch it. It may be available on other streaming services.

The film depicts the life of the Italian-born Catholic missionary Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850-1917) as she encounters resistance to her charitable efforts in New York City. It explores the bigotry she and other immigrants faced in New York City in the late 19th century. 'Mother' Cabrini was the first United States citizen to be canonized a saint (1946). She is the Patron Saint of Immigrants. She founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a religious institute that was a major support to Italian immigrants in the U.S. Her congregation provided education, health care, and other services to the poor, at first throughout the U.S. and then throughout the world.

She was the youngest of thirteen children born to a farming couple in Lombardy. Only four of them survived beyond adolescence. In November 1880, Cabrini founded her missionary order in Italy. Her sisters took in orphans and foundlings and established seven homes, a free school and a nursery in their first five years. She came to the attention of Pope Leo XIII. In 1887, Cabrini went to seek the pope's approval to establish missions in China. Instead, he urged that she go to the U.S. to help the Italian immigrants there, most of whom in great poverty. Cabrini organized education classes for them and provided for many orphans' needs. Against tremendous odds she established schools and orphanages. She found people who would donate what she needed in money, time, labor, and support. In New York City, she founded Columbus Hospital.

By the end of her life, she founded 67 hospitals, orphanages, and foundling homes to serve the sick and poor, long before government agencies provided social services. These were in American cities like New York, Chicago, Seattle, New Orleans, Denver, Los Angeles and Philadelphia as well as in countries throughout Latin America and Europe. In 1926, nine years after her death, her Missionary Sisters achieved Cabrini's original goal of becoming missionaries to China.

Monsignor Tom

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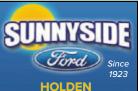




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