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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

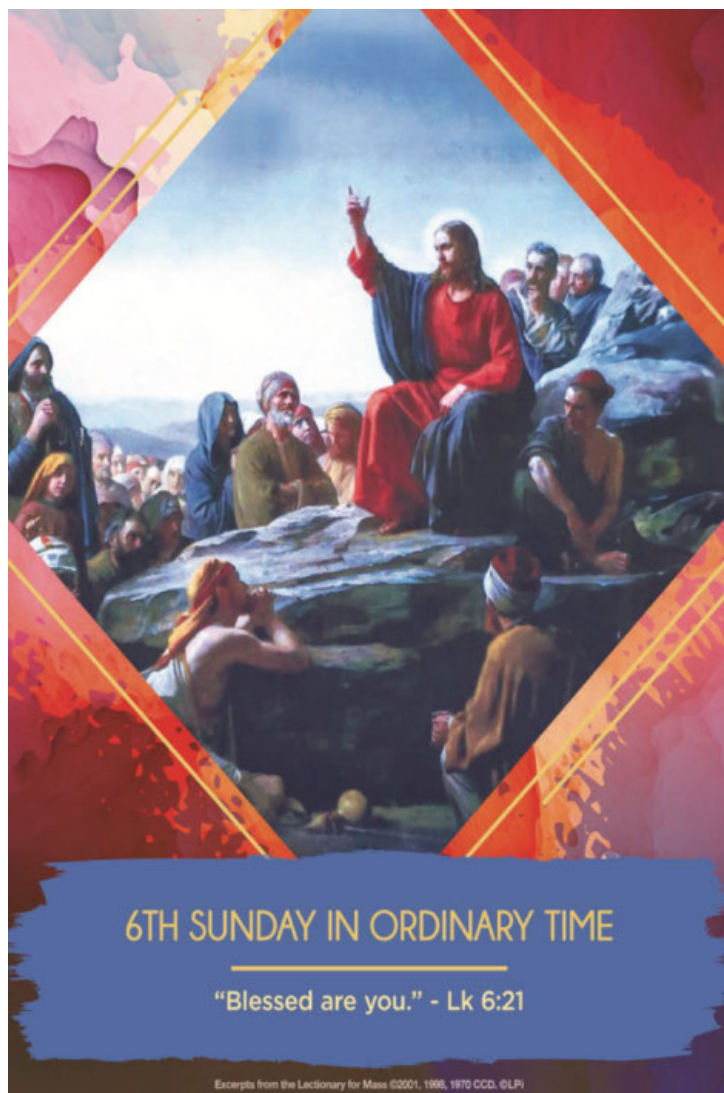
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately. Please see information inside this bulletin.

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 IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are you." - Lk 6:21

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—February 15th

4:00PM Robert and Marion Trainor (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—February 16th

7:30AM Joseph Baniukiewicz, Jr. (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Leo Sheehy (14th anniv.) req. of family

Monday—February 17th

7:00AM Allen Jenkins (mem.) req. of Mike & Betty Flanagan

Tuesday—February 18th

7:00AM Damienne Dunham (Living birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

Wednesday—February 19th

7:00AM Anthony Ritacco (4th anniv.) req. of family

Thursday—February 20th

7:00AM Louise Leclezio (for Healing) req. of Alice Fenlon

Friday—February 21st

7:00AM Anjo Capone Riddle (1st anniv.) req. of Edd & Donna Byrnes

Saturday—February 22nd

8:00AM Ann Fortier (mem.) req. of Mike & Betty Flanagan

4:00PM Wolf Wolfensberger (mem.) and Ron Wehrle (mem.) req. of Jo Massarelli

Sunday—February 23rd

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Kerwin and Elizabeth Matthews (mem.) req. of family

11:00AM Carlos and Maria Sarmiento (mem.), Maria and Francisco Escobar (mem.) and Elsa Sarmiento (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Barbara J. Beauregard**.

SAVE THE DATE

Diocesan 75th Anniversary Mass
March 2, 2025 at 3 pm

All are welcome to St. Paul's Cathedral as we commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Worcester which was established on March 7, 1950. The anniversary Mass will be on **Sunday, March 2 at 3:00 pm**. More details to follow. We look forward to seeing you there!

Enjoy Your Vacation

To all those who are on their school vacation this week, please enjoy. Doesn't everyone just love their vacation time? Be safe!

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 Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order** (Monday); **St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Friday); **The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle** (Saturday).

Offertory

Thank you for your continuing generosity as we meet the financial needs of the parish. We really do need your support and are always grateful for your goodness. What follows below are your donations for last weekend:

Offertory: \$5,359.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,530.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$100.00; **Fuel:** \$616.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$195.00; **Catholic Home Mission:** \$336.00; **Haiti Twinning:** \$20.00.

Total: \$8,156.00

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 2025** (for the first half of the year) - **February 23, March 30, 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. **In 2025** the dates (in upcoming months) are: **March 2, April 27, and June 15**. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism. Sometimes baptisms are celebrated privately (not at a public Mass). **Baptisms** (not for infants) **also occur at the Easter Vigil Mass**, which will be celebrated at **7:30 pm on Saturday, April 19**.

Catholic Charities Seeking Volunteers

Catholic Charities Worcester County is seeking dedicated volunteers to support our mission of providing essential services to local families and individuals in need. We would greatly appreciate your help at our HR Department & Family Shelter in Worcester. As part of our ongoing efforts to assist the community, volunteers will help with the following tasks: organizing and distributing food and clothing to those in need; supporting the setup and operation of food pantries; and helping with office administrative needs as necessary. Flyers and application forms can be found on our bulletin boards in the vestibule. Completed forms can be mailed to: Catholic Charities, 25 West Chester Street, Worcester, MA 01605. Or completed forms can be scanned and emailed to volunteers@ccworc.org.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Let Mary never be far from your lips and from your heart. Following her, you will never lose your way. Praying to her, you will never sink into despair. Contemplating her, you will never go wrong." - *St. Bartholomew*

Worcester Catholic Men's Conference

The Annual Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, April 5, at the DCU Center, 50 Foster Street in Worcester. Registration begins at 7:30 am with the first speaker beginning at 9:00 am. Men of all ages are invited to hear inspiring talks from Father Donald Calloway, MIC; retired U.S. Navy SEAL, Sam Blair; Father Derek Mobilio; renowned Catholic theologian and co-founder of FOCUS, Dr. Edward Sri; and Mr. Artie Boyle, presenting his miraculous survival account. The day will feature an all-day adoration chapel; dozens of priests will be available for confessions; and over fifty relevant vendors will be present. The closing Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Robert J. McManus at 4:00 pm. Tickets (which include lunch) are \$50 for adults through March 26. \$60 thereafter and at the door. Student tickets are always just \$30. Tickets and further information are available at: www.catholicmenworc.com. Any questions may be directed by email to catholicmenworc@gmail.com.

Adult Confirmation Today!

Today, February 16, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Bishop McManus will bestow the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on four adults who have been catechized by Monsignor Sullivan in recent months. Monsignor Sullivan will celebrate the Mass. These four all participated in our Adult Confirmation program from November to January. They are **Emma Frushell, Morgan Zygmunt, Rebekah Fairbanks, and Jacquelyn Feraco**. Congratulations to these confirmands who will now complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. May God bless you all!

LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 5!

The holy season of **Lent** will begin in just two-and-a-half weeks. **Ash Wednesday is March 5**, a late Lenten season this year (which means a later Easter, April 20). Hopefully, the entire parish community will participate in Mass on **Ash Wednesday** as we initiate, once more, this season of penance and preparation for the great mystery of the Lord's Resurrection on Easter. As always, there will be six Masses offered on Ash Wednesday, each one with the imposition of ashes. The Mass times will be: **7:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:00 noon, 3:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm**. It is our earnest hope that you will be able to attend one of the Masses. **And please bring your school-age and younger children.**

It is our hope that we will see all our parishioners often during Lent and then for Holy Week and Easter.

Please remember that we will have an **additional weekday Mass** (Monday-Friday) during this season at **5:30 pm**. And there will be additional times for **confessions - each Lenten Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**. The **Stations of the Cross** will be offered each Lenten **Friday** afternoon from **3:00 to 3:30 pm**.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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

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.**

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.

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.

How to Put 'The Priest Retirement Fund' in Your Will

After providing for your family and loved ones, you may wish to put *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund* in your will, thus assuring the care of our 54 retired priests. Bequests are free of estate tax and can substantially reduce the amount of your assets claimed by the government. You can give needed support for *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund* by simply including the following words in your will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to *The Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund*, 49 Elm Street, Worcester, MA 01609 (insert amount being given here) to be used to support our retired diocesan priests." A bequest can be a specific dollar amount, a specific piece of property, a percentage of an estate, or all or part of the residue of an estate. You can also name *The Diocese of Worcester* as a contingency beneficiary in the event someone named in your will is no longer living. It is recommended that an attorney help in drafting or amending a will.

Parish Book Club Next Meeting ~ March 6

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. The **next scheduled meeting** will be **Thursday, March 6**. We will be discussing George MacDonald's *Phantastes*. If interested in joining, please contact Victoria DiMassa by calling her or texting her at **440-522-7700**. You can also email her at dimassa-victoria@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.

'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.

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 Academy Open Houses

Discover the Venerini Academy Difference at one of their Open House Events. All interested families are invited to join them (27 Edward Street, Worcester). The school is a leading Pre K3 to Grade 8 private Catholic school. **Remaining Open House dates:** February 26 (5:00-7:00 pm); March 4 (4:30-6:00 pm) and March 12 (6:00-7:30 pm). Enroll now and be a part of a community where they value academic excellence, spiritual growth and character development. To register or get more information please call 508-753-3210 or visit www.veneriniacademy.com.

Lenten Evening of Recollection

Monday ~ March 10

Christ the King's Women's Guild invites all women to their Annual Lenten Evening of Recollection on Monday, March 10. Fr Jack Lizewski, the pastor of St Aloysius-St Jude Parish, in Leicester, is the presenter. His topic is: Seeking God's Forgiveness in This Jubilee Year of Hope 2025. Mass at 5:30 pm followed by a light dinner and presentation in the Johnson Room. Donation for the evening is \$18 for members and \$20 for nonmembers. To make a reservation (deadline: Friday, March 7) or if you have any questions, please contact Donna Byrnes at 508-753-3024 or email Donna at dbyrnes@charter.net.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Sunday, February 16

3:00 pm - Adult Confirmation, St. Paul's Cathedral

Tuesday, February 18

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, February 19

7:30 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20

7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, February 21

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, February 22

4:00 pm Mass - Partners in Charity Appeal

Sunday, February 23

All Masses - Partners in Charity Appeal

10:00-11:00 am - *Catechesis of the*

Good Shepherd & Rel. Ed. Grades 1-6

1:00 pm - Parent Baptism Program

6:00-7:30 pm - Rel. Ed. Grades 7-10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Today and Next Weekend

There are **no religious education classes today, February 16**, because of the beginning of the February school vacation.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and classes for **Grades 1-6 will meet** next Sunday morning, **February 23**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Classes for **Grades 7-10 will meet** next Sunday evening, **February 23**, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm.

SPECIAL MARCH 3rd MEETING OF THE WOMEN'S GUILD

The meeting of the Women's Guild for March 3 will be moved to the historic Salisbury House, located at 61 Harvard Street in Worcester. It will be a tour of the house and go from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. Refreshments will be served. Please feel free to bring a guest. Preservation Worcester Board members, Dorothy Hargrove and Denise O'Connell, are offering this special evening tour. Deborah Packard, Executive Director, will lead the brief discussion and tour. This house is the well-preserved home of Stephen Salisbury, II, and his son, Stephen, III. Parking is free in lot numbers 1-35.

Congratulations Bishop-Elect Richard F. Reidy!

This past Wednesday, Pope Francis named Monsignor Richard F. Reidy as the Sixth Bishop of the Diocese of Norwich, Connecticut. Bishop-Elect Reidy will be consecrated a bishop on Tuesday, April 29, at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich. April 29 is the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, a Doctor of the Church. He will also be installed as the Bishop of Norwich that day.

While we will all miss Bishop-Elect Reidy very much we could not be happier for him! This honor is so well-deserved. He is truly a prayerful, devout, bright and energetic priest who has served the Catholic Church well with all his heart and for all his life.

And we at Christ the King Parish, where he has served us so well for the past twelve years, will miss him very much.

God bless Bishop-Elect Reidy!

Ad Multos Annos!

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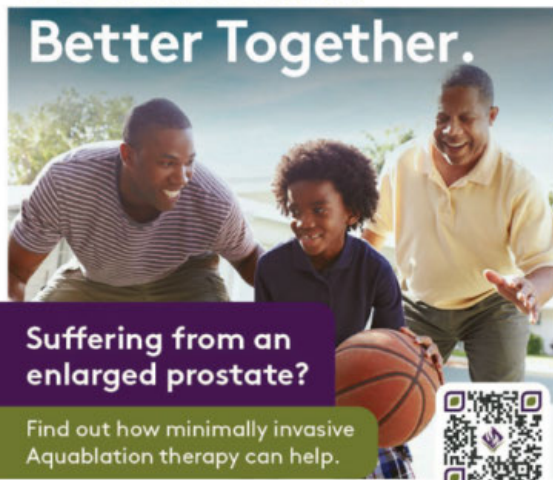
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