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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

PHONES

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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

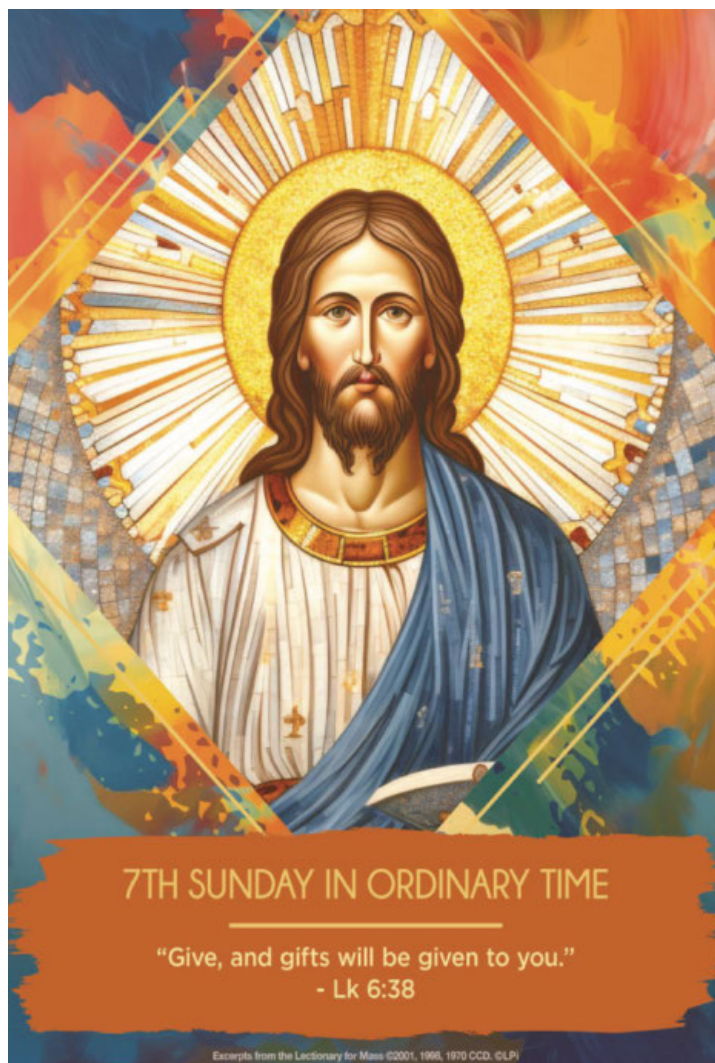
Baptisms celebrated occasionally at public Mass or privately.
Please see information inside this bulletin.

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.



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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—February 22nd

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

Monday—February 24th

7:00AM Catherine Black (6th anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—February 25th

7:00AM Kathy Beck (month's mind) req. of family

Wednesday—February 26th

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

Thursday—February 27th

7:00AM Zachary Ford (14th anniv.) req. of family

Friday—February 28th

7:00AM Joanne McCann (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Saturday—March 1st

8:00AM Joan Conroy (birthday mem.) req. of family

4:00PM Nancy A. Hannan (mem.) req. of Paul & Mary Ann Franco

Sunday—March 2nd

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Emily Czyzewski (mem.) req. of Mark & Monique Czyzewski

11:00AM Juan Antonia Sicard (3rd anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Priscilla A. Griffin**, the mother of James Griffin and **Gloria A. Schofield**.

NEXT SUNDAY - MARCH 2 ~ 3:00 PM Diocesan 75th Anniversary Mass

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 **next Sunday at 3:00 pm**. We look forward to seeing many parishioners there!

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.

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. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church** (Thursday); **The Blessed Virgin Mary** (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: \$3,770.00; **Online Giving:** \$1,340.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$100.00; **Fuel:** \$185.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$59.00; **Catholic Home Mission:** 155.00; **Solemnity of Mary:** \$30.00; **Donation from Friday Night AA:** \$20.00.

Total: \$5,659.00

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** (in the immediate months ahead) - **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

"Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God, if we have given what we could." - *St. Gregory Nazianzen*

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.

Congratulations Adult Confirmands!

Last Sunday, at St. Paul's Cathedral, Bishop McManus bestowed the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on three adults who have been catechized by Monsignor Sullivan in recent months. They all participated in our Adult Confirmation program from November to January. They are **Morgan Zygmunt, Rebekah Fairbanks, and Jacquelyn Ferraco**. Congratulations to these confirmands who have now completed their initiation into the Catholic Church. May God bless you all!

LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 5!

The holy season of **Lent** will soon begin. **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 dimassavictoria@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 web-site, 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.

Available Copies of the Jubilee 2025 Prayer

In the pamphlet rack in the vestibule are copies of the Jubilee Prayer cards. Help yourself. Bishop McManus has designated ten churches in the Diocese as pilgrimage sites. We hope that some of our parishioners will make visits to these churches during this important Jubilee Year.

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.

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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

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

Tuesday, February 25

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, February 26

10:00 am - Mustard Seed Food Prep
6:30 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, February 27

5:00 pm - Closed A.A. meeting
7:00 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, February 28

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

Sunday, March 2

10:00-11:00 am - *Catechesis of the
Good Shepherd* & Rel. Ed. Grades 1-6
11:00 am - Baptism at Mass
3:00 pm - Diocesan 75th Anniversary Mass,
St. Paul’s Cathedral
6:00-7:30 pm - Rel. Ed. Grades 7-10

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES Today and Next Weekend

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

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and classes for **Grades 1-6 will meet next Sunday, March 2**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Classes for **Grades 7-10 will meet next Sunday, March 2**, 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.

THE 2025 ANNUAL PARTNERS IN CHARITY APPEAL

We hope all our parishioners will consider giving to the **2025 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal**. This appeal, which began in 1960, supports all our essential and annual diocesan charities. We need the help of everyone to have a successful drive. The Diocese must raise **\$5 million** this year and that will take a lot of us participating in making a gift! Our parish goal is **\$110,700**, among the highest in the Diocese. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Some examples: **Catholic Charities ~ over fifty retired priests ~ Pernet Family Health Service ~ seniors receiving home health care ~ youths seeking a Catholic education and those in parish religious education programs ~ those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate ~ and the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre**. But there is much more! We ask for your support and generosity today. Thank you and God bless you!

Charity

Catholic Charities ~ Pernet Family Health Service ~ Priests' Retirement ~ Retired Priests' Health Ministry ~ Diocesan Cemetery System

Ministry

African Ministry ~ Catholic Campus Ministry ~ Hispanic Apostolate ~ Minister to Priests ~ Office for Divine Worship ~ Hispanic and Latino Ministry ~ Office of Marriage and Family ~ Office of the Diaconate ~ Respect Life Office ~ St. Paul Cathedral ~ Vocations Office ~ Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Education

Advanced Studies for Clergy and Laity ~ Catholic Schools Office ~ Communications Ministry ~ Grant-in-Aid for Schools ~ Office of Religious Education ~ Ongoing Priestly Formation ~ Seminarian Education ~ Diocesan Schools grants

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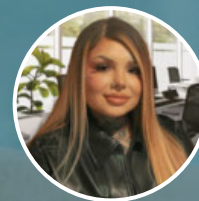
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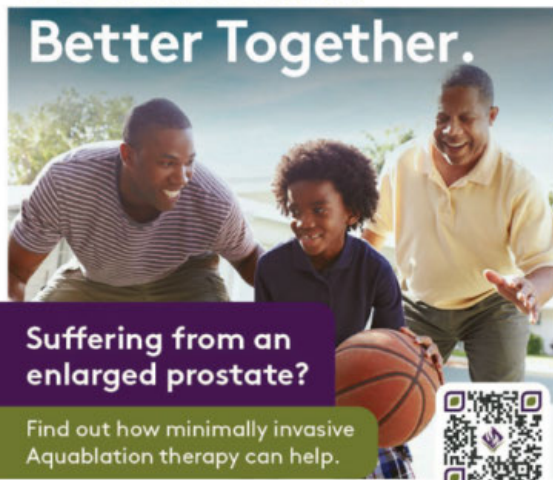
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