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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.

MASS SCHEDULE

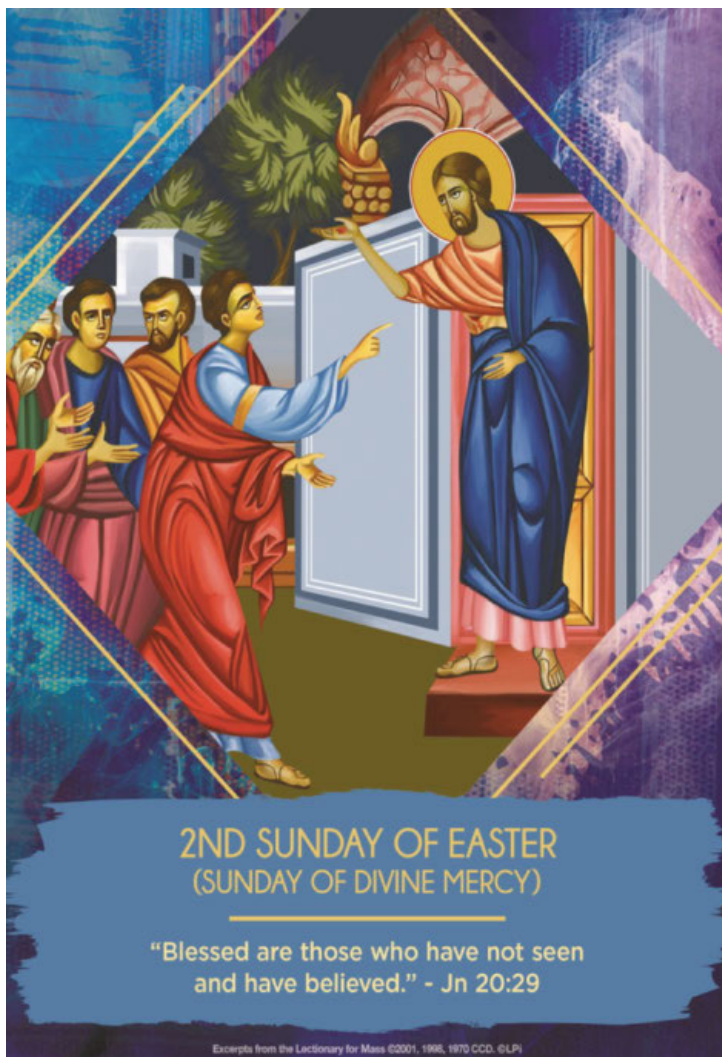
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—April 26th

4:00PM Francis X. Brothers (3rd anniv.) req. of wife,
Sandy Brothers

Sunday—April 27th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King
9:00AM Brian M. Donahue (mem.) req. of Mary Ann &
Paul Franco

11:00AM Patricia Generelli (mem.) req. of family

Monday—April 28th

7:00AM Catherine Warner (5th anniv.) req. of Fran &
Betty Ann Warner

Tuesday—April 29th

7:00AM Richard Oliver (10th anniv.) req. of family

Wednesday—April 30th

7:00AM Edward Deyette (4th anniv.) req. of wife &
family

Thursday—May 1st

7:00AM Trish Haylon (Living birthday) req. of Alice
Fenlon

Friday—May 2nd

7:00AM Mark Graham (2nd anniv.) req. of wife &
family

Saturday—May 3rd

8:00AM Kathleen Frank (mem.) The Fyrberg Family
4:00PM Barbara Waters (mem.) req. of Carol
Carlomango

Sunday—May 4th

7:30AM Ryan Dailey (3rd anniv.) req. of family
9:00AM Thomas Burke (6th anniv.) req. of family
11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of **Patricia Carrigan-Mann**, the sister of Jeanne Ellis, **Carol A. Carmody**, **Pope Francis**, and **Edward L. Gallo, Jr.**

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.

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses. We celebrate Mass at 7:00 am each weekday. Mass on Saturday mornings is at 8:00 am. We honor several saints this week: **St. Peter Chanel, priest and martyr** (Monday); **St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church** (Tuesday); **St. Pius V, Pope** (Wednesday); **St. Joseph the Worker** (Thursday); **St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church** (Friday); and **Saints Philip and James, Apostles** (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 Good Friday and Easter Sunday:

Offertory: \$7,277.00; **Online Giving:** \$2,520.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$145.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$10.00; **Easter:** \$5,107.00; **Donation:** \$1,100.00; **Good Friday:** \$2,557.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$35.00; **Priests Retirement/Ash Wednesday:** \$5.00.

Total: \$18,756.00

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. **An upcoming scheduled meeting** will take place from 1:00 to 2:30 pm on **June 1**. Or 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 next dates are: **May 25** 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).

Thanks for Your Participation in 40 Days for Life

On Wednesday, April 9, 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.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey." - *St. Anthony of Padua*

Lent & Easter Thanks

On this week following Easter I wish to thank all those on the parish staff who worked so hard to make our Holy Week spiritually fruitful. Every staff member played a key role in our preparations. Thanks to Mindy Dulude, Rich Dussault, Debra Pasquale for all their behind-the-scenes work.

Our musicians and vocalists (of the Festival Choir and the Folk Group) were inspiring again this year. And their commitment is always a significant one...with numerous rehearsals. We are very grateful to Ellen Linn for her continuing leadership and to Alana Kearney for singing at those times our music groups are not available.

I am grateful to all our extraordinary ministers, lectors and altar servers for making our Holy Week liturgies so beautiful. They also contributed to our many extra Lenten Masses. I am thankful to those who decorated the church so beautifully for these holiest of days.

I express my gratitude to God for all our catechists, most of whom are under the direction of Anne Thompson, who so regularly commit to the spiritual formation of our young people and who complete this year's teaching next Sunday.

I appreciated the presence of so many parishioners at our Sunday and weekday liturgies. I am also very thankful to those who regularly contribute to the parish and the Diocese, and to those who donated towards our purchase of Easter flowers.

May the Risen Lord bless you all, each and every one!

Monsignor Tom Sullivan

Statement of Bishop McManus on Pope Francis

We are all saddened to hear of the death of our Holy Father. I join my prayers to those of Catholics worldwide that God welcome him into eternal life. For 12 years as our Holy Father, Pope Francis consistently preached to the world that one of the key tenets of being a follower of Jesus Christ is to accompany others who seek God's love.

The beauty of the Catholic faith is like a multifaceted diamond. Each pope brings a focus on one of the facets through which we can deepen our appreciation of our faith and the mission to which we are called. His focus was on the pastoral facet, best understood when we hear his name in Spanish: Papa Francisco. He taught us all to accompany our brothers and sisters, whether in the mainstream or on the periphery of society, so that they may experience God's love through our own love for them.

It is fitting that we will commend him to Almighty God in this Jubilee Year of Hope. Perhaps his greatest legacy is that, as the Vicar of Christ, he focused this Jubilee Year on the reality that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which we just celebrated this Easter, is the key to hope for eternal life in the loving presence of God. May he now rest in the peace of God's love. Amen.

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.**

Consider a 'Cursillo' Weekend

A Cursillo weekend is a three-day Catholic retreat designed to deepen faith, offer spiritual growth, and foster a sense of community among participants. It emphasizes prayer, community, and evangelization, aiming to help individuals live a more authentic Christian life. The word Cursillo, meaning 'short course' in Spanish, is a movement that brings essential Christian truths to life in a way that is both personal and communal. There are Cursillo weekends for Men and others for Women. The local retreats take place at Immaculate Conception Center in Putnam, CT. The next **scheduled weekends for men** are May 15-18 and November 20-23 in 2025; and June 11-14 and December 3-6 in 2026. The next **scheduled weekends for women** are October 9-12 in 2025; and April 9-12 and October 15-18 in 2026. For information for the women's retreats please contact Pam Hamilton at phamilton1284@gmail.com. For information for the men's retreat please contact our parishioner, Joan Laracy, at JoanLaracy@yahoo.com. You may also visit www.fourthday.org.

Parish Book Club This Thursday

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** is for **this Thursday, May 1**. The book we will be reading is *'The Cost of Discipleship'* written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. 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.

Adoration & Holy Hour Every First Friday! Please Come!

A monthly Holy Hour takes place here at Christ the King on the First Friday of each month. All are invited to come. For the past two years Bishop-elect Reidy has been the celebrant and homilist for these devotions. Monsignor Sullivan will now be doing this. **The next occasion for this event is this coming Friday night, May 2 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm.** The hour includes Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and a brief spiritual reflection. All parishioners and all Catholics of other parishes are most welcome. We hope you will join us!

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.

Teacher Needs Studio Apt.

Our parishioner, Pam Mikolajczyk, has a dear friend, a 64-year-old female Christian full-time teacher, who is looking for a studio apartment. Her need starts early this summer. If you are aware of any availability, or have a studio yourself, please be in touch with Pam to provide more information. Pam's email address is: pam.artproject@gmail.com.

Venerini Academy Open Houses

Venerini Academy, a private Catholic elementary (PK-3 through Grade 8) school, will host Open Houses **this Tuesday, April 29, 5:00-7:00 pm; May 1, 6:00-7:30 pm; May 12, 5:00-6:30 pm and May 20, 5:00 to 6:30 pm**. 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 call 508-753-3210 or visit www.veneriniacademy.com.

Thanks for Your Help With *In The Hour of Need* Family Shelter

We appreciate the assistance of all those volunteers who assisted us as we hosted last week at the IHN House on June Street. Particularly grateful are the residents of the house. So, for those who helped and to those who offered food cards or prepared food or were overnight volunteers, please know our great appreciation.

But now we must tell you...
The IHN Shelter is Soon to Close

We recently received a letter from Kristen Billiar, the Chair of the Board, informing us that with dwindling congregation-related support and an insurmountable debt (exceeding \$200,000) they are forced to cease this operation. This program, which has run for several decades, will discontinue service by June 1. The house on June Street will be converted into a state-funded emergency assistance family shelter. While we all regret this development, we thank all those who gave their support to the IHN program for so many decades. God bless you.

'HOPE FOR HOUSING' CARDS Not Available Currently

The *Hope for Housing* cards which have been sold in the church foyer after all Masses for many years will not be available until at least the end of May. The organization which runs this program is re-organizing and dealing with inventory issues. The lead worker at each parish must be re-trained (in our case Yvonne Nguyen). We will keep you informed as to its progress and availability.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, April 26

IHN Service Week concludes
4:00 pm - Farewell Mass for
Bishop-elect Reidy

Sunday, April 27 - Divine Mercy

9:00 am - Grade 2 Class Mass
10:00-11:00 am - Religious Education
11:00 am - 2 Baptisms at Mass

Tuesday, April 29

2:00 pm - Ordination of Bishop Reidy,
St. Patrick's Cathedral, Norwich
(livestreamed)
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, April 30

1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Food Prep
6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

Thursday, May 1

7:00 pm - Parish Book Club
7:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 2

7:00-8:00 pm - Holy Hour / Adoration
7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, May 3

4:00 pm - Guild Spa Donations

Sunday, May 4

All Masses - Guild Spa Donations
10:00-11:00 am - Final Rel. Ed.
5:00 pm - Wedding

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and for Grades 1-6 take place **this morning, Sunday, April 27**, from 10:00 to 11:00 am. The **final** class for the year is scheduled for **next Sunday, May 4**. Evening classes have finished for the year.

Annual Visitation House Dinner May 17

You may wish to consider joining in on the fun of the Annual Visitation House dinner which takes place on Saturday evening, May 17, at the Hogan Campus Center at Holy Cross. 5:30-9:00 pm. The main speaker is Joe Williams, a founding Board member. The dinner celebrates 20 years of supporting young mothers and their children. Free parking behind the Hogan Center. Cocktail hour and seated dinner. Auction. \$120 per individual. For further information call **Rebecca Urban** at 508-798-8002 or email her at rebeccaurban@visitationhouse.org.

Farewell Bishop Reidy...Friend to Us All

As we all know, Bishop-elect Reidy will be ordained as the Sixth Bishop of Norwich (CT) this Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 pm at St. Patrick Cathedral in Norwich. The Diocese of Norwich serves more than 230,000 Catholics in Middlesex, New London, Tolland and Windham Counties in Connecticut as well as Fishers Island and a portion of Suffolk County in New York State. We will miss him very much in our Diocese and at Christ the King.

The son of Robert C. and Barbara A. (Lee) Reidy of Worcester, he began studies for the priesthood at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. He continued studies at the North American College, the Gregorian University, and the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas, all in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood on June 25, 1994. He served for one year at St. Peter Parish and was named rector of St. Paul Cathedral on June 6, 1995. He did graduate work in canon law at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and earned a licentiate in canon law. Upon his return he was appointed pastor of St. Ann Parish in North Oxford and assisted the diocesan Marriage Tribunal. Bishop-elect Reidy was appointed vicar general and moderator of the curia on July 6, 2013. He received the title of Monsignor on Aug. 30, 2023.

For the past twelve years he has served us well at Christ the King. His commitment to the spiritual life of our parish through his personal and public prayer, his spirited homilies and generosity to our parishioners has been inspiring. While we will all miss you very much, Bishop Reidy, we know that Pope Francis made an excellent choice in choosing you to lead the people of the Norwich Diocese. God bless you always!

You can watch the livestream of Bishop Reidy's ordination
Tuesday, April 29, at 2:00 pm at:
<https://www.norwichdiocese.org>

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