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HOURS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Monday—Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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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

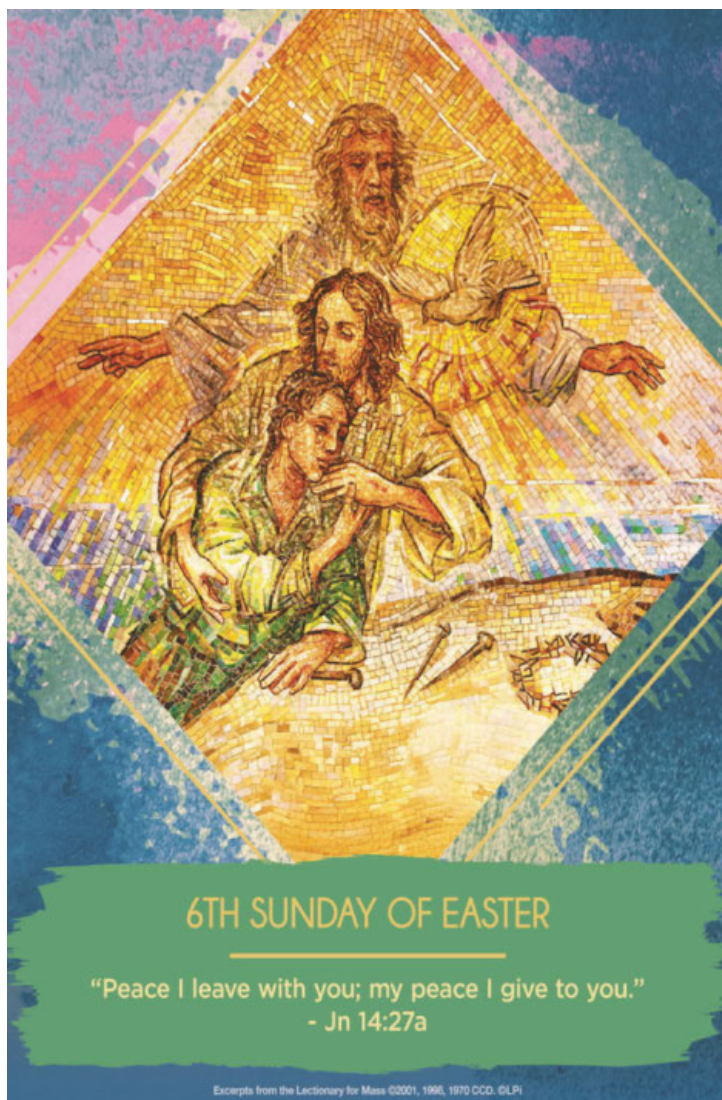
Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM

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



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."
- Jn 14:27a

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1986, 1970 CCD, GLPI

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CHRIST THE KING, WORCESTER, MA



Saturday—May 24th

4:00PM Brian Tangney, Jr. (10th anniv.) req. of family

Sunday—May 25th

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

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM James Hines (mem.) req. of Mary Hovenesian Hines

Tuesday—May 27th

7:00AM John O'Toole (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Thursday—May 29th

7:00AM Robert Lawson (15th anniv.) req. of Sam & Leslie Bowden

12NOON William Hovenesian (mem.) req. of Mary Hovenesian Hines

6:00PM Joyce Johnson (16th anniv.) req. of family

Saturday—May 31st

8:00AM Donald Cousineau (mem.) req. of Janet Rauktis

4:00PM Philip and Joanne St. Martin (mem.) req. of their daughters

Sunday—June 1st

7:30AM Maureen Coppinger (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Ann Fortier (mem.) req. of Mary Hovenesian Hines

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Paul F. Murphy, Jr.**, the son of Margaret Murphy.

**'Forty Hours' Prior to
'Corpus Christi' Sunday
Again this Year!**

Following last year's great success, we are planning again to have our Forty Hours Devotion leading up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Because of the later Easter this year so is Corpus Christi that much later...Sunday, June 22. We will have exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for the forty hours from **5:00 pm on Friday, June 20** until the **9:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 22**. An outdoor procession will be held following the 9:00 am Mass, with prayers and hymns at the three outdoor altars. During this 40-hours-period of witness to the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist, we are asking parishioners to pray for an hour or more before the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance on the altar.

We hope you will join us. There is a sign-up sheet on the vestibule bulletin board as well as an online sign up on the parish website: ctkworc.org/40-hours-devotion. Thank you.

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. Some days are Easter Season weekdays this week, except for the feasts of **St. Philip Neri, Priest** (Monday); **St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop** (Tuesday); the **Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord** (Thursday); and the **Visitation of 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 from last weekend:

Offertory: \$6,417.00; **Online Giving:** \$2,025.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$80.00; **Easter:** \$15.00; **Ascension:** \$25.00.

Total: \$8,562.00

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM For this Summer

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**) or email him (tsullivan5@mac.com) to register for a time to meet. **Baptisms** sometimes take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass. Sometimes baptisms are celebrated privately (not at a public Mass). Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date for the actual baptism. **During this summer** it is likely that baptisms will be scheduled individually.

Contacting Bishop Reidy by mail or telephone

For those who wish to communicate with Bishop Richard F. Reidy by mail his new address is: Most Rev. Richard F. Reidy, Bishop of Norwich, 201 Broadway, Norwich, CT 06360-4328. You can attempt to reach him by calling the Chancery Office for the Diocese of Norwich: 860-887-9294.

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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Holy Hour on First Friday Each Month ~ Please Come!

A monthly Holy Hour takes place on the First Friday evening of each month. The next scheduled date is **June 6**. The hour includes Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, and a brief spiritual reflection. Please come from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. All parishioners and all Catholics of other parishes are most welcome. We hope you will join us!

**Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day of Obligation
This Thursday, May 29**

Masses:
Wednesday, May 28, 4:00 pm Vigil
Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 am & 12:00 noon
& 6:00 pm

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the 40th day after Easter Sunday and commemorates Christ's ascension into heaven. In the ancient Church this feast was known as the *analepsis*, 'the taking up,' and as the *epi-sozomene*, 'the salvation,' meaning that by ascending into His glory Christ completed the work of our redemption. Tradition designates Mount Olivet near Bethany as the place where Christ left the earth. It is a feast that ranks with Good Friday, Easter and Pentecost. St. Augustine, writing in the early 400s, wrote that the feast went back to the time of the Apostles themselves.

**A THANK-YOU FROM
BISHOP RICHARD REIDY**

Dear Christ the King Parishioners,

Thank you very much for your kindness and generosity on the occasion of my ordination and installation as the Sixth Bishop of Norwich.

I am very excited about serving as a bishop. My thirty-one years as a priest in the Diocese of Worcester and the many holy examples of bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay people there have been great blessings to me. I shall endeavor to use that experience and those examples together with the grace of God to serve well in Norwich.

Please keep me in your prayers. I will do the same for you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ **Richard F. Reidy**

Most Reverend Richard F. Reidy
Bishop of Norwich

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.

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 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.

**Proposing Another Father-Son
August Canoeing Trip**

Do you like canoeing, camping, fishing, swimming, and exploring? Fran Warner will again be organizing a trip for fathers and sons for this August. We are collecting names of interested parties for a father/son(s) trip to take place along the Connecticut River from Wednesday, August 6 to Saturday, August 9. There will be more information forthcoming depending on response. Boys should be 12 or older and able to swim. If interested, please contact our parishioner, Fran Warner, at franciswarner@juno.com or 774-364-2393.

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.

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 Back on Sale Now

The sale of *Hope for Housing* cards which have been on hold in recent weeks are back on sale this weekend. The one exception is for Big Y cards. These will not be available until the end of May.

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: CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Panera Bread, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, TJMaxx / Marshall, Starbucks, Amazon and Target.

Congratulations, Confirmands!

We congratulate this year's Confirmation Class. They received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday afternoon at St. Paul's Cathedral as conferred by Bishop McManus. The class members were **Maximilian Baker, Ellette Holmes, Tess Hunter, Jack Hunter, Abigail Ives, Charlotte Ives, John Kemeh, Veronica Maher, Lillian Mariscal, Sarah Melley, Julia Merriam, Fionn McDonald, Jovan Nieves, Emma O'Connor, Anthony Parretti, Kasandra Rambarran, Mikayla Rambarran, Brigid Trainor, Anthony Zamarro, and Catherine Zamarro**. Please keep them all in your prayers.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"If you are occupied during the whole meditation in fighting distractions and temptations you will have made a good meditation. The Lord looks to the good intention we have and the effort we make, and these He rewards." - *St. Francis de Sales*

Parish Book Club Summer Off

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 **Thursday, September 4**. The club is taking the summer off, as planned. 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.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, May 24

1:00 pm - Wedding

Sunday, May 25

11:00 am - 2 Baptisms at Mass

Monday, May 26 - Memorial Day

8:00 am Mass

Tuesday, May 27

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, May 28

1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Food Prep

4:00 pm - Ascension Vigil Mass

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall

Thursday, May 29 - Ascension

Masses: 7:00 am, 12:00 noon, 6:00 pm

5:30 pm - Closed A.A. Meeting

7:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 30

6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Advancement

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Sunday, June 1

1:00 pm - Parent Baptism Prep

New Altar Servers Needed

We would like to begin to train some altar servers. We need you, particularly at the 4:00 pm, 7:30 am, and 11:00 am Masses. Those interested should have received their First Holy Communion and attend Mass each Sunday. Please contact Msgr. Sullivan if you are interested. You can use his email address: tsullivan5@mac.com.

October Pilgrimage to Croatia & Medjugorje

Father Stephen Gemme, a chaplain at St. Vincent Hospital, is leading a pilgrimage to Croatia and Medjugorje from **October 5 to 13, 2025**. Open to all but sponsored by the Worcester Catholic Men's Conference. If you are interested in learning more about the tour or joining the group, go to the website: canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/wmc.

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.

MEMORIAL DAY 2025

Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Once known as **Decoration Day**, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War. By the early 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. As we know, many people will visit cemeteries and memorials tomorrow, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Millions of American flags will be placed on the graves of veterans in our cemeteries.

Over the years this day of remembering changed again...to remember all our deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. Many of us will visit our family cemeteries tomorrow. If we haven't already, we'll clean up the gravesite, plant flowers or place a flag. But more than this, we'll pray for our loved ones, and this is the ultimate act of charity.

Praying for the dead is the ultimate act of charity. Our deceased loved ones need our prayers. The souls in Purgatory need our prayers and prayer is the best gift we can give them. As we pray, we also renew our faith and hope in the God, who on the last day, will raise our own mortal bodies from the earth.

In the Gospels Jesus tells his disciples that he is not alone. The Father is with him. He told them that they might have peace in him. For he has conquered the world. Christ has conquered the world. Through his death and resurrection, we have the promise of everlasting life.

As on other special days and feasts, we ask God to give us all that we need to insure that at the resurrection of the dead we, together with our loved ones, will find ourselves in his company and the company of the saints.

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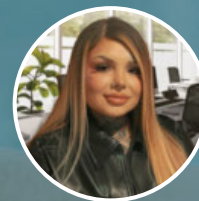
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