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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—March 7th

4:00PM Robert Paul Baxter (mem.) req. of family

Sunday—March 8th

7:30AM Valerie T. Cotter (mem.) req. of Paul & Patricia Brosnihan

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Robert Boucher (mem.) req. of Wife, Suzanne

Monday—March 9th

7:00AM Dolores Kachajian (2nd anniv.) req. of family

5:30PM Deceased Members of Christ the King Women's Guild

Tuesday—March 10th

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

5:30PM Thomas Finneran (mem.) req. of family

Wednesday—March 11th

7:00AM Pattie Harney (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Thursday—March 12th

7:00AM Marie Correira (mem.) req. of Roger & Joyce Dubuque

Friday—March 13th

7:00AM Marilyn Dowd (mem.) req. of Jim & Mary Soloperto

Saturday—March 14th

4:00PM William Scully (mem.) req. of Leo Quinn

Sunday—March 15th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Barbara Waters (birthday) req. of Elaine Cousineau

11:00AM William, Patricia and Anne Marie Gibbons (mem.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of **Mary F. Kirk-Bicknell**, the daughter of Helen Kirk, the sister of Kathleen Kirk and the sister-in-law of Margaret Kirk and **David Melley**, the father of Neal Melley.

Bereavement Support Group Starts Tomorrow

Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, 111 Worcester Street, West Boylston will hold its next six-part series of "A New Day" bereavement support group starting tomorrow, **Monday, March 9 from 1-2:30 p.m. and ending April 13**. For more information or to register (required prior to start of sessions...so call today) call Renate Isbell 508-835-3286.

Facebook Page for Christ the King

Follow us on Facebook for the daily Gospel, Sunday homilies, and upcoming parish news at Christ the King Parish, Worcester (official).

COME TO DAILY MASS!

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses. We celebrate Mass at **7:00 am and 5:30 pm** each weekday during **Lent**. Mass on Saturday mornings is at 8:00 am. This week we celebrate Lenten weekdays each day.

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. Your donations for last weekend are as follows:

Offertory: \$11,703.86; **Online Giving:** \$2,005.00;
Mass Stipends: \$115.00; **Funeral Stipend:** \$400.00; **Donation from AA:** \$50.00; **Fuel:** \$865.00; **Ash Wednesday:** \$165.00; **Catholic Free Press:** \$196.00; **Good Friday:** \$47.00; **Catholic Relief:** \$172.00; **Easter Flowers:** \$193.00; **Church in Latin America:** \$626.00.

Total: \$16,537.86

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. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (**508-754-5361**) or email him (**tsullivan5@mac.com**) to schedule a meeting or baptism. The scheduled times for the remaining **Parent Preparation meetings for the next months ahead** are on **Sundays: April 19; and June 14**. Most baptisms occur on occasional Sunday mornings at the 11:00 am Mass since Baptism is a public celebration. Scheduled dates for the next months of **2026** are: **April 5** (Easter at 11 am); **April 12; May 10; and June 14**.

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.

Weekday Evening Mass during Lent!

Throughout Lent, Christ the King offers a **Mass at 5:30 pm Monday through Friday**. This concludes the day before Holy Thursday. It is perfect for those who cannot attend a morning Mass.

The Wisdom of the Saints

"Occupy your mind with good thoughts, or the enemy will fill them with bad ones." - *St. Thomas More*

Low Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

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**Women's Guild's Lenten
Evening of Recollection
Tomorrow, March 9**

The Women's Guild invites all women to their Annual Lenten **Evening of Recollection tomorrow evening, Monday, March 9**. The evening begins with our **Mass at 5:30 pm**. It is followed by a meal in the Johnson Room. The 'facilitator' for the evening is Father Stephen Lundrigan, the pastor of St. Columba Parish in Paxton and Chaplain at Anna Maria College. The suggested donation for the evening is \$18 for members and \$20 for non-members. To register please call **Donna Byrnes** at **508-579-9918 (TODAY)** or email her at **dbyrnes@charter.net**.

**Tickets On Sale Now For
2026 Worcester Catholic Men's Conference**

"Be Not Afraid"

The Worcester Catholic Men's Conference is back in its 25th year! The conference will be held on Saturday, **March 21** at the DCU Center. Tickets are available: **catholicmenworc.com**.

We have another incredible lineup of Catholic speakers. We will again feature Adoration all day; Mid-Day confessions, and the Rosary will be featured in a very special manner this year. Over 50 vendors will be present, and the day will conclude with a 4:00 pm Mass with Bishop McManus. Adult Tickets are \$60 (through March 11th) and Student Tickets are always just \$30. All Tickets include lunch. Please join in solidarity with your fellow Catholic Men from all over New England as this Conference is a regional event.

**"COME HOME TO GOD'S MERCY"
Tuesday Night Confessions During Lent**

Several years ago, Bishop McManus requested that every parish in the Diocese offer opportunities for Catholics to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance; confessions) on Lenten Tuesdays **between 7:00 pm and 8:00 pm**. We continue this practice. Lent is a wonderful time to receive God's mercy in this extraordinary Sacrament. In addition to Saturday afternoons (2:45-3:45 pm), we will be offering confessions on Lenten Tuesday evenings. The next dates are **this Tuesday, March 10**, March 17, March 24 and March 31 (which falls during Holy Week). During Holy Week there will be many additional times for confession.

**OPEN HOUSE at
St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. H.S.**

Spring Open House at St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. H.S. will be on **Saturday, March 21 from 10:00 am - 12 noon**. Saint Paul is Worcester's only co-ed Catholic school serving grades 7-12, partnering with families who want an education that challenges, supports, and inspires their children. We offer a strong college-preparatory academic program, creative and engaging middle school experiences, a wide range of athletic opportunities for students of all interests and skill levels, and a vibrant fine arts department that truly must be seen to be appreciated. Grounded in faith and strengthened by a welcoming community, we invite you to come and see what makes Saint Paul special.

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. For years we have **not been able to obtain any information from St. Vincent's Hospital, 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. Sadly, Monsignor is entirely dependent on information that you can provide!**

GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Lenten fast and abstinence regulations for the Diocese of Worcester are as follows: **Abstinence from meat** is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on **Good Friday** and **all the Fridays** of Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on **Good Friday**. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

**40 Days for Life
CTK's Day is Tuesday, March 24!
Sign-up after all Masses Today**

YOU can help save lives by participating in this simple peaceful prayer vigil. We pray that, with God's help, our 'witness' and that of many others will be the beginning of the end of abortion. We pray outside the **Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 470 Pleasant Street**. Join fellow parishioners on **Tuesday, March 24**, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. Sign up today for an hour of prayer. Or you contact one of the following: **John Stevens** (at **stevens1979@charter.net**) or **Wes Cotter** (at **weslycotter227@gmail.com**).

**Stations of the Cross
Lenten Friday Afternoons**

We celebrate the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent. We resumed this practice 4 years ago, and a good number of people come. The time is **3:00-3:30 pm**. We encourage you to join in.

Lenten Morning for Children on March 28

Children and their parents are invited to a special Lenten Morning in the Parish Hall on **Saturday, March 28 10:00-11:30 a.m.** Together we do a reenactment of the Last Supper, a foot washing practicum, Paschal candle painting, and other prayerful activities. Please sign up by emailing Jackie Penny at **jpenny325@gmail.com** (or letting her know in person) so we can have an accurate headcount for supplies. We hope your family can join us for this meaningful time of prayer and preparation before we enter into Holy Week!

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](mailto:mindy1052@gmail.com).

Parish Book Club Meeting

Our growing parish book club, which meets monthly, enjoys fiction and nonfiction literature, largely around religious themes from **7 to 8 pm normally** on the **first Thursday** of the month. By way of exception, because in April the first Thursday is Holy Thursday, the next meeting date is set for **Thursday, April 9**. 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.

Movie: *'The Passion of the Christ'*
to be shown here on Friday evening,
March 27, 7:15 pm

All are welcome to view the movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, on **Friday evening, March 27**, at exactly **7:15 pm**. It will be shown in the **Parish Hall** (beneath the church) to accommodate many who would like to come. The movie will show on our very large screen and excellent acoustic system. **Admission is free**. You are welcome to bring guests. Why Friday, March 27th? It falls just before Palm Sunday and Holy Week. It depicts the suffering, quite graphically, of Jesus Christ in the last twelve hours of his life and is a meditation on the suffering He experienced for all of us. It is recommended for mature teenagers and adults. The movie was distributed in 2004 and broke box office records at that time. It received three Academy Award nominations. A long-awaited sequel, also produced by actor and director Mel Gibson, *The Resurrection of Christ*, is set to be distributed in 2027.

CHRIST THE KING PARISH HELP REDUCE HUNGER

On February 12 we received 594 pounds of food. Our next collection day is this Thursday, March 12.

With many food programs in jeopardy, we as a parish would like to work together to assist families in need. Your donation of food nourishes our neighbors and helps to keep pantry shelves stocked. We have set up a program to collect non-perishable food items on the **Second Thursday of each month (only), between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm**. Items are to be dropped off at the back of the rectory in front of the garage doors. Requested donations: non-perishable gluten-free foods; spices and condiments; healthy snacks (nuts, granola bars, canned and dried fruits, menstrual care products and hygiene items, cereals, rice, pasta, canned pasta sauce, all varieties of dry beans, low-sodium broths, soups, stews, chili, 100% fruit and vegetable juices. Volunteers collect the food and/or healthcare items. They are delivered to the Worcester County Food Bank. If you can volunteer, please send an **email to Janet Rautkis, rauktisj1@gmail.com**, with dates and times available as she is coordinating a schedule. You can call her at 508-450-7496. Thank you in advance for your kindness in helping this very needed cause. Another upcoming date is April 9.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, March 7

4 pm Mass - Sign up for *40 Days for Life*

Sunday, March 8

All Masses - Sign up for *40 Days for Life*

10:00-11:00 am - CGS and Grades 1-6

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

Monday, March 9

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

10:45 am - Mass at Jewish Healthcare

6:00 pm - Guild's Evening of Recollection

Tuesday, March 10

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

7:00-8:00 pm - Lenten confessions

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

6:30 pm - Knights of Columbus

6:30-8:00 pm - Boy Scouts

Thursday, March 12

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

7:00-8:30 pm - Festival Choir rehearsal

Friday, March 13

Masses at 7:00 am & 5:30 pm

3:00-3:30 pm - Stations of the Cross

6:30 pm - Cub Scouts Movie Night

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting

Saturday, March 14

10:00 am - Mary Lou Lehigh Memorial Mass
& reception

4:00 pm - St. Patrick's Parade Mass with
Bishop McManus as celebrant / reception

Sunday, March 8 - Laetare Sunday

Guests at 4:00 pm Mass Next Saturday St. Patrick's Parade Committee

Bishop Robert McManus will be the principal celebrant of the 4:00 pm Mass here next Saturday. We will welcome many guests for Mass. Many CTK parishioners have been associated with the Parade over the years.

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.

Wednesday's Lecture at Holy Cross

"Lay Power & Influence in the Church: Historical Myths vs. Realities" will be presented by Dr. Bronwen McShea, Ph.D. **this Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** at Rehm Library (Smith Hall) at Holy Cross. It is widely believed that the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s inaugurated an unprecedented age of the Catholic laity in which laymen and laywomen have much more power and influence within the Church than was possible in past times. At the same time, it is also commonly assumed that where powerful lay elites, such as the rulers of the Holy Roman Empire and France, *did* assert power in ecclesiastical affairs, that it was generally to the Church's detriment and that such behavior was consistently and appropriately condemned by popes over the centuries as lay interference in the clergy's traditional prerogative of ecclesial governance. Drawing from lesser-known episodes in the Church's rich history, Dr. McShea sifts out the myths from more complex realities. She will consider what deeper, historic Catholic traditions of lay initiative, power, and influence can offer to today's conversations about synodality, lay and clerical co-responsibility, the exclusion of women from clerical ministry, and the mission of the laity broadly in and for the Church.

Women's Morning of Reflection

The Guild of Our Lady of Providence will hold its spring Morning of Reflection on **Saturday, March 21 from 9:00 am to 12 noon** at the Phelan Center, Blessed Sacrament Church, 555 Pleasant Street, Worcester. Sister Ginny Scally, SNDdeN, will present "The Gift of Mary to Us." To make a reservation, send your name, address, and phone number to Patricia Matthews, 144 Morland Street, Worcester, MA 01609 by March 14. Please include a check for \$10 made out to the Guild of Our Lady of Providence.

Priestly Vocation Retreat

The Diocese will offer its annual Priestly Vocation Retreat for men high school age and up from 6:00 pm on Friday, **March 27** to 5:00 pm on Saturday, **March 28**. There is no cost. The retreat takes place at Immaculate Conception Retreat Center, 600 Liberty Highway, in Putnam, CT. Bishop McManus and Father Donato Infante lead the retreat. "To live your true calling is a life of joy, but you will only hear His voice if you take the time to listen." To register for the retreat visit: worcestervocations.com/retreats.

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