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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 take place at Sunday Mass once a month.

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.

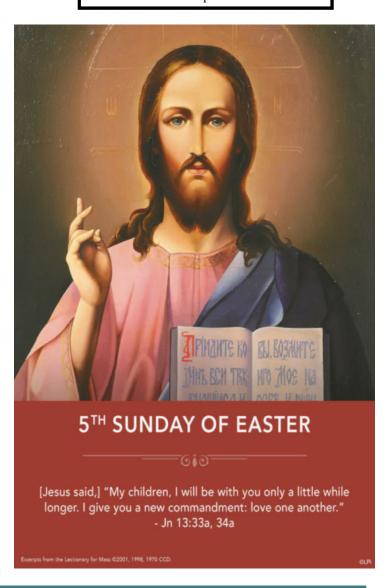
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# Christ the King Parish

#### 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





Saturday—May 14th

4:00PM Carol Ciciotte (mem.) req. of Joseph & Carol

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Sunday—May 15th

7:30AM Zachary Ford (32nd birthday) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Robert Conroy (11th anniv.) req. of family

Monday-May 16th

7:00AM James E. Walles (18th anniv.) req. of family

Tuesday—May 17th

7:00AM Carmen Webb (living–birthday) req. of a

friend

Wednesday—May 18th

7:00AM Patricia Gibbons (mem.) req. of The Keville

Family

Thursday—May 19th

7:00AM Sherri E. Galligian (mem.) req. of Julie & Jim

Dani

Friday-May 20th

7:00AM Bernadette Baniukiewicz (23rd anniv.) req. of

family

Saturday—May 21st

4:00PM Nancy Hardiman (mem.) req. of Mary

(Hovenesian) Hines

Sunday—May 22nd

7:30AM James and Stacia Hammond (mem.) req. of

family

9:00AM Mary E. Sullivan

11:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the souls of **Doug Thompson**, the brother of David Thompson, **Ryan D. Dailey**, the son of Kathleen Dailey, **Brother J. Conal Owens**, **CFX**, retired Headmaster of St. John's High School, and **Claudette Thunberg**, the sister-in-law of Judith St. Amand.

#### **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.

# Low Gluten Hosts Available for Holy Communion

We've been offering 'low-gluten' hosts for those who cannot tolerate gluten. These hosts meet the requirements of the Catholic Church for Holy Communion in terms of ingredients and gluten content. The hosts we use have gluten content of less than 0.01%. Speak to Msgr. Sullivan prior to Mass so that we can offer this special host to you.

#### **COME TO DAILY MASS!**

As you can, please consider coming to our daily Masses (7:00 am Monday-Friday; Saturdays at 8:00 am). The Mass brings many special graces! This week we will celebrate the following feasts and mark these occasions: St. John I, Pope and Martyr (Wednesday); St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest (Friday); St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs (Saturday).

## Offertory

We are grateful for your gifts and donations. God bless you for your stewardship. The breakdown which follows is for collections and donations received last weekend:

Offertory: \$8,807.00; Online Giving: \$1,335.00; Mass Stipends: \$180.00; Funeral Stipends: \$600.00; Baptism Donation: \$40.00; Easter: \$30.00; Ascension: \$45.00.

Total: \$11,037.00

### **Infant Baptism Preparation**

All parents must participate in a team-led 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. It takes place in the rectory on select Sunday afternoons from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm. The date for the next session is **next Sunday**, **May 22**. *Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to pre-register for the program*. Actual **baptisms** take place generally at our 11:00 am Mass on select Sundays (usually monthly) **or** sometimes privately. Parents work with Msgr. Sullivan to establish an appropriate date. The next scheduled public celebrations of infant Baptism at Mass will take place on **the following Sundays: May 22, June 12 and July 10**.

## **Confirmation Today!**

Please pray for these young people of our parish who will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit from Bishop McManus through the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul's Cathedral today, May 15th: Joseph Bowden, Kenedy Cahill, Zack Carpino, Laura Coderre, Reina Cruz, Avery Derr, Domenic Lanava, Catrina Matthews, Emma Quinn, Grace Quinn, Riley Quinn, Liam Rushton, Nellie Rushton, Emily Schoen and Kate Spillane.

# **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.

# Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program Just concluded its First Year

# ...Now we prepare for our Second Year: Year 2 of our "Atrium"

The Christ the King *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* (CGS) religious program will be moving to Sunday mornings this coming fall to coincide with the other religious education classes. This summer we will be describing a bit about the program and hope you will reach out with questions and register if you know a child aged 3-6 who would like to grow closer to Christ.

The "Atrium" is the name given to the environment, which is dedicated to the child's religious life, recalling that space in ancient Christian basilicas which served as the anteroom of the church. It is a place where the child comes to know the great realities of his/her life as a Christian. Similarly, the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* method of faith formation occurs in a prepared environment called an Atrium. This past year, we prepared an Atrium and had five enrolled children participate. To learn more about the *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd* or schedule a visit to our Atrium, contact **Jackie Penny** at **jpenny325@gmail.com**.

# Please support PARTNERS IN CHARITY

#### It is Vital!

We hope you will consider a gift for the 2022 Annual Partners in Charity Appeal. Only 35% of our parishioners have donated. At CTK we have raised the smallest amount ever and have fewer donors than any year in more than a decade. And the Diocese has not yet reached 70% of its goal. And yet, this appeal supports all our essential diocesan charities. We need the help of all our parishioners more than ever. Tens of thousands of people are the beneficiaries of our charitable giving. Some examples: Catholic Charities - Nazareth Home for Boys - 49 retired priests - Pernet Family Health Service - seniors receiving home health care - youths seeking a Catholic education - those preparing for the priesthood or diaconate - and the developmentally disabled at Mercy Centre. But there is much more! The Diocese must raise \$5 million this year and that will take a lot of us pitching in! Please return the gift card you received in the mail and use the special return envelope. More gift cards are available in the book rack in the church foyer. If you plan on sending a check it should be made payable to Partners in Charity. You can also donate online by going to partners-charity.net/donate. Thank you!

# Some Agencies & Ministries Supported by the Annual Partners in Charity Appeal

Catholic Charities
Priests' Retirement
McAuley Nazareth Home for Boys
Pernet Family Health Service
Retired Priests Health Ministry
St. John Diocesan Cemetery System

#### **HOSPITAL VISITS**

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.

## 'HOPE FOR HOUSING' CARDS AVAILABLE AGAIN

After a long layoff our sales of *Hope for Housing* cards have resumed 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: The Big Y, CVS, Dunkin' Donuts, Hannaford, Panera Bread, Shaw's, Stop & Shop, TJMaxx / Marshall, Starbucks, Amazon and Target.

# "TIDY UP TUESDAYS!" At IHN House

Bring your cleaning tools and grab a friend to help keep 91 June Street looking good! Join us on the second and fourth Tuesdays from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm to lend a hand in tasks to be done. Light lunch will be provided. Tasks include, but are not limited to: Room cleaning, window washing, lawn mowing, putting away donations, painting, or anything that needs some attention. For more information, contact Sheri slinn@ihnworcester.org or 508-755-2212.

# Worcester Catholic Women's Conference Register Now!

All women are invited to this exciting conference, "Embrace the Cross," to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA, on Saturday, October 1st. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, Sonja Corbitt, Laura Mary Phelps, Constance T. Hull, and Bryan Mercier. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969. Seating is limited, register today!

## 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.

## CHRIST THE KING PRAYER LINE

If you know of someone who could use our prayerful support please contact either Mindy at 508-754-5361 or by email at mindyd1052@gmail.com.

# Parents to receive a Down Syndrome diagnosis differently...thanks to new guidelines

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) has changed its recommendations. Over eight years ago, a group of passionate mothers joined forces and advocated for better prenatal medical care guidelines for Down syndrome pregnancies. Now, these women, part of the Down Syndrome Diagnosis Network (DSDN), are celebrating.

The A.P.A. has just updated its guidelines for all pediatricians caring for children and adolescents with Down syndrome. The report includes new guidance about how physicians should deliver a diagnosis to families - for example, congratulating parents rather than apologizing, and making sure a support person is present for parents during the discussion. Physicians now leave out their own personal biases, use up-to-date and accurate information, use person-first language, and connect parents to local support groups and resources. Doctors are also told to emphasize the positive aspects of Down syndrome, including improved medical outcomes and the fact that people with Down syndrome and their families overwhelmingly report being happy with themselves and their lives. Doctors are not to assume the parents want an abortion or pressure them toward that outcome.

Jenny Di Benedetto, the Director of Medical Outreach, has written, "While we are working feverishly now to ensure this information is in the hands of medical professionals and our families across the country, we also find ourselves in those rare moments of quiet time letting it sink in that... we did it. We made a real and tangible change in the way a Down syndrome diagnosis is going to be delivered. We never gave up. For eight years we advocated, and the medical community showed us that they listened. They heard us, they agreed with us, and they are advocating alongside us. When you believe in something to your core, and you are willing to put in the work to make a difference and never give up, you can make it happen."

# St. John's High School Spring Preview

Saint John's High School is hosting a Spring Preview Event for prospective middle and high school students on **Tuesday**, **May 24**, at 6:00 pm. Please visit

www.stjohnshigh.org/admissions/visit-us for more information.

# Highlights of the Week Ahead

### Saturday, May 14

5:30 pm - Confirmation Rehearsal

#### Sunday, May 15

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

## Tuesday, May 17

7:00 pm - Parish Council, Johnson Room 7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

#### Wednesday, May 18

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall 7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

# Thursday, May 19

7:30-9:00 pm - Festival Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, May 20

6:30-8:00 pm - Cub Scouts, Hall 7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

#### Sunday, May 22

11:00 am Mass - Cahill Family Baptism 1:00-2:30 pm - Parent Baptism Prep, Rectory

# Enjoy 'WORD ON FIRE ENGAGE'

Every parishioner has free access to our WOF digital library. The programs are produced by Bishop Robert Barron, an amazing array of excellent Catholic programming. Here's how you can access the Word on Fire Digital Library. First set up a 'Login.' It takes a few seconds. On your computer go to flocknote.com/login. Enter your email address and then click Reset or create a password below the big blue Sign-In button. Click the yellow 'Reset my password' button that comes up and follow the prompts from there. Flocknotes will email you a link to create your password. Check your email to finish. Now that you have your Flocknotes login go to https://app.flocknote.com/CTKworc/dashboard at any time. Click the Visit WoFDigital.org button (a big picture) and the library will open! It's that simple to access all the amazing content! Scroll through to your heart's content.

# **Thanking Our Catechists!**

Our religious education classes have concluded for the year. Again, we thank all those catechists and assistants who made such an enormous commitment in helping. Thanks to all who contributed: Joan Cross, Claire O'Connor, Leah DiPilato, Nora Oliver, Nellie Rushton, Emily Schoen, Jackie Penny, Lydia Penny, Sam Bowden, Anthony Zamarro, Dennis O'Connor, Tori Race, Renée Faulkner, Mya Faulkner, Mark Andrews, Mia McDonald, Helena McDonald, Andrew Thomas, Michaella Namiotka and Anne Thompson. You are all so wonderful.

# Priest heard 1,100+ confessions during Holy Week

28-year-old Father David Moses of Texas heard more than 1,100 confessions over the six days, including 400 on Good Friday alone. When interviewed he deflected praise away from himself and gave all glory to God.

Question: What would you say to someone who has a hard time going to confession? Answer: "I get it! It can be nerve-racking to tell your sins to a priest. I get nervous when I go to confession too. But I also think it's important to not get it twisted: If we think going to confession is the hard part of our sins being forgiven, then we really don't understand what Jesus did for us on the Cross. Because His suffering, His Passion: That was the hard part. Our going to confession is really the easy part."

Q: Why do you think confession is such a powerful sacrament, particularly in our day and age? "Confession deals with our greatest problem: Sin. With so much brokenness in the world and in our personal lives, it's good to be reminded that the most important thing, the forgiveness of your sins, has been taken care of. There's a reason Jesus chose to use priests to administer this sacrament. If you simply confess your sins directly to God, you won't hear anything back. In confession with a priest, however, you will literally hear him say, "I absolve you." At that moment, you know you're forgiven. It is so psychologically healthy to speak about the dark parts of our lives in a confidential way.

Q: What would you say to the person who just went to confession last week, but already must confess the same sins? "I'm glad you're back! The Church says to go to confession at least once a year, but the saints would say a frequent confession is a huge help to growth in holiness (I recommend every 1 to 2 months). If we're truly sorry for our sins, but are confessing the same ones again and again, then perhaps we need to get a little more practical: What concrete steps can we take to avoid these sins? How can we put ourselves in situations where doing the right thing is easy and doing the wrong thing is hard?"

Q: And what would you say to someone who hasn't been to confession in years to inspire him/ her to go? "I didn't go through 7 years of seminary and promise to be celibate for the rest of my life so that I could judge people. Quite the opposite: I'm a priest because I want people to experience God's mercy. Honestly, the longer it's been since your last confession, the happier I am that you're here. This is what confession is for. This is why Jesus came. A mom told me that her 6-year-old son made his first confession recently. And afterwards she asked him, "How do you feel?" He said, "I feel like I can start my whole life over again!" He got it. Confession really makes us new. It restores grace. It restores life. It restores peace. So, don't wait for tomorrow. Come to confession! Today is a really great day to start again.

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