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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

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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.



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." - Lk 17:5-6

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Saturday—October 1st

4:00PM James M. Gallagher (mem.) req. of Neil & Carol Carmody

Sunday—October 2nd

7:30AM Robert C. Reidy (mem.) req. of family

9:00AM Parishioners of Christ the King

11:00AM Richard Gaudette (3rd anniv.) req. of family

Monday—October 3rd

7:00AM Richard Athins (1st anniv.) req. of Pauline Gaudette

Tuesday—October 4th

7:00AM Paul Francis Thomas (mem.) req. of family

Friday—October 7th

7:00AM Frank Fenlon (birthday) req. of Alice Fenlon

Saturday—October 8th

8:00AM Paul Francis Thomas (mem.) req. of family

4:00PM James Hines (birthday) req. of wife, Mary Hines

Sunday—October 9th

7:30AM Parishioners of Christ the King

9:00AM Ronald McCrohon (11th anniv.) req. of family

11:00AM Philip Murphy (5th anniv.) req. of family

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for all the souls of the faithful departed.

New Email Address for Religious Education Program

Please note that our new email address for Religious Education inquiries (as is shown on the front cover of this bulletin) is reledctkworc@gmail.com.

ANNUAL DEACON JOE BANIUKIEWICZ 'COATS FOR KIDS' APPEAL

As a father himself, a Knight of Columbus, and long serving Deacon of our parish family, Joe started this project many years ago to provide warmth for children in need during cold winter months. His goal was to ensure that no child in our area goes without a coat during the winter season. Some parishioners have contributed in the past and the Knights Of Columbus of Christ the King parish want to continue Deacon Joe's efforts going forward. Please send your generous contribution to: Dick Lane, Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus Council 12691, 265 Moreland Street, Worcester, Mass 01609. Please make checks payable to *Knights of Columbus Council 12691*.

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 (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 special occasions: **St. Francis of Assisi** (Tuesday); **St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin** (Wednesday); **St. Bruno, Priest** (Thursday); **Our Lady of the Rosary** (Friday); and the **Blessed Virgin Mary** (Saturday).

Offertory

We are very grateful for all your donations and gifts to the parish and the Diocese. Please find our report of your donations that we have received for last weekend:

Offertory: \$6,117.86; **Online Giving:** \$1,350.00; **Mass Stipends:** \$45.00; **Religious Education Registrations:** \$160.00; **Fuel:** \$75.00; **Catholic School Appeal:** \$606.00; **Novena Donation:** \$25.00; **Baptism Donation:** \$200.00.

Total: \$8,578.86

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION PROGRAM

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 dates for the next three sessions are **Sundays: in 2022: October 9 and November 20; and in 2023 (thus far) on January 8. Please call Monsignor Sullivan (508-754-5361) to pre-register for the program.** Later dates for these sessions will be posted in 2023. Actual baptisms take place on select Sundays at the 11:00 am Mass. 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: in 2022 ~ November 6 and December 11.** Dates for baptisms in 2023 are: **January 15, February 19, April 16, May 21, and June 18.**

Worcester Public Schools Sex Education

How high is the risk for Sexually Transmitted Diseases? Under the Worcester Public Schools sex-ed curriculum being taught again this Fall, the answer key for 7th Grade Teachers lists "bathing together" and "mutual masturbation" as having "no risk for STDs." Anal sex and oral sex using condoms are labeled "low risk" for STDs. Please see the *Rights, Respect, Responsibility* sex-education curriculum on the publisher's website at <https://www.3rs.org/3rs-curric-search> to see what else your 12- and 13-year-old sons and daughters will be taught this year. Massachusetts law gives parents the right to opt their children out of sex-ed programs. **NEW OPT-OUT FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED EACH YEAR.** Please share this information with friends and neighbors who may be unaware of the content of this program or of their rights as parents to opt their child out. Thank you.

NEED 'ADULT CONFIRMATION?'

Were you baptized and received Holy Communion but never confirmed? Do you want to be able to be a godparent or a Confirmation sponsor? If any are interested, our parish has preparation sessions each year for those adults who were never confirmed. The program is for adults who were baptized and received First Holy Eucharist (Communion) but never completed their initiation into the Catholic Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Msgr. Sullivan conducts the 6-session program on Thursday evenings (**November 10 & 17; December 1 & 15; January 12 & 19**) from 7:15 to 8:15 pm. The Confirmation ceremony takes place at St. Paul's Cathedral in early February, when Bishop McManus celebrates the sacrament for adults from throughout the diocese. If you are interested, please contact Msgr. Sullivan at either 508-450-2556 or by emailing him at tsullivan5@mac.com.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass

Bishop Robert J. McManus will celebrate the Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on **Sunday, October 23 at 3:00 pm** at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Worcester. This liturgy of thanksgiving to God for many years of faithful witness to the sacredness of Christian marriage honors couples who are marking significant anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th, etc.) this year. A light reception will follow downstairs in the Cenacle. Family and friends are welcome! Couples wishing to attend should **pre-register no later than October 12** so that commemorative certificates may be issued. To register, complete the registration form at www.worcesterdiocese.org/wedding-anniversary-mass, or contact

contact the Office of Marriage and Family at 508-929-4311 or email aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org to request that a copy of the registration form be sent to you.

Interested in Joining our 9:00 a.m. Folk Group?

Any person interested in joining our Folk Group is welcome...as we try to add new members. The Folk Group rehearses every other Wednesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. You can just come and join in on a Wednesday night. If you have any questions, please be in touch with our new Director of Liturgical Music, Ellen Linn, by emailing her at ellen.linn@gmail.com or Dick Freije by emailing him at rmfreije@gmail.com.

The 11th Annual Novena to St. Joseph

The Annual Novena takes place here on Monday evenings. There is prayer for the seriously ill, for improvements in palliative care, for the end of the pandemic, and to raise awareness about all attempts to end human life unnaturally as in the case of physician assisted suicide or euthanasia. We begin at 7:15 pm and conclude at 8:00 pm. **Tomorrow** evening's homilist is **Father Stephen Lundrigan**, the pastor of Annunciation Parish in Gardner. Prior to entering the seminary Father Lundrigan frequently attended daily Mass at Christ the King. Please come and join us. The names of those people who are terminally or critically ill, and who will be prayed for during the Novena, can be **mailed** to our rectory office, or called in to **508-754-5361**, or emailed to Msgr. Sullivan at tsullivan5@mac.com.

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

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

The Anointing of the Sick Last Weekend

Our celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses last weekend was a wonderful moment for those who received the sacrament and those who were quietly praying for them. Over one hundred people received the sacrament and were very grateful for it. Thanks to all for your prayerful attentiveness.

Women's Guild's Annual Baby Bottle Drive

Once again, our Women's Guild will be conducting the Annual Baby Bottle Drive and will **distribute** special envelopes for this drive at all Masses **this weekend**. This is a benefit for Visitation House, a Catholic home for homeless pregnant women in crisis. Since opening many years ago the staff has welcomed hundreds of mothers and their babies. While women await the birth of their babies Visitation House feeds, clothes, educates and nurtures them. After the birth of their baby, mothers can stay up to six months and are assisted with housing, higher education, job opportunities and basic necessities to start their new lives. It costs well over \$3,000 per month (for each mother and baby) and the house can accommodate 12 moms and infants at a time. Please support Visitation House by taking a baby bottle envelope **and returning it to the address provided by the end of October**.

Or you can **visit the website** of Visitation House and make a donation that way by clicking on 'Christ the King' when you get to this page: <https://visitationhouse.org/baby-bottle-drive>.

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.

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).

**CTK's 'Catholic Men's Group'
Each First Friday
October 7, 7:30-8:30 pm**

Tony Penny and Anthony Zamarro of our parish are spearheading this group here for men's spiritual growth. The group meets for prayer and spiritual development for one hour in the evening on First Friday in the church. The format may vary a bit from month to month but we will incorporate prayer, the Rosary and a spiritual talk. Following the hour the men may get a bite to eat off campus. All Catholic men are invited and welcome, not just parishioners. The group will meet **this coming Friday, October 7, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm.**

**Thanks for your gifts to
Partners in Charity**

My dear fellow parishioners,

I wish to thank all of our donors for your support of the 2022 *Annual Partners in Charity Appeal*. As you may know, the parishioners of Christ the King donated \$180,555 to this important annual appeal. This past year was another challenging one for the Diocese given the last vestiges of the pandemic and a difficult economy but your gifts have really helped the Diocese. And the Diocese improved its fundraising this year by reaching 95% of its goal.

You and I and all those parishioners of Christ the King who participate can take satisfaction in the knowledge that we will help thousands of needy people in the year ahead through assistance given through two dozen diocesan charities and agencies. Please know my deep gratitude for your gifts. Your support for this important annual appeal is heartwarming and a further example of your care for others.

May God bless you for your goodness!

Sincerely,
Msgr. Tom Sullivan

**Interested in Joining our
11:00 a.m. Festival Choir?**

Any person interested in joining our Festival Choir is welcome...as we try to add new members. We rehearse on Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm. You can just come and join in on that night. If you have any questions, please be in touch with our new Director of Liturgical Music, Ellen Linn, by emailing her at ellen.linn@gmail.com.

Highlights of the Week Ahead

Saturday, October 1

9:30 am - Jeannette McMaster funeral
4:00 pm - Baby Bottle Drive Begins

Sunday, October 2

9:00 am - Confirmation Covenant Mass
10:00-11:00 am - CGS
& Grades 1-6 Rel. Ed.
All Masses - Baby Bottle Drive
6:00-7:30 pm - Grades 7-10 Rel. Ed.

Monday, October 3

3:30 pm - Mass at Tatnuck Park
6:00 pm - Women's Guild Meeting
7:15 pm - Novena to St. Joseph

Tuesday, October 4

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory

Wednesday, October 5

6:00-7:30 pm - Boy Scouts, Hall
7:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Meeting
7:30-9:00 pm - Folk Group Rehearsal

Thursday, October 6

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

Friday, October 7

7:00 pm - A.A. Meeting, Lower Rectory
7:30-8:30 pm - Men's Prayer Group

Saturday, October 8

8:30 am - Ad Altare Dei Scout Program
4:00 pm - Knights of Columbus Recruiting
4:00 pm - Cub Scouts Popcorn Sale
6:00-9:00 pm - CYC Game Night, Hall

Sunday, October 9

All Masses - Knights of Columbus Recruiting
All Masses - Cub Scouts Popcorn Sale
1:00-2:30 pm - Baptism Prep for Parents

**CYC Game Night - Next Saturday
October 8, 6-9 pm**

Youths in 6th to 12th grades are invited to join in fun and games in the Parish Hall. We plan to have board and card games, corn-hole, and video gaming competitions. Bring a friend, favorite game or snack or just bring yourself. No need to register, but if you'd like to let us know what game and/or snack you're bringing, please email Mrs. McDonald at mia.c.mcdonald@gmail.com to participate in the Google planning doc for the event.

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.

Every Life is Sacred

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, the value of human life is being threatened by the harsh treatment of so many minority groups and the disabled as well as through physician assisted suicide, cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

Just as the commandment “Thou shalt not kill” sets a clear limit in order to safeguard the value of human life, today we also have to say “thou shalt not” to an economy of exclusion and inequality. Such an economy kills. How can it be that it is not a news item when an elderly homeless person dies of exposure but it is news when the stock market loses two points?

The basis for all that the Church believes about the moral dimensions of economic life is its vision of the transcendent worth, the sacredness, of human beings. The dignity of the human person, realized in community with others, is the criterion against which all aspects of economic life must be measured.

There exist sinful inequalities that affect millions of men and women. These are in open contradiction of the Gospel. The equal dignity of all persons demands that we strive for fairer and more humane conditions. Excessive economic and social disparity between individuals and peoples of the one human race is a source of scandal and militates against social justice, equity, human dignity, as well as social and international peace.

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