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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 23

4:00 p.m. Virginia Fetters

5:00 p.m. Gary Peigelbeck

Sunday, January 24

8:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners

9:00 a.m. Morris Kittler

10:00 a.m. Dorothy Crossman

11:00 a.m. Joyce Amato, Anna Pollock

Wednesday, January 27

9:00 a.m. Richard Tuoni, Lawrence Feeney

Thursday, January 28

9:00 a.m. Meg Frost Roy

Saturday, January 30

4:00 p.m. William A. & Helen F. McGarry

5:00 p.m. Barbara Day

Sunday, January 31

8:00 a.m. Daniel Mason

9:00 a.m. Ruth Guilfoyle

10:00 a.m. All deceased relatives and friends

11:00 a.m. Suzanne Dubuc, Robert Stewart

Please see each week's bulletin for the schedule of weekday Masses, as the schedule will change from time to time.

RESERVATIONS are still required to attend Mass. Visit www.ckri.org to register. You will receive an email confirming your time. Please keep this email, if you need to cancel your spot, use the link provided in the email to make any changes. You may also call the office Mon.– Thurs from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.



Religious Formation News

Grades 1-7 have received their Home Lessons for January. Lessons for February will be sent via email during the first week of February - by grade level. The exception is grade 6 – that group will be given their directions after Ash Wednesday, February 17. The 6th grade class received an email introducing the program, this past week. **If you have not received an email, please contact the RF office glardaro@ckri.org.**

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Sunday, January 31: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Zoom link will be sent out the week before, and a reminder on Saturday. If you do not receive the link by Saturday please provide an alternative email. This lesson will require you to PICK UP a small package at the parish hall on Saturday 1/30 from 4 -5:30 p.m. or Sunday 1/31 from 8 – 11 a.m. If you don't pick up the package you can still participate in class, it just won't be nearly as much fun! Final reminder, all cameras on!

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

One thing that makes us human is the need to tell our story. Happy or sad, good news or bad, we want to tell someone and have them really listen to us. During these times of limited opportunity to talk to people we don't see all the time, it is a great opportunity to look into having a Friendly Visitor become part of our circle of friends. While visits will be by phone for now, having someone different to talk with can be very uplifting. Call Bonnie Feeney at 391-9460. She'll chat with you for a bit and then set up a Friendly Visitor to make contact with you and begin a relationship



Quotes of the Week

“In today’s world, which increasingly faces the challenges of social injustice, division and conflict that hinder the realization of the common good, Dr. [Martin Luther] King’s dream of harmony and equality for all people, attained through nonviolent and peaceful means, remains ever timely... Each one of us is called to be an artisan of peace, by uniting and not dividing, by extinguishing hatred and not holding on to it, by opening paths of dialogue.”

- Pope Francis, in a message to participants at a memorial service honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. *Vatican News*. January 18, 2021.

“I can confirm that as part of the vaccination program of the Vatican City State, as of today, the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine has been administered to Pope Francis and to the Pope Emeritus.”

- Matteo Bruni, director of the Holy See Press Office, speaking to journalists at the Vatican on January 14. *Vatican News*. January 14, 2021.

“I think you should do it. Go to the pastor, ask for a meeting, introduce yourself transparently and I'm quite confident that everything is going to be all right.”

- The words of Pope Francis, recalled by Andrea Rubera, a gay Italian man who gave Francis a letter in 2015 during a papal audience at the Vatican. In the letter, Rubera expressed his reservations about sending his children to religious education classes at their parish because he was afraid of what prejudices they might encounter, given that their parents were both gay and married. The Pope called Rubera and encouraged him to enroll the children – which he did.

“Pope's phone call helps children of Italian gay couple become Catholic.” *National Catholic Reporter*. January 13, 2021.

“The Portuguese Episcopal Conference (CEP) has decided that the celebrations of baptisms, confirmations and weddings are suspended or postponed, in view of what it classifies as ‘a very serious pandemic situation’ that Portugal is experiencing.”

- “Catholic Church suspends baptisms, confirmations and weddings.” *The Portugal News*. January 17, 2021.

“By 2025, almost three-quarters of the world’s Catholics will live in Africa.”

“The Catholic Church will continue to grow and be a world power.” *Milford Daily News*. January 5, 2021.

“The damage has been immense, the moral credibility of the church in many ways is in tatters in this country.”

- Michael Kelly, editor of *The Irish Catholic* newspaper, on last week’s report, summarizing a five-year investigation into the history of abuse and neglect at Ireland’s mother and baby homes. “The Irish govt and Catholic Church apologized for abusive mother-and-baby homes. Survivors say it’s not enough.” *The World*. January 15, 2021.

“According to findings by IBRiS, one of the largest polling institutes in Poland, the level of trust for the church plunged from 58% of Polish Catholics in September 2016 to 40% this past November, while the level of distrust jumped from 24% to 42%.”

“A ‘time of crisis’ for Poland’s Catholic Church.” *National Catholic Reporter*. January 15, 2021.

“The pope’s decree sends a message to Catholic parishes and dioceses that allow only boys to serve Mass. It’s the same message that St. Paul preached to the Galatians: ‘There is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.’

“A ‘no girls allowed’ policy is often a sign that a parish is uncomfortable not only with including females in prominent roles in worship, but also with larger changes in the church introduced in the aftermath of the Second Vatican Council of the 1960s. (Another tipoff is whether a parish offers the ‘Extraordinary Form’ of the Mass — that is, the Latin Mass essentially as it was celebrated before Vatican II.)”

- Michael McGough, L.A. Times senior editorial writer, “Opinion: The pope’s latest decree is a victory for Catholic women.” *Los Angeles Times*. January 15, 2021. (The pope’s decree, *Spiritus Domini*, formalizes the practice in most places where girls and women serve in ministries during Mass so that bishops and pastors may no longer restrict liturgical roles to males.)

“There never has been a more Catholic administration in U.S. history.”

- Steven Millies, director of the Bernardin Center at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. (More than one-third of Joe Biden's incoming Cabinet are Roman Catholics, including Tom Vilsack, Marty Walsh, Jennifer Granholm, Lloyd Austin, Denis McDonough, Xavier Becerra, and Gina Raimondo.) “Joe Biden's very Catholic Cabinet.” *National Catholic Reporter*. January 19, 2021.

REFLECTION

It was a normal day by all accounts, but John just wasn't feeling himself. He was a little lightheaded and out of sorts. Later in the afternoon, he experienced a sharp pain in his chest and arm. Quick thinking and action brought John to the emergency department with a diagnosis of a significant heart attack. Surviving this ordeal, he found himself face to face with his cardiologist, having an honest conversation about things that needed to change. "I came close to death," John found himself thinking. Then came the remorse. He was a young man with a loving wife and children who were very close to facing life without him. John found himself with intense sorrow for living an unchecked and self-indulgent life that almost brought him to his demise. He wanted to change.

We all have our wake-up calls. We have experiences and encounters that force us to really think twice about choices we have made and directions we have taken. Often, we find ourselves looking at those we have hurt square in the eye and wallowing in our foolishness. We regrettably realize that we have allowed our needs to lure us into making some cruel mistakes. We impulsively say things and flippantly do things that reveal our unredeemed and unhealed self. It is a self we stumble over and try to tame but can't quite seem to master and control. Help!

We spin our wheels, naively thinking that we will somehow, perhaps through persistence, get ourselves unstuck. But, we don't. We just get out of the car, feeling very helpless, and ignorantly look at the mess we got ourselves into. Did we ever think to ask someone for help? Or, taken the advice of One who is wiser and avoid this route altogether? "Come after me," are words that Jesus says to all of us. In order to heed his invitation, we must leave our ego-self behind and follow.

When we really see and understand the freedom, peace, justice, and love he offers, we find ourselves with such sorrow in our hearts for how foolish and silly we have been. All the misguided choices and sinful actions come full view and we see how risky our random impassioned behaviors really have been. Repentance is beautiful. When done with a sincere and contrite heart, it directs us to the glory that can be ours, ignites us with the challenge of living a life in service of others and reminds us that all is well.

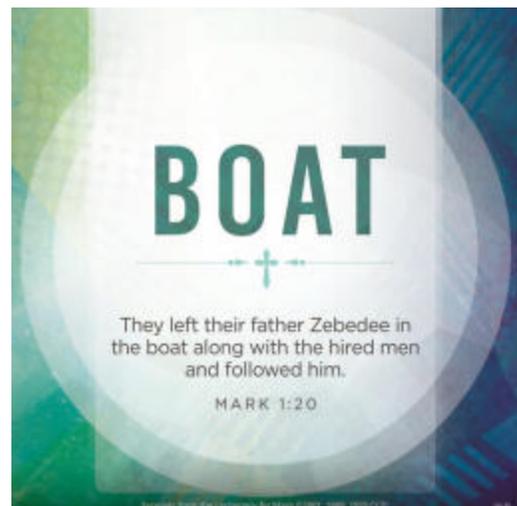
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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Repent, and believe in the gospel." Some type of honest and sincere repentance is necessary for any type of authentic growth and maturity. We have to come to the realization, unless we are happy wallowing in immaturity and superficiality, that the way we have been doing things is not the best or the healthiest. There isn't a human being alive who hasn't acted foolishly or erratically at the cost of almost losing a treasured relationship. "Why did I act that way?" is a question we often ponder after some reflection and enlightenment. Faith works the same way. Stumbling through life and bumping up against meaninglessness, a person can begin to see that something significant is missing. They see that there is merit to a relationship with God and an embrace of faith. Before these can take root, sincere sorrow for past wrong doing, missed opportunities, errors in judgment, and short sightedness is necessary. Repentance is necessary. Then having realized that we were walking in darkness, we can rejoice that by God's grace we now see the light. ©LPi

CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION AID

Our parish policy is to allocate catholic school tuition assistance to parishioners using a needs-based formula. Aid is considered for students in grades K-12. This year we will again utilize the services of FACTS which is the same process used by the schools in the diocese and most other parishes to allocate their financial aid. We hope by utilizing FACTS we can more efficiently and effectively assist our parishioners in obtaining the appropriate level of aid. Families need to only fill out one FACTS application per family for all children and all schools. When completing the application select Christ the King Rectory Kingston as recipient of the information. The application can be found at www.online.factsmgt.com, and must have a COMPLETED status by March 31.





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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4 & 5 p.m. Sunday: 8, 9, 10, & 11 a.m.

Mass attendance by reservation only.

See our website, www.ctkri.org

BAPTISM

The celebration of baptism takes place either during a weekend Mass or a Sunday afternoon liturgy. Parents should speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements.

ADULT INITIATION

Adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation should speak to Jennifer Marran.

CONFIRMATION

Eighth graders receive Confirmation in the spring. Please speak to Eva Mancuso for more information.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should speak to Fr. Jared at least nine months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION

To be announced.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion regularly, please speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements. On the third Tuesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 10:30 a.m., and at Brookdale South Bay Assisted Living at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY: The Book of Ruth (Fr. Jared) 1 & 7pm

To be announced.

BIBLE STUDY (Shared/Group) 7:00 p.m.

To be announced.

GODPARENTS & SPONSORS

Please see one of the priests for a sponsor form, or visit ctkri.org/sponsor.

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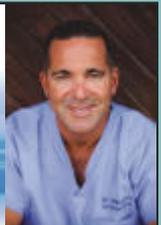
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