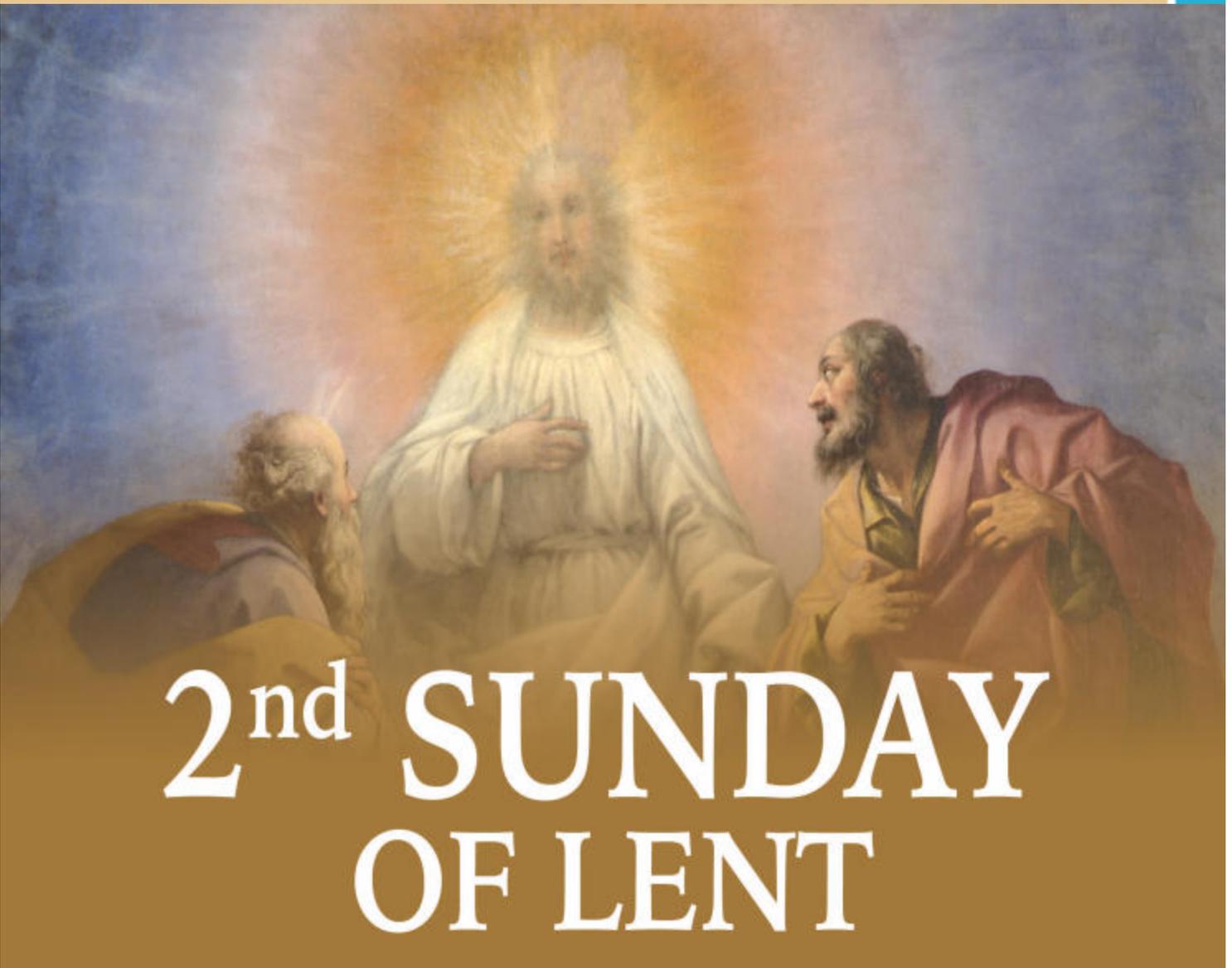


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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 27

4:00 p.m. All deceased parishioners
5:00 p.m. All deceased relatives and friends

Sunday, February 28

8:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners
9:00 a.m. All deceased relatives and friends
10:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners
11:00 a.m. Patrick J. Manzo, Dorothy McDavitt

Tuesday, March 2

9:00 a.m. Patricia Mende

Wednesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. Beverly Schmidt

Thursday, March 4

9:00 a.m. John Carty

Saturday, March 6

4:00 p.m. Michael & Bertha Marcantonio
5:00 p.m. All deceased relatives and friends

Sunday, March 7

8:00 a.m. Philip Casacalenda, Randall James
9:00 a.m. All deceased relatives and friends
10:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners
11:00 a.m. Carl Nelson

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.

If you forget your mask, we have extras at the check-in table.



Religious Formation News

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

Prayer 101 lessons for Grade 6 will be emailed out every Friday during Lent. March lessons for other grades will be emailed this coming week.

Thank you to those families who are sharing photos of Religious Formation activities - email photos of your child and they will be posted to the parish Facebook page.

If you have not received an email – please check any emails that may be associated with your family. If your emails have changed during this time or if you want another email to be the **primary email** – please email the office.

CONFIRMATION NOTE

All remaining confirmation classes will be virtual. The link will be emailed out the week before the class.

March is Scouting Month!

Attention Parents:

If you have a Boy or Girl Scout who is interested in earning any of the Catholic Scouting Awards – please contact the Religious Formation office: glardaro@ctkri.org

Attention Troop leaders for Girl Scouts and BSA:

The promises and pledges for both ask each individual to serve God and to help others.

If your troop or child has been involved in either – please send a picture and description so that it can be posted to our Facebook page! glardaro@ctkri.org.

March Mitten Madness

Starting the weekend of March 7 a limited number of “mitten” bags will be ready for pick up after all the masses. Directions and all materials will be included in each bag to make 4 pairs of fleece mittens.



All supplies were obtained from Resources for Rhode Island Education. RRIE collects leftover unused materials from local business to reduce waste and supply miscellaneous materials to those in education.

Quotes of the Week

“The Catholic Church... sadly has been on the wrong side of history when it comes to the racial divide in the United States going all the way back to 1619. However, in this past century, happily, many Catholics, the American bishops, and even the Holy See have made a greater effort to recognize the sin of racism and try to make correctives.

“Real progress has been made. The church has been an excellent supporter of people of color in education and health care. Hopefully, it will continue to do this work. However, long-standing bias and prejudice are hard to overcome, especially in their structural forms. I was the bishop of Lake Charles, Louisiana, where most parishes are racially segregated. Most neighborhoods are racially segregated. I’m from the Archdiocese of Chicago, and most parishes there are racially segregated. All the wishing and wanting and hoping for change doesn’t make it so, because there’s a long history.”

- Bishop Edward K. Braxton, bishop emeritus of Belleville, Illinois, speaking to *U.S. Catholic* about his new book, *The Church and the Racial Divide: Reflections of an African American Catholic Bishop*. February 16, 2021.

“As [Archbishop of Brisbane, Australia] Mark Coleridge points out, ‘... bishops are quick to speak and act, for instance, on life issues (such as abortion and euthanasia), on religious freedom and on questions having to do with marriage and family. To those we might add sexuality and gender.’

“Whilst I am not suggesting these are not valid, we hear much less about economic inequality, climate change, First Nations Peoples, refugees and asylum seekers, homelessness and a raft of other crucial issues that cause very real suffering for millions of Australians.”

- Fr. Peter Smith, Justice and Peace Promoter for the Archdiocese of Sydney, Australia. “Fr. Peter Smith: Re-establishing our credibility.” *The Catholic Weekly*. February 22, 2021.

“The COVID thing has really tipped the scale for many of our schools. These are difficult decisions in difficult times.”

- Bill Crist, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in Syracuse, New York, speaking about the current wave of Catholic school closures. “St. Margaret’s School in Mattydale to close, consolidate with St. Rose of Lima School in North Syracuse.” *Eagle News*. February 23, 2021.

“May the example of so many doctors and healthcare workers who have risked their life to the point of losing it due to the pandemic move us to feeling truly grateful for how generously, and sometimes heroically, they carry out their profession.”

- Pope Francis, via Twitter. February 20, 2021.

“Some [people] complain, ‘You’re helping Muslims, or Hindus, or whoever.’ But we don’t help people because they are Catholic. We help people because we are Catholic.”

- Fr. Charles Keeney, director of the Propagation of the Faith for the Diocese of Brooklyn, New York, speaking about the effectiveness of Operation Rice Bowl, the annual Lenten program sponsored by Catholic Relief Services. “CRS’s Lenten Rice Bowl helps feed 150 million worldwide.” *The Tablet*. February 17, 2021.

“The politicization of religion, either from the Right or the Left, has driven many Catholics out of the Church. Pope Francis’s effort to turn away from a confrontational approach to abortion, homosexuality, and similar issues is a pastoral step toward greater unity, not the repudiation of tradition his conservative critics accuse him of. ‘Pontiff,’ after all, is derived from the Latin word for bridge-maker. The bishops are at their least persuasive when they issue statements that seem neatly aligned with the priorities of one political party.”

“Biden the Catholic, Part Two.” *Commonweal*. February 10, 2021.

“Outward problems in society can’t take our freedom away. We have a choice in the midst of our troubles, whether they be the pandemic, political issues, financial issues, or anything else. We can choose, like St. Paul imprisoned yet praising God in his chains, to rejoice always, pray constantly, and give thanks in all circumstances. If we do this, we will experience God’s freedom, no matter what our situation may be.”

- Dr. Marcellino D’Ambrosio, Catholic scripture scholar and Senior Fellow of The St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology, during a new video presentation from Ascension Press entitled “You Are Not Alone.”

Co-presenter Jeff Cavins added: “We’re all wondering if life will ever be like it used to be. But as believers we know, we are not alone. God is with us, just as he was with people of faith in Biblical times who faced their own pandemics, exiles, and persecutions. We can find freedom in the Lord despite difficult circumstances, just as they did.”

REFLECTION

A pregnant woman was walking in the store and met an old friend. Her friend exclaimed, “You are absolutely beaming!” The new life God placed in her womb radiated throughout her body. It was brightly visible on her face and in her eyes. Transformation and change usually happen from the inside out. It is very rare that simply imposing structure from the outside does any good. Yes, it is true that routines and habits can change when things are done differently. But, for this change to last there has to be an interior renewal and metamorphosis as well. Simply regulating behavior and bringing someone into conformity with accepted protocols doesn’t mean their heart and soul come with them.

Peter was a homeless man who lived in a very remote and rudimentary tent community. He was happy to make his daily trip to McDonald’s and always welcomed a gift card or two so that he could buy some coffee and something to eat. A generous advocate worked to secure him an apartment in hopes of moving Peter out of his makeshift housing and into something safer. Peter finally got the grand tour of his new “digs,” received his own key, remarked how wonderful the place was, closed the door behind him when they left and never returned. He preferred his tent. No matter how much things changed on the outside, Peter was happy where he was. A poignant lesson was learned that day.

How is your Lent going? By now you ought to have a sense of whether you’re really “into it” this year and something transformational is happening. For many, it’s only the stuff on the outside that changes for a few weeks and then they return to business as usual. For others, there are some real inner changes happening that are deepening their relationships with God, others, self, and creation. If we are serious about moving to a new place and radiating with the presence of new life and joy, then we have to clear the way to listen for God’s call. Then, there is God’s request to change things up a bit and order our lives differently. After realizing we have been called and given a mission, we have to trust that this is where we need to be. And then, after all of this hard work we are asked to act. The fruit that is revealed will indicate whether our journey is authentic. The brilliance of conversion will begin to shine on our faces as we contemplate the One to whom we are asked to listen. ©LPi

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

This year’s appeal is in full swing. Many of you have already responded on the secure online website, givecentral.org/2021cca. When using the website, please choose parish 37 (CTK Kingston) for your donation. You can also drop your donation off in the office or place in the collection box on the weekend, and we will forward it to Providence. Thank you for your generosity.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP ZOOM MEETINGS:

Due to the pandemic, the Cancer Support Group has been meeting once a month via ZOOM. Have you been diagnosed with cancer, undergoing or recovering from treatment? Plan to attend one of our confidential ZOOM meetings and share your unique experiences and support with the group. For information or questions, please contact group facilitator and fellow parishioner/cancer survivor Bob Maher: bmaher71@verizon.net

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.

DONATION STATEMENTS

Statements were mailed from our budget company, Cathedral last week. If you make your donations online through OSV, you will need to log into your account and print out a statement from there. If you have any questions, please call Beth in the office Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?

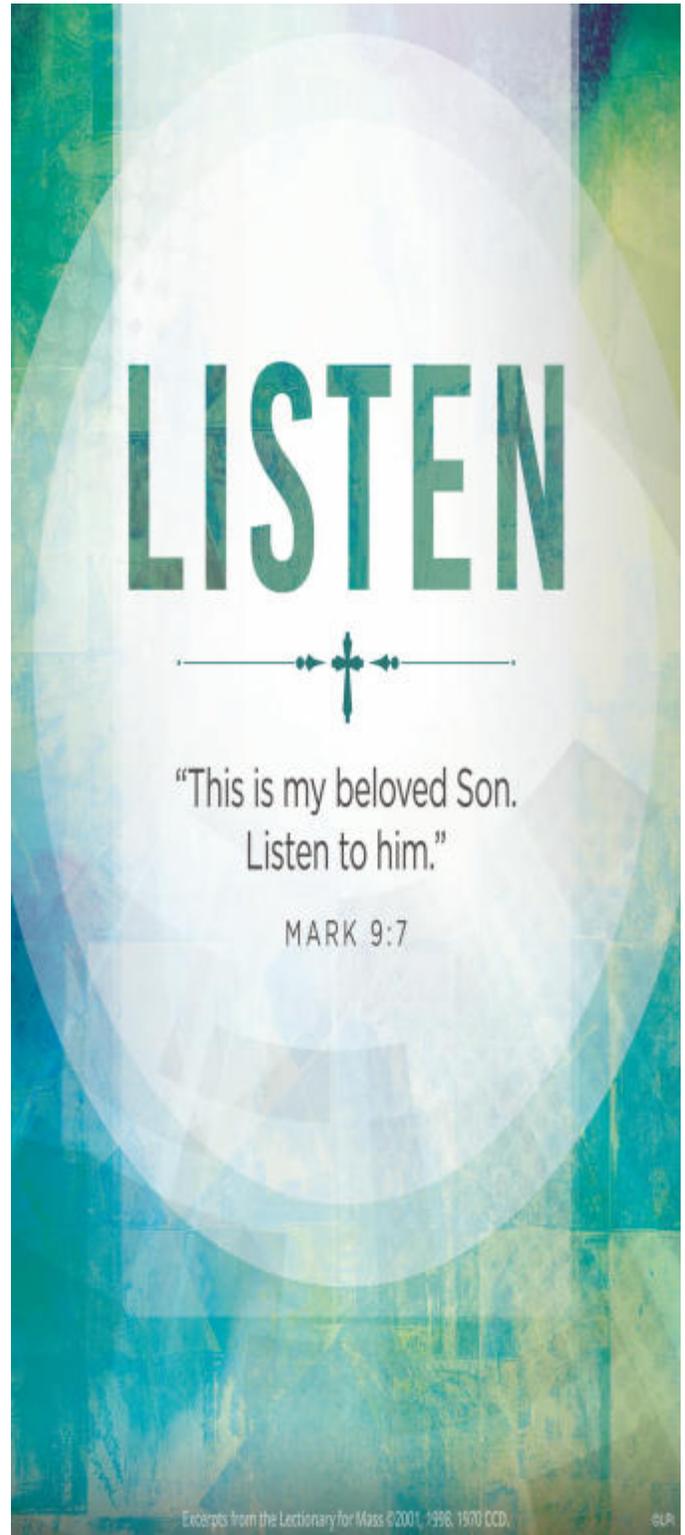
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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

February is almost a thing of the past, and March brings the promise of spring. That would seem like a reason to looking forward to better times. If you are not able to get out or see friends because of physical issues (and COVID restrictions), looking forward to spring is not the same. Warmer weather helps, but doesn't solve the problem. A problem solver is as near as your phone. A Friendly Visitor would like to become a go to person when you would like to have someone to chat with. That can be arranged by calling Bonnie Feeney at 391-9460.





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MASS SCHEDULE

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

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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

Any time by appointment.

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 w/Fr. Jared

New course and schedule to be announced.

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

To be announced.

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