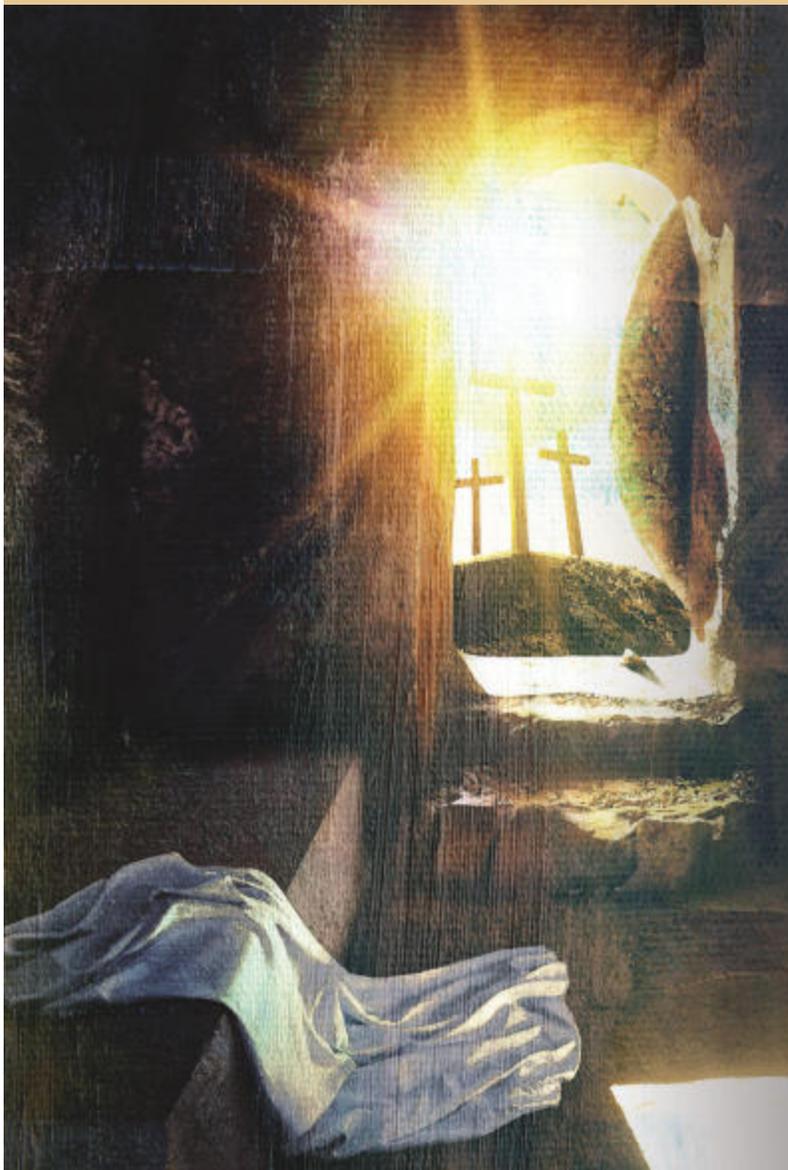




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EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Please note: although you may have heard that capacity limits for churches have increased in Rhode Island, we are still required to seat people from different households at least six feet apart. This means that we will not be able to increase our capacity until the six-foot rule is changed. For this reason, reservations are still required. It's very easy and quick: simply visit www.ckri.org to make a reservation, or call the parish office. If you are unable to keep a reservation, please cancel it so that other people will have the opportunity to attend. Thank you for your understanding.

Intentions on Easter weekend will be for all parishioners.

Tuesday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Bruce Tavares

Wednesday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Philip Casacalenda, Paula Carey

Thursday, April 8

9:00 a.m. Gloria Stewart

Saturday, April 10

4:00 p.m. Jesse & Anna Leone, Michael Murphy
Claire & Emilien Gervais

5:00 p.m. All deceased parishioners

6:00 p.m. All deceased relatives and friends

Sunday, April 11

8:00 a.m. Kevin Clarke

9:00 a.m. David Zaborski, James Gallagher

10:00 a.m. Ava Deneault

11:00 a.m. Peter Baute, Betty Parrillo

Masks are required inside the building. If you forget your mask, please let us know, as extras are available at the check-in table..



Religious Formation News

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

April lessons for grades 1-5 were emailed on Thursday, March 25.

Grade 6 Prayer 101 was emailed on Friday, April 2.

First Communion

Mark your Calendars:

Saturday, April 10, 9-11 a.m.:

Reconciliation Preparation & First Communion

Rehearsal

Saturday, May 22: 11 a.m.:

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

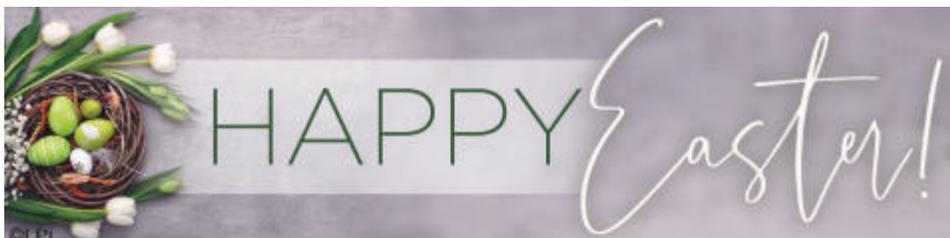
CONFIRMATION NOTE

We would like to thank John & Meg Decubellis for their passionate and informative presentation on behalf of the foundation in memory of their daughter Katie.

Our final SPRING class is Sunday, April 11; 6:00 p.m. All paperwork for choosing a saint name and sponsor certificates are due by then. Zoom invite will be sent via email.

CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

Any adult who has received the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist but has not received Confirmation is invited to "receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" during Mass on Pentecost Sunday. Several adults have already expressed their intention to be confirmed at this Mass. While the RCIA program remains in place for those who are unbaptized and have yet to receive the message, this Pentecost ceremony is for Catholic adults who have accepted the message of the Gospel years ago and have been practicing the Catholic faith as initiated disciples who have already been baptized and receive Holy Communion. If you would like to be confirmed during this Confirmation ceremony within Sunday Mass on Pentecost, May 23, please contact Jennifer Marran (jmarran@ckri.org) for more information.



Quotes of the Week

“Today, recognizing the importance of this moment, I apologize to you, on behalf of the bishops and congregational leaders of the Catholic Church in Aotearoa New Zealand.

“I also apologize to you on behalf of those who preceded us as bishops and congregational leaders. We offer no excuses for their actions, or for ours, that have caused you harm.

“We acknowledge that the systems and culture of the Church allowed abuse to occur. These systems and culture failed you and must change.”

- Cardinal John Dew, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Wellington and Metropolitan of New Zealand, apologizing to victims of clergy sexual abuse.

“New Zealand's Catholic Church apologizes to survivors of abuse.” *Reuters*. March 26, 2021.

“Pope Francis has ordered cardinals to take a 10% pay cut and reduced the salaries of most other clerics working in the Vatican in order to save jobs of employees as the coronavirus pandemic has hit the Holy See's income... Apart from the cardinals, other clerics will see their salaries reduced by between 3% and 8%.”

- “Pope orders salary cuts for cardinals, clerics, to save jobs of employees.” *Reuters*. March 24, 2021.

“LGBTQ people reflect the image of likeness of God, just as anyone else, and so it is our duty to love and defend them.

“As a Catholic bishop, I hate to see any form of harmful discrimination protected by law. [Support for the Equality Act] is consistent with our teaching to ensure that LGBTQ people have the protection they need.

“[I am] grateful for many LGBTQ Catholics who serve and lead their communities with distinction. Their perseverance, their grace, and devotion to the common good has made Catholic communities holier and has edified our nation. . .

“It is deplorable that, while LGBTQ persons contribute to our society in many ways, they can be denied basic protections in housing, employment, and in many other areas of life.”

- Most Rev. John Stowe, Roman Catholic Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington, KY, expressing his support for the Equality Act in a March 19 letter to Senator Dick Durbin and Senator Chuck Grassley, the two highest-ranking members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

“It is our duty to love and defend' LGBT Americans: Bishop Stowe breaks with U.S. bishops on the Equality Act.” *America*. March 25, 2021.

“In the crucified Jesus, we see God humiliated, the Almighty dismissed and discarded. With the grace of amazement, we come to realize that in welcoming the dismissed and discarded, in drawing close to those ill-treated by life, we are loving Jesus. For that is where he is: in the least of our brothers and sisters, in the rejected and discarded.”

- Pope Francis, in his homily last week on Palm Sunday. “Pope on Palm Sunday invites loving Christ in ‘dismissed and discarded.’” *CruX*. March 28, 2021.

“I want everybody to think about this. Every time an officer walks out of his or her home and pins that badge on, a family member that they just said good-bye to wonders subconsciously whether they'll get that call, the call that his wife got. He thought he'd be coming home to his family and his seven children. But when the moment to act came, officer Talley did not hesitate in his duty making the ultimate sacrifice in his effort to save lives. That's the definition of an American hero.”

- President Biden, speaking on March 23 about Boulder Police officer Eric Talley, who was killed in the March 22 mass shooting in Colorado.

“Jesus [entrusted the entire Church and all the faithful to Mary] as a mother. Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.

“It's true that Christian piety always gives beautiful titles to her, like a son to the mother . . . how many beautiful things does a son say to the mother? But pay attention: the things that the Church, the saints, say to Mary, take nothing away from Christ's uniqueness as a redeemer. He [Christ] is the only redeemer. [Marian titles] are expressions of love like a son to the mother, sometimes exaggerated, but we know love always makes us do exaggerated things. Lovesickness.”

- Pope Francis, in remarks last Wednesday at the Vatican. “Once again, Pope Francis says Mary is not the ‘co-redemptrix.’” *CruX*. March 24, 2021.

In the 2002 book God and the World: A Conversation with Peter Seewald (San Francisco: Ignatius, 2002), then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, known now as Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, stated: “... the formula ‘Co-redemptrix’ departs to too great an extent from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings. Everything comes from Him [Christ], as the Letter to the Ephesians and the Letter to the Colossians, in particular, tell us; Mary, too, is everything she is through Him. The word ‘co-redemptrix’ would obscure this origin.”

*Break bread
Wine flows, ageless covenant
"Do this in remembrance of me."*

*Your death is imminent
Calvary cries,
"Eli, Eli lama sabachthani"
Spirit delivered.*

*Christ our hope is risen
Your people live!
Freshness is your name
Easter is forever ...
Alleluia*

Nancy Drennan, "Triduum"

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.

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

With warmer days, spirits tend to lighten and things look brighter. But when you are homebound, it can have the opposite effect. Having something to look forward to is so important and such a lift to one's spirit. A Friendly Visitor can be a bright spot in your week; a friend to chat with and just enjoy being in the company of someone new is a way to lift your spirits. As the weather warms, it may even be possible to have regular in person visits outside. Call Bonnie Feeny at 391-9460 for more information.

MUSTARD SEED

The March issue of Mustard Seed has been posted on our website, www.ctlkri.org. Read the personal reflections of parishioners on this challenging year; what they experienced and what sustained them.

PARRILLO FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP

High School Seniors

Mid-terms are over. Graduation is on the horizon. It is time to apply for the **Parrillo Family Scholarship**. Two \$500 awards are given to a boy and a girl who belong to CTK and are graduating from a state certified high school. Gather your marks, school activities, community activities, and especially activities involving CTK. Applications will be available in the rectory March 22, and must be returned by April 23.

2021/2022 South Kingstown Integrated Preschool (SKIP) Lottery Application

The South Kingstown School Department will have openings in our preschool classrooms for the 2021-2022 school year. Our program is supported by educators who are certified in both Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Special Education. Children participating in our classrooms will include both children with developmental delays and those who are typically developing. In order to assure a fair and equitable system, any vacancies open to peers who are typically developing will be filled through a lottery system. Once a child has been chosen for the preschool program, they are eligible to participate until they reach kindergarten age as long as payments are up to date and the enrollment process has been followed. The lottery closes on April 19 at 4 p.m. For more information, contact Tracy-Andrews Mellouise at tandrews@sksd-ri.net.

BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, April 11
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REFLECTION

Who are you? This question was most assuredly asked of Jesus on the day of resurrection and it is a question asked of each of us. Our identities can be described in so many ways. We can start with our gifts and our talents, expertise and unique personality expressions. We can describe things we like and things we prefer to set aside. As descriptive and captivating as these can be, none come close to our essence, our real and true self. While accurate in their own right, the self who lives and interacts with the world is the self we want others to see, the one we project. But there is much more to us just as there is much more to Jesus.

Jesus could describe himself based on all of the same criteria we use for ourselves. After all, Jesus is totally human. With all that people witnessed and all that Jesus knew about his physical human self, his divinity also shined forth. There was so much more to know about him. Whereas once Jesus was transfigured on top of a mountain before his disciples' eyes, so today he is transfigured before our eyes as he reveals his resurrected self as the Christ. Alleluia, Christ is risen! His glorified presence stands before us showing us that we are all much more than we see ourselves to be and show to others. We have a depth, purpose, and essence that go way beyond the superficial treasures of our existence to the very core of who we are.

Within each one of us is a spark of Divine Love where creature and Creator meet, and we are known uniquely by the name God whispers to us. It is not the earthly name that was given to us but the one that flows from Divine Power and claims us as one who is special and chosen in God's eyes. This is the self that will rise one day with the eternal Christ of God and live eternally as God provides. This is the self that when free from all superficial constraints layered upon it in this life can discover and know freedom in a way never possible before. This is love lifting us up and transforming us into who we really are, not who we want or need ourselves to be. Who are you? A special, unique child of God who has been fashioned in God's image, sustained by the power of God's love and kept eternally with the Blessed Trinity in heaven. Get to know this deeper, truer self as it is who you really are.

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INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Alleluia! Christ is risen! About today's feast, St. Augustine writes: "And he departed from our sight that we might return to our hearts and find him there. For he left us, and behold, he is here." Christ's resurrected presence lives not only in the highest heaven but in the fragile human heart. Christ's life inspires us and moves us to see a future for every human being and discover our true purpose and meaning. Every human being has a desire to live, and this cry can be heard within. There is a longing for a connection with Someone greater than ourselves that gives an import to our existence that we cannot supply. Today, our deepest questions find answers. ©LPi

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The tomb is empty! Jesus Christ has risen today! Our Savior is active, alive, and transforming us and our communities of faith, even the world, at this very moment. Easter is a time of joy, a time of celebration. To have faith in the risen Lord is also to believe that we are disciples who bear witness to Christ in a broken and troubled world. To be good stewards of this faith obliges us to be living witnesses to Christ's peace at home and in public. Jesus cannot be found buried. He is risen. Alleluia! (ICSC)





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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4, 5, & 6 p.m. Sunday: 8, 9, 10, & 11 a.m.

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See our website, www.ctkri.org

BAPTISM

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

At this time, Reconciliation is available 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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