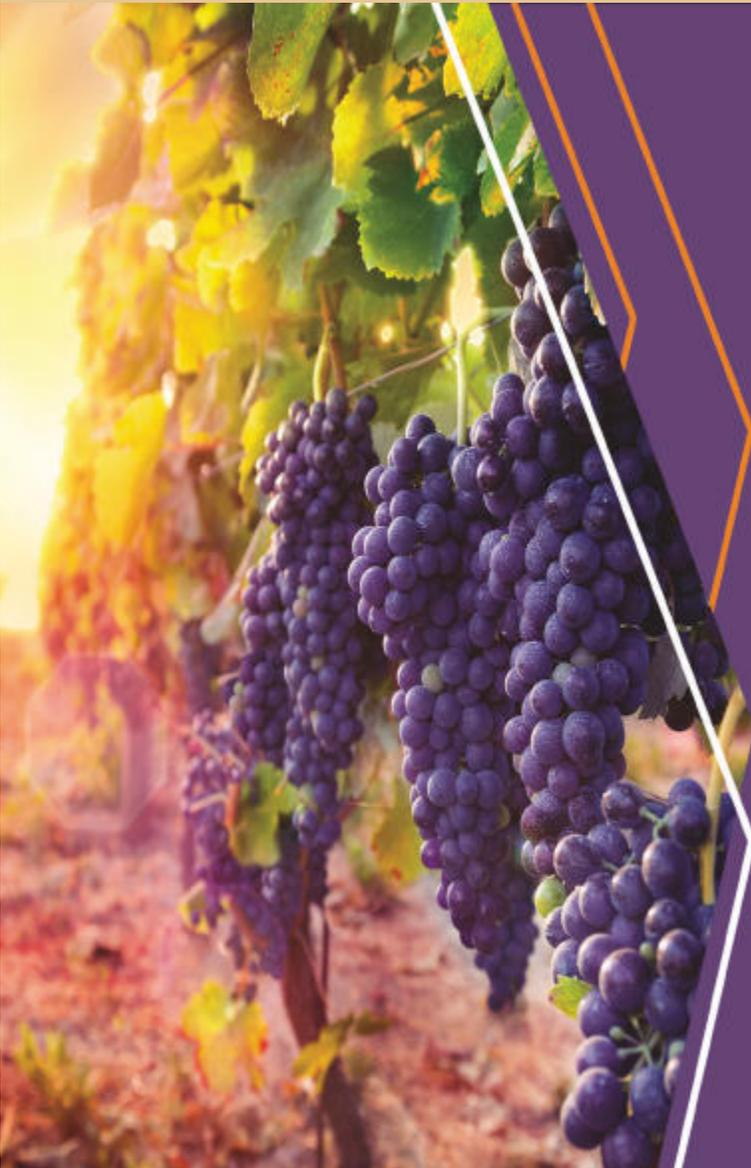




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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.”
- Jn 15:1-2



MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 1

- 4:00 p.m. James Lynch, Knute Schmidt
- 5:00 p.m. Doris McGowan, Kate Hodgkinson
- 6:00 p.m. All deceased relatives and friends

Sunday, May 2

- 8:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners
- 9:00 a.m. All deceased relatives and friends
- 10:00 a.m. Colleen Brennan Neary
- 11:00 a.m. Patricia Parrillo Hixon, Elmer Caldwell

Tuesday, May 4

- 9:00 a.m. Olga Botelho

Wednesday, May 5

- 9:00 a.m. Terry Meehan

Thursday, May 6

- 9:00 a.m. Sara Pernell

Saturday, May 8

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

Sunday, May 9

- 8:00 a.m. All deceased mothers
- 9:00 a.m. All deceased mothers
- 10:00 a.m. All deceased mothers
- 11:00 a.m. All deceased mothers

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

Grade 6 Prayer 101 lessons are completed. Student assignments should be emailed to glardaro@ctkri.org

First Communion

Saturday, May 22: 11 a.m.:
The Sacrament of Reconciliation



CHRIST THE KING YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Monday, July 12 – Saturday, July 17

An informational meeting via ZOOM will be held Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. All those in the current confirmation class, and already confirmed students are invited to participate. If you are interested and would like to learn more, send an email to Ms. Eva at emmancuso60@gmail.com to receive a link. Parents should also attend this meeting, as there is a short window in which to apply. All covid protocols and logistics will be discussed. Looking forward to another great trip!

VBS – August 9—13

ROCKY RAILWAY

Jesus' Power Pulls us Through

Calling all Camp Counselors – grade 8 and above, and adults interested in helping with the camp should email Ms. Eva at

emmancuso60@gmail.com. A brief meeting will be held on Sunday, May 16 after the 9:00 a.m. mass. All are invited to attend. Not available that week but want to help? We have room on our setup crew! All welcomed.



Quotes of the Week

“I express my nearness to the people living on the Islands of St Vincent and the Grenadines where the volcanic eruption is causing harm and difficulties. I assure you of my prayers. I bless all those who are participating in relief efforts and assistance.

“I am also near to the victims of the fire in the hospital for Covid patients in Baghdad. As of now, there are 82 people who have died. Let us pray for all of them.

“I confess I am extremely sad over the tragedy that has once again taken place in the Mediterranean. One hundred thirty migrants died in the sea. They are people. They are human beings who begged for help in vain for two whole days – help that never arrived. Brothers and sisters, let us all ask ourselves about this umpteenth tragedy. It is a shameful moment. Let us pray for these brothers and sisters, and for all those who continue to die in these tragic crossings. Let us also pray for those who can help but prefer to look the other way. Let us pray in silence for them...

“Today, the entire Church celebrates the World Day of Prayer for Vocations whose theme is Saint Joseph: the Dream of Vocation. Let us thank the Lord so that he might continue to raise up in the Church people who, for love of Him, consecrate themselves to the proclamation of the Gospel and service to their brothers and sisters.”
- Pope Francis, speaking to pilgrims at Saint Peter's Square last Sunday.

“The situation is very bad. No beds available anywhere in the hospital. Patients are on the corridors and many are dying because no beds, no oxygen. I have no place even in emergency (area) to give oxygen. Patients are just dying in front of my eyes. Feeling so distressed and frustrated and helpless. It is horrible and the disaster is beyond the imagination. Please pray to God (to) give us strength to save some lives.”

- Father P.A. George, director of Holy Family Hospital, the largest Catholic hospital in New Delhi, India.

“Patients are ... dying in front of my eyes,” says India hospital director.” *Catholic News Service*. April 26, 2021.

“After struggling for several years to keep its enrollment and finances up, the 113-year-old [Holy Spirit Academy] -- the last Catholic school in Lawrence County [Pennsylvania] -- apparently will close at the end of the current school year.”

- “County's last Catholic school closing.” *New Castle News*. April 25, 2021.

“I was elated to hear that streaming of weekly mass at Christ the King will be permanent. The permanence of telecasting mass may always take its toll on attendance, but for those of us who live far away from this community (like North Carolina far away) but who so desperately wish to remain a part of it – this is a tremendous blessing that I could not be more grateful for. CTK has and will always be my community of faith and I keep you all in my heart always.”

- Alyssa Menard-Stewart (e-mail)

Parish COVID-19 Update: changes coming May 8/9

In light of the governor's new COVID-19 protocols for houses of worship and new directives from the Diocese of Providence, Christ the King Church will be making several changes to some of the practices we adopted since the pandemic began.

Beginning next weekend, May 8/9, reservations will no longer be needed for Mass attendance.

All church entrances will be open.

All barriers throughout the church will be removed, and all pews will be available.

When taking a seat, leave at least three feet between you and the nearest person who is not a member of your household. Look behind you, next to you, and in front of you.

Holy Communion will return to its proper place in the Mass. After receiving Communion, please return to your seat for private prayer, and remain for the closing prayer, final blessing, and dismissal.

Masks covering your nose and mouth must be worn inside the church.

The Mass schedule for the month of May is: Saturdays at 4:00pm and 5:00pm; Sundays at 8:00am, 9:00am, 10:00am, and 11:00am.

Beginning on the weekend of June 5/6, we will return to the following schedule: Saturdays at 5:00pm and Sundays at 8:00am, 9:15am, and 11:00am.

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@ctkri.org) for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

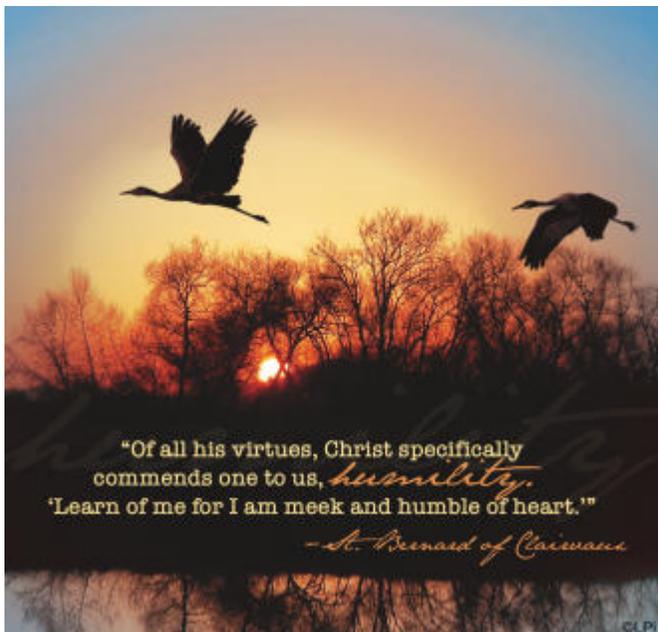
We are halfway to our goal. If you have not contributed yet, there are envelopes available at the entrance to the church. They can be returned to the rectory or placed in one of the collection boxes by the door. You can also donate on the secure online website, givecentral.org/2021cca.

When using the website, please choose parish 37 (CTK Kingston) for your donation.

Thank you for considering the needy in our diocese.

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

When life deals us difficult times, it is so easy to not be interested in things. The feeling that "I can't do that," is such a mood dampener. We all need something to look forward to; that something can be a Friendly Visitor. If you would like to have someone give you a call or stop by, it can be arranged by calling Bonnie Feeny at 391-9460. We are waiting to hear from you.



REFLECTION

“Spiraling out of control,” is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that “feelings” have become a “new god” and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God’s life.

Giving up our will to God’s can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God’s commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be “human freedom.” They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

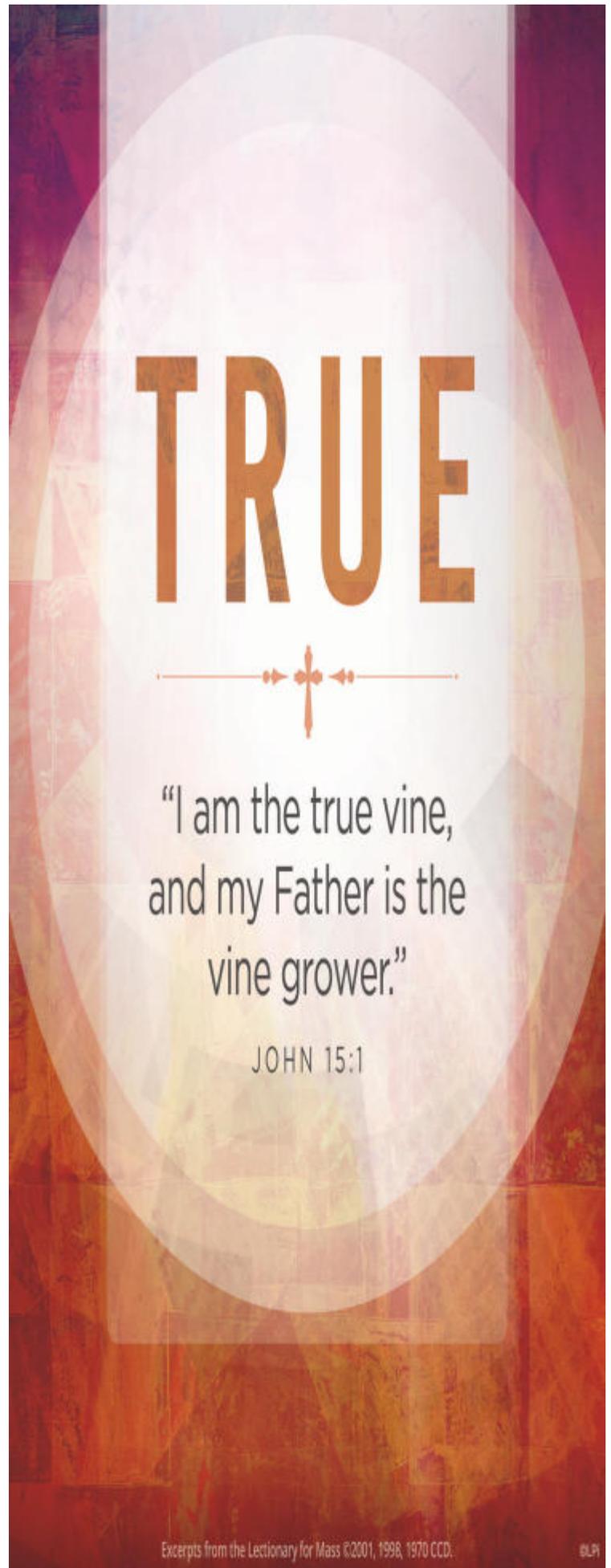
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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding. ©LPi





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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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