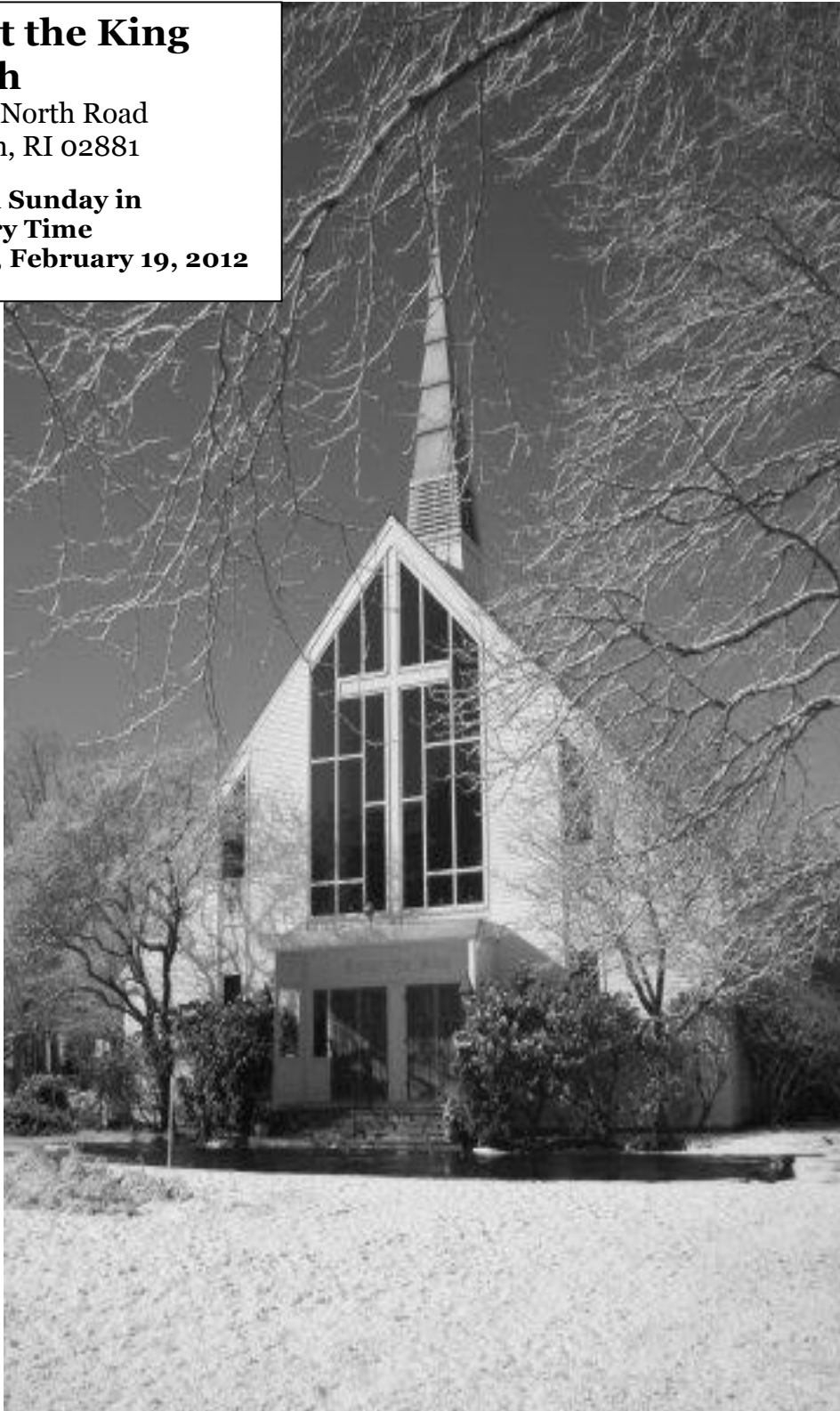


Christ the King Parish

180 Old North Road
Kingston, RI 02881

**Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Sunday, February 19, 2012**



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Director of
Religious Formation
Mrs. Georgann Lardaro
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Ms. Beth Hogan
Parish Manager
Mrs. Christine Quigley
Assist. Parish Manager
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Custodian
Mrs. Lucita Taboada
Housekeeper

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Chaplain
Mrs. Judy Klopfenstein
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Confession:
Saturday: 4 p.m.

Masses:
Saturdays: 5 p.m.
Sundays: 8, 9:15,
11:35 a.m.

Monday – Friday
Noon at the
Catholic Center

CHRIST THE KING PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Christ the King Parish is a welcoming and open Catholic community, believers in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We live out the challenge of our Baptism by sharing Time, Talent and Treasure. We strive through the celebration of the Eucharist and participation in lay ministries, educational opportunities and community outreach to become the eyes and hands of Christ.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: We welcome all new parishioners and ask you to register as soon as possible to ensure your full participation in the life of our parish. Please advise the parish office of any telephone/address changes.

PONDERING

Thoughts on change...

I had intended to "ponder" about our Transition Team and its work thus far. Results from the survey have been compiled and will become part of the parish overview for the new pastor when he is appointed.

However, my focus changed as I read Sunday's Providence Journal article about the transition that has taken place at St. Mary's in Providence. The Franciscan priests who have been ministering to them are expected to depart in June. Bishop Tobin has named a priest-successor to lead the parish, Msgr. Jacques Plante. I read with interest the hopes of the parishioners and I began to ruminate about the changes to our community that are on the horizon. Parishioners at St. Mary's were drawn by "good homilies, wonderful music, and a great feeling of stewardship." These are indeed the comments from our own recent survey. A staff member of that parish said, "The future is not dependent on any one person, but rests on the community. That is why the parish is so strong. We have become a very collaborative group. We've been steadily growing and we want to see that growth continue. I think you'll see the people rallying around Msgr. Plante."

We at Christ the King have a great challenge in front of us. These next few weeks will pass by quickly, and sadly we will find ourselves bidding a heartfelt goodbye to Fr. Joe. Change is difficult and is at the root of our subconscious whether we have been in the parish for one year or fifty years. I share with you two quotes that address this human dilemma. "It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one most adaptable to change." Charles Darwin. "Life is change. Growth is optional. Choose wisely." Karen Kaiser Clark

While we ponder these quotes as a community of faith, I ask that you be with the Transition Team in prayer this Lenten season as we attempt to assist our community change pastors. I also invite you to spend some time in prayer and thanksgiving for those men who have answered the call to change in their own lives and ministry and have "thrown their names into the proverbial hat." I trust that we will continue to be a warm, welcoming parish that invites the new parish priest to continue the good works planted, nourished and rooted by our own parish priest during the last 31 years.

Mrs. Nancy Drennan

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Our Parish Mission is
March 26 – 28 at 7 p.m.

Our presenter is
Rev. Liam Lawton.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18

5 p.m.

Isabella and Nicholas Tortola
Shirley Hartley

Sunday, February 19

8 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

11:35 a.m.

Eric Osterhoff

Thomas Dolan

Vera Soares

Jeffrey Maddock

Raymond Moran

James "Lou" Gorman

Saturday, February 25

5 p.m.

Joseph and Florence Allen

Agnes Henneberry

Sunday, February 26

8 a.m.

11:35 a.m.

William McKenna

Dorothy Rotondo

Dorothea LaPrade



ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 22



Ashes will be distributed at all Liturgies

7 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. in the Church

7 a.m. Mass begins Thursday, February 23

9 a.m. Mass on Saturday begins on February 25

at the Catholic Center

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older) is required by Church law. Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious health conditions excuse a person from these precepts.

Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to ensure that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated nonetheless in an authentic sense of penance.

Following the implementation of the revised *Code of Canon Law* on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence which have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained. Namely, that the faithful observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church (Cf. *Code of Canon Law*, Canons 1250-1252).

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

No class **Sunday, February 19**. Class resumes **Sunday, February 26** for grades K – 8.

Grade 5 Reminder

All students preparing to celebrate Reconciliation should attend the Reconciliation Review / Rehearsal **Sunday, February 26** (with parents) **in church** during class time.

Student/Family Reconciliation Service for Grade 5 is **Monday, February 27** and **Wednesday, February 29** at 7 p.m. in church.

Confirmation Notes

Phase II Reminder – Stewardship hours for all Phase II students are due on **March 4**. Stewardship Logs are on the CTK Web site under Confirmation. Saints name essays are due **March 18**. The information for this is also on the Web site.

Phase I –Next class is **Sunday, March 4**.

The Religious Formation Committee extends a sincere thank you to all of the stewards who helped to make this year's **Generations Sharing Faith** Unit such a success. We are grateful to **Mary Freeman, Fred Macari, Sarah Ryan, Gene and Rose Marie Sidoti and Elizabeth Zwick**, who visited the 4th grade classrooms and shared their personal stories from their past with the children. Genuine connections were made for all involved. Special thanks to the 4th-grade teachers **Courtney Barnas and Alyssa Campbell, Kathy Fogarty and Deb Sprague, Justine and Katherine Moore and Mimi Keefe**, who each did a wonderful job preparing their students and their classrooms for their special visitors. Special thanks to **Andrea Heineman** for coordinating this project, and to **Shelly and Matthew Costaregni** for their assistance. Also, thank you to the 4th-grade parents who helped set up/clean up and who coordinated, baked, donated and served refreshments. It was a great visit!

PARENTS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Financial Aid forms have been distributed through the schools for parish assistance for the 2012 – 2013 school year. In order to be considered for tuition assistance, we need your form by **Monday, March 19**. After the front office receives your school form, a Christ the King Parish Financial Aid form will be sent to your home.

LITURGY CORNER

As we embark on our Lenten Journey this coming week, it may be helpful to examine the Ash Wednesday – Lent – Easter connection. Ash Wednesday is the starting point of this Journey, leading us into the 40-day pilgrimage of Lent and concluding at the baptismal font on Easter. By virtue of our Baptism, we do not journey as individuals; but rather, as a community of faith. Our Catholic Tradition is rich in symbolism and imagery. This is clearly seen when we look at Ash Wednesday, Lent, and Easter: At baptism we are marked with the sign of the cross on the forehead – similarly, on Ash Wednesday. The palms burned for use on Ash Wednesday are “symbols of Christ our triumphant king on Palm Sunday (life); they are burned as a symbol of that triumph turning to ashes and dust on Good Friday (death); and they are marked on our foreheads to signify our commitment to journeying to the font on Easter (new life.)” * Pope Benedict calls Lent a time to “retrace the steps of Christian initiation.” May we walk these steps back to the Baptismal font, alongside our catechumens.

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SAVE THE DATE

A dinner celebrating Fr. Joe's retirement will be held on **Thursday evening, June 21, 2012** at the Quidnessett Country Club, North Kingstown.

Tickets will be printed and available *after* Easter. Please watch the bulletin and email for more information. Hope this is helpful for future planning. **Nancy Drennan**



2012 STEWARDSHIP SHARING

Nominations forms are now available for the Christ the King Parish Stewardship Sharing program on our Web site. Each year, the parish designates a set amount of money to be divided among organizations suggested by parishioners. A committee evaluates the nominations according to set criteria that include analyzing tax forms, geographic distribution and relationship of the organization to the parish. Please take some time this month to reflect on the groups that may benefit from this parish giving program, and nominate your worthy cause.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Forgiveness, too, is a gift from God. Freed from the paralysis of sin, the man in today's Gospel was able to stand and give witness to the power of God. How do I let sin cripple me? Am I a good steward of the gift of God's forgiveness?

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

The simple idea that "Talking about it – just saying a few words – is often enough to help. Words can make big things little, you know," (Alexander McCall Smith) seems obvious. We are often reluctant to talk about our problems – maybe we think others will think our concerns are trivial and will laugh at us or perhaps we think no one could understand how we feel, so we keep it bottled up. Stephen Ministers understand the need to express our worries and concerns, listen with non-judgmental ears and keep your thoughts and concerns confidential. If this is the kind of support you need, call **Carol Hartley** at 783-4036 (carolhartley@cox.net), **Larry Bartley** at 965-7276 (LBJR@cox.net) or contact the office at 783-7459.

VCCC WEB SITE ASSISTANCE

We need someone to help design a simple Web site for our organization. Community service hours are available. Contact **Pat Breslin** at 783-7058 or pbskri@aol.com.

OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

EVENING OF DISCERNMENT

The Office of Vocations will host a Discernment Evening with Bishop Evans on **Tuesday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Seminary of Our Lady of Providence, 485 Mt. Pleasant Ave., Providence. All high school and college age men interested in learning more about the priesthood are welcome to join Bishop Evans for Evening Prayer, a talk on the priesthood and pizza and fellowship with others who are discerning a call to the priesthood. If interested or for more information, please call **Fr. Carl Fisette** at 331-1316.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The readings today talk about the healing power of God. God heals the same today as he did in Old and New Testament times. Allow God to work and move in your marriage relationship. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and let God strengthen, renew and rekindle your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends in New England are **March 16 – 18, April 27 – 29 or June 22 – 24**. For more information call **Ralph & Jane Becker** at 1-800-710-WWME or visit our Web site at www.wwme.org.



CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY 18 – MARCH 4

- Saturday, February 18**
7 p.m. Mardi Gras Celebration/Hall
- Monday, February 20**
Offices Closed in Observance of President's Day Holiday
- 9 a.m. Mass at Catholic Center
- Tuesday, February 21**
7 p.m. Liturgy Committee/Hall
7:30 p.m. Choir/Church
- Wednesday, February 22**
Ash Wednesday
Mass at 7 a.m., Noon, 7 p.m. at Christ the King Parish
- Thursday, February 23**
7 p.m. Bible Study/Hall
- Saturday, February 25**
4 p.m. Confession
- Sunday, February 26**
10:30 a.m. Welcome House Meal Prep/Kitchen
10:30 a.m. Reconciliation Rehearsal/Church
11:35 a.m. Rite of Election
- Monday, February 27**
7 p.m. Grade 5 Reconciliation/Church
- Tuesday, February 28**
7:30 p.m. Choir/Church
- Wednesday, February 29**
7 p.m. RCIA/Catholic Center
7 p.m. Grade 5 Reconciliation/Church
- Thursday, March 1**
7 p.m. Bible Study/Hall
- Saturday, March 3**
4 p.m. Confession
- Sunday, March 4**
10:30 a.m. Welcome House Meal Prep/Kitchen
5:30 p.m. PH I/Washburn
5:30 p.m. PH II/Hall

