

# Mustard Seed

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*As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them in loving justice with others and return them with increase to the Lord. — Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*

When Pope Francis stepped out onto the balcony over St. Peter's Square for the first time, I'm not sure what I expected to see, but I remember the image: an unassuming, humble, elderly gentlemen, waving to the world in a reserved and simple but meaningful way, bowing toward the people to ask for their blessing and prayers. Since then, we've learned so much more about the Pope's humility and simple lifestyle, and it has piqued the interest and curiosity of so many Catholics, Christians – even atheists. The authenticity of Pope Francis is something that we don't always see in our leaders.

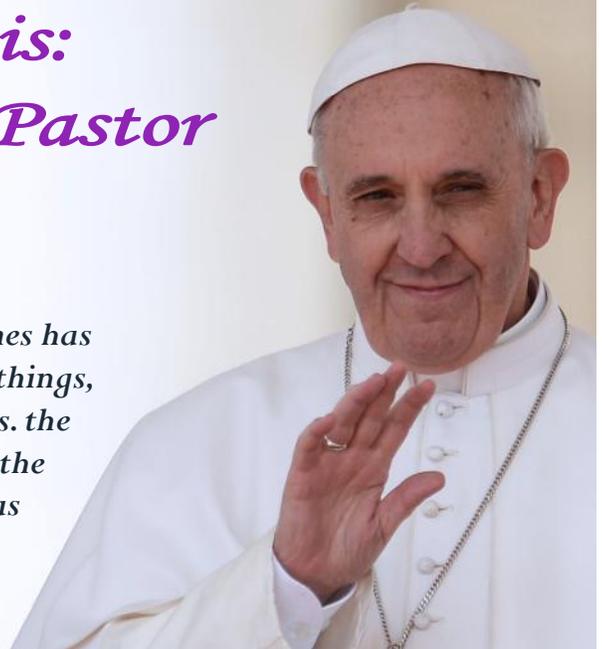
In this case, what you see is what you get: someone whose knowledge of the Gospel is apparent, whose love for God and his people is passionate, and whose humble example speaks louder than any encyclical or papal bull. When it comes to our faith, we're blessed to have God's laws, and we're even more blessed when we witness those laws being lived and followed by happy people who find peace and fulfillment in their discipleship. They inspire us; they spur us on to love and good deeds; they are people we can look up to. We call those people saints, and there are many of them living in our world today. Francis is certainly among them.

When saints are remembered in art, they are often depicted with something that symbolizes their work, passion or devotion to God. St. Joseph is typically depicted with carpenter's tools; St. Therese of Lisieux with flowers; St. Patrick with snakes or a shamrock; the Apostles with fishing nets. I think that, many years from now, when Pope Francis is honored with sainthood, he should be depicted with a shovel. That will

## *Pope Francis: A Pastor's Pastor*

*“The church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. the most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you.”*

*– Pope Francis*



remind future generations that this Pope devoted much of his work to digging out a church that had been buried by corruption, small-mindedness and tunnel vision. He's using that same “spiritual shovel” to help dig people in our world out from poverty, prejudice and social injustice. He's not afraid to roll up his sleeves and get his hands dirty! Let's pray that he keeps digging, and that each of us will pick up our own shovel and do the same work right in our own communities!

*Good and compassionate Lord, as the world celebrates the first anniversary of the pontificate of your servant Francis, we give thanks to you for sending us saints and shepherds who lead us and guide us to Christ. Preserve him, Lord! Give him a long life, and grant that by both word and example, he may enlighten all those under his care, so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may arrive at last unto life everlasting. Amen!*

Ad multos annos! Viva il Papa!

*– Fr. Jared*

## Parishioners' Thoughts on Pope Francis

"Surprise from the Spirit"

— *Jeanne M. Burns*

"Pope Francis is a wonderful example of how to live our lives more simply and for others."

— *Mary Freeman*

"A Good Shepherd"

— *Darlene Heard*

"Pope Francis has answered all of our prayers."

— *Ken Hedglen*

"HOPE"

— *Michelle Jacome*

"While I am comforted by his excitement for the Gospel message, I am concerned that his choice of words and off-the-cuff manner sometimes is made-to-order for confusion and misrepresenting by the secular media, especially as it pertains to certain doctrinal issues, which causes me to believe that many have erroneously fallen in love with a 'virtual pope' based on his perceived break-away from unpopular teachings or tradition."

— *Frank Livolsi*

"Pope Francis has proven himself to be a true shepherd. His actions speak loud enough for all to hear. I believe he has the ability to be a game changer and will be a Pope for all people, not just Catholics. What the world needs now is love and he seems to have plenty to go around."

— *Donna Menard*

"I see Pope Francis as a visionary who will lead his people by actions rather than words. He is following the teachings of Jesus Christ with kindness and love."

— *Margaret Riley*

When asked what she thought of Pope Francis, parishioner Elaine Boisvert referred to him as "the people's Pope," which happens to be *Time* magazine's name for Pope Francis in the "Person of the Year" article featured in the December 11, 2013 issue. She said he took the name "Francis" after St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of the poor, noting that Pope Francis, then Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was sitting next to his friend, Cardinal Hummes, during the conclave, and when Cardinal Bergoglio was elected Pope, Cardinal Hummes told him, "Don't forget the poor."

Elaine said that Pope Francis teaches us that all life is precious, and says that he is humble and dedicated to all people. She said he is one with the people and "comes down from his hierarchy" to be one of us. In fact, Pope Francis has denounced priests' use of flashy cars, smartphones and such luxuries, himself driving a modest Ford Focus rather than the former bomb-proof Mercedes used by Pope Benedict.

Elaine says that the media has a "paramount role" in communicating about the Pope and they are especially interested in what he is doing. I believe that is true, and more so than in the past, mostly because his style and his message are so different. She describes him as an extraordinary man who has changed the direction of the Catholic Church and feels that he is "quite brilliant in what he does."

"He has changed the sense of direction and purpose in the Church" she said. She is hopeful about the future of our church under the leadership of Pope Francis.

Parishioner Pam Improta has similar feelings about Pope Francis. She believes he's made an impression on a lot of people, both Catholic and non-Catholic. She views him as an approachable person who makes himself visible to the people. A

problem she sees with many priests is that they're not approachable, especially for young people. She hopes his approachable nature will be an example for the clergy around the world.

Pam feels that Pope Francis, despite his age, has a fresh outlook and that this appeals to both young and old. She anticipates he will make much-needed changes in the Church, however she believes that some will not appreciate them. Personally, she feels that the Church has been stagnant and welcomes the changes.

Having visited Rome in the past, and having seen Pope John Paul, she is hoping to get a glimpse of Pope Francis when she visits again in June. She is hopeful since she knows that he is often seen outside the Vatican. She commented on his manner of dressing, and when I went online to learn more, I learned that Pope Francis was named "Best Dressed Man of 2013" by *Esquire* magazine. This distinction appears to be a commentary on the difference between Pope Benedict and Pope Francis. In contrast to Pope Benedict, who wore elaborate vestments that set him apart from the lay people, Pope Francis tends toward a plain miter (ceremonial head-dress) and unadorned vestments. Pam feels that this manner of dress is just one example of his humility.

"Different" is the word Pam uses to describe Pope Francis. She feels that this has the potential to bring younger people into the church. She also commented that Father Jared is doing a good job with the younger members of Christ the King and pointed to them being able to participate as altar servers, and also discussed the outings for parish youth.

Pam is hopeful that the energy and enthusiasm that Pope Francis displays will be contagious and an example for all of us.

— *Karen Pinch*

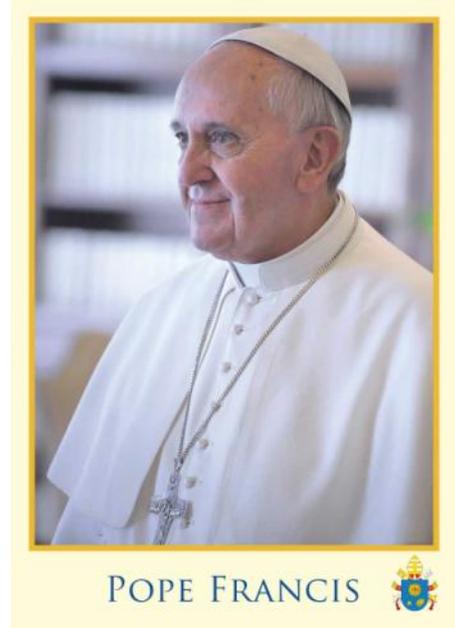
## Students' Thoughts on the Pope

### 2nd Grade – 1st Eucharist Class

*Question: What do you know about our Pope and what do you think his job is in the Church?*

“Last year lots of priests in Rome had to watch a smoke stack to see if their friend was going to get an important job. Finally, one guy saw the black smoke and found out he was hired. He’s in charge of everyone in all the churches across the world, including this church.”

“The Pope is our King, just like Jesus was the King of the Jews. He makes sure that his people live like God wants them to live. Second-graders can do this by sharing their smiles and picking up trash on the streets when they see it! Oh, and he has a special car that keeps him safe but he doesn’t let kids ride in it.”



### 4th Grade Class

*Questions:*

*The most important job of the Pope is to...*

- Lead all Catholics
- He helps people follow the footsteps of God
- He helps needy people. People depend on him
- He leads all the Catholic church

*Pope Francis is a good Pope because...*

- He helps make hard decisions
- He does not need fancy things to be happy
- He helps Catholic church make hard decisions
- He is kind, sweet and humble. He is not self-centered

*If I were to meet the Pope, I would ask him...*

- Would you rather turn into a duck or a cow?
- If you were not the Pope, what would you do?
- How is being the Pope different from being a regular person?
- Why do you change traditions?

### 5th Grade Class

*Questions:*

*What is the most important job of the Pope ?*

- To keep the world safe
- To be a leader of Catholics
- Help the sick and disabled
- Bring converts to the Catholic Church
- Feed the hungry
- Pope is the direct line to God

*Pope Francis is a good Pope, because?*

- He pays his own hotel bills
- Open to new ways to change the Catholic Church
- Helps the poor and disabled
- He preaches love and acceptance to all people

*What question would you ask the Pope?*

- What’s it like being Pope?
- How do you feel about all the protection?
- Is being the Pope what you wanted to do?
- What is your favorite thing you have done as Pope?
- What was your dream job before becoming a priest?
- What do you do for fun, or in your free time?

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## Bone Marrow Matchmaker

More than five years ago, football coach Joe Trainer established an annual bone marrow drive at the University of Rhode Island. Though no longer coaching there, he did not hesitate to share his enthusiasm and knowledge on the subject of bone marrow donation. Even over the phone from Villanova, PA, his passion for this program could not just be heard, it could be felt! He is brimming with information on this potential cure for diseases such as leukemia and lymphoma. His football drives at URI resulted in more than 1100 new names on the registry and 10 exact matches, which is remarkable. Coach Trainer is quick to divert attention and give credit to others, but clearly his efforts deserve praise. It is difficult to find an exact match, since ancestry plays a big part along with other more complicated factors.

Joe said the goal for the football team is to sign on 250-300 names to the registry each year. It is a coordinated effort with Be The Match and the RI Blood Center. Once you are registered, you are in the system for life unless you remove your name. For this reason, every year they need to recruit all new people. It starts with some basic information and a “cheek swab.” Later, the person may be contacted if there is potential for a match. At that point, a series of tests are done to see if the donor is a good match for the patient.

Joe mentioned a couple of his players who were exact matches. They went on to donate and change the lives of total strangers. Initially, the donation is anonymous. After a year, if both parties agree to meet arrangements are made. Football

player Matt Greenhalgh was able to meet the recipient of his bone marrow donation. It was quite a moving experience.

More recently, a donation was made by a volleyball player who attends Mass at Christ the King. Her name is Caroline Casey. Much to her surprise, she was contacted a couple of months after she had added her name to the registry. It was a busy time during her pre-season in early September when she received the call. Told she was a potential match, she agreed to move forward with further tests. Results showed she was, in fact, an exact match! Caroline had to sacrifice time away from her studies and her sport in order to make this happen. Doctors’ appointments, tests and the necessary shots all took time and energy. She, like Coach Trainer, is quick to credit others...most of all Coach Trainer. She said he contacted her and was extremely supportive in many ways. A month after her donation she was given an update – so far so good. Naturally she is hoping for a successful outcome and a future meeting with her marrow recipient.



Caroline Casey

In the world of college athletics, where winning games always seems to be the main focus, it is refreshing and inspiring to have people like Joe Trainer and Caroline Casey. They are talented, skilled and driven individuals who work so hard at their sport, yet they know what is really important.

In the spring the football team plans to hold its annual drive. You don’t have to wait until then to register – for more information call the Rhode Island Blood Center at 453-8360.

— Diane Mihailides

## Be the Match



If you had the chance to save someone’s life, would you do it? If you saw someone having a heart attack would you call 911? If you saw a child alone and crying would you stop to help? If your child/spouse/sibling/parent were in need of a bone marrow transplant to save their life, would you want someone to help?

Every four minutes someone is diagnosed with a blood cancer and every year 12,000 patients search the Be The Match marrow donor registry in hopes of finding the matching donor who will save their life. Right now, only five out of every 10 searching patients is having the transplant they so desperately need. We can do something to change that – we can add more donors to the registry!

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## *Be the Match...*

Joining is simple and takes only about 10 minutes of your time. A consent form is filled out and a cheek swab sample is then given from the inside of the mouth. If the donor has health insurance, their insurance information is taken at the time of registration. RI, MA, CT & NH have all passed state legislation requiring health insurance companies in those states to cover the cost of the DNA typing that must be done to add donors to the registry. If a donor has insurance from a different state or does not have insurance, sponsor Michael's Fund of Fall River covers the cost. From the cheek swab samples, a lab performs DNA typing and the typing is posted on the registry. The donor is contacted if they ever look like a potential match for a patient in need.

If a donor looks like a potential match for a patient, a blood sample is taken and a series of health history questions are asked. The blood sample is then sent to the hospital where the patient is receiving their treatment. Further typing is done and it is determined whether or not the donor is the best match for the patient.

Most donors donate peripheral blood stem cells. This is a non-surgical, out-patient procedure. For five days, the donor receives a daily injection of a drug that increases the number of blood stem cells in the blood stream. On the fifth day, the

donor's blood is removed through a needle in one arm and passed through a machine that separates out the blood stem cells. The remaining blood is returned to the donor in the other arm. About 25 percent of the time donors donate through a surgical procedure, which is usually an out-patient procedure. The donor is under anesthesia and the doctor uses a needle and syringe to withdraw the blood stem cells from the back of the pelvic bone. This method is typically requested for pediatric patients. Donors have the final say as to which collection method is used.

Since 1991, the Rhode Island Blood Center has been a donor center for the Be The Match registry – recruiting donors and working with them to facilitate their donation if they match a patient. Currently the Blood Center is responsible for more than 94,500 active donors and has arranged more than 548 donations of stem cells that have been taken to transplant hospitals all over the world. With your help we can continue to help save lives!

Please consider registering for the Be The Match bone marrow registry and give the lifesaving gift of blood at the **Christ the King Blood and Marrow Drive Sunday, April 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

— Nicole Pinault



## *Lent and Holy Week Schedule*

*March 24 to 26 – Parish Mission, 7 p.m.*

*April 9 – Parish Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.*

*April 13 – Palm Sunday*

*April 17 – Holy Thursday, 7 p.m.*

*April 18 – Stations of the Cross, Noon & 3 p.m.*

*Good Friday, 7 p.m.*

*April 19 – Easter Vigil, 8 p.m.*

*April 20 – Easter Sunday, 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. & Noon*

## *Finding a Sense of Family and Connection*

Meet Sue Kaemmerlen, a retired nurse practitioner and an active member of the Christ the King parish. She has been a member of the Christ the King community for 33 years, joining the parish in 1977 with her husband.

“Here, at Christ the King, I learned what ‘Eucharist’ is, what it means,” she said softly, sitting on her couch, her golden retriever at her feet. Her warm home is reflective of her friendly nature and love of animals – her dogs, friendly – her birds, chirping from beautiful, ornate cages. She told me she was widowed, having lost her husband some 17 years ago.

“We were married for 20 years. After, I had to learn to create a new sense of family for myself.” She feels her involvement in Christ the King helped her to find this sense of family and connection. She also is an active member of the choir. When I asked how long had she been in the choir, she answered simply, “Since Tom Kendzia has been there.”

“My mom and I were there for Tom’s first Mass,” she said. “She told me I should join the choir. I think I would’ve – eventually – I love to sing. But she nudged me, gently pushed that I join right then. I’ve been in the choir ever since.”

In addition to her love of animals, Sue is an avid weaver, a craft she learned in the early ’80s after a visit to a Colonial Day celebration at Smith’s Castle in North Kingstown. The process fascinated her, spurring her to enroll in the Saundertown Weaving School. Here she honed her new interest into an accomplished skill. She has crafted altar cloths for both the URI Catholic Center and Christ the King. The altar cloth she fashioned for the parish’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary won first place in the New England Weavers Seminar.

When weaving the cloth for the Catholic Center, she insisted Father Matt “invest in the altar cloth.” To that end, under her tutelage, Father Matt wove a section of the white cloth that graces the Catholic Center altar during ordinary time. “He wove a good solid 3-inch section,” she told me with a smile.

Sue is also an avid supporter of bone marrow donation and registry. Her brother was diagnosed with AML, acute myeloid leukemia, this past October. A bone marrow transplant is the

only treatment and potential cure for this type of leukemia. Typically, they look for family matches – most often siblings. Unfortunately, Sue was not a match for her brother – she is his only sibling. Consequently, they’re searching globally for a match for him. Sue is now on the registry as a potential donor for others. This propelled her into a campaign to inform and hopefully inspire others to become donors.

“It’s not like it used to be years ago – it used to be potentially painful for the donor. It isn’t anymore.” Sue explained to me that the way it works now is very similar to donating blood. After a five-day series of shots to stimulate stem cell growth, blood is drawn from one arm, flows through a machine to extract the stem cells and then returns to the body via a needle in the other arm.

“You can be tested by the Rhode Island Blood Center. It’s a simple swab-like test, and they’ll be at Christ the King in April for one of

our parish blood drives. There’s such a shortage, so many without a match. I’m hoping that if people know – are informed that it’s not as invasive anymore – not as painful as it once was – they might consider becoming donors.”

— Ana S. LeGoff



Sue Kaemmerlen

## *Save the Date*

Sunday, April 27 – 8:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, May 1 – 7 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Saturday, May 10 – 7 p.m.

APPRECIATION RECEPTION

## Meet the Connections Team

In the fall of 2013, seven new stewardship groups were created in the parish. One of these groups was the Connections Team. The purpose of the team is to help promote the parish mission and ministry by connecting with families in the parish after a life event or responding to their questions, concerns and suggestions.

Since its creation, the team reviewed the Welcome Package sent to all newly registered families. We made changes to the welcome letter as well as the materials included in the package. The team also sends a personal note to new families offering to answer any of their concerns or questions.

The team has sent approximately 100 personal notes. We received two responses – one was a concern about the availability of 4 p.m. confessions when we have a visiting priest. Working with Fr. Jared, the solution was easy. In the future, Fr. Jared will explain the times for confessions to the visiting priest. The second note was from a family asking for further clarification of the team's mission. The family was contacted and the additional information was provided.

The second accomplishment is a note sent to bereaved families. A personal note and Mass Card are sent to the family of our deceased parishioner at the appropriate time. The note informs the family the parish will be offering a memorial Mass for their loved one. It gives them the date and time of the Mass and encourages them to invite their extended family and friends to celebrate their loved one.

The team's next tasks will be to discuss ways to communicate with newly married couples, parents of children who were recently baptized and the possibility of offering rides to church to any parishioner who cannot drive to church.

Team members include: Cherie Binns, Susan Duff, Mary Freeman, Karen Holland, Sue Kaemmerlen, Jennifer Mar- ran, Paul Rendine, Michelle Saslow, Mary Stewart and Clare Stone.

If you have any suggestions for the Connections team, please contact Mary Stewart at [mstewart65@cox.net](mailto:mstewart65@cox.net) or at 788-6533.

— Mary Stewart

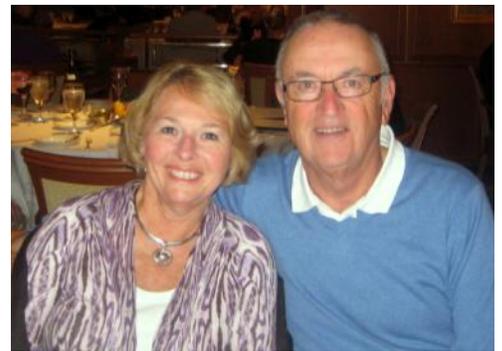
## Meet Two New Parishioners

New parishioners George and Judi Quinlan officially joined Christ the King parish in July 2013. They had been attending Mass at CTK after moving to Exeter about two years ago, but George was finishing a commitment as Trustee at their former parish, and when that ended, he and Judi registered at CTK. George and Judi felt welcome from the outset, and found both the parishioners and the staff pleasant and warm. Members of their condominium community are also parishioners at CTK, so they felt they already knew quite a few people when they started to attend Mass. They enjoy the friendship and fellowship at CTK, and especially enjoy the vibrant liturgy, brought to life each week by our many stewards and our two wonderful priests. The Quinlans both serve as Eucharistic Ministers, which they had done for many years at their previous parish. George is also a member of the Buildings and Grounds Team and the Family Life Committee. George and Judi were both very active at their former parish and plan to continue that tradition at CTK.

The Quinlans are avid motorcycle enthusiasts who have been riding together for nearly 20 years, with George driving and Judi on the back. They often participate in charity rides, fundraising for a children's hospital each year in the Polar Bear ride, and riding to raise funds for other charitable organizations such as the Katie DeCubellis Memorial Foundation,

Gloria Gemma Foundation and the Special Olympics. They participate in other rides throughout the year when opportunities arise.

George and Judi have both been retired for more than 10 years, and enjoy having more time to travel and to spend with their five grandchildren. George also spent 25 years in the Army, serving both on active duty and in the National Guard. In the summer, he is an umpire for girls softball. Judi belongs to a book club and enjoys crafts and knitting. She and George have traveled cross-country several times, as well as abroad to Australia and New Zealand, Europe and the South Pacific, where they took a 31-day cruise to exotic locations such as Fiji and Bora Bora. They are looking forward to many more exciting trips, and to their future years as members of the CTK family.



Judi and George Quinlan

— Elise Hedglen

## *A Haven of Healing and Hope*

**T**wo Christ the King parishioners are volunteers with an organization called Friends Way (Families Reaching Into Each New Day). The group is the only family bereavement center in Rhode Island. Some of its services are provided by professionals, but most are provided by very well trained volunteers. Eight years ago, Margaret Riley and Michelle Saslow learned of the organization and decided to take the training course required of all the volunteers.

The clients of Friends Way are families who have recently suffered the loss of a close family member – a mother or father, husband or wife, child or sibling. They are often referred to the center by a hospital, a school, counseling center, or physician. They meet with the center's director for an intake session. Thereafter, the entire family attends sessions every other week. A session starts when the families, staff and volunteers gather for dinner together. Following dinner they divide into groups – the adults in one group and the children in various groups based on their age and maturity. Each evening the group discussions and activities focus on a particular theme led by one of the volunteers.

Michelle volunteers with a group of children. She recounted a recent evening meeting when the theme was "memories." Following a group discussion of the memories each child had of their lost family member, the children made "memory pillows." They had brought photographs of the deceased family member. Through the aid of computer technology, they were able to transfer the picture to fabric, which was then used to make the pillow. Michelle relates how in subsequent meetings the children told how comforting the pillow was to them. Some reported that they took the pillow to bed with them and that it was great consolation to them.

Margaret works with adult groups. These are usually husbands or wives who have lost a spouse or a child. Margaret is uniquely well qualified to volunteer with this group. She has been twice widowed and also has lost a daughter. She understands all too well the sense of loss that these families experience and the process of grieving they go through. The support

each member of the group gives to the other members is critical to the healing process.

The groups meet every other week and during the intervening weeks the volunteer writes a note to each member of the group to follow up with some aspect of the previous week's discussion or activity. Families remain with the group as long as they need. The process may be longer for those with complicated grief such as might occur when the family death was the result of suicide or murder.

These sessions become a safe haven for the clients. It is often the only place they can talk about their grief because friends, neighbors, work colleagues and other relatives may be reluctant to talk about their recent loss.

The services at Friends Way are offered to families without charge. Support for the center comes entirely through fundraising. The only paid employee is the director; everyone else is a volunteer. Anyone wishing to learn more about the organization or how you can help can go to their web site [www.friendsway.org](http://www.friendsway.org).

Both Michelle and Margaret related how important this service is to them. They both have had tremendous losses in their own families. Both have a history of service in the community and at Christ the King. Both have served on several church committees. But this service to Friends Way takes advantage of their experiences in a unique way.

— Lee DeLucia



**Margaret Riley and Michelle Saslow**



## *A Life's Story Well Told*

“Even with all the blessings which I have received throughout my life there have been tragedies and losses. Only with the amazing grace of God could I have come through them.”

From *Evening Gowns and Dancing Slippers*,  
by Margaret Pilkington Riley

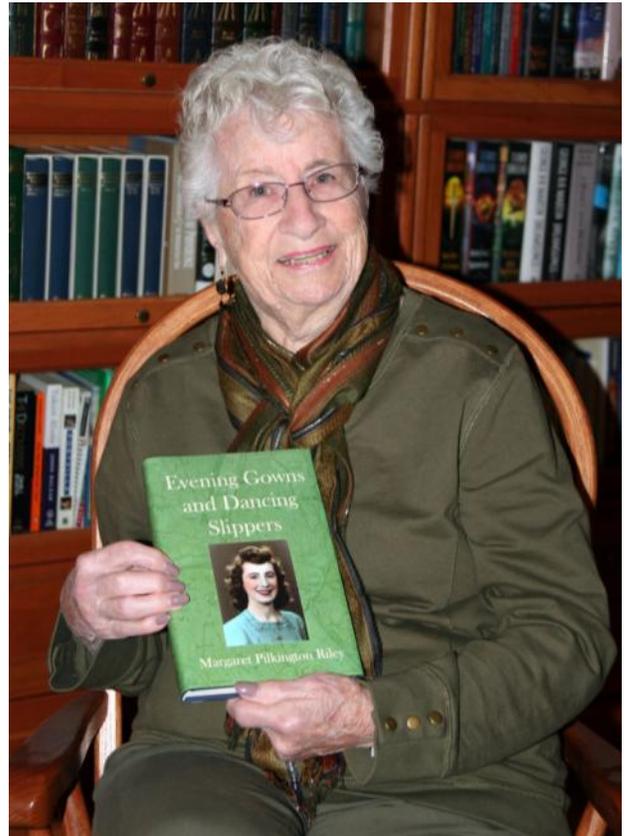
S ometime at Christ the King Parish, you’ve probably encountered Margaret Pilkington Riley. You may have noticed her in the third or fourth pew on the right-hand side of the church, at the 9:15 Sunday Mass, sitting with her daughter, Edna, or daughters Maggie and Mary, along with other family members. Or perhaps it’s been at one of the parish functions, whether a concert, reception, retreat or study group.

She’s the almost 90-year-old who looks like she’s 60, and moves as lightly as a teenager. And now Margaret has written a book about her life, *Evening Gowns and Dancing Slippers*. The title comes from the time of Margaret’s birth, when her father asked the doctor, “Is it a girl or a boy?” and the doctor replied, “Well, Bill, it’s evening gowns and dancing slippers for this baby.”

Margaret started writing the book after her first husband, Tom, died at the age of 51. *Evening Gowns...* starts with a brief story about his funeral, then goes back to the beginning: the day of Margaret’s birth on May 8, 1924. She writes of her childhood, growing up in Providence with her parents, Edna and Bill, two brothers, Billy and John, and a large family that was always nearby.

These wonderful stories tell not only of Margaret’s life, but of a long-ago time when life was much, much different from what we know today. She continued to write, covering events up until Tom’s death, then stopped writing, put the stories in a drawer, and went on with her life.

These stories were not meant to sit in a drawer, however. They needed to be shared with family, friends and others. Through her friend, Michelle DaPonte Saslow, Margaret connected with Michelle’s husband, Bill, who had published several books on his own, under the imprint Dragonfly Press. Bill pulled together Margaret’s stories, then created a section of



**Margaret Pilkington Riley**

photographs that give faces to the names in the text. As an added treat, a selection of Margaret’s favorite recipes closes the book.

Originally, Margaret had 30 copies of the book printed – 20 as a surprise Christmas gift for her children and grandchildren, and an extra 10 for friends. But word spread about the book, and more copies are being printed. In fact, there was a book signing on March 9 with proceeds to benefit Friends Way and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Evening gowns and dancing slippers – surely a beautiful way to describe a life well lived and a story well told. We thank you, Margaret, for sharing this gift with us.

— Mary Carol Kendzia

### *Did You Know...*

Boy Scouts Thomas and Timothy Dziekan received the Ad Altare Dei award at the Scout Mass held on March 2 at the Cathedral of Saints Peter & Paul in Providence.

## Students' Thoughts on the Pope

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### 6th Grade Classes 6A, 6B, 6D

*The most important job of the Pope is to...*

- To lead others
- To protect the traditions of the Church and its doctrines
- Rule the Catholic Church. To keep order. To make sure everything's good. To make good rules.
- Help people and spread the word of God
- To spread peace and to lead the Catholic Church
- He makes sure the church is run properly
- To make the right decisions for the church

*Pope Francis is a good Pope because?*

- He is very humble and he interacts with the public
- He talks to regular people; he rides the bus with regular people; he isn't cocky that he's the Pope
- He is very fond of children and he loves and is open to children
- He rides a motorcycle to save gas
- He loves everybody, no matter what
- He is open to more ideas of how the Catholic Church should be run
- He is very respectful about his opinions and states them in a non-offensive way
- He is a normal guy and is more appealing to people who aren't even Catholic

*What question would you ask the Pope?*

- What is the hardest thing about being a Pope?
- Where have you been in the world?
- What was the journey to becoming a Pope like?
- Why can't women become priests?
- Are you going to resign like the other Pope?
- When you were young, did you dream about being a Pope?
- Do people recognize you when you are out in public?
- What is your favorite part about being Pope?
- What does the inside of your home look like?

### 7th Grade Classes 7B, 7C

*The most important job of the Pope is to...*

- Keeping the community up and to love God and Jesus
- Teach people about the Christian religion
- Pray to God
- Connect to all the Catholics
- Staying true to his faith and never questioning his faith
- To represent Christianity in a good and peaceful way
- To spread the Catholic religion around the world
- To guide people and show them/us what is right

*Pope Francis is a good Pope because...*

- He doesn't want the big fancy jewels; he wants a regular lifestyle like all of his worshippers
- He is down to earth and selfless
- He is a good priest and he doesn't always follow the rules
- He does what he thinks is right
- He doesn't act like he is better than everybody else. He wants people to look at him as just another Catholic / friend.
- Because he is trying to make many good decisions
- He is involved with stuff besides church
- He is extremely kind and is a simple man that will make great decisions

*If I were to meet the Pope, I would ask him...*

- What are you most proud of?
- Why do you choose to take the burden of being a Pope?
- When did you first feel the love of God?
- How do you like doing your job?
- Do you ever find it hard to believe in something you have never seen?
- Why do you do things differently instead of traditional things?
- Do you like being the Pope and being in charge of the holy Catholic Church?
- What is your favorite food?
- How did you become a Catholic and why did you want to become the Pope?
- What is your favorite part of being Pope?

*To everything there is a season  
and a time for every purpose  
under heaven. – Ecclesiastes 3:11*



A TIME TO LOVE –

*NEW PARISHIONERS*

Mrs. Kristin Kupres  
Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Bergner and family  
Mrs. Sue Callori  
Ms. Laura Parente and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Bove and family  
Mrs. Darlene Brown  
Mr. Steven Johnson  
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Aitkenhead and family  
Mrs. Cecile Corsetti  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bessette  
Mr. Anthony Napoli/Ms. Macall Robertson and family  
Mr. and Mrs. George Mihailides  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lombardo  
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ramos and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fuimarello

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Mr. and Mrs. William Poole  
Mr. and Mrs. William Connerton and family  
Mrs. Paula Rampone  
Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Seabury  
Ms. Meaghan Shaffer  
Ms. Monica Anderson and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Daigle and family  
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Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Clark and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Catalozzi  
Ms. Cheryl Brennan  
Mr. Anthony Vitone/Ms. Heather Crowe  
Mr. and Mrs. David McCann and family

A TIME TO BE BORN –

*BAPTISMS*

Henry Hirsch and Theodore Jay Kim,  
sons of Bum and Jennifer Kim  
  
Liam Therrien McCarthy,  
son of Wayne McCarthy and Megan Therrien  
  
Roman Michael Harrison Jordan,  
son of Laura Parente



A TIME TO DIE – *DEATHS*

Doris Bodnar     Robert Arrigan     David Smith  
Robert Haas     William Silvia     Seth Bowerman

# Mustard Seed

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## *In Gratitude for Faithful Service*

In honor of retired Pastoral Associate Nancy Drennan's many years of service to the people of Christ the King parish, a new ambry, with new vessels for the holy oils, was installed in February. The parish decided that the ambry, given Nancy's longtime work with liturgy and the sacraments, especially as co-director of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process, would be a fitting and lasting way to remember and appreciate her service.

