

# Mustard Seed

NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST THE KING PARISH

MARCH 2016

*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*

## Becoming 'a little poorer'



Pictured above, from left, are Marife Malvar, Sister Clara, Waheed Shekoni, Father Gildardo Suarez, Sister Angela and Luz Lopez of Assumption Parish in Providence.

**T**hrough our relationship with Assumption parish in Providence, Christ the King parish reflects that it has heard and responded to the cry of poverty noted by Pope Francis in a June 7 Vatican press release:

*"Poverty in the world is a scandal. In a world where there is so much wealth, so many resources to feed everyone, it is unfathomable that there are so many hungry children, that there are so many children without an education, so many poor persons. Poverty today is a cry. We all have to think if we can become a little poorer, all of us have to do this. How can I become a little poorer in order to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher?"*

Acting on the call of Pope Francis even before it was published, we at Christ the King have become "a little poorer." In the past ten years, the parish has given more than \$1 million to try to reduce the scandal of poverty. However, as a Stewardship Parish, it is not just treasure, as important as that is, that has been shared. Time and talent are also a large part of stewardship at Christ the King, and uncounted hours are spent each year as parishioners work in a variety of ministries and use their many talents to get essential jobs done.

Stewardship at this parish has involved a special relationship with the parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Providence. Since 1991, that parish, located at 791 Potters Avenue, has been the sister parish to Christ the King, and our relationship with our brothers and sisters there is reflected in the activities at Christ the King throughout the year.

### Weekly food collection

Each week, there is a food collection. (For anyone who might be new to the parish and unaware of this ongoing drive, non-perishable foods can be dropped in the collection box placed at the side door of the church.) On Mondays, a group of volunteers load up a car, (or hopefully cars), and the food is brought to Assumption's food pantry for distribution. And this food that makes its way from Christ the King to Potters Avenue is vital! Every year, more than 20,000 people from the Greater Providence area rely on that pantry to meet their very basic need for food. While drivers are key to getting the food to the location that serves those who need it, other parishioners from Christ the King also give of their time to this food ministry helping to sort the food, fill grocery bags and boxes, and dispense the food.

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## Poorer...

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### Annual concert

Anyone who has heard the music at Christ the King cannot escape the tremendous talent in our choir. However, the time and talent of this amazing group, under the direction of Tom Kendzia and assisted by Kelly Caton, are not only spent for our parish. Each year, in celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, the choir gives countless hours preparing for our annual concert. This concert, which traditionally features a wonderful visiting artist, benefits our sister parish since all proceeds, after expenses, are sent to Assumption. When the annual concert rolls around, we need to remember to support it. The night is not only about entertainment – it is also about being able to share in Assumption's work of meeting the basic needs of members of our human family. Christ the King takes its commitment to stewardship very seriously as evidenced by the fact that, in the last five years, our parish has given more than \$100,000 to Assumption parish. And this money, in the true spirit of giving, is always shared with no strings attached.

### Giving Tree project

This year, four hundred Christmas gifts were purchased, wrapped and delivered to the children of Assumption parish. No, not by Santa, but by the good folks of Christ the King. That was what happened as a result of the first round of the Giving Tree project. While adults were certainly involved in this project, the stewardship included our older youth group who shared not only their time but their talent. The magic of Christmas presents for children is partly found in the wrapping, and our youth did themselves proud making about four hundred gifts very special, indeed, by wrapping each one. But

they did not stop there. Survival kits with essential personal hygiene items, which were collected and packed by our young parishioners, were also given to our sister parish.

### Ongoing stewardship

However, stewardship should never be static. During our annual Stewardship Weekend, we are all encouraged, every year, to question if our stewardship can go deeper. Can we do more? But that question and its answer do not have to wait for one weekend in September. Right now, there are needs at Assumption that we can help answer.

The food collected at Christ the King each weekend is essential for helping Assumption to feed the more than four hundred people who come to the food pantry each week. During Lent, there will be a special emphasis on sharing food with our hungry brothers and sisters. Perhaps, as a result of our increased awareness, we can fill two or three or four or more cars with food for the trip to Providence. And, hopefully, that bounty can continue far beyond the season of Lent.

At our next Stewardship Weekend, when we are considering how we will be giving of our time, talent and treasure, maybe the weekly trip north up the highway to deliver food to the food pantry will come to mind. Or maybe we'll decide to help pack or distribute food. Perhaps some of us will hear and answer a call to share in these ministries.

The needs at Assumption parish are many. The generosity of Christ the King is legendary. Our sister parish relationship with Assumption allows us *"to become a little poorer ... to be more like Jesus, who was the poor Teacher."* We are called to do no less.

— Mary Barszcz

## Did You Know...

- ◆ Bethany Nunnery has accepted an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. She is a North Kingstown High School senior and will continue her track and cross country career at West Point. She is a four time RI high school All State track and cross country honoree.
- ◆ Wickford Middle school student Audrey Martone was honored last month as a recipient of the monthly North Kingstown Rotary Club Teacher/Student Awards for her "extraordinary service to the school."
- ◆ Sheila Frank was awarded first place in the ProJo photo contest. Sheila works in the office at Forest Park Elementary school.

## CTK prayer chain

In the spring of 2013 my brother, Kevin, was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. The family all rallied around Kevin to get the best care and treatment possible.

Since my sister-in-law and their children were doing so well with his care, I wondered just what I could do beyond praying on my own and offering to help when they needed me.

Many friends told me they were praying for him and placed his name on their parish prayer chains. I started to ask around about a prayer chain at Christ the King, and no one had heard about one.

When I asked Fr. Jared he told me he would talk to Jen Marran and as they say, “The rest is history.” The notice was placed in the parish bulletin in October 2013 and we had more than thirty parishioners sign on to be intercessors or



pray-ers and more than eighty prayer requests.

Presently there are fifty-five intercessors and many prayer requests

(an average of one or two a day). Names are added as soon as they are received and remain on the list for one month, with extensions on request.

If you have made prayer requests and would like to have the person remain on the list – or if you have a new request – please email me at [sheilag59@gmail.com](mailto:sheilag59@gmail.com). Likewise, if the people you requested for prayers are doing well please let us know.

Sadly, Kevin died in April 2015 but I know – and he knew – that his time was made more peaceful when we realized how many prayers were being said for him.

— Sheila Greene

## Parishioner profile: Mike Ryan

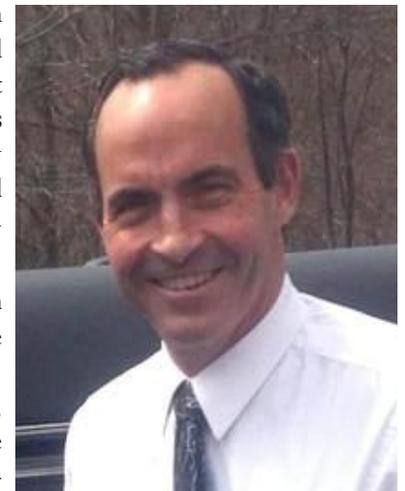
Ask a child what he wants to be when he grows up and you’ll probably get the usual answer: fireman, doctor, professional hockey player, etc. But has any child ever had mortician on his list? Well, parishioner Mike Ryan didn’t have it on his childhood list either, but that is what he is today. Ryan says all through college he had no idea what career he wanted to pursue, so after getting a degree in sociology, he tried a number of different jobs and finally ended up in the funeral business. One doesn’t have to talk to him about his work for very long to conclude that he really likes what he does and is proud of how he does it.

As Ryan puts it, the bereavement journey starts with a single step and it is the funeral director’s job to help the bereaved through that first step. He finds his job especially rewarding when the deceased is from the parish.

Someone once approached him after a funeral and said how comforting it was that the person taking care of the family was someone known to them and who shared parish life with them. He felt proud to be of service. But his highest compliment came indirectly from a chaplain at the Catholic Center. The priest called to say that a woman had come to the Center, inconsolable over the loss of her nephew, a URI student. She also said she didn’t know how to help her sister, the young man’s

mother. The chaplain called to say he needed help in dealing with that family. Ryan said it was very gratifying to know that his name came up and he was called upon to assist.

The Ryans have been parishioners at Christ the King for almost 15 years. Mike and his wife, Jane, moved to the area when he joined Avery-Storti Funeral Home in Wakefield in 2001. They decided to give Christ the King a try because Mike already knew Fr. Creedon. After only one Sunday, the Ryans decided this was where they belonged. They are active in the parish and their son, Sean, a seventh-grader at Msgr. Clarke School, is an altar server. Parishioners like Mike Ryan enhance the parish experience for all of us, and for that we are grateful.



**Mike Ryan**

— Lucy Mueller

## The other side of a funeral

**I**t is a familiar sight. The doors to the church open. There is a casket, mourners, a congregation that rises to show respect for both the deceased and the bereaved. What usually follows is a Mass of Christian Burial, where everything proceeds like clockwork. But just how does this happen?

It begins when the family of the deceased meets with a funeral director and say they would like a funeral at Christ the King. Parishioner Mike Ryan, an associate with Avery-Storti Funeral Home, fills us in with what follows. The funeral home confirms the requested date and time with the church and informs the family that Pastoral Associate Jen Marran will be calling them. Those who are not such active parishioners are sometimes startled, wondering what this call could be about. More active parishioners already know: the family is invited to choose the readings, the music, the lectors, the gift-bearers, and the Eucharistic Ministers.

When asked how he feels Christ the King does as a parish in terms of supporting the bereaved, Ryan says he thinks the response is excellent, from the pastor on down. Ryan notes there are people who seem to have had little connection to our church who request a funeral service here, and that request is honored. For those who have been active in ministries or committees, Ryan says he always sees a big turnout of fellow parishioners.

To support the music at the Mass, there is a funeral choir. Regular choir members are always invited to sing, but more than

a half dozen other parishioners have made singing at funerals part of their stewardship. Bob Cummiskey comments: "The experience of singing at a funeral allows me to reflect on God's plan for all of us – our transition to His presence. If my voice provides the family with some relief, I'm thankful for that."

Jim Duff, a Eucharistic Minister, often serves at funerals. He says whenever there was a death in his family, he appreciated what others did for him. Duff feels, as the saying goes, that he is paying it forward. And all attendees are greeted at the door by someone Kay McDougall of the Hospitality Committee has called. Like the choir, some of these individuals are not regular greeters, but make themselves available for funerals.

The Bereavement Committee organizes and provides the food for a reception after the service. When Linda King gets the word, she sends an email blast to the 75 members on the committee noting what food items are needed. Those who can help respond with what they will bring, while others offer to help serve. Her family teases her she is working her way to heaven "one casserole at a time."

All who help out with funerals at Christ the King are carrying out that corporal work of mercy, "Bury the dead." And maybe, without realizing it, they are also working their way to heaven "one funeral at a time."

— Lucy Mueller



## Did You Know...

- ◆ Kris Souza was honored by the South Kingstown School Superintendent with the "I Make A Difference Award" in January. A teachers assistant at South Kingstown Inclusionary Preschool, she was cited for her wonderful rapport with the children, staff and families, taking the time to get to know each child and their interests and going above and beyond for her students and the children at SKIP.
- ◆ Cristian Rodriguez-Gervais of Boy Scout Troop 138 West Kingston presented a check for \$1,500 to the Jonnycake Center of Peace Dale. His project involved building shelves at the food pantry, organizing a food drive and raising cash donations to help the center.
- ◆ Kate Rocchio, a second grade Religious Formation student, was a cast member in the play "It's a Wonderful Life" at Ocean State Theatre Company in December.

## Couple find many areas of service in CTK ministries

**B**etty and Bob Parillo have known each other since they were teenagers. These long-time sweethearts were married at St. Bridgid's Church in Johnston in 1959. Betty, an only child, was educated in Providence and graduated from Classical High School and Rhode Island College of Education. She received her Master's degree in reading from Rhode Island College and taught in the Cranston Elementary School System for twenty-six years.

Bob was born in Providence, received his education in the Cranston School System, and immediately upon graduating from Cranston High School entered the United States Marine Corps where he served for eight years during the Korean War. Upon discharge from the Marine Corps, Bob began his career with the Cranston Fire Department where he served for thirty-five years and retired as a Lieutenant.

Their marriage was blessed with two lovely daughters. Patricia and Nancy, both of whom have been active members of Christ the King Parish since the family became members in 1985. Patricia served as a Eucharistic Minister while attending the University of Rhode Island and Nancy is at present a member of the choir and a Eucharistic Minister. Both daughters were married here as well.

Betty and Bob have offered many services to our parish community including being chairpersons of the Catholic Charity Fund for nine years. When they began this stewardship the process involved house to house in person calls. Given the wide area covered by Christ the King, it was a monumental undertaking. Both have been Eucharistic Ministers. and Betty has been responsible for coordinating the weekly schedule and laundering the purificators, a task that her mother did in St. Bridgid's Parish. She also assists with the Bereavement Committee, and Bob has been a Stephen Minister for some time.

For more than ten years Bob has been making wooden crosses for the First Communion classes, and he has always



**Betty and Bob Parrillo**

been available for a variety of repair projects within the parish.

Attending Mass each Sunday was difficult because of Bob's demanding hours with the fire department until they learned of the 8 p.m. Mass at Christ the King. When Betty and Bob moved to South County, they immediately joined the parish because they had grown to love this liturgy. They see our community as a second home filled with people of strong faith who exude feelings of love, compassion and understanding of others' journeys and who are always there for one another in times of distress or need. Several years ago, their daughter, Patricia, died and the outpouring of love and support helped them to deal with this terrible loss. Their faith is strong and they have accepted Patricia's death

by thinking of it as Bob said: "Imagine being given a precious stone which you care for and love for years and one day the giver asks for the stone's return. How could you possibly have refused such a request?"

During the past several years, both Bob and Betty have suffered from painful and life threatening illnesses. They are ever grateful for the understanding, support and love they received from their family here at Christ the King. This is truly their second home.

— Margaret Riley

### FATHER FLOOD



## The Works of Mercy on the Road of the Jubilee

*“God’s mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn.”*

— Pope Francis,  
Message for Lent 2016

### Spiritual Works of Mercy

Counseling the Doubtful  
Instructing the Ignorant  
Admonishing the Sinner  
Comforting the Sorrowful  
Forgiving Injuries  
Bearing Wrongs Patiently  
Praying for the Living and the Dead

### Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the Hungry  
Give Drink to the Thirsty  
Shelter the Homeless  
Visit the Sick  
Visit the Prisoners  
Bury the Dead  
Give Alms to the Poor

## Returning to CTK feels like ‘coming home’



**David and Dolores Splaine**

**D**ave and Dolores Splaine have returned to Christ the King Church after a brief hiatus, which took them to Vermont for about a year. They had been members at CTK for about fourteen years when they decided to retire to a condo in Vermont. However, they found they were returning to Rhode Island frequently for family events such as first communions, school recitals, sporting events and birthdays. They even returned for appointments with their long-time dentists and doctors. Eventually, they decided to return to Rhode Island but kept the condo in Vermont for vacation get-a-ways. They presently live at Briarwood Meadows in Warwick.

They have lived in several Rhode Island towns over the years but Christ the King has been their parish for most of those years. In 1969 they were living in the Buttonwoods section of Warwick. They knew Fr. Joe Creedon who was then the Catholic Chaplain assigned to La Salle Academy in Providence half time and to Saints Rose and Clement parish in Warwick for the other half of his assignment. Dave reminisces that the parishioners at St. Clement fondly referred to him as their “half priest.” In later years, they lived in North Kingstown and East Greenwich. When looking for a parish to call “home,” they turned to their old friend, Fr. Creedon, for advice. He suggested that they check out Christ the King, the parish he was then assigned to. They had previously visited some other churches in the area but did not feel any had met the spiritual needs of their family. But they made an immediate connection with Christ the King and it became “their parish.”

Dave has been a lector at CTK for a number of years. He says he has enjoyed the opportunity to be a lector and feels a strong bond with his fellow lectors. He says they are always there to help out on those occasions when he needs a replacement. Dolores was chairman of the Hospitality ministry before their move to Vermont. She was also a Eucharistic Minister and was a member of the Liturgy Committee.

Dolores has been in the real estate business for a number of years, and Dave has worked in the petroleum business for his entire career. He worked initially for Tidewater Oil, which eventually became Getty. Then he was with DeBlois Oil in Pawtucket for 25 years. He continues to work intermittently as a consultant in the petroleum industry.

Dave and Dolores have three adult children. Their son, David, is married and has three children and two grandchildren. He is in the real estate business and lives in East Greenwich. Daughter Cathy, also in the real estate business, and her attorney husband have two daughters and live in Bristol. Their other daughter, Maureen, lives in Exeter.

Dave and Dolores feel that their return to Christ the King is like coming home.

— Lee DeLucia

## Team teaching a CCD class is rewarding

**E**rin and Jake Conley are a mother and son team who teach religious education to a fifth grade class at Christ the King. Erin had volunteered as an assistant teacher a couple of years ago, then became a substitute teacher last year. This year, with Jake starting his freshman year at The Prout School and needing service hours, they decided to tackle a class together.

Jake told me that his mother puts together the lesson plans, and then they discuss what they're going to teach. Jake is easily able to get a grasp of the material and then think of ways to relate it to his students. He attributes this to his religion class at Prout, and the many times during the day when he is exposed to prayer. With six months of Catholic school, and of course his own years of religious education, he has no trouble understanding the material and sharing it with these fifth-graders.

Jake is busy with his studies and wrestling, competing as an individual for Prout, which has no organized wrestling program. He was happy to learn that he could compete with his former teammates from Curtis Corner Middle School in Peace Dale. He looks forward to outdoor track and field in the spring, and trying out for soccer in the fall. Additionally, Jake is a Boy Scout working toward becoming an Eagle Scout. With all of his extracurricular activities, he says he has no trouble finding time to serve the parish community.

Similarly, Erin works full-time in the medical sales field, yet feels it is important to help out where she can. In addition to teaching religious education, Erin is one of the administrators of the CTK Facebook page, keeping us all informed of the "goings-on" at Christ the King.



**Jake and Erin Conley**

Erin told me how much she enjoys the fifth grade age group because they're still young, but yet old enough to have their own opinions. Both she and Jake related a funny story to me about their niece/cousin who is one of their students. They were discussing the Last Supper and were showing the students a picture of Jesus and his disciples sitting around a table. The students were asked to draw their own picture and express what they felt was happening at that moment. Their niece/cousin drew the scene and the words "pass the salt, pass the butter." Funny as they found it, Jake told me that although those exact words weren't spoken, it's possible that something like that may actually have been said. He reminded me that Jesus was human, just as we are, so it could have

happened in a similar way.

Jake told me that initially he agreed to teach in order to get his service hours for religion class, but now "It's more than that." He went on to say, "Helping makes me happy, and I want to be there." Jake and Erin seem like a great team and there is a fifth grade class that is very lucky to have them.

— Karen Pinch



### Save the Date

**March 19**  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE  
WORKSHOP 1-4 P.M.

**April 3**  
10:30 a.m.  
OPEN PARISH  
COUNCIL MEETING

**April 10**  
8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
BLOOD DRIVE

**April 17**  
8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
MISSION TRIP  
BREAKFAST

**April 24**  
1 to 3 p.m.  
EARTH DAY

**May 19**  
7 p.m.  
CONFIRMATION

## Family inspires people to live their best lives and to help others

Every now and then you meet someone with that special “something” you can’t quite put your finger on. Long after you’ve said goodbye they pop into your thoughts and make you smile. My encounter with nine-year-old Sam Rudman was like that. This is a boy who is loved and cherished by his family. He is embraced and supported by the CTK community. He has quite a charming personality and is happy to meet new people.

Sam received his First Holy Communion in May. Initially, his mother, Ann Rudman, was unsure whether they would participate in preparing for this sacrament. She was concerned because Sam is a bit delayed. He was born with Down Syndrome. With the urging of friend Mary Beth Nunnery, Sam’s godmother, they would take part in the CCD classes and all that goes along with the program. No question about it. Mary Beth was so positive, Ann wondered why she ever felt hesitant. Many others were very helpful. Georgann Lardaro, in particular, was particularly helpful according to Ann. Father Jared also agreed Sam should and would receive First Communion. With that, any doubts were left behind.

Sam has quite a family. Ann is mother of four boys and stepmother to her husband’s son and daughter. They were all at Mass for Sam’s First Communion. Of course, an important day calls for pulling out all the stops. Sam wore a dress suit complete with a bowtie! He received his First Communion from Fr. Matt at a beautiful Mass – a great day for all.

Sam has continued with the CCD program and often attends 9:15 Mass before class. He prefers sitting in the balcony. Ann says he has his rituals – he routinely shakes hands with Fr. Jared or Fr. Joe after Mass. Before exiting he likes to stand in front of the statue of Mary.

A little more about that large and loving family ... Sam is Ann’s fourth son. She and her husband were not aware during pregnancy or heading into delivery that their baby had Down Syndrome. This news is met with sorrow and despair by some parents. Not for Ann. Somehow she never let sadness enter her mind. Instead she felt blessed. Her husband, too, accepted the news with a loving and open mind. They sat down with all their children and explained Sam’s unique situation. Together they help Sam live life to the fullest. Not that it’s easy – physical and occupational therapy sessions have been a regular part of Sam’s life since infancy. Also, one on one help is often needed at school. Cognitive delays require more time and patience with this condition.

The Rudman family is a great example of having a positive attitude, relying on faith and surrounding themselves with upbeat people. There is no shortage of syndromes, conditions and disabilities that families cope with. For these reasons and more we

will have our share of struggles. Even with that reality, this family inspires us to live our best life possible and help our loved ones do so, too.

— Diane Mihailides



**Sam Rudman**

## Belonging to CTK has made her faith 'stronger than ever'



**Elaine Rial**

Academy. "My Dad wanted me to go to a Catholic school, so I worked in a supermarket to help pay my tuition."

After graduating, taking a job at General Electric and meeting her future husband, John, Elaine married in 1957 back at St. Michael's. After having two daughters, the Rials moved to Warwick and joined St. Rose of Lima parish. While there, her son was born and all their children attended the parish school, following in their mother's footsteps. Another move took place to North Kingstown, where the family joined the Saint

**I**t has always interested me as to how people find their way to Christ the King. Elaine Rial's faith journey began in South Providence as one of four children, first at St. Michael's parish where she attended the first grade in the parish school. Needing to move from this location after her grandmother joined the household, Elaine and her family moved into St. Edward's parish where she attended its school before going on to St. Xavier

Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Community, after all children graduated from college. A final move to Saunderson, with the children married and downsizing in the works, took place to the delight of her husband, a native of Iowa. It was here that the Rials became members of Christ the King. Fr. John Soares, the son of her husband's co-worker, was the URI chaplain at that time.

Shortly after joining the parish, her husband became ill with ALS, leading Elaine to become his full-time caregiver. Her taking John to church in a wheelchair until it no longer became feasible led to weekly visits from our former deacon, the late Richard Keough, who brought him communion.

With John's passing, Elaine made contact with the Bereavement Committee and arranged for a reception after his funeral. "It was such a blessing for all of us. I was so thankful for what they did." Elaine is a member of this committee, knowing first-hand how it helps the families during a difficult time.

She has been blessed, as a grandmother of nine, and a great-grandmother of one, saying "They are the joys of my life." Visiting friends in nursing homes is part of her daily routine, as well as appreciating all that Christ the King is. "We have great priests, wonderful people and outstanding music ... it has made my faith stronger than ever."

— Mary-Lou Morissette

**A**ll of us are familiar with DC Comics super heroes Superman and Batman and, if you have kids who watch "The Simpsons" you might even know who Duff Man is.

Now meet the best one of all ... Doug Man! Doug Man is our custodian, Doug Paquin. And, if you have ever read the job description for his custodial job you'll know why he rates right up there with the fictional super heroes.

This is what the job description contains for the custodial position that Doug filled: 14 minimum qualifications, 32 essential job functions, 3 snow removal functions, 11 safety and security functions, work both inside and outside, and finally this closing note: "The above job description reflects the general requirements necessary to describe the principal functions or responsibilities of the job identified and shall not be interpreted



**Doug Paquin**

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**Meet  
Doug  
Man!**

## Doug Paquin...

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as a detailed description of all work requirements that may be inherent in the job, either at present or in the future.”

Doug was not intimidated by this scary job description that he found posted on Craigslist because “I knew I could do it.” He knew he could do it largely because of his previous custodial work experience here in Rhode Island and in his position in facilities management at the University of Kentucky. The hardest part of his job might be hanging the two big wreaths high above the altar every Christmas season. When you’re high up on an extension ladder and look down, it can be a little scary. Doug shared a secret about these wreaths: Did you know that the wreaths are each two semi-circular pieces that Doug bolts together to form the whole wreath? When they come down, he unbolts them and puts the pieces away in a

storage closet in the balcony until next year. Who knew?

Doug is not a big sports fan because he does not have the time. Instead, he balances his busy work day by relaxing at home in Newport with his wife, Jennifer, his children, three pet cats, and some video gaming. He also likes to cook. He attended Rogers High School in Newport and the Newport Area Career Tech Center, a shared time vocational school, and was thinking about becoming a chef at one time.

So, what’s with all of those tattoos? Another simple answer: They all have a special meaning to Doug, and he likes them. “Times have changed, and people are more accepting of them these days.” Lucky for us, the parish hired him because he was the best qualified applicant to fill the position.

Doug is an interesting and friendly guy. The next time you see that tattooed, hard working guy around the church, say hello, and watch him smile.

— Jack Kelly

## Parish Activities



Clockwise, from above left, members of the Social Action Committee hang tags with gift suggestions on The Giving Tree. Seventh-graders sit with some of the blankets they made for the Make a Difference project. Seventh-graders sort items to be placed into Survival Stockings for Crossroads in Providence and the WARM Shelter in Westerly.



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



## A TIME TO LOVE –

### *NEW PARISHIONERS*

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Russell  
Ms. Crystal Fonseca and family  
Ms. Maiki Holybakk and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Crimmins  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael D'Ambra  
and family

Ms. Kathleen Halavik  
Mr. and Mrs. John Leighton and family  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph MacDonald  
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Ricci  
Ms. Alexis Greenan  
Ms. Alix Cavas and family

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Coulombe  
Mrs. Irene Brigada  
Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ferrigno  
Ms. Colleen Carreiro  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Cummings  
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pesta

## A TIME TO BE BORN –

### *BAPTISMS*

Joseph John, son of Joseph and Linda Geisser  
Makayla Marie, daughter of James and Deborah Thayer  
Elliot Marc, son of Eric and Jessica Gosselin  
Camilla Anne, daughter of Andreas and Kathryn Mustad  
Michael James, son of Mark and Erika Iafate  
Angelina Paula, daughter of John and Valerie Trainor  
Rylie Marie, daughter of Daniel and Candace Horan  
Logan Joseph, son of Robert and Lindsey Nottage

Owen Daniel, son of Michael and Sarah Fanning  
Kendall Leigh and Kadence Marie, daughters of Stephen  
and Shannon Champagne  
Skyler Marie and Mariah Marie, daughters of Alfred  
and Valerie Speredelozzi  
Emelia Marie, daughter of Robert and Bethany Weygand  
Nolan Mackenzie, son of Nicholas and Mary Smith  
Amira Faith, daughter of Brien and Cynthia Morisette

## A TIME TO DIE –

### *DEATHS*

John Dwyer  
Lawence McMurrer  
Andrew Dowd



Catherine Moretti  
Mary Maddock  
David Hall

Nicholas Barrett  
Donald Pellegrino  
Margaret Lewis

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## *Lent and Holy Week Schedule*

*March 16 – Lenten Reconciliation Service (tba)*

*March 18 – Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m.*

*March 20 – Palm Sunday*

*March 24 – Holy Thursday – 7 p.m.*

*March 25 – Lord's Passion – 7 p.m.*

*March 26 – Easter Vigil – 8 p.m.*

*March 27 – Easter Sunday – 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. & Noon*

