

Mustard Seed

NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST THE KING PARISH

MARCH 2017

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

Clothes To Kids RI

Eva Mancuso of East Greenwich and Marianne Baldwin of Boston have been best friends since they were in law school. Now that their children are grown, they want to give back for all the blessings they have been given. So, while on a vacation together, they talked about what they could do for other children to make their lives better. When Marianne lived in Denver, Colorado, she was moved by a shop that offered school-aged children a shopping experience, free of charge. They learned that Clothes To Kids was started more than 15 years ago in Florida, so they took to the airways and began investigating. With help from prominent businessman Joseph Paolino they were able to rent a store on Reservoir Avenue in Providence and set up Clothes To Kids RI, Inc. a non-profit organization. While they currently reach children only in Providence County, their long term plan is to reach all eligible children in Rhode Island.

Clothes To Kids RI opened its doors on August 2, 2016, and as of this writing has given away *free of charge* 1,400 complete wardrobes to kids from ages 5 to 19. Each child has received five shirts, four pants or shorts, a pair of shoes, a winter coat, five pairs of new underwear and five pairs of new socks. The organization is also proud to offer each shopper "extras" such as pajamas, belts, hats, gloves and other types of accessories.

The store is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesdays from 2 to 6 p.m. and one Saturday a month (March 25), all by appointment. There are more than 45,000 children in Providence County who receive free or reduced lunch, which is the only criteria for an appointment. In addition, there are more than 38 active social service partners including churches and religious organizations that recommend children for the program.



Photo: Beacon Communications

Marianne Baldwin and Eva Mancuso

Eva praised the volunteers who offer their time each week or each month. In just six months Clothes To Kids RI has served school-aged children in all sixteen Providence County cities and towns representing 142 schools. Christ the King parishioners have been very generous with their time, talent and treasures. Sean Feeney, MaryBeth Nunnery and Carol Read serve on the Board of Directors, and Peter Barton volunteers each week. In addition, several parishioners, especially our youth, assist in the back room getting stock ready for shoppers.

Clothes To Kids RI – **Our Mission:** We exist to provide new and quality used clothing to low-income or in crisis, school age children in RI **FREE OF CHARGE.** **Our Vision:** We envision a community in which every school-age child has quality clothing so that he or she may attend school

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Clothes To Kids RI ...



Photo: Michael Salerno

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with confidence and self-esteem needed to achieve academic success. **Our Values:** **Compassion** – Provide a cheerful, friendly atmosphere where those we serve feel comfortable and welcome. **Respect** – Be considerate and respectful to

those we serve and not question or judge the circumstances that bring them to us. **Self-Esteem** – Build children’s confidence and success by providing them with clothing that makes them feel good about themselves. **Service** – Support our community and work hard to give our best to all we serve.

In April, Christ the King will put out a box for donations to Clothes To Kids RI. So, clean out those closets and be as generous as always. All new and gently used school appropriate clothing, shoes, boots, scarves, gloves, jewelry, etc. are gratefully accepted. Eva and Marianne thank you in advance for your generosity.

Eva was very enthusiastic as she told me about Clothes To Kids RI. Her kindness and caring came through with every word. She and Marianne have taken stewardship to a new level. If you would like to donate your time, talent or treasure, you can reach Eva at 941-8050 or Eva@clothestokidsri.org.

— Marie White

Thoughts for the Lenten Season



Lent is a time for prayer and sacrifice. Unfortunately, however, many of us concentrate on only the sacrifice part. We talk about what we are “giving up” for Lent. But as Christian stewards we need to remember that Lent also invites us to open our hearts to God’s call to service.

The words of John F. Kennedy remind us of this challenge. In his inaugural address, Kennedy said, “Let us go forth to lead the land we love, asking His blessing and His help, but knowing that **here on earth, God’s work must truly be our own.**”

— Marie White

Share Your Ideas

Is there a person or event you would like to see highlighted in an upcoming issue of the Mustard Seed?

Let us know by leaving a note in the main office or by contacting Marie White at mbwhite42@verizon.net or Kathy Pesta at kathyp9195@verizon.net. Thank you.

Sharing Their Skills

In writing to early Christian communities, the apostle Peter reminded the followers of Jesus that “As good stewards of the manifold grace of God, each of you should use whatever gift he has received to serve one another.” Parishioners Ed Folgo, Ken Souza and Tim Sullivan are heeding Peter’s words, not only through their parish involvement, but also through their involvement with HoMRAP, an acronym for Home Maintenance and Repair Assistance Program established by the South Kingstown Elks Lodge 1899 and funded by the Elks National Foundation in Chicago.

The mission of HoMRAP is to help homeowners in South Kingstown and surrounding areas who do not have the financial resources or the physical ability with small home repairs and maintenance. For the last three years HoMRAP has received three consecutive \$10,000 grants from the National Foundation to do its charitable work.

Not everyone on the HoMRAP Committee possesses the same skill sets, but Ed, Ken and Tim, along with other members, meet monthly to evaluate requests and offer their services for whatever projects they have the time and skills to tackle. Sitting in on part of a recent meeting, it was obvious how much Ed, Ken and Tim enjoy the camaraderie and the chance to help others.

Service is not new to Ed who, in his 17 years as a parishioner has served on the Parish Council, helped with food delivery to Assumption parish, and chaired several parish committees. Asked why, on top of this, he joined the HoMRAP committee, he said he saw it as “an extension of stewardship.” Some of the jobs Ed has helped with are the installation of a screen door, cabinet repair, and the building of an access ramp for an apartment. Ed and his wife, Barbara, have been married for 46 years and have three children and two grandchildren.

Ken Souza and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 44 years and have two children, Ken and Amy, and two grandchildren, Luca and Grace. They have been members of Christ the

King parish for 33 years. Ken has been a Eucharistic Minister, a teacher in the religious formation program, helped with lawn cutting and is a member of the Veterans Committee. Citing the desire “to give back to the senior community” as his reason for joining HoMRAP, Ken has been involved in plumbing, carpentry and yard work. When asked what has been one of his most memorable experiences, he said, “We recently built a ramp for a newly wheelchair bound individual. He was so grateful to be able to get out of his home on his own.”



Tim Sullivan, Ken Souza and Ed Folgo

Christ the King has been the parish of Tim Sullivan and Ann, his wife of 45 years, for the past 24 years. They are the proud parents of two sons, Brian and Daniel, and three grandsons, Aidan, William and Keenan. Tim’s 46 years in the construction industry have informed much of his parish involvement as well as his work with HoMRAP. As a member of Christ the King, Tim has served as a Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Parish Council, as well as a collector

at Mass, and has given much time and work to various building programs at the church, including re-roofing, installing new air conditioning and replacing windows. He is currently on the parish’s Buildings and Grounds Committee. As a member of HoMRAP, Tim has helped with site evaluations, flooring replacement, painting and light installation. He cites “the gratitude of the people we help” as one of the factors that motivates him.

All three men share that they are happy they have the skills to be able to help others. According to another member of HoMRAP in speaking of Ed, Ken and Tim, “These guys are the real thing. Once when they went to a house to put in a new floor, they discovered another floor underneath the first. The job ended up being much more difficult and time-consuming than they had thought, but they never said a word. They just rolled up their sleeves and kept at it until they were done.”

St. Peter would be pleased.

— Kathy Pesta

Meet Sara Marshall – A Woman With a Vision

Sara Marshall, Monsignor Clarke School's new Director of Advancement, and her family moved to Christ the King from St. Joseph's Parish in Hope Valley 17 years ago. With a degree in business from the University of Rhode Island, Sara worked in sales early in her career and enjoyed extensive international and national travel opportunities in her career before son Ethan (now 14) arrived, necessitating, for



Sara Marshall

her, employment opportunities closer to home. Sara says, "I am really good at dealing with people and building relationships." This trait led to work with several local businesses including the Southern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce through her position at Bank Rhode Island and ultimately to her current position at Monsignor Clarke Regional Catholic School in Wakefield. "This whole career change from banking to working in Catholic education is fulfilling my passion and is something I believe in and is very meaningful work."

Because traditionally the school's only source of income is through tuition monies received, it has become Sara's mission to involve the local community in joint ventures that create a sense of family, cooperation and community within the school. She has involved local businesses in projects at the school and, in turn, given them a wider advertising base for their businesses. Additionally, a scholarship fund has begun under her watch to provide financial assistance to families who may not be able to afford the \$6,700 for elementary students and \$7,600 for middle school students in tuition. Working with Parent Ambassadors, recruitment efforts are underway to grow the dwindling student body at Clarke. Currently there are 221 students enrolled in a building designed to house more than twice that number. These recruitment efforts have resulted in 30 new students for the beginning of this current school year and another 25

enrolled to begin the 2017-2018 school year with the recruitment period only half completed.

The Little Angels Early Learning Program for children ages 18 months to 3 years is almost full. Children can participate in this level of education between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. for \$280/week and can attend full or half days from three to five days a week. While this begins as an option for high quality day care for some, the value of this early learning opens the door to a continuum of Catholic education for many. Sara is looking for individuals or groups to "sponsor a student" by getting involved in the school, setting aside monies to assist in tuition costs, and becoming a part of the Monsignor Clarke family. There are also opportunities for involvement in the "School's Out" and Summer Vacation Camps. The summer camp is open to the community and not just members of the student body.

In its large, well-appointed gymnasium with theater staging, space is available to community or private groups to offer classes or presentations by contacting the school and reserving time and space. In fact, there will be ballroom dancing classes there for the community in the near future. Several of the students have asked for this since "Dancing with the Stars" has become such a popular television series.

As for parish involvement, Sara and her husband, Jason, and their three younger sons, Aiden, Ethan and William, facilitate the Ministry of the Word for first-graders at Christ the King during the 9:15 Mass. The family also actively participates in the preparation and serving of meals at Welcome House for Christ the King's outreach ministry.

— Cherie Binns

Did You Know...

Retired doctor Gene McKee has published his second book, "Bloodletting to Binary: A Physician, A Small Hospital in Rhode Island, An Extraordinary Era in American Medicine."

The book is a memoir primarily of Dr. McKee's work experiences during the '70s and '80s. It is available at Wakefield Books and Amazon.com.

New Parishioners' Outlook

As we think back to the first time we stepped inside Christ the King church, what were our thoughts and feelings about our new parish? A few weeks ago, I spoke with one of our newest parishioners, Peter Whitaker, to get his reaction and thoughts about our Christ the King community. Peter and his fiancée, Fatima Barbosa, have been at Christ the King for about six months. Peter is a police officer with Amtrak and Fatima is a special education elementary school teacher. Their wedding is planned for next October. They live in South County with their two rescue dogs and a rescue cat.

When I asked Peter how he heard about Christ the King, he stated that Fatima's colleague, Sandra Pescarino, and their neighbors, the LaDuke family, referred the couple to our community. Once they attended Mass at Christ the King, they felt this was the parish for them. Peter said



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that the family atmosphere and the friendship they felt almost immediately upon entering the church are what helped in their decision. The church is so open and bright with all the colors of the stained glass windows and the decorations on the altar. They especially liked the balcony. Peter said the photographer for their wedding could really get some great pictures from that vantage point.

When looking for a parish where they can eventually raise a family, Peter and Fatima felt that they wanted a larger community than their previous parish. And they wanted a parish community with a good base of younger

parishioners like themselves. They particularly like the fact that Fr. Jared is a young priest with a good sense of humor and a refreshing attitude. Peter also said that you can tell just by talking with Father that he loves being a priest and a pastor. And that Fr. Jared knows how to relate to each and every one of his parishioners whether age 5 or age 95.



**Peter Whitaker and Fatima Barbosa
with Duke and Lancelot**

In speaking with Sandra Pescarino, she said that she gave Peter and Fatima a bulletin from Christ the King when they asked her to refer a parish to them. Sandra said, "My family and I have been parishioners at Christ the King for 15 years. I've known Fatima since she was 5 years old and now I am her colleague. When Fatima asked me to recommend a parish, of course I recommended Christ the King. I felt that Fatima and Peter would be happy to raise a family in such a vibrant, friendly parish."

Sandra went on to say that when you enter Christ the King church you immediately feel part of the congregation. There is so much living going on in the parish. The religious formation program is very strong and you feel that you are a part of something. The LaDuke family spoke highly of the parish as well to Fatima.

Peter and Fatima are looking forward to a long and vibrant relationship with Christ the King. And someday, they may volunteer in the parish as there are so many meaningful and interesting stewardship opportunities.

Let us welcome Peter and Fatima to our Christ the King family and wish them luck and happiness for their wedding and for their future as members of our community.

— Marie White

Bereavement Support is an Opportunity

Bereavement can be described as the state of being sad for a period because of the death of someone close to you, be it a family member or friend. The feelings of sadness may be accompanied by loss of interest and drive, and a withdrawal from other people. Periods of intense grief and a sense of desolation may also occur, as well as varying levels of anger.



Paul Vigeant

and talk about whatever they wanted. It was decided that the gatherings would not provide group therapy or grief counseling as those services are already available elsewhere.

Paul Vigeant, a member of the parish for 32 years, is well qualified to facilitate such gatherings. He has a master's degree in social work and is a retired Director of Special Education in the West Warwick school district. Many of you may know his wife, Barbara, who is also active in parish life, having served on the Social Action Committee for years and currently as a Eucharistic Minister. Paul served as a lector for many years.

Although bereavement is expected and normal, Fr. Jared wanted Christ the King to offer assistance to those going through the bereavement process. He discussed some ideas with parishioner Paul Vigeant back in April 2016, and they came up with the idea for bereavement support gatherings. The gatherings would provide an opportunity for people to get together in a social setting

The plans Fr. Jared and Paul made for the bereavement support gatherings quickly came to fruition. So far, the parish has hosted two support gatherings. You may have read about them in the parish bulletin. For the first gathering, the parish hosted a breakfast on Saturday, December 10, 2016, at Mia's Restaurant in the URI Emporium. Sixteen parishioners attended. There was a guest speaker and everyone got to meet others who had experienced a similar loss as they.

A second gathering was held more recently on February 13 at Brewed Awakenings in South County Commons. It was unstructured and informal with no guest speaker or presentation, just the opportunity to share thoughts and feelings if people wanted to.

Snow and icy roads made for poor driving conditions, but a hearty group of eight, including Paul and Fr. Jared, made it there. I was there also among the eight, and I found that the gathering was friendly and upbeat. Everyone got involved; there was a lot of good conversation and good laughs. People met others for the first time and made new friends. It was a positive way to spend the morning, with warm coffee and others also touched by loss.

If you have suffered the loss of a spouse, please consider coming to a future bereavement support gathering. The gatherings are not a cure-all for your loss, but they do provide an opportunity to help make things better.

Please watch the bulletin for announcements on the next gathering. If you have any questions in the meantime, please call Paul Vigeant at 932-8644.

— Jack Kelly

FATHER FLOOD

3rd SUNDAY OF LENT



The Multi-talented Catherine LiVolsi

One of the unsung heroes of Christ the King's Music Ministry is a 20-something young woman who plays a stringed instrument. Catherine LiVolsi started violin lessons when she was only 6 years old. When she turned 11, she began playing at Christ the King, something she continues to do to this day. Of course, this church was already a very familiar place to her, as this was where her family worshipped, where she was baptized, and where she made her First Eucharist. When asked if, as a teenager, she ever felt peer pressure not to play at church, Catherine just smiled and said, "I never really cared about what they thought."

Catherine is not the only one from her family who is involved in music at Christ the King. Her father, Joe, often plays trombone or another brass instrument; brother Joseph is a cantor; and brother Frank has played clarinet and Irish whistle for many years, although his primary instrument is the piano. (Their mother, Theresa, shies away from music and chooses to lecture instead.)

Like her two brothers, Catherine was home schooled. (To those who wonder if home schooling can really be successful, it should be noted that Catherine graduated from URI with a double major in mechanical engineering and physics and has followed her parents and her brothers into the engineering profession.) However, when it was time to be confirmed, she enrolled in the diocesan apologetics program and was confirmed with others in that program at Holy Ghost Church in Tiverton.



Catherine LiVolsi

Catherine and her violin have been fixtures at Sunday masses and the annual Christ the King Choir Concert for many years. But this year at the Christmas masses, she treated the congregation to accompaniment on an Irish harp.

It turns out she had been toying with it for about five years, but only recently got serious about the harp. So add the Irish harp to the mandolin, guitar and piano that she also plays.

In addition to playing at weekend liturgies, Catherine also does a lot of weddings, plays and parties. One highlight in her music career was when her teacher, a Boston-based violinist, invited her to play a duet with him at an event. That was special because she believes he rarely asks a student to perform with him. What motivates this engineer to continue her pursuit of music? Catherine

compares it to a little candle burning within her, that if the flame went out, the result would be emptiness and darkness. She also notes that there is a real connection between music and mathematics.

Catherine has other interests as well. She loves to knit and has played semi-pro soccer with the Rhode Island Reds. The latter she says she had to drop because it was too time-consuming. As to the future, Catherine hopes to get a master's degree in aerospace or mechanical engineering. We thank Catherine for her ongoing contribution to enhancing the liturgy at Christ the King Parish.

— Lucy Mueller

"Young people, do not be afraid to be holy! Fly high, be among those whose goals are worthy of sons and daughters of God. Glorify God in your lives!"

— Pope St. John Paul II

- ◆ Congratulations to Cory Santos for achieving the highest rank in Scouting, Eagle Scout. Mary Beth Clarke has earned the Sprit Alive religious emblem and is working toward her Gold Award, the highest level in Girl Scouts.
- ◆ Congratulations to Hanna Bove, Olivia Phillipi and Sarah Simkevich for being chosen to perform in the All State Chorus in the spring. Hanna will also perform with the All Eastern Orchestra in Atlantic City in April.
- ◆ A big shout out to Bethany Nunnery who was named Athlete of the Month at West Point.
- ◆ Great work, Abby Hedglen, for spearheading the Paracord Survival Bracelets project as part of Operation Gratitude's care packages sent to soldiers overseas. These bracelets, when taken apart, can be used to help a soldier secure a tent, make a sling, or possibly save a life.

Young Stewards

A Grace from God

Is Grace Underhill a typical teenager? At first glance it would seem so as she is bright, energetic, hopeful and delightfully young. Grace is the youngest child of Dr. John Underhill and Lori Underhill. She and all of her siblings were born in Wakefield and educated at Msgr. Clarke School and The Prout School. Her older siblings, twins JP and Annie as well as Luke, are all studying at various universities. Like many teens, Grace has many interests; she enjoys reading, helping others and spending time with her family, especially now for she will be away at college next fall. Since Grace started teaching CCD at Christ the King Parish, she began to realize the importance and satisfaction of helping others as she witnessed the smiling faces of the children in her classes. She enjoyed the feeling of helping others and realized that God had put her here for a reason.

One of Grace's earliest efforts in helping others occurred when she participated in the Msgr. Clarke School Making Strides Walk for Cancer. Grace's family formed a team called Team Today in honor of her mother, Lori, who is today a breast cancer survivor. Their motto was to worry only about today, not tomorrow, for today is all we have. Grace has also participated in the Gloria Gemma Walk for Cancer. She has worked at the farmers market in Charlestown for several years where she is a Jill-of-all-trades and assists with setting up and taking down tables, gives relief to workers as needed and fills in wherever there is a problem. She has been a vital part of Christ the King's Welcome House team of which her mother is the coordinator. She is a student ambassador at Prout where recently she was part of the team that welcomed incoming freshmen.



Grace Underhill

Grace played soccer during her freshman, sophomore and junior years and basketball in her junior and senior years, but then realized she would be of value to teams by managing and encouraging the athletes as well. She has managed the boys soccer team during her junior year and both boys soccer and basketball in her senior year as well as the girls lacrosse team. She has accumulated, this year alone, 140 hours of volunteer work.

Grace, an honor roll student during her junior and senior years, anxiously awaits her high school graduation in June and her entrance into the University of Rhode Island in September where she will study education. She also anticipates being part of the group of students from URI that travels each year to Nicaragua to work among the poor. Grace hopes to eventually become a high school English teacher, and at some point in her life she would also like to travel to developing nations to help educate their children.

Grace seems to have an inner drive that leads her to be of help to others, and she has received inspiration from the devoted teachers at Prout.

So, is Grace Underhill a typical teenager? Maybe. Maybe not. But one thing is clear, she knows who she is and what she wants to contribute to life. She is a teenager who has, at a young age, questioned the purpose of life and found her answer in the quote by Charles Dickens that she chose for the Prout yearbook: "No one is useless in this world who lifts the burden of another."

Congratulations to Grace for her meaningful contributions to the lives of others and God's blessings on her future endeavors.

— Margaret Riley

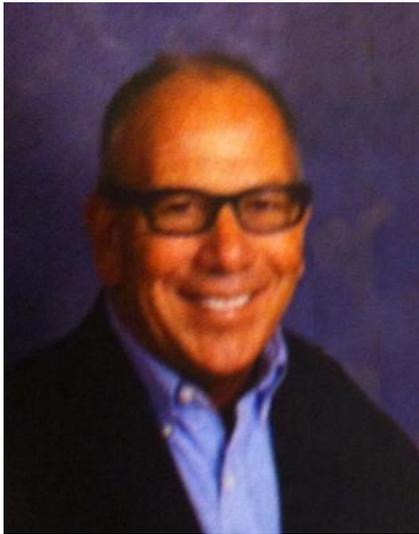
Lenten Message

Lent is the favorable season for renewing our encounter with Christ, living in his word, in the sacraments and in our neighbor. The Lord, who overcame the deceptions of the Tempter during the forty days in the desert, shows us the path we must take. May the Holy Spirit lead us on a true journey of conversion, so that we can rediscover the gift of God's word, be purified of the sin that blinds us, and serve Christ present in our brothers and sisters in need.

— Pope Francis

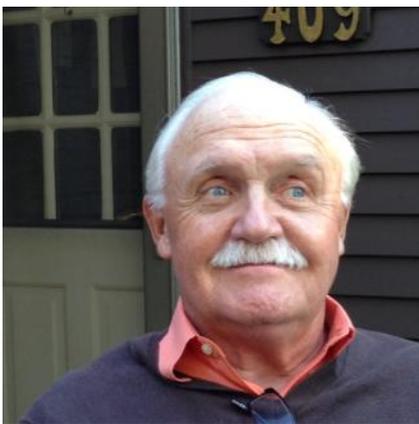
The Body of Christ

Among the many challenges faced by those who transition from life at home to life in a nursing facility is a loss of mobility and freedom. No longer can they get in the car and go to the market or a movie or to meet friends for lunch. And for devout Catholics, an even greater loss is



Mike Cesino

often their ability to get to church and receive the Eucharist. Christ the King parish ministers to residents of both South Kingstown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center on South County Trail in West Kingston and to Brookdale South Bay on Kingstown Road in Peace Dale. Each month, Fr. Jared says Mass at each of those two facilities, specifically at South Kingstown Nursing on the third Tuesday of the month. In this edition, we focus on two generous stewards, Mike Cesino and Brian Ahearn, who take turns bringing the Eucharist, as well as a warm smile and a listening ear, to residents at South Kingstown Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.



Brian Ahearn

According to Mike, "It is very rewarding to be able to help people who can't get to church." In addition to bringing

people the Eucharist, Mike also enjoys sharing time and conversation with them. He cites Manny, a resident to whom he used to bring Communion in his home who is now in the nursing home as an example. "I got to know Manny all those years I brought him Communion in his house, and now I know him like a friend."

A father of two grown children, Victoria and Justin, Mike has been involved with other parish ministries, but he shares that this particular ministry gives him a whole new perspective on people and on life. "People depend on my being there. At some point in time I may have to depend on others to help me," he says, suggesting the importance of one person always being willing to help another.

Brian is fairly new to the South County area, having moved from Providence to Charlestown just three years ago. While in Providence, he served as the CYO basketball coach for his former parish, St. Pius in Providence. When asked for how long, he laughs and says, "A long time!" The father of two sons with his wife, Eileen, of 44 years, Brian alludes to "getting a lot out of" the ministry he has chosen at Christ the King. "It helps me with myself; it helps me be more caring in my everyday life. I see what it is to get old," he adds.

So the next time you see men or women standing at the altar after Communion to receive the Eucharist to take to the homebound or those in nursing facilities, think about saying a prayer of gratitude for their kindness and generosity. It is they who bring Jesus in the living Body of Christ to our brothers and sisters who cannot be with us in the church building.

— Kathy Pesta



In Gratitude

Every three months Christ the King mails several thousand copies of the Mustard Seed, its quarterly newsletter highlighting the parish's commitment to stewardship, to parishioners' homes. The newsletter is an all-volunteer effort. The coordinators (presently Kathy Pesta and Marie White) along with parish staff, pitch ideas for people and events to highlight in each edition and then rely on the volunteer writers to interview people, write the articles and furnish any accompanying photos. But then what? How does the newsletter actually get put together?

Enter Sallie Sirhal, long-time volunteer who, quietly and behind the scenes, edits and formats all the material that makes up the final product. Sallie's experience as copy editor for The Independent newspaper and South County Life magazine has made her more than qualified to help with this aspect of the newsletter. When Christ the King put in a bulletin announcement asking for help 10 years ago, Sallie generously stepped forward. She has now overseen 40 editions of the Mustard Seed.

Sallie has attended Christ the King parish since she was a child. She fondly remembers "Mass in Edwards Hall (where there were no kneelers!) and in the Quonset hut formerly located on Upper College Road, near where the Catholic Center is located."

As an adult parishioner, Sallie has served on the Liturgy Committee and was chairperson of that committee's Environment Sub-Committee. She has also been a Eucharistic Minister and taught in the religious formation program. Sallie currently serves on the Hospitality Committee and as a "lady of the iron," laundering and ironing purificators. In addition, she created several of the seasonal doorway hangings and altar cloths that enhance the church building.

A woman of many talents, Sallie graduated from Manhattanville College with a major in English and then attended graduate school at Simmons College. Later she returned to South Kingstown and received a BLA in landscape architecture from the University of Rhode Island. In addition to her job at The Independent, Sallie also works part time for Tu-

pelo Design Studio, a landscape architecture firm in North Kingstown, and for the Rhode Island Nursery and Landscape Association.

In her "spare time," she does freelance design work as well as freelance editing, and for fun she enjoys the beach and playing golf. She is also a member of Fayerweather Craft Guild where she makes items in fiber arts, collage and mixed media.

Sallie and her husband, Bob, who were married in 1970 at Christ the King, are the proud parents of three sons, all of whom received their religious formation at

the parish. Already the grandparents of three children, they happily await the birth of a fourth grandchild in the fall.

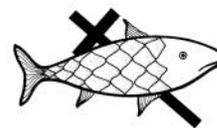
When asked why she took on the job of editing and formatting the Mustard Seed, Sallie, not one to toot her own horn, replied simply, "I saw a notice in the bulletin and the rest is history."

Although she will be continuing with her other areas of committed stewardship, this will be Sallie's final edition of the Mustard Seed. It is obvious that she is a busy woman with an expanding family! We thank her for her many years of dedicated service to the Mustard Seed, and we wish her every blessing in the years to come.

— Kathy Pesta



Bob and Sallie Sirhal



Parish Information

*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. Jason and Melissa DeJoseph and family
Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Brenda Ahlgren
Ms. Barbara Mariconda
Ms. Victoria Fulfer
Mr. and Mrs. William Roman and family
Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Kristin Joyal and family
Mr. Peter Whitaker
Ms. Fatima Barbosa
Mr. and Mrs. Henry and JoAnn Guzeika
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Sasha Ashley and family
Mr. and Mrs. Russell and Paula Rekos and family
Ms. Kathleen Eddy

Mr. and Mrs. Dan and Andrea Hurley
Mr. Danny Lynch
Mr. Paul Cirillo
Ms. Lisa Gates
Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Heidi Pavia
Ms. Stacie Broska/Mr. Andy Harikiopoylos and family
Mr. and Mrs. Robert and Michelle Flynn and family
Mr. and Mrs. Matthew and Shannon Spielman
Ms. Laura McAdam and family
Mrs. Marilyn Hamilton
Mr. G.T. Farley

A TIME TO BE BORN –

BAPTISMS

Gia Rose and Harrison Michael, children of Michael and Kalyn Dugan
Abigail Genevieve, daughter of Gordon and Elizabeth Willard
Cameron Mary, daughter of Christopher and Jamie DeGrave
Brooklyn Barry, daughter of David and Katherine Smith
Julia Marie, daughter of Ryan and Jessica Napolitano
Benjamin William Henry, son of Aaron and Dana Clark
Giovonna Jaclyn Todd, granddaughter of Shelly DiPietro
Jaxson Ryan, son of Keith and Megan Lagasse
Nina Jane, daughter of Gregory and Anne Feeley
Jacob Joseph, son of Matthew and Mary Ricci



A TIME TO DIE –

DEATHS

Genevieve Breslin
Charles Curvelo
Marjorie Donnelly
Margaret Ferrara
Thelma Haas
Archibald Kenyon
Edward Leitz
Patricia Murray
Robert Parrillo
Gertrude Thiboutot
Michael Wiebe
Judith Wright

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Lent and Holy Week Schedule

March 27 – Lenten Speaker, Alice Camille – 7 p.m.

April 7 – Stations of the Cross – 7 p.m.

April 13 – Holy Thursday – 7 p.m.

April 14 – Good Friday – 7 p.m.

April 15 – Easter Vigil – 8 p.m.

March 27 – Easter Sunday – 7:15, 9, 10:30 a.m. & Noon

