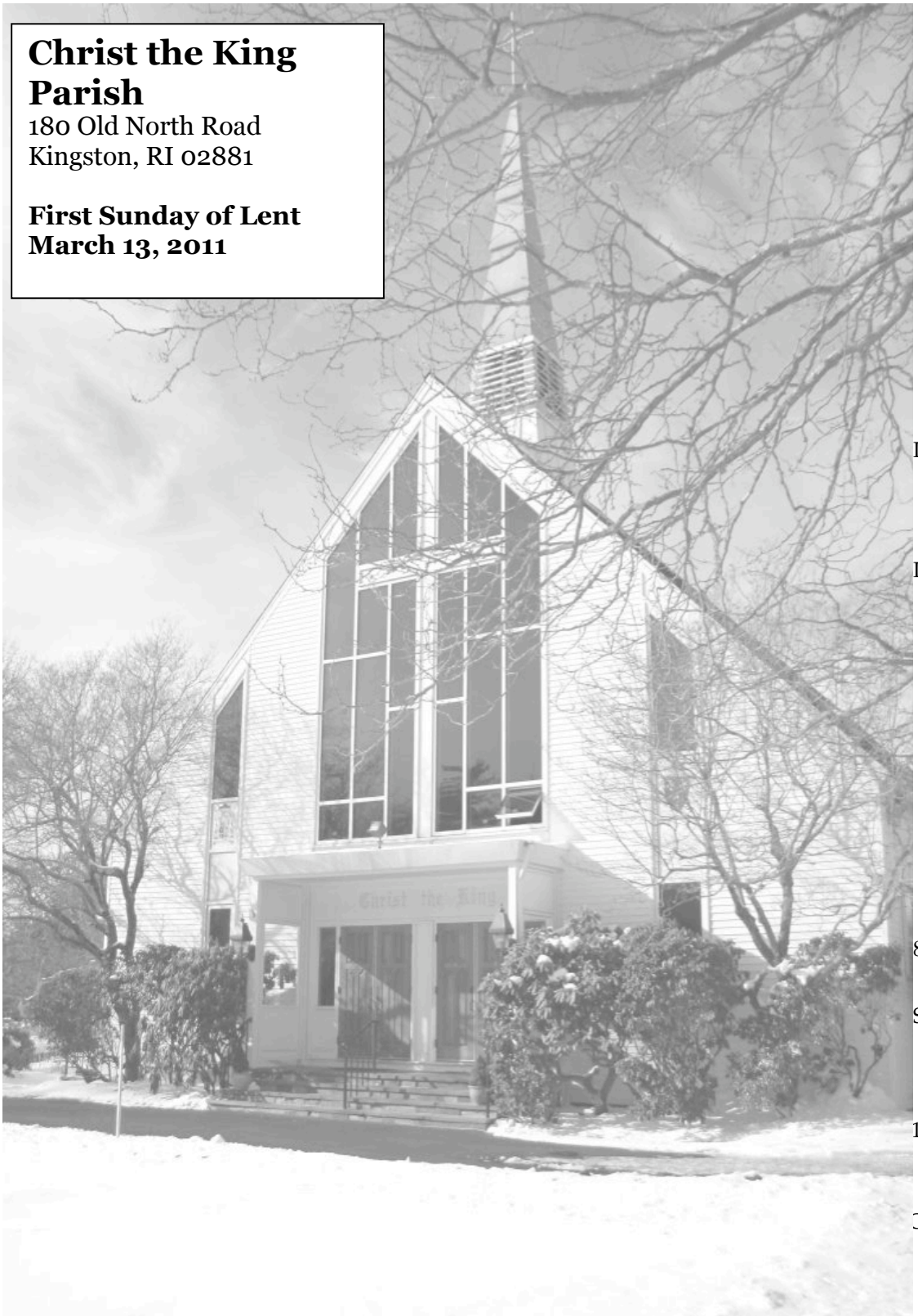

Christ the King Parish

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First Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2011

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Confession:
Saturday: 7 a.m., 4 p.m.

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

Monday – Friday at Noon at the Catholic Center

CHRIST THE KING PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

PONDERING

I am sitting at my desk, half way through the saga known as Ash Wednesday, wondering as always why Ash Wednesday works.

By all accounts Ash Wednesday should be a failure but clearly is not. Never in human history has there been a generation more consumed with cleanliness and looking good. To send out an invitation to today's people to come to church to be smudged with dirt so that everyone who meets you will know that you are a sinner and need to turn your life around is on the surface preposterous. Consult any advertising agency and run Ash Wednesday by them and they will tell you that you are on the wrong track; go back to the drawing board and come up with a better idea.

Worldly wisdom says that Ash Wednesday cannot work. Experience says otherwise. I think Ash Wednesday works for the same reason that people flocked to hear John The Baptist tell them to "Repent!" All of us, when we dare to slow down and take an honest inventory of our lives, realize that we have underperformed. We have left good undone; we have added to the darkness.

There is a wonderful preachers story about a second grade teacher who is trying to teach her class about good and evil. She tells the class that all the good people are green and all the bad people are orange. Then she proceeds to ask the children what color they think they are. Predictably most of the class proclaims themselves to be green; a few color themselves orange. Little Sally keeps hesitating and won't come up with an answer. The teacher, running out of patience, gives Sally one last chance to announce her color. Sally forced to reply, thinks for one or two more seconds and finally says, "Spotty." What a great answer. None of us are all good or all bad. We are spotty.

Lent is a gift from God and the Church through the liturgy to try to get rid of our spotty behavior. We can be better wives and husbands, better sons and daughters, better brothers and sisters. We can be better believers, better friends, and better workers. It is my sincere wish and prayer that all of us can believe, as God does, that we can make progress in our lives. May we journey together through the Lenten desert and with hearts contrite and humble arrive at Easter ready to receive the flood of God's grace and love.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 12
5 p.m. Jorge de los Heros
James Dougherty

Sunday, March 13
9:15 a.m. Pauline DeSantis
Michael Morissette
Rose Bozzario
11:35 a.m. Judith Dennard Lyman

Thursday, March 17
12 p.m. Matthew and Rose Smith

Saturday, March 19
9 a.m. Paul Reynolds
George St. Germain
5 p.m. David Sheldon

Sunday, March 20
11:35 a.m. Carolyn Hagenstein

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY FATHER JOE!

March 6th marked Joe's 30th anniversary as Pastor of Christ the King Parish. We celebrate with him in thanksgiving for his leadership and priestly ministry. He has traveled roads of joy and sorrow with many families and we thank him for being part of the fabric of our lives. Ad multos annos!

Nancy Drennan, Pastoral Associate

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Our Parish Mission is
March 28 – 30 at **7 p.m.**

RELIGIOUS FORMATION
RF classes **March 13** for grades Pre-K – 8.

PARENTS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS
Financial Aid forms have been distributed through the schools for parish assistance for the 2011 – 2012 school year. In order to be considered for tuition assistance, we need your form by **Monday, March 14**. After the front office receives your school form, a Christ the King Parish Financial Aid form will be sent to your home.

MONSIGNOR CLARKE PRE-SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
The Monsignor Clarke Pre-School Open House is **Sunday**, **March 27** from **11 a.m. – 1 p.m.** The school is offering 3 & 5 day programs for 4 year olds (must be 4 by 12/31/2011) and is NEASC accredited, with age appropriate curriculum taught by certified teachers. For more information or a personal tour, call **789-0860**.

THE PROUT SCHOOL AUCTION & RAFFLE
The Prout School's Annual Auction is **Friday**, **April 1** at Amalfi Restaurant. This is the main fundraiser for the school, with all proceeds going towards the school's tuition assistance program as well as the purchase of technological improvements. There will also be a raffle drawn that evening for a Home Entertainment Package valued at $3500. The package includes a 50-inch 3D Plasma, 3D Blu-ray Disc Player, Receiver, Surround Sound and Woofer. Raffle tickets cost $10 and are available by contacting **Kelly Moniz** (**kellymoniz@verizon.net**) or **Nancy Pope** (**fnfkpope@verizon.net**). All are invited to attend.

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES
We have received many "undeliverable emails" returned to the office as of late. If your email has changed and you want to continue receiving the bulletin as well as important Christ the King Parish announcements, please call the office or email us with the correct information.

LITURGY CORNER
During this past week many members have transformed the church from Ordinary Time to the Season of Lent. We hope our journey as a parish will be a holy experience to prepare the way for a faithful renewal of our Baptismal commitment. The Alms boxes will be at the doors to receive our donations. This year our recipient will be the Jonnycake Center. As you know, this week each family randomly selects a "Virtue Stone" as a focus of our Lenten journey. The suggested food slips at the door remind us to bring that item to church each week of Lent for distribution to hungry families. We travel our Lenten journey together and hope the stone virtue will have an honored place in both our homes and our lives.
The Liturgy Committee

COFFEE & DONUTS

It is time again to sign up for the April – September Sunday morning Coffee & Donuts schedule. We need setup and cleanup assistance. If you can donate an hour or so of your time, this is a great way to share your stewardship. Please call **Beth** or **Christine** in the office at **783-7459**.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

"Visitors offering their condolences, thinking to comfort me, said, "Life goes on." What nonsense, I thought, of course it doesn't. It's the death that goes on. He is dead now and will be dead tomorrow and next year and forever. There is no end to that. Perhaps there will be an end to the sorrow of it. Sorrow has rushed over the world like the waters of the Deluge, and it will take time to recede." (from the book The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society). Even though we, as Christians, believe that death is not the end but the beginning of a new life, the sorrow is carried long after. We think the pain will end soon, but when it doesn't, we are befuddled. We need help to heal and start a new reality. A Stephen Minister can be that help. Someone who will objectively listen confidentially. Someone who will be there to walk along with you as you make your first steps on this new path you are traveling. Contact **Larry Bartley** at **965-7276** (email **LJBJR@cox.net**) or call the office at **783-7459**.

Lenten Fast and Abstinence Regulations

Church law requires abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent (for those 14 and older). Also, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are fast days: those between the ages of 18 and 59 should eat less, meaning, take no solid food between meals and only one full meal that day. Serious reasons such as one's health can excuse a person from these rules. Pastors and parents are encouraged by the law of the Church to see to it that minors who are not bound by the law of fast and abstinence are educated in an authentic sense of penance. Following the implementation of the revised Code of Canon Law on November 27, 1983, the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in the United States determined that the rules of fast and abstinence that have existed for the last several years in this country be maintained; namely, that the faithful must observe suitable penitential practices on all Fridays throughout the year. These penitential practices need not include abstaining from meat. However, as indicated above, the faithful must not eat meat on all the Fridays of Lent as well as on Ash Wednesday. They must also observe faithfully the fast regulations as they have been stated above in accord with the universal law of the Church. (Cf. Code of Canon Law, Canons 1250-1252.)

THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks to the CTK family for your continuing support of RICAN. The past year has been very difficult for many Washington County families. Your stewardship grant, Thanksgiving collection and "Souper" Sunday donations have helped provide food for over 25,000 individuals.

The St. Nicholas Collection provided 206 items of warm winter clothing for adults and children. Many items were proudly displayed where parents could select Christmas surprises for their children. Other items were distributed during regular pantry hours wherever there was a need. Your generosity has made a wonderful difference!

Barbara Berard, Pantry Steward

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Is your marriage built on a rock or on sand? Learn how to strengthen your marriage so when hardships come, your marriage will stay strong. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends in New England are **March 18 – 20** and **April 8 – 10**. For more information call **Ralph & Jane Becker** at **1-800-710-WWME** or visit our webpage at **www.wwme.org**.

LIFE SAVING DEVICES

Our church is equipped with life saving devices. We have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located just outside the church door on the Narthex side on the wall over the food chest. An oxygen tank is in the vesting closet at the back of the church. First Aid kits are located in the vesting closet, the front office, the rectory restroom and the kitchen closet over the coffee maker.

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 12 – 20

Saturday, March 12

Daylight Savings Time Begins
Set Clocks ahead 1 hour

Sunday, March 13

10:15 a.m.	Social Action Committee Open Meeting/Hall
11:35 a.m.	Rite of Election

Monday, March 14

6:30 p.m.	Family Life/Library
7 p.m.	Parish Council/Library

Tuesday, March 15

7:30 p.m.	Choir

Wednesday, March 16

8:30 a.m.	Staff Meeting/Library
10:30 a.m.	SK Nursing Home
7:30 p.m.	Peace & Justice/Library

Saturday, March 19

4 p.m.	Confession

Sunday, March 20

10:30 a.m.	Welcome House Meal Prep/Kitchen
5:30 p.m.	PH I/Washburn
5:30 p.m.	PH II/Hall

Rite of Election

This weekend at the Cathedral of Sts. Peter & Paul in Providence, 9 members of our community will be presented to Bishop Tobin in a ritual known as the Rite of Election. Catechumens **Christina Jolin**, **Benjamin Savath** and **Suzanna Tingley** will be called forward along with hundreds of others from around the diocese who will be initiated into the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil. In the presence of the Bishop they will declare their commitment and their readiness to receive the sacraments at Easter. The other members of Christ the King's RCIA process will be welcomed as Candidates for the completion of their sacraments and full reception into the Church at Easter. They are **Jason Clark**, **Todd Cowger**, **Jeffrey Fewlass**, **Maranda McCormick**, **Kelson McDaniel**, **Krista McLean** and **Ruthann Sampson**.

It is in this setting that they come to recognize they are indeed joining a larger, universal church and see others traveling the same journey with them. All parishes in the United States and around the world celebrate this Rite of Election on this day. Please keep them in your prayers during Lent and support them when we enter the Week Called Holy together as the people of God.

RCIA Team

Fr. Matthew Glover, Nancy Drennan, Jay and Karen Swoboda