

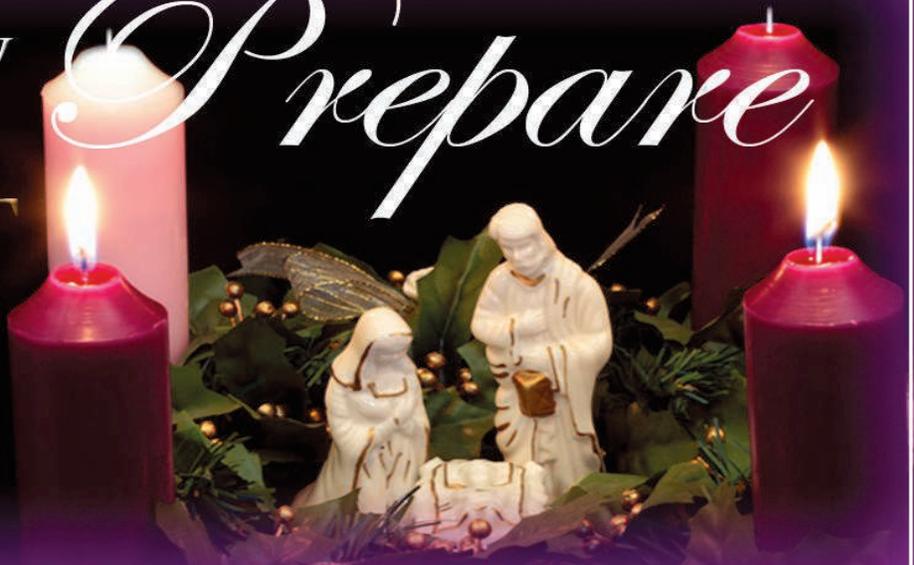


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Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 9

5:00 p.m. Matthew Siravo
Ali Dunn Packer
Kimberly Barbara

Sunday, December 10

8:00 a.m. Thomas Hogan
Dr. Charles Farrell
Nadia Reynolds

9:15 a.m. Gerry DiSchino
Maud Kirk
J. Fred Casey

11:30 a.m. Gina Marie Dalton
Chad O'Brien
Brigid Kelley

Tuesday, December 12

12:00 p.m. George St. Germaine

Saturday, December 16

5:00 p.m. James Patrick Willott

Sunday, December 17

8:00 a.m. John Addington
Jacob Hagopian
Bill Milton

9:15 a.m. Andrea Rizzo
Larry Caswell
Liz Nayman

11:30 a.m. Dennis Nabb
Jameson Dennis White
Raymond Wright

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 9:15, and 11:30 a.m.
8:00 p.m.

Mass at Noon, Monday—Friday
in the Catholic Center Chapel

Christmas Schedule

December 24: 4th Sunday of Advent
Regular Sunday Schedule: 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve: 4 p.m. in Edwards Hall
4 & 10 p.m. in the church

Christmas Day: 8 & 10 a.m. in the church



Faith Formation

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

December 10 - Classes for Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7.
Confirmation class is December 10, in the parish hall
from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

RECONCILIATION:

Grade 2: The Reconciliation retreat is Saturday, December 9 from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the parish hall. **NO CLASS** for grade 2 on December 10.

Grade 4: “Generations Sharing Faith”

Grade 4 students are studying the Commandments (in particular “Honor thy Father and Mother), and receive a visit from senior members of our parish. Both students and seniors discuss life and faith experiences on Sunday, December 10 in the parish hall from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

Grade 7 FLEECE PROJECT:

Classes will be working during class time with the “Make a Difference” committee to make blankets for those who need a “little warmth” this winter. All materials and supplies will be in their classrooms on Sunday, December 17.

Attention Scouts:

The Girls Scouts and Boy Scouts of America stress duty to God as well as country. All levels of scouting offer the opportunity to earn a religious emblem. For more information, contact your local Troop, Pack, or visit www.ctkri.org under Religious Education tab / drop down box – Information/Registration - *scroll down*. Call the Religious Formation office for more information - 789-0417.

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Saturday, December 16: 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Spiritual Life committee will offer a presentation on the O Antiphons by Sr. Elissa Rinere, a Sister of the Cross and Passion. The O Antiphons are a century old series of prayers used during Advent, which herald the coming of the messiah. Sr. Elissa holds a degree in Education from the University of Rhode Island and a doctorate in Canon Law from Catholic University. She is presently employed by the Diocese of Norwich, CT. Coffee and pastry will be provided. Please contact Heather Signorelli at heathersig0@gmail.com to pre-register.



Consider This

On Wednesday, President Trump spoke of his plan to move the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, where all countries' embassies are located. This makes the United States the first nation to formally recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel since the state was established in 1948.

The leaders of Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Jordan, the European Union, France, Germany and Turkey were among those who warned Trump against the move. A spokesman for President Erdogan of Turkey said the decision was a “grave mistake that will virtually eliminate the fragile Middle East peace process.” Turkey’s deputy prime minister went further, and said: “Declaring Jerusalem a capital is disregarding history and the truths in the region, it is a big injustice; cruelty, shortsightedness, foolishness, madness. It is plunging the region and the world into a fire with no end in sight.”

German’s foreign minister, Sigmar Gabriel said: “A solution to the Jerusalem problem can only be found through direct negotiations between both parties [Palestinians and Israelis]. Everything which worsens the crisis is counterproductive.”

Guy Verhofstadt, an influential liberal member of the European Parliament, shared his insightful analysis of the situation, warning that “plans to recognize Jerusalem as the Israeli capital could be the kiss of death for the Middle East peace process. In isolation, it would be a shortsighted and deeply divisive act. Trump should be brokering deals, not trashing them.”

Pope Francis has joined the chorus of concern and expressed his strong opposition to the President’s plan. On Wednesday, at the conclusion of his address to thousands of pilgrims from across the world, he said:

My thoughts now turn to Jerusalem. I cannot keep silent about my deep concern for the situation that has developed in recent days. I wish to make heartfelt appeal to ensure that everyone is committed to respecting the status quo of the city, in accordance with the relevant resolutions of the United Nations. Jerusalem is a unique city, sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims, where the holy places for the respective religions are venerated, and it has a special vocation to peace.

I pray to the Lord that this identity be preserved and strengthened for the sake of the Holy Land, the Middle East, and the entire world, and that wisdom and prudence prevail, to avoid new elements of tension from being added to a world already shaken and scarred by so many cruel conflicts.

The “relevant resolutions of the United Nations” to which Francis is referring is that East Jerusalem is occupied Palestinian territory, and that the city should eventually become the capital of the two states of Israel and Palestine. The final status of Jerusalem would be determined in the final phase of negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians, according to the 1993 Israel-Palestinian peace accords. For this reason, the international community does not recognize Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem.

The Catholic Church supports a two-state solution: a secure and recognized Israel living in peace alongside a viable and independent Palestine. Back in July, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops joined with over thirty Jewish, Christian and Muslim national religious leaders to promote the two-state solution. In a letter to President Trump, they wrote:

Based on the legitimate, long-standing aspirations of Israelis and Palestinians for national self-determination and security, we believe a two-state solution still represents the most realistic way to meet essential interests of both peoples and to resolve the conflict. While there are those among both the Israelis and the Palestinians who argue that one state is preferable, we point to the fact that, despite deep distrust on both sides, recent polls show that the majority of peoples still yearn for two states. You can help make that dream a reality. Pursuing either side's version of a one-state solution would likely lead to more years of violent conflict.

Sometimes, when we consider our role in the monumental task of establishing world peace, we may feel helpless and insignificant. But the power of prayer can move mountains. As Christians, each one of us must continue to pray, echoing the Psalmist: “For the peace of Jerusalem pray: ‘May those who love you prosper! May peace be within your ramparts, prosperity within your towers’”

(Psalm 122:6-7).

Amen. It shall come to pass.



Parish In Action

GIVING TREE

Did you remember to bring your present and tag from the Giving Tree? If so, make sure the tag is tied outside your bag and put it in the box in the church hall. If you've forgotten to bring it in, all gifts are being distributed to the churches on Wednesday morning, December 13, so if you bring it in by 9:00 a.m., it will be included. Once again, thank you for making Christmas so much better for a needy child.

ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION

During Advent, the Social Action Committee is once again coordinating a Food Drive for the families who use our Emergency Food Pantry and other local families in need.

The drive is **Saturday/Sunday December 16 & 17**. Collection boxes will be in the parish hall to place non-perishable items. Suggested items are: canned meats, vegetables, cereals, pasta & sauce, peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits, coffee, etc.

We invite all parishioners to help sort and/or deliver the food baskets on **Monday, December 18 at 9am** in the Parish Hall. As always, thank you for your generosity.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Your gift to this collection will help provide medications, nursing care, and support for the many older sisters, brothers, and religious order priests of our diocese. It also ensures that younger members can continue the work of their elders.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Rev. Joseph D. Creedon, Parish Priest Emeritus of Christ the King Parish, has written a booklet, "Advent 2017 – Will it be a Carousel that Goes Round and Round, or a Faith Experience that Goes Deeper and Deeper?" These daily reflections are available by going to <https://adventreflection.wordpress.com/>

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

"Christmas is a time for looking back and remembering, and it's now a sad time for me; the old joy will never come again in this world," wrote Kate Saunders. That is true, the old joy may not return but new joy can. A Stephen Minister can listen as you talk through the old sadness and help to see where there is a chance for NEW JOY.

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"AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM"

Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Mary, Joseph and Jesus: Strangers in Bethlehem

The Season of Advent is an opportunity to prepare welcoming hearts; hearts that are inviting, that do not see Jesus as a stranger but as one longed for. Advent is a good time to consider what the "Bethlehems" are in our lives. When are we not welcoming of others? Who do we consider to be "the stranger?" When have we been treated as an outsider? Often, we consider others "strangers" because of our lack of knowledge, a fear of the unknown, or misconceptions. We experience this both on a personal level and in our communities. It is a discouraging reality that, within our country and throughout the world, the people of Islamic faith are often regarded as "strangers."

On December 12 at 7:00 p.m. the Peace and Justice and Spiritual Life Committees will offer a presentation on Islam, with a focus on dispelling myths and reviewing important similarities between Islam, Judaism, and Christianity. Guest speakers will be Abdelnasser Hussein, Principal of the West Warwick Islamic School and Jim Buxton, a retired South Kingstown High School Social Studies teacher. Jim has also taught Political Science at URI. Jim and Nasser co-teach courses on Islam at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at URI.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"We respectfully support the decision of the Patriarchate of Alexandria to restore the female diaconate, thus giving flesh to an idea that has been discussed and studied by pastors and theologians for decades. The reinstatement of the female diaconate does not constitute an innovation, as some would have us believe, but the revitalization of a once functional, vibrant, and effectual ministry. The historical, theological, canonical, and liturgical validity of the order of deaconess has been attested to time and again in recent years by Orthodox scholars and theologians."

- Statement issued by a group of nine Orthodox theologians from Greece and the United States, affirming the decision of Patriarch Theodoros II and the Greek Orthodox Holy Synod of the Patriarchate of Alexandria to reinstate the order of deaconesses. Earlier this year, Theodoros ordained five women to the diaconate in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In August, the Vatican announced that Pope Francis had commissioned a group of six men and six women to study the role of women deacons in the early church.



URI Catholic Center Update



We had a great time getting the Catholic Center **Christmas tree** decorated last week. This coming week, we'll host our last activities for the semester. In other news, **Fr. Leo Patalinghug**, a priest from Baltimore and a friend of mine, visited Rhode Island and taped an episode of his cooking show, "Savoring Our Faith." He featured a number of ministries in our diocese and restaurants in Rhode Island, and was gracious enough to do a segment on our students and the URI Catholic Center. We helped Fr. Leo cook pasta with vodka sauce and eggplant, as well as peanut butter and jelly chicken wings! And we got to take home all the leftovers! Many thanks to Fr. Leo. Check him out at gracebeforemeals.com. *-Fr. Joe*



Youth Ministry

Contact Eva Mancuso at emancuso@ctkri.org
Visit www.ctkri.org for details, and signup forms.

Family Movie & Craft Night

December 9: 6 - 9 p.m.

Despicable Me 3

This is a chance to drop off your children and have a night out for dinner or shopping.

Please email Eva at emancuso@ctkri.org if your child would like to join us. Crafts and snacks provided.



Family Christmas Tree

Bring an ornament of your choice for our Christmas tree and place in the box next to the tree in the Narthex by December 17. Our Youth Ministry will be decorating the tree on Thursday, December 21 at 7:00 p.m. Hot Chocolate and cookies for all!



Calendar of Events

Monday, December 11

7:00 p.m. Parish Council

Tuesday, December 12

1:30 p.m. Brookdale Nursing Home

7:00 p.m. Islam Talk/Hall

Wednesday, December 13

1 & 7 p.m. Bible Study/Mark

6:30 p.m. Social Action/Hall

Thursday, December 14

6:00 p.m. Youth Choir

7:30 p.m. Choir

Saturday, December 16

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Spiritual Life Talk/Hall

Saturday/Sunday, December 16/17

Food Collection



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BAPTISM

The celebration of baptism takes place either during a weekend Mass or a Sunday afternoon liturgy. Parents should speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements.

ADULT INITIATION

Adults wishing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation should speak to Jennifer Marran.

CONFIRMATION

Eighth graders receive Confirmation in the spring. Please speak to Eva Mancuso for more information.

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should speak to Fr. Jared at least nine months prior to the wedding.

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office to make arrangements.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK & HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion regularly, please speak to Jennifer Marran to make arrangements. On the third Tuesday of each month, Mass is celebrated at South Kingstown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center at 10:30 a.m., and at Brookdale South Bay Assisted Living at 1:30 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY with Fr. Jared (*Gospel of Mark*) WEDNESDAYS at 1:00 & 7:00 p.m.

November 29

December 6, 13

BIBLE STUDY (Shared/Group)

Spring dates TBA

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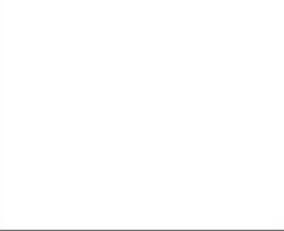
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