



Saturday, January 11: Vigil, Baptism of the Lord
4:00 p.m. **Anne Feeley (†)**, Fortieth Anniversary, req. by her family.

Sunday, January 12: Baptism of the Lord
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. **Deceased Members of the Miglioizzi and Serbian Families (†)**, req. by the Miglioizzi family.

Monday, January 13: Weekday, Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Tuesday, January 14: Weekday, Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Wednesday, January 15: Weekday, Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Thursday, January 16: Weekday, Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. **No Mass**

Saturday, January 18: Vigil, 2nd Sunday, Ordinary Time
4:00 p.m. **Claire Lavoie (†)**, First Anniversary, req. by her family.

Sunday, January 19: 2nd Sunday, Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **Kathie Decker (†)**, req. by Norman and Therese Benton.
10:00 a.m.

There are Mass Intentions available for weekdays and weekends. Call the office to reserve your intentions for the Living or the Deceased.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for
**James Ayotte and
Mr. & Mrs. Cleo Lacroix**

The sanctuary lamp is available for memorializing your loved ones in prayer. Call the office to reserve your week.

Many thanks and prayers for those who memorialized loved ones by this year's **Christmas Flower** donations. A list of those remembered has been posted at the church exits.



Weekly Monday evening meetings will resume on January 13th, join us at 7:00PM in the parish center. No prior teaching or knowledge of the scripture is required. **All are Welcome!**

THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

Monday, January 13	7:00PM
Bible Study	Parish Center
Tuesday, January 14	6:30PM
Girl Scout Troop Meeting	Parish Center
Wednesday, January 15	6:30PM
Cub Scout 13 & Troop 31 Scout Meetings	Parish Center
Wednesday, January 15	6:45PM
Parish Finance Council Meeting	Parish Center
Thursday, January 16	6:00PM
Brownie/Girl Scout Troop 993 Meeting	Parish Center
Friday, January 17 & Monday, January 19 Church Office Closed in Observance of the Holiday.	

OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEK

December 24 & 25, Christmas
Offering: \$2,609.00

December 28 & 29: \$2,994.50

December 28 & 29, Electronic: \$413.00

January 1, Solemnity of Mary: \$459.00

January 4 & 5: \$3,435.00

January 4 & 5, Electronic: \$528.00

January 4 & 5, Church of Christ the King Building
Maintenance Fund: \$1,025.00

Second Collection, January 18 & 19: Catholic University



Just like you, your parish has bills to pay and ministries to support, rain or shine. When it snows on weekends, it greatly impacts our budget. Thank you for making up missed Sunday contributions to you parish when the winter weather keeps you home!

Stop in to see all **The Attic** has to offer: Dishes, pots and pans, glassware, knick-knacks, small kitchen appliances, books, bed linens, picture frames, games, puzzles, handbags, children/adult shoes and clothing, etc.



Shop Hours: Monday, 12:00-6:00pm;
Wednesday, 12:00-6:00pm;
Saturday, 9:00am-12:00 Noon

Stop in ... You never know what treasures you will find in "the Attic"!!!



2019 YEAR END STATEMENTS:

Statements of annual giving for tax reporting purposes are available by calling the church office at 401.821.9228 or email request to ctkwwri@cox.net

Faith Formation News

January 12: Class—All Grades 8:45-9:45AM

January 19—No Class—Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Gina Vessella, Religious Education Coordinator at gvessella.ckkww@gmail.com, call the parish office at 401.821.9228, or visit our parish website, ckkwwri.org!

Snow Days: We are part of the RI Broadcasters Association for cancellation of Religious Education/Faith Formation Classes. Listen to most local radio stations (92 ProFM, Lite Rock 105, 93.3, etc...) or the three local TV stations to see if classes are cancelled.

Please remember to complete a **'Mass Attendance Slip'** and hand it to Father at the end of Mass.



Readings for the Week of January 12, 2020:

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19; Mk 1:14--20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Mk 1:21--28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40--45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19; Mk 2:1--12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 2:13--17
Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

The church office will be closed Friday, January 17th and Monday January 20th in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.



Some random thoughts

The connection between John the Baptist and Jesus (who is also the Christ) is somewhat sketchy. Only in Luke's Gospel is John the Baptist said to be a cousin of Jesus. Most likely the connection (between the two) comes from their common interest in the Essene community (living at Qumran). The Essenes are unique in Judaism. They live apart in the desert area close to the Dead Sea. Unlike most Jews, many – though not all – are celibates who live in a community not unlike monastic communities of today. The purpose of celibacy – for those who chose it – is to gain intellectual clarity. Most of the writings that originate in this community concern themselves with the end of the world, the battles between good and evil, and the workings of angels and demons. The community – when the Romans threaten to wipeout everything Jewish – hide manuscripts of their work and the works of others. These works were only found (by accident) in the 1900's by a shepherd looking for lost sheep. The differences between the theology and the message of John the Baptist however, and of Jesus are significant. John follows the way of thinking of the Essenes who see everything as impure and sinful. (This is the primary reason that they withdraw to the desert and have little to do with the Temple or the institutional Jewish Religion.) Hence, it isn't surprising that John preaches that baptismal forgiveness is necessary and as readily available as the waters of the Jordan, and ignores the liturgical rites prescribed by the Jewish institutional Religion. Jesus comes from the same background and influence, and apparently he was a disciple of John for a time. Then, he experiences the love of another and his message changes almost completely. He doesn't focus on sin and the need for forgiveness. Rather, he proclaims that God is already with us. There is no reason nor any need to be baptized to get 'right' with God. God creates us 'right'. God creates us in love, so no external rite or transaction is necessary for love to happen. God is good.

Parish Updates: As is my practice, I would like your input regarding updating the worship space of the church. This is the information that might be helpful: It was initially thought that sections of the worship space could be done. That would have allowed us to remain in the worship space during the updating. Unfortunately, this is not feasible. The tiles on the floor were made with asbestos. They are not harmful in their present state (they are solid), but if they are disturbed then they would put asbestos into the air. The removal of the benches and the rugs cannot be done without disturbing the tiles. This means that the entire job would have to be undertaken rather than a portion, and we would have to move our worship space downstairs. My best guess regarding the cost of the job (based on similar jobs) would be in the \$100,000 range. CTK has a portion of that amount in the Maintenance Account. We could eventually be receiving an additional amount from the Diocesan capital campaign, but combined CTK would be short of the estimated \$100,000 cost. This would necessitate taking money from the Inter-Parish Loan Fund. CTK keeps this fund (approximately \$156,000) in case of emergencies. Looking at the bigger picture... CTK will be merging with SS. John & James when I retire. That could be as early as June, 2021, when I am eligible to retire. I don't know at present when I will retire. It is a decision that I will make each year. However, I do know that I will retire no later than the year that I turn 72 (June, 2023). I can't tell you for sure what will happen to CTK once that merger takes place. I suspect (and it is only a suspicion) that the worship space will continue to be used for a time, but for how long I can't say. Finally, we can safely continue to use the worship space as it is going forward. These are facts (without bias) to help you make an informed decision. Unless it is deemed necessary we won't conduct a formal polling, but your input is very important and would be greatly appreciated.

fr. tim