

Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

768 Ocean Avenue • Jersey City, NJ 07304



July 7, 2019

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY

IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass times:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, & Thurs: 9 am

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Reflection by Rev. Leonard Peterson

In October 1961, a Broadway musical premiered called “How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying.” Six years later came a film version of the show, followed in 1995 by a revival; another revival in 2011; and a short run in 2014 in Philadelphia. The story follows the fortunes of a certain J. Pierrepont Finch, a young window-cleaner in New York City, who reads the book of the same title, and is profoundly affected. This leads him to approach the World Wide Wicket Co. in search of a job. He is hired at once, and his career weaves in and out with improbable complications until our hero succeeds to the top position in the firm. Along the way, the audience enjoys the inbred humor and hears several apt tunes that enhance the plot.

It struck me as I thought about this classic show that in real life there certainly is a book that can have a profound effect on us that could be subtitled “How to Succeed in Life by Really Trying.” I refer to the Bible of course. For there in its pages is our spiritual story as a Christian people destined for eternal life. We know from personal experience that our lives often feature all sort of complications -some of them humorous no doubt- but all of them eventually yielding to our loving Father’s plan for us. He alone knows the best path for us to take to get to our true home in heaven. Then we will enjoy the sweet success of completing our mission.

Whether we admit it or not, each of us is “wired” for success. Not the material kind that the world holds up as the goal of life. But the spiritual kind that Jesus Christ holds up as a treasure that will not fade or rust.

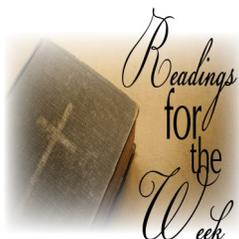
Now this pull of the world is like a tug of war. Not as a fun game but as a powerful challenge to all that Jesus stands for in opposition. You might say that our wiring can get “frayed” under the pressure of this visible. The so-called “Big Three”, namely “Wealth, Power and Fame,” are always in the ring ready for a fight against our good intentions. We get hoodwinked into the belief that this trio is far more important than the Trinity we call “Blessed.”

I believe that Jesus tempered the enthusiasm of His first missionaries, when they came back to Him from their missions, so excited to hand in their reports of success, to have them realize that there were even more important things in life than success. At least of the kind that is measurable by the world’s standards.

What keeps our focus set on the right goal of our lives is our strong connection with Christ, a bond forged by prayer and the Sacraments of the Church. After all, He instituted them to help us stay connected. Of these seven, the Eucharist is prime because it is He Himself as our very food and drink. It has all the right “nutrients,” principally the “protein” we need to resist the infection all around us. The other six sacraments cover all the other times in our life’s journey. They help us stay on track to reach our ultimate goal: life forever lived free of pain and full of joy with the eternal vision of God.

Yet, in the name of transparency, we know that Christ told us that the road here in earth bears no resemblance to the fabled “Easy Street.” It can be awfully trying at times to stay loyal to Christ. But we have the guarantee from Him that no matter how tough it gets, we have His promise to be with us “til the end of time.” So we know how to succeed in life even when it is really trying. And we can say with a smile that *“the only place where success comes before work is in the dictionary.”*

Mass Intentions :People of the Parish



Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33

Please
P R A Y
 for the sick of our parish and
 those that care for them

Please keep the following parish family members and friends in your prayers:

Francena Thomas, Beverly Chestnut, William Moore, Nathaniel McDougald, Irene Gaynor, Pearl Hardy, John Lott, Connie Moses, Deneen Dorsey, Carol Jones, Julia Hunt-Walker, Mildred Hamm, Elizabeth Gaines, Alicia Brown, Ellen Stuckey, Shirley Connell, Harold Wilson, James Holloway, Dolores Sanders, Bessie Johnson, Gordon Gladden, Adela Buccilli, Lourdes Ithier, Robert Orange, Aaron Anderson, Theresa Garner, Bennie Fields, Pat Edomy, Valerie Thomas-Floyd, Davey Bogar, Harriet Donald, Wanda Manning, Roberta Brown, Sharon Massey, Michael J.R. Coates, Claude Hunt, Carolyn K. Rice, Verdona Johnson, Aurora Curry, Elissa Hairston, Valerie Lewis-Mosley, Renade Bigbie, Janie Jackson, Aaron Hairston, Verdell Moses-Boyd, Dad Mallard, Diane Weems, Katherine Graham, Eleanor Mixson, Kadeem Carson, Velma Smith Ingram, Ruth Ann Watkins, Rochelle Brown, Anna Marie Mosley, Miya Enix, Minnie Johnson, Shirley West, Curtis Curry. **God of mercy, ease the suffering of those on our prayer list. Comfort them in their various illnesses. Please give them courage, patience and hope. In their times of loneliness assure them of our love and prayers.**

Lectors

Date		
July 6	Mabel Hawkins	
July 7	Adebisi Adetoye	Oluwadunbarin Balogun
July 13	Ann Warren	
July 14	Alan Lee	Monica Harwell
July 20	Mabel Hawkins	
July 21	Lois Salley	Yvonne Bailey
July 27	Ann Warren	
July 28	Francisa Osuji	Kimberly Robertson

Eucharistic Ministers

Date		
July 6	Ann Warren	
July 7	Jeanette Daniels	Eugene Mosley
July 13	Mabel Hawkins	
July 14	Patrice Maina	Yolanda Jackson
July 20	Ann Warren	
July 21	Iris Jones	Cecelia Faulks
July 27	Mabel Hawkins	
July 28	Sharnette Lewis	Monica Harwell

Time

Talent

Treasure

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Reflections from Cardinal Tobin:

“He said to them, ‘The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...’”(Luke10:2)

As Catholics, we are called to serve. However, many of us are unsure of what our charisms or gifts from the Holy Spirit are to help build God’s Church. Through prayer we are able to discern how God is calling us. The next time Pastor or a fellow parishioner asks you to join a committee, ask God first, if that is what He wants you to do with your gifts.

Sunday Collection

	6/23/2019	Y-T-D
Collected	2,208.00	118,428.00
Needed	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>132,500.00</u>
Difference	(472.00)	(14,072.00)

Parish Giving:

2019 Annual Appeal: Goal: \$13,596.00
 Pledged: \$2,500.00 Received: \$123.00.00

We Are Living Stones Capital Campaign:

Goal: \$145,484.00 Pledged: \$61,140.00
 Received: \$39,201.22
 Our share after meeting tithing goal of \$12,000.00:
 \$14,045.00

If you have not yet made a pledge to the *Sharing God’s Blessings Annual Appeal*, there is still time. Please complete a pledge envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. If you have already made a contribution, Thank you.

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Sacred Music Ministry

Director, Henry Rawls: Adults
Michelle Adolphus: Children and Youth

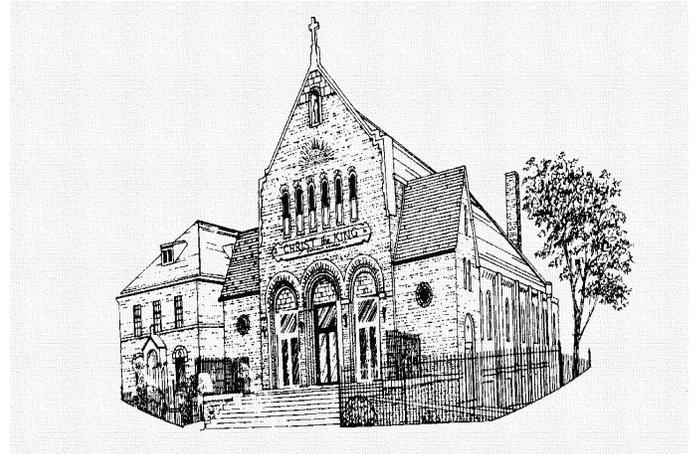
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Pastoral Council

Mable Hawkins	Alan Lee
Patrice Maina	Beauty Muswema
Rosemary Nwabueze	Kimberly Robertson
Devon Roland	Charles Simmons
Eleanor Simmons	

Finance Committee

Marjorie Boyer-Ware	Donna Boyer-Lender
Eugene Mosley	Diana Maina
Christina Wooten	Verdena Johnson
Alma Burnett	Anthony Ngaojia
Yolanda Jackson	



Trustees: **Mrs. Verdena Johnson**
Ms. Christina Wooten

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Membership

Christ the King is a parish that welcomes all. Every member of the parish is expected to be involved in stewardship of time, talent, and treasure and one of the church ministries. Anyone needing offering envelopes should contact the rectory.

Christian Formation

Inquiry classes into Catholic faith RCIA formation for adults seeking full membership in the Catholic Church are held in the rectory. For more information please contact Fr. Mino or Fr. Bob for meeting times.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Celebrations are held seasonally. Parents should contact the pastor to set up an appointment. Parents and godparents are invited to our baptismal preparation program.

The Sacrament of Marriage

Couples considering marriage are expected to make arrangements with the pastor one year in advance. All couples are welcome to our marriage preparation program.

Mission Statement of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church

It is our mission that all are welcomed, every race, creed, and color.

To reach out to everyone within our community with love, respect, hospitality, and support.

To worship in a manner which is consistent with our African-American Heritage and culture.

To involve ourselves in building up our community, by confronting areas of racial, social and economic injustice.

To embrace our youth, understand their needs, nurture them and ensure that the youth are in integral part of our parish.

Reporting Sexual Abuse Information

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by any member of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate actions to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at (201) 407-3256

