

Christ the King Roman Catholic Parish

768 Ocean Avenue • Jersey City, NJ 07304



AUGUST 11, 2018

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass times:

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 10:00 am

Weekdays: Mon, Wed, & Thurs: 9 am

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First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



Reflection By

Rev. Leonard Peterson

The news came to me bunched together with an assortment of insignificant emails. My priest classmate had died. What a shock it was! He had been a generally jolly person who sat across the aisle of the seminary classroom from me for eight years. Like me, he went on from our initial assignments as parish assistant priests (now curiously known as “parochial vicars”) to more specialized jobs. He as a prison chaplain and yours truly as a high school teacher. In his case, the new task did not seem such a good fit. But he made it work. So well did he ply his task that he eventually rose to become chief of prison chaplains for my home state of Pennsylvania. In that foolishness we fall into, the shock most likely came because God’s plan did not coincide with my own.

Our Scriptures this weekend speak to us of three different matters. First the focus is on faith; then of waiting, and finally of vigilance. There comes a point in life when gray hair usually arrives, combined with news of the deaths of friends that forces us to be more cognizant of matters like our own death. It is a whole different outlook that was never a part of our youth.

The questions then arise as to how one is to maintain a youthful outlook in faith, and how one is to be vigilant about it. It seems to me that not only is youth not a matter of birthday count but also that it is a state of mind. I have known pessimists who seem to have died at 35, and optimists who remain so well into their 80’s.

Our basically joy-based faith comes from the resurrected Jesus, still very much alive, and not in any way a prisoner of time. When He told His Apostles that He would be with them until the end of time, and certainly that includes you and me here in our time, then the only choice we have is to be sure in our faith, and glad of it.

As for vigilance, that certainly implies a certain attitude toward the material things of this world that frees us from being beholden to them. From overvaluing them. From identifying our self-worth with them. Certainly our vigilance is not to adopt a maudlin attitude. If the phrase “If I live that long” appears frequently in our conversation that is a signal to me that one has lost the taste for life, much less the gusto needed to enjoy it. Each new morning is either appreciated or not. How we say the words “O God, it’s morning” gives us away.

We hear Jesus say today “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” What a put down of our worst enemy at times, namely fear. Fear is the antithesis of the Gospel. It should have no place in a Christian’s heart.

Once upon a time a boy and his father were traveling in a car when a bee flew through the open window. The boy was so highly allergic to bee stings that he and his father knew that his life was in danger. As the boy frantically jumped around and tried to avoid the agitated bee, the father calmly reached out and grabbed the bee. When he opened his hand, the bee began to fly again terrifying the boy once more. The father then said, “Look, son,” holding up a hand with an implanted stinger, “his stinger is gone; he can’t hurt you any longer.”

As a bee loses its stinger when it stings, death lost its sting when it STUNG Jesus. Amen.

Mass Intentions

People of the Parish



Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24; Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

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, Ka-deem Carson, Velma Smith Ingram, Ruth Ann Watkins, Rochelle Brown, Anna Marie Mosley, Miya Enix, Minnie Johnson, Shirley West, Curtis Curry, Jessie Williams.

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.

Date	Lectors	
Aug 10	Ann Warren	
Aug 11	Iris Jones	Sheree Washington
Aug 17	Mabel Hawkins	
Aug 18	Patrice Maina	Yvonne Bailey
Aug. 24	Ann Warren	
Aug 25	Cecelia Faulks	Mae Moses
Aug 31	Mabel Hawkins	
Sept 1	Lois Salley	Yvonne Bailey

Date	Eucharistic Ministers	
Aug 10	Mabel Hawkins	
Aug 11	Jeanette Daniels	Eugene Mosley
Aug 17	Ann Warren	
Aug 18	Yolanda Jackson	Cecelia Faulks
Aug 24	Mable Hawkins	
Aug 25	Patrice Maina	Yolanda Jackson
Aug 31	Ann Warren	
Sept 1	Charnette Lewis	Monica Harwell

Reflections from Cardinal Tobin

**“For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.”
(Luke 12:34)**

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more time in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.

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.

Sunday Collection

	07/21/19	Y-T-D
Collected	2,046	7,609
Needed	<u>2,446</u>	<u>7,340</u>
Difference	(400)	269

Parish Giving

2019 Annual Appeal

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$13,596	\$2,500	\$123

We Are Living Stones

Goal	Pledged	Received
\$145,484	\$61,140	\$39,201

Our share after meeting tithing goal of \$12,000.00: \$14,045.00



Sacred Music Ministry

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

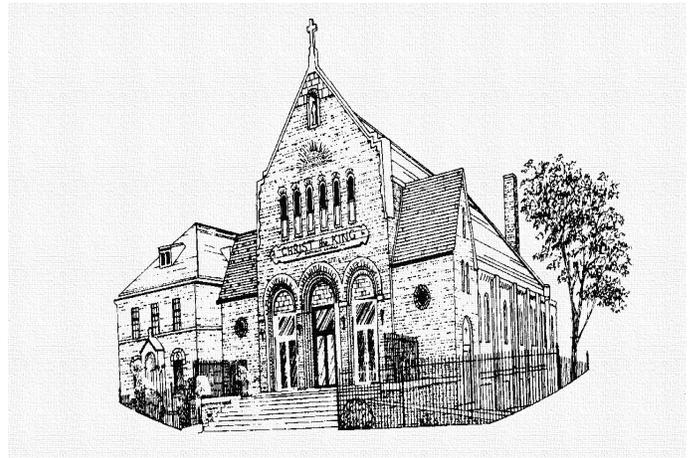
Pastoral Council

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
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Alma Burnett	Anthony Ngaojia
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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

