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17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 25

4:00 p.m. Maureen Hodgkinson,
Edwin Baranowski

Sunday, July 26

8:00 a.m. Suzanne Dubuc
9:15 a.m. Michael Gray
11:00 a.m. Edmund Arsenault

Wednesday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Theo Mundorf

Thursday, July 30

9:00 a.m. Fernando de los Heros

Saturday, August 1

4:00 p.m. Anna and Edward Kane, Leo McGowan,
Christopher Collins

Sunday, August 2

8:00 a.m. All deceased parishioners
9:15 a.m. All deceased relatives and friends
11:00 a.m. Bob Lindeblad

If you scheduled a Mass intention for a relative or friend during the weeks when there were no public Masses, you may notice that the name will appear in the intentions over the next few weeks. (Some of the intentions were already offered.) If you would like to reschedule any intention, just let us know.

Please see each week's bulletin for the schedule of weekday Masses, as the schedule will change from time to time. Reservations are no longer required for weekday Mass.



Religious Formation News

2019-2020 First Communions will be in August and September. Confirmations will be scheduled for early fall.

2020-2021 RELIGIOUS FORMATION CLASSES

Registrations for classes for the coming year will begin in September.

2021 First Communions and Confirmations will be scheduled for the Spring 2021. Watch the Bulletin for information, updates and schedules.

Books and Teacher Supplies :

If you come across one of the above during the summer, we would love to have them back. There is an easy, no contact return policy! A **Book Return Box** is located on steps leading into the parish hall by the garage.

You can also return them to the Parish office from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or when you come to mass on the weekends.

CONFIRMATION RESCHEDULED

As of this date we have planned for several smaller ceremonies in late October and early November depending on the state of the pandemic. Each ceremony will be limited to 15 at a time and have limited space for family and friends. The signup will be online beginning the first week of August. Stay tuned to the bulletin for details. All correspondence is by email so if your email has changed please contact Beth Hogan to update your record. Thank you for your patience.

LIVE STREAM MASS

Each Sunday, our 11 a.m. Mass will be live streamed to our parish YouTube Channel for those who cannot attend in person. The live stream Mass video will appear on the link below when it goes live at 11 a.m. Click the red "subscribe" button on our YouTube page to receive notifications when a new video posts. Here is the direct link to our CTK YouTube Channel:

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Quotes of the Week

“Planned Parenthood of Greater New York announced Tuesday that it would remove the name of the national organization's founder from its Manhattan clinic due to her 'racist legacy' stemming from her well-documented connections with the eugenics movement.”

“Planned Parenthood of Greater New York to remove late founder's name from center due to 'racist legacy.’” *NBC News*. July 21, 2020.

“The parish territory is no longer a geographical space only, but also the context in which people express their lives in terms of relationships, reciprocal service and ancient traditions. It is in this 'existential territory' where the challenges facing the Church in the midst of the community are played out. As a result, any pastoral action that is limited to the territory of the parish is outdated, which is something the parishioners themselves observe when their parish appears to be more interested in preserving a nostalgia of former times as opposed to looking to the future with courage.”

The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelizing Mission of the Church, a new Vatican document released July 21 that offers suggestions for the renewal of parish life.

“The Little Sisters of the Poor, we have learned, are neither little, nor poor. They are an avatar for the wealthy and powerful Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, a well-oiled legal organization backed by the Knights of Columbus and other wealthy Catholic donors.”

“Little Sisters of the Poor are the wealthy right wing's perfect avatar.” *National Catholic Reporter*. July 21, 2020.

“In this time in which the pandemic shows no signs of coming to an end, I want to assure my nearness to all those suffering from the illness and its economic and social repercussions. My thought goes out especially to the populations whose sufferings are heightened due to situations of conflict. On the basis of a recent United Nations resolution, I renew the appeal for a global and immediate cease fire that would allow the peace and safety that are indispensable in order to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance.”

Pope Francis. “The pandemic shows no signs of coming to an end, notes Pope.” *The Mast*. July 21, 2020.

“Last year, members of Christ the King Parish donated [to homeless veterans] more than 4,500 bottles of water, 330 T-shirts, 145 ball caps, 413 pairs of socks, 65 bottles of sunblock and 61 cans of insect repellent.”

“Veterans Voice: Operation Chillout RI grows into 4-season aid program for homeless vets.” *Providence Journal*. July 19, 2020.

“Cardinal Angelo Scola, the runner-up in the last papal conclave, has twice in recent weeks come out strongly against those, especially within the church, who frequently and increasingly attack Pope Francis. 'It's a very strong sign of contradiction and denotes a certain weakening of the people of God, above all of the intellectual class,' he said. 'It is a profoundly wrong attitude because it forgets that the pope is the pope.'”

“Cardinal Scola calls out Pope Francis' critics: ‘The pope is the pope.’” *America*. July 21, 2020.

“If Vatican II was so harmful, why did it take [Archbishop] Viganò 55 years to say so? He exercised his priestly and episcopal ministry, and crafted a rather prominent ecclesiastical career in the Vatican II Church without complaint.”

Bishop Thomas Tobin. *Twitter*. July 15, 2020.

“Since 1965, when the United States featured 13,000 Catholic schools with 5.2 million students, the numbers have plummeted. According to the National Catholic Education Association, the 2019-20 school year featured 6,183 schools with 1.7 million students. Those numbers will likely drop again after the economic fallout of COVID-19, with another 100 or more Catholic schools expected to close.”

“Dear Church, teach your children well.” *New Boston Post*. July 21, 2020.

“An ongoing enrollment crisis could further threaten the viability of Catholic education at a time when parochial school closings are already in evidence around the U.S.” *Catholic San Francisco*. July 21, 2020.





REFLECTION

A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised! We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

I just want to update on our Ministry during this very challenging time. Many have continued to sew in the past few months, but I feel most of us were busy bees making masks.

I have heard from Sam at South County Hospital and we are now able to drop off our sewn blankets. I was told that they are trying to get back to "normal." I did drop off 40 blankets last week and the volunteers are just thrilled the quilts are back.

If anyone needs supplies there are prepped quilts in the "closet" at the church. I also have supplies available at my home that you can pick up at social distancing, or I do make deliveries – whatever works for you. You may notice a few fabrics that are Christmas prints. This year I am doing Christmas in July so the quilts will be available in the fall months. We are very low on children's print fabrics at this time.

A special thank you for those who have continued to work on our quilts.

If you need additional information please contact me either email: Barbara368@aol.com or call 368-4479.

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When a merchant finally finds a priceless, perfect pearl, he sells all he has and buys it. He does this because that pearl matters to him. It has significance and brings a depth of joy like none other. What matters and is of importance to you? When what matters to us has something to do with the kingdom of God, God is delighted. His exuberant happiness is hard to contain because He knows that we are happy stumbling upon this beautiful wisdom. Ask God to help you discover this pearl of great price. There are many things competing for our attention every day. But not all of these things are important. We focus too much energy on the unimportant, superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really make a difference and have the greatest impact. Things all too easily become more significant than people, and our agendas become more essential than God's. We do not have to empty our bank accounts and totally detach from everything we have in order to serve God. But, we are asked to prioritize our lives and make what matters to God what matters most to us. In doing so, when we rise each day, we will be able to see what really needs our attention and embrace it with great joy!

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Operation Chillout RI Summer Veterans Homeless Outreach will take place again, but in a different way due to COVID 19 for us here at Christ the King Parish. The Veterans and Social Action Committees will not be taking your individual cases of water, new ball caps, tee shirts, cotton socks, sunscreen or insect repellent as you pass by going to Mass.

You can support Operation Chillout Summer Veterans Outreach by making a donation by check to Operation Chillout RI. Mail to Dave Vissoe, Coordinator OCO-RI, PO Box 1277, Charlestown, RI 02813.

You can also make a donation to operationchillout.org directly for the water only. Deacon Ray will be delivering 80 cases of water to me directly for distribution in RI. I will purchase tee shirts, hats, and socks to be staged here at CTK with the Veterans and Social Action Committees in early August for delivery in mid-August.

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A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

A profound stewardship prayer is offered by the young King Solomon in today's first reading. He asks the Lord to give him an understanding heart, compassion towards God's people and the insight to distinguish right from wrong. An understanding heart, or wisdom, is a gift from God. It is a gift that enables us to make good decisions and prudent choices. Cultivating and sharing this gift is essential, especially when poor decisions and lack of compassion have consequences that affect the lives of others. During these disquieting times, are we asking God for an understanding heart? Are we exercising good stewardship over the gift of wisdom? Are we sharing our compassionate hearts with others?

FRIENDLY VISITOR MESSAGE

"Summertime and the living is easy," according to the old song. That may not be true with lots of time on your hands and being at home with nothing to look forward to except another day of being home alone. There is help! The Friendly Visitors here at Christ The King would love the opportunity to visit with you and help fill the day. While social distancing is making in person visits difficult, the phone can be the connection that you need. Give Bonnie Feeney a call at 391-9460 to get started.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. Sunday: 8, 9:15 & 11 a.m.

Mass attendance by reservation only.

See website, www.ctkri.org

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

To be announced.

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: The Book of Ruth (Fr. Jared) 1 & 7pm

To be announced.

BIBLE STUDY (Shared/Group) 7:00 p.m.

To be announced.

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