

Christ the King Parish

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**17th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 24, 2011**

PONDERING

The rectory is under severe duress. The walls need painting and we need new rugs. The first floor bathroom, which as a cost saving attempt, was left untouched when the hall was built and the rectory was remodeled and reconfigured back in 1993, is under attack by sledghammer as I am attempting to write this Pondering. Conditions are not ideal at the present moment.

In order to get my office ready for repainting, I had to clean out several book shelves and one closet. Where does all that stuff come from? I am a self-proclaimed pack rat, but even I was surprised by the "stuff" I had sequestered into the small closet in my office. Throwing stuff away is a difficult process. Some stuff is clearly ready for the landfill, while other stuff is here for the duration.

Unfortunately both of those collections are small. The biggest collection is the "I'm not sure" collection. Once I hesitate in the process of throwing stuff away, inertia sets in and the process grinds to a halt. Unfortunately, once something goes into the "I'm not sure" pile, it is well on its way to resident status.

The obvious solution is to pile up all the "I'm not sure" stuff up in one place and then go for a long ride while someone who has no physical, emotional or physical attachment comes in and evaluates what stays and what goes. I just cannot bring myself to give someone else such decision making power.

There is at least one benefit to going through stuff – you find stuff that you thought was lost forever. One nugget that surfaced this week was a copy of a letter that my father wrote to my brothers and me about sixty years ago. The letter was undated but from the content I am sure that I must have been about 10 years old. In the letter my father tried to pass on to his sons what he thought was important

in life. He has some very interesting things to say about education and learning how to think. About learning how to distinguish between that which you can control and what you cannot control. He spoke about the importance of honestly evaluating your capabilities and being able to think outside the box for solutions to problems. It was a very enjoyable discovery. My father gave a copy to my older brother, Jerry, and lamented that he had never mailed the letter. Jerry read it and said, "You may not have mailed it but you sent it over and over again by the way you lived. Did he ever. It is amazing how much of the advice in the letter is part of my philosophy of life."

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23

5 p.m.

Francis Richard Murphy
Shirley H. Costello

Sunday, July 24

8 a.m.

Viola Ferrante
Katherine Creedon
Judith Davis

9:15 a.m.

Liberato Bucci
Grace and Armand Perrotti
M. Isabelle Capuano
Pasquale J. Capuano
Kate Wholey

11 a.m.

Thursday, July 28

12 p.m.

Cecilia Trubiano

Friday, July 29

12 p.m.

Sophie Hyde

Sunday, July 31

8 a.m.

Mark LeGoff

11 a.m.

Joann Vito

Thursday, August 4

12 p.m.

Germaine Baglini

Saturday, August 6

5 p.m.

Arthur Doyon

Sunday, August 7

11 a.m.

Robert Lindeblad

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

William Saslow and Michelle DaPonte Jacome

RELIGIOUS FORMATION

The office reopens **Monday, August 15**. Please leave messages via email (jmarran@ctkri.org, glardaro@ctkri.org, or btougas@ctkri.org) or call **789-0417** and they will be returned as soon as possible.

STEPHEN MINISTRY MESSAGE

How many times have you wished that there was someone you could talk to about your worries about an aging parent, or caring for an ill spouse, or your child's trouble with peers or relationships with your co-workers? These are some of the situations that a Stephen Minister can be of help. We know how hard it is to ask for help. Stephen Ministers are here to be confidential, Christian friends to help you for as long as you need, for a few weeks, a few months, or longer.

Call Carol Hartley at **783-4036** (email carolhartley@cox.net), Larry Bartley at **965-7276** (email: LBJR@cox.net) or contact the office at **783-7459** for more information.

CALENDAR FOR JULY 25- AUGUST 14

Saturday, July 30

4 p.m. Confession

Thursday, August 4

6:30 p.m. Make a Difference/Hall

Friday, August 5

7 p.m. Christ the King Night at the PawSox

Saturday, August 6

3 p.m. Wedding

4 p.m. Confession

Monday, August 8

9 a.m. Mass at Catholic Center

*Offices Closed in Observance of
Victory Day Holiday*

Tuesday, August 9

7 p.m. Vision for Change/Hall

Saturday, August 13

4 p.m. Confession

Sunday, August 14

11 a.m. Baptism

PAWSOX TICKETS ON SALE

PawSox vs. Buffalo Bison tickets for the game on **August 5** are on sale after Masses this weekend and in the parish office during the week for \$10/ticket.

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

Your support helped the Rhode Island Blood Center to ensure a safe and adequate blood supply to our hospitals. A total of **21** donors were able to give. Since one pint can save up to three lives, our blood drive potentially benefited up to **63** people in Rhode Island and beyond! Thank you!!!

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Come socialize in an air conditioned environment while you share your time and talent!

Our next workshop is **Thursday August 4** in the Parish Hall at **6:30 p.m.** If you sew, knit or crochet, please stop by to learn about our ministry. Sewing machines will be set up for anyone who would like to learn how we sew our quilts which are donated to children at South County Hospital Emergency Room. Knitting and crocheting instructions are also available. Finished items may be dropped off and more supplies will be available.

For more information contact **Barbara** at **294 -3623**.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT

The Social Action Committee will again sponsor the "Back to School Project" this summer. The collection will be **Saturday/Sunday, August 6/7**. Collection boxes will be in the parish hall to drop off items. We have requests for more than 400 backpacks and school supplies from the South County elementary and middle schools.

Recommended supplies include: backpacks (large & small), pencils, colored pencils, glue sticks, crayons, highlighters, markers, erasers, rulers, scissors, notebooks, pocket folders, and binders.

Christ the King Parish has been incredibly generous in the past for this project and we look forward to another successful year.

Thank you for any support you can give to help these students in our community.

*******DUE TO RENOVATIONS, THE RECTORY AREA AND PARISH HALL ARE CLOSED THIS WEEKEND. PLEASE USE ONLY THE CHURCH DOORS AND PARKING LOT ENTRANCE FOR MASS.**