

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(PROPER 20)

SUNDAY ♦ SEPTEMBER 20, 2020 ♦ 9:45 AM



Matthew 20:1-16

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WELCOME! AND THANK YOU FOR JOINING US FROM YOUR HOME FOR TODAY'S SERVICE!

WHILE WE ARE NOT ABLE TO PHYSICALLY COME TOGETHER TODAY FOR WORSHIP, WE APPRECIATE YOUR SPIRITUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS SERVICE.

WE THEREFORE INVITE YOU TO REPLICATE MANY OF THE SAME PRACTICES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN A SUNDAY WORSHIP. FOR EXAMPLE, WE INVITE YOU TO SPEND SOME TIME IN QUIET PRAYER TO PLACE YOURSELF BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD BEFORE THE SERVICE BEGINS.

DURING THE SERVICE, WE INVITE YOU TO PERFORM THE SAME GESTURES THAT YOU WOULD NORMALLY DO IN CHURCH (SIGN OF THE CROSS, BOWING, ETC.).

ALSO, IN THOSE PLACES IN THE SERVICE WHERE THE PEOPLE WOULD NORMALLY SAY A PRAYER (SUCH AS, THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING) OR RESPONSE (SUCH AS, "AND ALSO WITH YOU"), PLEASE SAY IT ALOUD.

YOUR PHONE IS MUTED BUT OUR VOICES WILL RISE TOGETHER IN AFFIRMING OUR FAITH. THANK YOU.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

CALL HOST: Joanne Gwin

PRIEST: The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt

DEACON: The Rev. Ted Foley

MUSIC DIRECTOR: Polly Moore

ORGAN/PIANO: Andrew Van Buskirk

CHOIR PARTICIPANTS: David Corbitt, John Jowett, Cathy O'Neill, Helene Phillips

LECTOR: Jeff Genthe

INTERCESSOR: Cathy O'Neill

PRELUDE

Morning Has Broken

Gaelic melody, arr. Alec Wyton

OPENING HYMN

God, My King, Thy Might Confessing

Hymnal 414, vs 1,2,5,6

*1. God, my King, thy might confessing, ever will I bless thy name;
day by day thy throne addressing, still will I thy praise proclaim.*

*2. Honor great our God befitteth; who his majesty can reach?
Age to age his works transmitteth; age to age his pow'r shall teach.*

*5. Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove.*

*6. All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee, thee shall all thy saints adore.
King supreme shall they confess thee, and proclaim thy sovereign pow'r.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The people standing, as able, the Priest says

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Priest Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People *Amen*

The following is read by the Lector; said by all

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Priest Let us pray. Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The following is read by the Intercessor; said by all

THE COLLECT OF WELCOMING

All Almighty and gracious God, we are your church, serving your mission. Lead us forth beyond our walls to seek out all people in our community, to invite and love them as Jesus would. Empower us to welcome to Christ Church all who are hurting or in need, all who are searching for you or for answers to life. Open our eyes to recognize each person as an individual sent by you who will enrich our lives. Transform us all into disciples of Christ. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The following is read by the Lector; said by all

PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF A RECTOR

All Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Christ Church that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The people sit as the lessons are read.

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 16:2-15

A Reading from the book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger." Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord." Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'" In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat." The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

The following is read by the Deacon; said by all

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him,
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength;
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done,
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant,
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going,
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared,
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness,
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- 45 That they might keep his statutes
and observe his laws. Hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able and face the Gospeler.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last." The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Please be seated.

REFLECTION

The Rev. Petrina M. Pyatt

HYMN

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

Lift Every Voice & Sing 70

*I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my trials, Lord, walk with me; In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When the shades of life are falling, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

*In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me; In my sorrows, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart within is aching, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.*

All stand, as able, as the Priest says the following

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
 by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again
 in accordance with the Scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* "catholic" here means the universal Church across time and place

The "people" is read by the Lector

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Leader As our God continues to reveal his power in our lives, let us pray to God saying, God of love, hear our prayer.
 God of power, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. God of love,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader God of peace, we pray for peace and goodwill among all nations, an ending to all strife and discord.
 We pray for all the leaders of the world. God of love,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader God of mercy, we ask your mercy for all who are hungry, thirsty, homeless, oppressed, in prison, or in any kind of trouble. God of love,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader God of Creation, we thank you for the abundance and beauty of our planet earth. Grant us the wisdom, ability, and will to care for its resources and creatures wisely. God of love,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader God of grace, we give you thanks for the many blessings in our lives, for those blessings we now name...And for all blessings. God of love,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader God of Healing, we pray for those affected by natural and man-made disasters; for those who are sick and suffering; we pray for a quick end to this pandemic and for those with and exposed to the virus; for medical professionals, first responders, and emergency workers; for those who have lost their jobs or suffered financial loss; for those serving our country; for those listed on our parish prayer list especially Donna Perry, Eileen Schilling and family, and for those we name at this time God of love,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader God of life, we pray for those who have died from the COVID-19 virus, for those who died serving our country, for all who have died in the hope of rising again, and for those we name at this time God of love,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Leader We pray for all teachers, parents and students during this school year. God of love,

People *Hear our prayer.*

Priest Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* (BCP 826)

The people kneel, as able

THE CONFESSION .

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Priest Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Please listen to the following prayer read by the Deacon

PRAYER IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with all essential workers. Be with all emergency responders, law enforcement, and medical professionals who seek to help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all people, particularly those who are poor and most vulnerable. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

Adapted from prayer written by Kerry Weber, America Magazine

The following is read by the Priest; said by all

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

**We use the modern translation of Lord's Prayer because it is closer to the Greek original text; particularly for the verse, "Save us from the time of trial" since God does not deliberately lead us into temptation.*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Priest invites the following prayer to be said by all:

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please also read "Parish News" beginning on page 11 of this bulletin for additional information and news.

The ministries of Christ Church "thank you" for your continued giving during these times of uncertainty. Your generous donations and pledges keep Christ Church moving forward.

Please continue to mail to Christ Episcopal Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) or set up with your individual bank, a bill pay, to be directly submitted to Christ Church.

Please contact the Church Office via phone or email with any questions or concerns.

THE BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people

CLOSING HYMN

We All Are One In Mission

Wonder, Love & Praise 778

1. *We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.
A single, great commission compels us from above
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.*
2. *We all are called for service as witness in God's name;
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:
To touch the lives of others with God's surprising grace
So people of all nations may feel God's warm embrace.*
3. *We all behold one vision, a stark reality;
The steward of salvation was nailed upon a tree.
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share
Free reconciliation and hope amid despair.*
4. *Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.*

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon dismisses the people

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia

POSTLUDE

Jubilant March

Gertrude Haupt Richolson

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PARISH NEWS

(Titles in Red indicate a New or Updated Item)

THANK YOU MOTHER PETRINA FOR BEING TODAY’S PRIEST! Here is a brief bio on the Rev. Petrina Pyatt, Long-Term Supply Priest at Christ Church: “I was born in NYC and have been a cradle Episcopalian ever since. I am the eldest of two sisters and a brother, am widowed with two daughters and two granddaughters. I worked on Wall Street with a Securities Exchange Department. I then attended and graduated General Theological Seminary with a M. Div. degree. Following this I was ordained and became a hospice chaplain for several years in New Jersey. At this same time, I served as Assistant Rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, NYC. Next, I was Rector of Our Merciful Savior Church in Penns Grove, NJ, from which I retired in January 2017. I have had a love affair with God and the Episcopal Church since I can remember, and have been involved in many church ministries: Altar Guild, Vestry member and warden, Lay Eucharistic Minister, Chalice Bearer, Lector, Sunday School teacher, home-bound visitor, and an outreach coordinator. And now, I am happily serving here at Christ Church and as a Supply priest where needed. I am still in love with God and the Church and pray this affair remains



CURRENT SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY CHRIST CHURCH SERVICES

SATURDAYS, 5:00 PM – HOLY EUCHARIST IN-PERSON OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

Sign-up in advance to attend this service is requested.

SUNDAYS, 9:45 AM — LIVE WORSHIP TELE-SERVICE *

Recordings of this Service are posted on the Church Website and Facebook page for listening at your convenience.

SUNDAYS, 12:00 PM — SANTA EUCARISTIA IN-PERSON OUTDOOR SPANISH SERVICE

WEDNESDAYS, 10:00 AM — LIVE HEALING PRAYER TELE-SERVICE *

FRIDAYS, 7:00 AM – LIVE MORNING PRAYER TELE-SERVICE *

This service can be followed on page 80 of your Book of Common Prayer or at <https://www.bcponline.org/>.

FOR THOSE WHO PREFER LISTENING IN SPANISH, The Sunday Gospel Reading, a Reflection and Prayers are available weekly on our Facebook page or WhatsApp. To join the WhatsApp group of Christ Church contact Deacon Jose: jmcantos5@hotmail.com

*** TO LISTEN TO A LIVE TELE-SERVICE:**

(It is suggested that you call-in a few minutes prior to the start time of a service)

Dial: 712-770-5505 and Enter Access Code: 189853#

If you have any difficulty, please email or call the church office (leave a voicemail).

AN OCTOBER CHURCH YARD SALE is being planned! Date, Time and complete Details coming soon!

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS will be on Saturday, October 3 at 12pm under Pettit Pavilion at Christ Church. The Blessing will be officiated by The Rev. Petrina Pyatt. All pets welcome (in crates & on leashes please!) Each participating pet will receive a certificate of blessing. Please wear a face covering and practice social distancing.

BLOOD DRIVE ON OCTOBER 22 FROM 1-7PM AT CHRIST CHURCH: Appointments strongly suggested. Walk-ins accepted only if space allows. For an appointment go to smarturl.it/NJBS_Drive
Enter Sponsor Code: 70944 or call 1-800-933-2566.

WEEKLY FINANCES: During the year 2020, we have budgeted \$5,635 to come from pledges and loose offerings each week. For the week ending September 11, we received \$3,567. (There were no loose offerings due to there not being any services in church.)

OUTDOOR IN-PERSON SERVICES ON SATURDAYS AT 5PM

Here is what you need to know before attending:

- The service will be OUTDOORS under Pettit Pavilion and the surrounding lawn area
- If inclement weather is expected, the service will be canceled by Friday PM
- SIGN-UP is requested prior to attending each service (See more details below)
- All CDC and Diocesan guidelines will be required. This will include face coverings and social distancing.
- In order to minimize cleaning and disinfecting, “bring your own chair” to sit on during the service
- Bulletins will continue to be available via email only. You may print and bring with you or view on your phone, tablet, etc. during the service (please note the church WiFi does not function at the Pavilion). We encourage you to bring your own Book of Common Prayer if you have or use at <https://www.bcponline.org/> as well if you desire
- Music and singing will not be included in the service.
- The Great Thanksgiving will be included in this weekly service. Communion (Host only) will be distributed to you according to Diocesan guidelines.

HOW DO I SIGN UP TO ATTEND A SATURDAY SERVICE?

There are two very important reasons why we ask you to sign-up for each Saturday service you plan to attend:

- CDC & Diocesan Guidelines requires Contact Tracing. When you register to attend a service, that information will be used in the event needed for this purpose.
- It will be helpful to our Ushers to know how many people and the size of each household to expect at each service.

We're using SignUp.com to organize our upcoming Sign-ups. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. Copy/Paste this link: <https://signup.com/go/LhPSFbQ>
2. Review the Saturday dates listed and choose the dates you plan to attend.
3. Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to create an account or password

We appreciate you using SignUp.com. But if you cannot, please call the Church Office 732-349-5506 and leave a voicemail with your name, phone#, the date and how many people will attend.

In the event of expected inclement weather, a Saturday service will be cancelled by Friday PM (an electronic or phone notice will be provided to all who had registered for such date)

THE FOOD PANTRY (updated 9/17/20) is going strong and remains open to anyone in need every Tuesday from 9:30am - 12pm. We have a few more items we're in need of at the Food Pantry now. The following are items asked for that we are currently out of now: 2% long life milk — Whole long life milk — Canned pineapple — Fruit cups — Canned mushrooms — Protein drinks — Diced tomatoes — Cornflakes — Frosted Flakes
If you would like to donate, please leave items on the table marked 'Donations' outside the lower door during Food Pantry open hours. Any questions, please text or leave a message for Claire at (732) 600-5709. Thank you!
Please share and encourage any individual or Family in desperate need of food to visit us.

VOTE FAITHFULLY— If Jesus of Nazareth had the opportunity, it is almost certain that he would have used his vote to help create a society that God so lovingly desired. Today, Jesus leaves that responsibility in our hands. In fact, Michael Curry the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church has said that voting is “a Christian obligation”. However, due to the pandemic, voting procedures in NJ are different this year. So, we want to make sure you have the right information to safely and securely cast a ballot for your candidates of choice. Our plan is to provide this information in a series of bulletin announcements over the next few weeks. Click on (copy/paste) this link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3PjqK5QZeY>) for a fun video to get started.... And let us pray for this year’s election.

MONDAY EVENING VIRTUAL "COFFEE HOUR" FROM 7-8PM*

Join this Zoom Meeting Here! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94333201452> OR

Dial by Phone (audio participation only): **1 646 558 8656**

And then enter the Meeting ID: **943 3320 1452**

For those not familiar with ZOOM, it is a video chat room/meeting space. If you have a phone or computer with video/camera functions, you will be able to join in and SEE the faces of your Church Family as well as show us your face. If you are not interested in being visible, having your video off is an option.

If you do not have or are not comfortable using a computer or internet, you can still participate by calling in on your phone. You will still be able to listen and speak to everyone else participating (but you will not have a visual). We look forward to “seeing” your faces in these virtual Coffee Hours as we take this opportunity to say "Hello!" and "How are you?" If you need any help, please let me know!

BIRTHDAY CLUB: We all have one day of the year that is just for us; it’s our birthday. We may celebrate in grand style with family and friends singing that special song, eating cake and GETTING gifts; or we may choose to celebrate in a quiet fashion. However you choose to celebrate, it is YOUR special day. The Endowment and Stewardship Committees have come up with another way to celebrate this day. How about GIVING a gift that will KEEP ON GIVING? Each year on your birthday, we are inviting you to join the Birthday Club by writing a check in the amount of your age to Christ Church, which will be deposited into the Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is invested with the diocese. By giving to this fund on your birthday, you will be contributing to the day-to-day life of the parish as well as the future of Christ Church. It is truly a gift that will keep on giving! How can you donate? Simply write out a check for the amount of your age, put Birthday Club in the memo and put it in the offering plate, mail it or drop it off to the office mailbox. So that we can all watch our gifts grow, we will update you on what we have received. We look forward to celebrating each of your birthdays! **The current total for the month of September is \$160 (2 birthdays)!**

COVID-19 DISCRETIONARY FUND: The COVID-19 Fund Committee has been considering the situation of low income families and the possibility of virtual, remote or hybrid learning this year. We want to make sure that all students have the resources to create a healthy and productive learning environment. If you know of a child that has a need for any such items (computer, high speed internet access, books, office supplies, etc.) please contact one of the clergy or leave a message at the church office. *

While everyone's life has been impacted by the coronavirus, we have become aware of several people in our parish who have already lost their jobs and income and are in dire need of emergency assistance. Also, as this disaster continues, we expect that more jobs will be affected. For this reason we are setting up a Coronavirus Discretionary Fund. This fund will provide emergency assistance to people affected by this disaster. If you are in need of emergency assistance, please contact one of the clergy (Mother Petrina, Deacon Jose, or Deacon Ted). If you are able to contribute to this fund, please send a check to Christ Church (415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753) with "Coronavirus Fund" in the memo. A restricted account has been established specifically for this purpose. May

God bless us all. We will get through this together. **As of September 10, the COVID-19 Fund stands at:

Contributions: \$22,955.50; Disbursements: \$10,679.64

** Students who are remote and hybrid learning this school year need to have access to many of their own supplies as schools cannot share.*

Internet: Comcast is offering free internet access. Please click on this link for information and share with families. <https://www.internetessentials.com/covid19>

Computers: Families may need inexpensive computers for their kids, please direct them to chrome books. These are typically around \$200, much less than a full laptop model.

Day Care: Families may also need day care for their kids while parents are working. The Ocean County Y is offering child care options (from 2-5 days per week) and a sliding scale based on need. Please visit this link for more information: <https://ocymca.org/childcare-camp/virtual-learning-childcare/>

THE CHURCH OFFICE IS RECEIVING VOICEMAILS, EMAILS & MAIL: If you need to reach us for any reason, please 1) Call the church office at 732-349-5506 and leave a voicemail. Voicemails are being immediately received offsite and we are calling you back as soon as possible.

Or 2) Email NicoleStrada@ChristChurchTomsRiver.org and she will reply as soon as possible. We are also receiving our USPS mail!

JEWELRY REQUESTED: While many of us are spending more hours at home these days, now is a good time to look through that jewelry for any you would like to donate to the Women of Christ Church (WCC). The WCC are interested in all kinds of jewelry, including costume, tarnished and broken. Please set these items aside until the church doors reopen and it is again safe for you to visit the building. Thank you!

JOIN US IN DAILY PRAYER AT 8:00PM: Pray, wherever you may be ...at home, at work, in the car...let us pray together for a resolution and end to the COVID-19 pandemic...let us pray for health care workers, first responders, law enforcement and all essential workers... let us pray for our federal and state government officials ... let us pray for those that are sick and those that have died from the virus...let us pray for the families of the victims of the virus and all those who are poor and more vulnerable to the virus...let us pray for New Jersey, the United States of America and the World. There is no right, wrong or specific way one should pray ... pray the "Our Father", the "Prayer in Time of Pandemic" from our Sunday bulletins, or pray using words expressing how your heart feels.

CONTRIBUTIONS & PLEDGES DURING COVID 19: Our pews have been empty for some time now, that also means our Sunday collection plate has been empty. We are asking if you would please continue to send in your pledges even though our indoor worship services have been suspended. Although most of life as we know it has come to a halt or drastically changed, the bills continue to come in and need to be paid. You can help us keep our bills current by keeping your pledge up to date. You can do this by mailing a check (Christ Church, 415 Washington St. Toms River, NJ 08753), or you can set up online bill pay through your bank (see your bank for details). Please consider doing this, so that once we are back in our church building, we can continue moving forward without the worry of how we are going to “catch up”. Thank you!

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW YOU ARE DOING — We want to hear from you! And know that you are doing “ok” amongst this pandemic. Please leave us a Voicemail or send us an Email!

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