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## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 8, 2021

## CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening	5:30 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM
•	9:00 AM

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday ......4:00 to 4:30 PM

Please telephone the Parish Office if you would like a priest to visit a family member at home or in the hospital.



#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners:

Imagine if you were to never grow hungry or never thirst again? On a natural level, this would be an interesting reality. Of course, if you never had physical hunger or thirst, then you may never enjoy the delight of good food and drink. So why would anyone want to lose out on such delights?

Of course, Jesus was not speaking of natural food and drink, He was speaking of supernatural hunger and thirst. And He was not saying that the spiritual food and drink He came to give us would eliminate our ability to delight in spiritual fulfillment. On the contrary, Jesus was saying that the spiritual food and drink He was to provide would result in never ending fulfillment and satisfaction.

Chapter 6 of John's Gospel will continue to be read throughout the next few weeks (except for the Feast of the Assumption). This chapter presents us with what is traditionally called the "Bread of Life Discourse." It's John's deep, mystical and profound teaching on the Most Holy Eucharist.

First of all, it's useful to look at this Gospel within its context. Recall that on the previous day, Jesus performed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, and a crowd of people who had been fed by Him were now seeking more food. Jesus uses their desire for more food to begin to teach them about the Most Holy Eucharist, and He wants to do the same for you.

Put yourself into this scene. What is it that you hunger and thirst for the most? Perhaps you have plenty of physical food, but perhaps you don't. If you do, what else do you crave? What do you desire? When you have identified your deepest desires right now, use these desires to allow our Lord to teach you about the Bread of Life. It might be useful to say to our Lord, "Here are my current desires in life..." And then, allow yourself to hear Jesus say to you, "I want to give you so much more. I am what you truly long for. If you come to Me, you will have all your desires fulfilled and more." This is essentially the conversation Jesus had with this crowd throughout John Chapter 6.

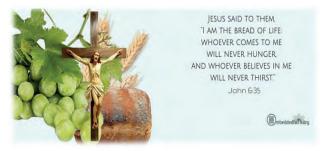
Do you believe that the Most Holy Eucharist is capable of fulfilling you on the deepest level? Too often we approach that Sacrament in a lazy and distracted way. As a result, we often fail to truly receive our Lord on a level that provides this deepest delight and satisfaction. Perhaps the altar rail should be put back!

Reflect, today and throughout this week, upon your approach to Holy Communion. The Eucharist is Christ Himself. It's a gift that has the potential to not only sustain us in every way but also to draw us into the greatest Heavenly delights. Believe Jesus' words in this holy chapter of John's Gospel. For if you deepen your belief in all that Jesus has said, you will begin to realize that all you crave in life will begin to be fulfilled by this precious gift in ways beyond your imagination.

My Eucharistic Lord, You are the Bread of Life. You are all that I desire in life. Give me the grace of understanding, dear Lord, so that I can come to believe all that You have revealed about the Most Holy Eucharist. I do believe, my God. Help my unbelief. Jesus, I trust in You.

Peace,

Fr. Monteleone



#### PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

I am so happy to announce that the church air-conditioning is fixed and running smoothly. Both compressors were replaced and a transformer was added. The old system was installed in 1989 and did not owe the parish any money. The cost of the new system not including the transformer was \$75,000. Also, the air conditioning system in the school auditorium which dates back to 1977 also needed to be replaced. This will be done later in the month. Both of these have impacted parish finances, but I am hopefully that the new systems will last for many years. Thank you for your patience in moving to the auditorium for weekend and weekday Masses.

Fr. Monteleone

#### PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

#### **MEDITATION HOUR**

"Hands of the Potter" Join us for prayer, guided meditation & reflection

Thursday, August 19, 2021 7:00 PM in Church



#### ADORATION AND EXPOSITION

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday following the 9 AM Mass beginning September 10<sup>th</sup>.



#### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **DAILY MASS**

Beginning September 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> (The Friday and Saturday after Labor Day) the 9 AM Daily Mass will return on Fridays and Saturdays.

On Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we will remember the tragic events that occurred 20 years ago as we pray for peace.



#### **ALTAR SERVERS - WE NEED YOU!**

Returning Altar servers are invited to serve at the Weekend Masses! Father Nico will be glad to review and run through the Mass with you. To continue serving and confirm your availability for scheduling, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at 973-779-6200.



#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is now open!

We hope you will register your child and continue with us on this **Religious Education** faith journey. For details, please visit our parish website! If you

have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org.

Have you ever considered sharing your faith with the youth of our parish? We invite you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to share the Good News as a catechist in our parish Religious Education or Confirmation Programs. If you are interested, please send us at: reled@stphilip.org.

#### MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

#### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 11671 is thrilled to announce we are now back to in person meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8pm in Marian Hall. We are working on hybrid meetings which should be ready soon. All Catholic men of the parish age 18 and up are invited to become Knights or just attend our meetings as invited guests. To be invited simply sent an email or text to Grand Knight Mike Cervine michael.cervine@gmail.com (973)220-3095.

#### **PRIME-TIMERS**

The St. Philip Prime-Timers will begin meeting again in October. Stay tuned for more details.

#### OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Going to Rutgers in **New Brunswick?**

The Catholic Student Assoc. at The Catholic Center at Rutgers, located at 84 Somerset Street on the College Avenue Campus, is looking forward to welcoming you to the New Brunswick/Piscataway campuses. Please note the following information:

#### Mass Schedule

#### **Sunday Masses**

Saturday Vigil, 5:00 pm, St. Peter's Church

8:00 AM St. Peter's Church, 94 Somerset St.

10:00 AM St. Peter's Church

12:00 PM St. Peter's Church

12:00 PM Busch Student Center (beginning 9/26)

6:00 PM St. Peter's Church

(St. Peter's is in between the Catholic Center and

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#### **Daily Mass**

7:30 AM St. Peter's Church

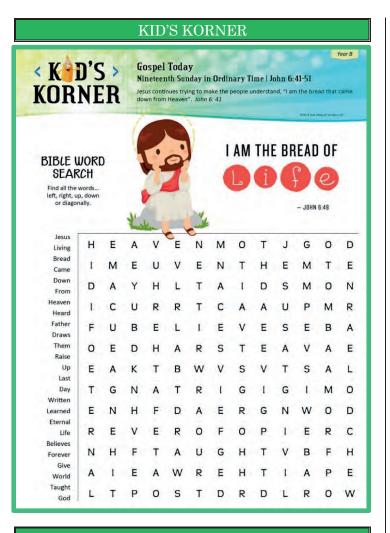
12:15 PM The Catholic Center Chapel (located inside the Catholic Center)

#### **Opening Activities**

Monday, Aug. 30: Luau, 6 pm, The Catholic Ctr. (Immediately following RU Involvement Fair) Wednesday, Sept. 1: CSA Night, 8 pm at The Catholic Center: Welcome to Rutgers!! Thursday Sept. 2: Tailgate for RU football, 3:30 at Buccleuch Park; look for the CSA flag! Sunday, Sept. 5: Opening Mass, 6 pm St. Peter's Monday, Sept. 6: Beach Day at the Jersey shore. Laving CC parking lot at 9:30 am. Join us!!!

Check us out at the Involvement Fair, Aug. 30!! Visit us online at www.rutgerscatholic.org www.stpeternewbrunswick.org Also check us out on Facebook:

Rutgers Catholic Student Association



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Landon Austin Sledgeski, child of Daniel and Jaclyn



#### CONGRATULATIONS NEWLYWEDS!



Joseph and Samantha

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#### WEDDING BANNS

The following couples will be exchanging wedding vows:

Victor Prieto & Sasha Cordero on August 26th Trevor Bodnor & Quinn Fohlinger on September 18th Michael Boeri & Francesca Variano on September 18th Thomas Messina & Julianne Lorenzo on September 25th Justin Ryan & Dorothy Dobkowski on October 23rd Zachary Miller & Alexandria Rubino on October 30th

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021**

8:00 Lena Rean

**10:00** Sr. Eileen and Sr. Jayne Kelly

Anthony R. Lipari Franco Donato Carmela Corallo

**12:00** Stephen Amato

### MONDAY, AUGUST 9, 2021

**9:00** Joseph Hopper, Jr- 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Antoinette Czapla

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2021

9:00 Ann Hughes Downie

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021

9:00 Alvera Dakak

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021

**9:00** Margaret and George Dikdan Lena Rean

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2021

**5:30** Ann Hughes Downie

Aurora Torras and Aurora Lindenberg

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021**

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Mary Shashaty Joseph Dewland Msgr. Eugene Bowland

**12:00** John N. Russo Ann Downie

#### WE PRAY FOR...

THE DECEASED: Diane Torres, John McSweeney,

James Bicksler

THE SICK: Christine Kessler, Luca Ataide

#### PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

#### AUGUST 14 & 15, 2021

5:30 PM	Fr. Nico	8:00 AM	<b>Visiting Priest</b>
10:00 AM	Fr. Nico	12:00 PM	Visiting Priest

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