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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 21, 2022



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Mondays thru Saturdays..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 4:30 to 5:00 PM

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



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There are two images in today's gospel, and neither one of them is particularly encouraging. First there is the image of the narrow gate. Jesus says that to enter the kingdom we must enter through the narrow gate. Second, there is the image of the closed door. Jesus warns us to be careful lest we be locked out. Now how do these two images apply to our lives? They both point to an essential need. The narrow gate points to the need of personal responsibility, and the closed-door points to the need for adequate knowledge.

The Church of the Nativity was built in Bethlehem during the Middle Ages over the site where people believe that Christ was born. It is not a particularly attractive church. It appears more like a fortress than a house of worship. Its stone is rough. Its proportions are uneven. Perhaps the most notable thing about the church is its doorway. It is very small, only about three feet wide and four feet high. The crusaders who built this church designed the doorway in that fashion because they wanted to assure that whoever would come to visit the place where Jesus was born, would have to make an individual and conscious choice to enter and at the same time would be forced to bow as they came into the holy place.

The small door of the Church of the Nativity, like the narrow gate in today's gospel, reminds us that if we are going to enter into the presence of the holy, if we are going to enter into the kingdom of God, we must do so with a conscious and purposeful choice. We cannot stroll into the kingdom unaware. We cannot walk in as part of a large group of people, holding onto someone else's coat tails. We cannot enter the kingdom on someone else's merit. One day, each one of us will have to stand before the Lord and give an accounting for the lives that we have lived, for the decisions that we made, for the opportunities that we missed, for the gifts that we used and the gifts that we squandered. It will be our life on the line. No one else can answer for it. **We must assume personal responsibility.** Therefore Jesus says that those who enter will enter by the narrow gate.



Jesus also warns us about the closed door. This image reveals the need for **adequate knowledge**. Those in the gospel who are shut out are surprised, because they thought they knew what was required to enter the kingdom of God. They were mistaken. They presumed that because they ate and drank in Jesus' presence, that certainly they would be welcomed into the kingdom. They were wrong. They did not have sufficient knowledge of what was required of them, and **more was required than they expected**. Because of that lack of knowledge, they found themselves on the wrong side of the closed door.

So, these two images in the gospel remind us that each one must claim personal responsibility for our entry into the kingdom. We must also have adequate knowledge of what that responsibility entails. So how do we assure that we have this sufficient knowledge? By committing ourselves to grow in our faith. Faith formation is a life-long process. **At every stage of our life, we face new challenges, new decisions, new possibilities.** It is important that we have sufficient knowledge of our faith to guide us along each of those steps of our lives. We all agree that children need to learn about their faith. But adults need to learn as well. Do we really think that what we learned in the fourth grade is sufficient for the adult challenges in our lives? Growing in our faith is a life-long process. May we always grow and learn in our faith. Once we stop learning, we die.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

DIOCESAN OPPORTUNITIES

Bishop Sweeney is pleased to announce the premier event of the Diocesan Year of the Eucharist, inviting all parishioners to attend the Eucharistic Congress on September 24 and 25 at the Cathedral in Paterson. Several events in both English and Spanish will feature prayer, community, and talks from Archbishop Rino Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization at the Vatican. For a full schedule of events and to register, visit rcdop.org/year-of-the-eucharist



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- Sunday, September 25th**

Bishop Sweeney and the Diocese of Paterson welcome **Archbishop Rino Fisichella**, Pro-Prefect of the Dicastery for Evangelization to speak on **the Eucharist and the New Evangelization**.

FRIDAY, September 23 rd	SATURDAY, September 24 th	SUNDAY, September 25 th
7:00 pm Solemn Evening Prayer and Presentation for Priests, Religious, and Deacons	10:00 am Midmorning Prayer and Presentation in English (9:30 am - Refreshments in the Rodimer Center) 2:00 pm Mid-afternoon Prayer and Presentation in Spanish (1:30 pm - Refreshments in the Rodimer Center)	3:00 pm Closing Bilingual Mass



All events will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist 381 Grand Street, Paterson, New Jersey

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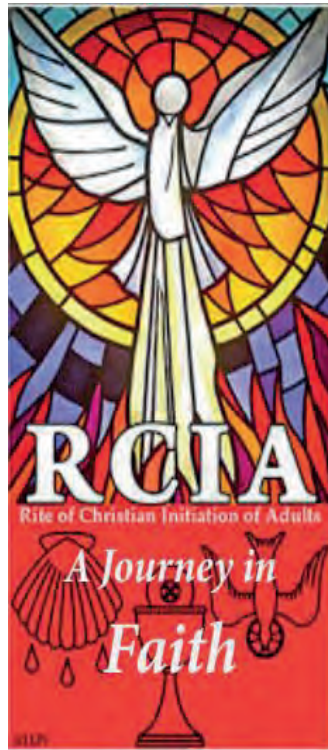
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Those who are 18 years and older, who would like to be fully initiated (Full Sacramental initiation means the reception of the 3 Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) or have not received any of these 3 Sacraments of Initiation, can inquire about the **Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**. This ancient sacramental process prepares adults to come into full communion with the Catholic Church. RCIA focuses on faith development and maturing one's relationship with God.

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Our 13th Annual Council 11671 Golf Outing will again be out on the links. This year it will be at the Preakness Valley Golf Course in Wayne on Thursday, September 29th. Start time is 11 AM and includes golf, lunch, cocktails, snacks, fabulous prizes, and much more. For details and/or to register, go to our web page koc11671.org and just scroll down a little from the main page. Or use the QR code:



“Coats for Kids” Drive

Our coats for kids drive continues, help us give some more needy kids a warm coat this winter. Contributions of any amount can be sent to the name and address below or dropped in the collection basket any Sunday marked Coats-4-Kids. Make checks out to **K of C 11671** and mark in the memo area **Coats-4-Kids**.

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CARNIVAL RESULTS SUPER 50/50 RESULTS	\$83,867.95	\$55,733.84	\$28,134.11
GRAND TOTAL	\$90,754.95	\$60,511.84	\$30,243.11

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CARNIVAL RESULTS SUPER 50/50 RESULTS	\$106,468.85	\$62,351.23	\$44,117.62
GRAND TOTAL	\$122,023.85	\$71,621.73	\$50,402.12

PARISH GIVING

COLLECTION INFORMATION NOT AVAILABLE
AT THE TIME OF PRINTING
DUE TO SERVICE MAINTENANCE.

Upcoming Second Collections:

August 21- Mission Appeal

The Mission Appeal this year will benefit **Our Lady of Refuge Parish** in Dulag, Leyte, Philippines.

August 28 - Project Faith

PLEASE NOTE

Weekly Holy Hour will resume on
Friday, September 9th

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022

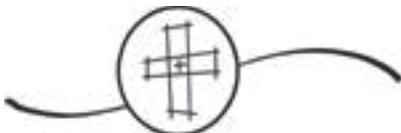
5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Nico

10:00 AM Fr. Nico

12:00 PM Fr. Monteleone



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MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022

8:00 Louise Stolarz

Louise Giostra

10:00 James Gentiluomo

Deceased members of the Azario Family

Eunice SanFilippo

Ambrosia Cruz

12:00 Joseph Fancera

Sr. Mary Canavan – *On her 75th Anniversary
as a Sister of Charity*

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022

9:00 Louise Stolarz

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2022

9:00 Gloria Peterson- 3rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2022

9:00 Frances and Sal Monteleone

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022

9:00 Louise Stolarz

Caridad M. Angeles

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26, 2022

9:00 The O'Brien and Rogers Families

Abimael Marrero

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2022

9:00 Deceased members of the McNamara Family

Vincenzo Mazzara

5:30 Jim Loftus

Debbie Werthmann

George Bombay

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

8:00 All the People of the Parish

10:00 Joyce Comperatore

Sandy Fecko

Louise Giostra

12:00 Laurie Fazal

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