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Worship Times

Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
Sacrament of Reconciliation
By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners

We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony

For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick

For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21, 2022



The Crave Restaurant
 August 18th, 1:00p
 854 S. Main Street
 Sparta NC
 Hosts: Judy & Frank Simon
 (336) 372-5798

ITALIAN ~ AMERICAN CUISINE



Men's Breakfast
 Third Saturdays
 August 20, 8:30a
 Cracker Barrel, Jonesville



**Our Lady,
 Queen of Peace, pray for us!**
Feb. 24, 2022 - August 21, 2022
6 months
174 days
4,192 hours
251,519 minutes of war and inhumanity.

**NEW
 ADDRESS:**



Pat & Clyde Colwell
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WELCOME!
Sonia Rodriguez!
We are delighted
you are part
of our St. S family!

Parish Bulletin Announcement



SSJ Annual Chance Drive to benefit Saint Joseph Villa. Please help us make this year's Chance Drive especially successful by getting your ticket online!

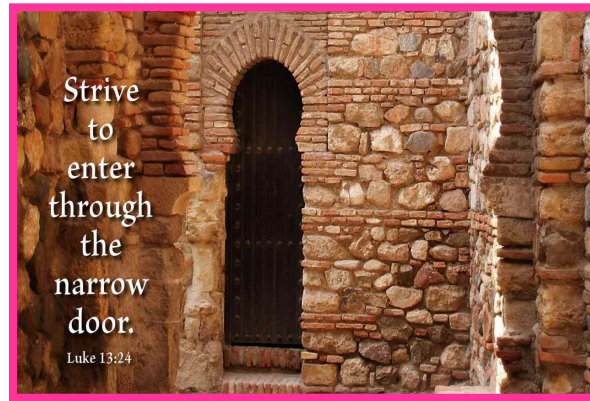
Turn \$5 into \$10,000! — 6 Ways to win!

Grand Prize —\$10,000 also 5 prizes of \$500 each!

Donation--\$5.00 each or \$20.00 for a book of 5 chances!

Visit our CHANCE DRIVE page with this link:
<https://www.ssjphila.org/home/support-our-mission/fundraising-events/annual-chance-drive/>

Winners will be drawn on December 7th, 2022
 For additional information, contact any Sister of Saint Joseph
 or the Development Office at 800-482-6510 and Development@ssjphila.org



Morning Church!

Not too long ago, Ashley Davis told me she's hoping to move her parents to this area, so she and her family can give them good care. Moving here might be the easiest part. Finding a place to live that is wheelchair accessible is a whole new task. Every door, inside and out, must be minimally 36 inches wide and be able to open to 90 degrees, so they can easily pass from one room to the next without any problems.

All of us have handicaps, most of them are invisible to others. Our handicaps prevent us from accessing others' hearts and them from accessing yours. Some are commitment-challenged; they are unable to sustain relationships. Some are emotionally-challenged, lacking capacity to respond to others' love or they go the opposite direction and demand others' loving attention. Some are spiritually-challenged and have never accepted that God loves them no matter what; they are unable to love themselves. Christ sees and understands your "dis-ability", desires to restore you to wholeness.

In today's gospel, The Master Storyteller uses a simple, well-known image to teach and urge his followers to follow The Way. The image is The Narrow Door. Jesus' audience know the passage through it will not be easy. It requires disciple, sacrifice, and deep faith in Christ. Most are unwilling to do what is required for eternal life.

Passage through the Narrow Door and its very high price make you pay attention to your handicaps, your "disabilities", and your brokenness. Passage through The Narrow Door means loving God and your neighbor as yourself. It sounds simple because you've heard this phrase all your life.

Hearing it and doing it are two completely different things. Just saying/praying, "Lord, Lord" is only the half of it. The other half is loving the ones closest to you and then expanding your embrace to your Dear Neighbor ~ especially The Unlikeable, the Foreigner, the ones who hurt you; the ones who ghosted you (and only they know why); and those who have been forced to the edges and marginalized from society's circles because they don't fit into your ideal lifestyle.

As a physician, Luke understood handicaps and disabilities. Luke, has always been an Outsider. As a Gentile, Luke found himself on the margins of the covenanted Jewish community. Then Jesus came and proclaimed God's mercy is for everyone, God's love is for everyone! Everyone is offered eternal life by passage through the Narrow Door. Everything Luke had known about the God of the Hebrews had changed! The God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel is the God of *all people*. There is no longer Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female. In Christ, all are one. Passage through the Narrow Door is hard ~ and possible, because Christ is The Way.

Pray for the grace to live Christ's gospel values. Love your Dear Neighbor without distinction. Pray for the grace to be recommitted to a personal prayer life, participating in Sunday Mass, and serving those who can never pay you back. Pray to be the Door of God's unlimited mercy for others.

God's blessings,

Janis

🌱 *Reflecting and Acting on the Word* 🌱

Reflection: Is the door to my heart narrowed by fear, prejudice, unforgiveness, judgment, or jealousy? Reflect on your "handicaps", your "dis-abilities". What grace do you need now?


Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>


AUGUST	
21	21st Sun OT
23	Communion Service, 12:15p
26	Clergy Racism Group, 5p
28	22nd Sun OT
30	Communion Service, 12:15p
SEPTEMBER	
04	23rd Sun OT Marriage Vow Renewals: Lila & Ty Keller (50 th Anniv) Natasha Velez & Gabriel Cancel (3 rd Anniv) Baptism: Evangeline Cancel Velez
06	Communion Service, 12:15p
10	SSJ ZOOM 9:00a-2:00p
11	24 th Sun OT
13	Communion Service, 12:15p
15	Wise Ones TBA
17	Men's Breakfast, Cracker Barrel, 8:30a
18	25th Sun OT Baptism: Osvaldo Martinez
20	Communion Service, 12:15p
25	26th Sun OT
27	Communion Service, 12:15p

✠ PROCLAIMERS of the WORD ✠		
8/21	John O	Beth O
8/28	Bob W	Elia M

MASS INTENTIONS	
8/21	+Susan Moore r/b Barb & Bob DeJ +Elizabeth Karaffa r/b Karen G
8/28	+Linda Cirone (1 st Anniv) + William "Bill" Ward r/b Jane & Rob W

Parish Celebrations

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|----------------------|---|--------------------|
| 21 Lucas Garcia |  | 24 Leo Ouellette |
| 23 Judy Berryman | | 25 Luisa Rodriguez |
| 24 Gayle Altemueller | | 28 Pat Kophamer |
| | | 30 Nancy Espino |

 31 Judy & Ron Berryman

HELP NEEDED:
*...volunteers willing to serve
on our Altar Linen team...if eleven (11)
people volunteer, you'll only have
to do it once a year.*

JUS | FAITH

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

*Life and Dignity of the Human Person
Call to Family, Community, and Participation
Rights and Responsibilities*

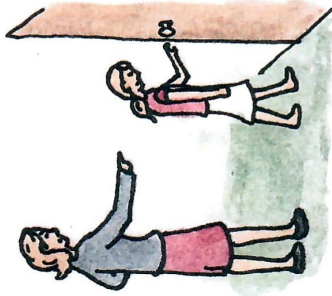
*Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
Solidarity*

Care for God's Creation

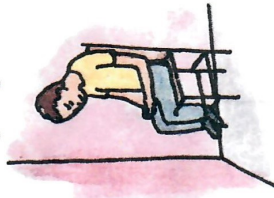
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Being Punished...

In today's second reading, Saint Paul wrote to the Hebrews about being disciplined by God. When we are young God wants our parents to make sure we behave well. When we don't behave He wants them to discipline us so that we will learn to be good.



Our parents don't punish us just because they are angry at us; they do it because they really love us and want us to learn to be better. Saint Paul says that the Lord disciplines the people that He loves.



Being punished is a painful thing, but we will be happy once we have learned our lesson and become a better person. Saint Paul says, "make a straight path for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed." He means that when you are punished, you should stop doing the wrong thing so that you won't be hurt worse from the punishment, but will get better instead. So the next time you are disciplined or punished, remember that God is allowing it to help you become a better person. If you can, even thank God for giving you the chance to make up for your sin and learn a good lesson!



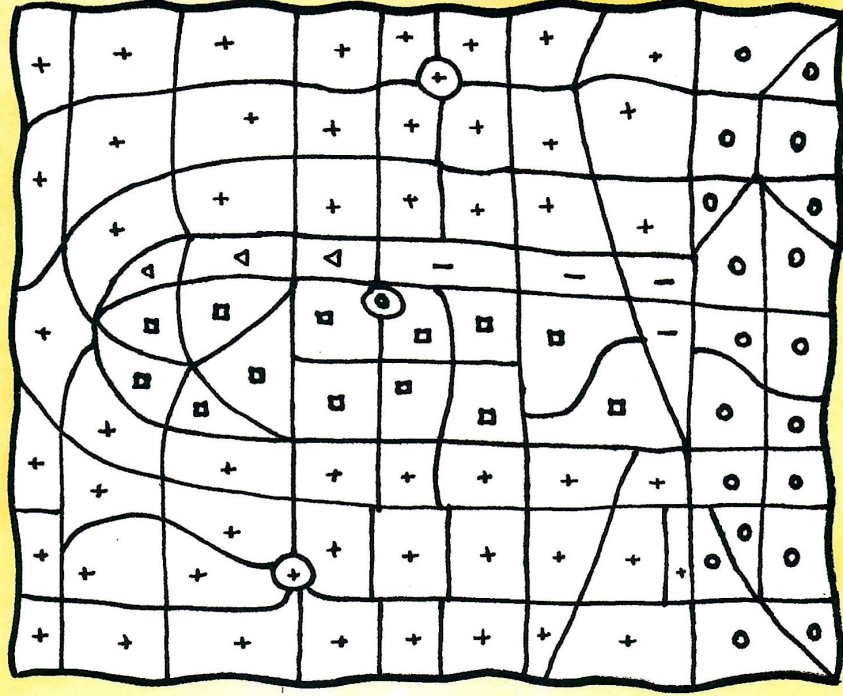
Inside: Some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.
Picture on front: the narrow door.

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The Kids' Bulletin

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 21st, 2022

Luke 13:22-30



What was the way that Jesus told the people to enter the Kingdom of Heaven by?

Colour in the spaces using the code to find out.

- △ Blue
- Brown
- White
- ! Green
- Grey

Saint Rose of Lima

August 23

ISABEL WAS BORN IN PERU IN 1586. SHE WAS SO PRETTY THAT PEOPLE CALLED HER ROSE. SHE LOVED THE STORY OF ST. CATHERINE.

Rose, supper is ready!

ROSE WAS SO BEAUTIFUL THAT EVERYONE WANTED TO LOOK AT HER, SO SHE WOULD RUB HER FACE WITH PEPPER.

There. Now nobody will want to look at me!

What are you doing?!

ROSE DECIDED NOT TO MARRY BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO BELONG ONLY TO JESUS.

Jesus, You died for me - I want to live only for You!

SHE BECAME THE KIND OF DOMINICAN SISTER WHO DOESN'T LIVE IN A CONVENT.

SHE LIVED IN A SHACK IN HER FAMILY'S YARD, GARDENING, SEWING AND CARING FOR THE POOR.

Sister Rose, my shirt got ripped.

Here, I'll fix it!

SHE WORE A THORNY CROWN OF ROSES ON HER HEAD, ATE THE WORST FOOD, AND SLEPT ON A HARD, ROUGH BED.

ROSE LOVED OUR LORD, AND WENT TO COMMUNION EVERY DAY. SHE SUFFERED FROM SICKNESS AND TEMPTATIONS, BUT WAS COMFORTED BY JESUS.

SAINT ROSE OF LIMA OFFERED UP MANY SUFFERINGS FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS AND THE SOULS IN PURGATORY. OUR LORD APPEARED TO HER MANY TIMES TO CONSOLE HER. SHE DIED WHEN SHE WAS ONLY 31 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS THE FIRST PERSON IN THE AMERICAS TO BE DECLARED A SAINT.

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All in the Right Order

What was one of the things Jesus said in today's Gospel reading about the people in the Kingdom of Heaven?

Follow the squiggly line to sort out the words. Start with "Some" in the top left corner.

