

August 21, 2022 | Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Through the narrow gate
Is truth and life
Through the narrow gate
Is hope renewed

SO

“STRIVE”

ENTER

Luke 13: 22-30

Matthew 7:13-14
John 14:6
Psalm 34:8
Isaiah 35:8

*“But why is this door narrow, one might ask?
Why does He say it is narrow?”*

It is a narrow door not because it is oppressive, but because it demands that we restrain and limit our pride and our fear in order to open ourselves to Him with humble and trusting hearts ... acknowledging that we are sinners and in need of His forgiveness. This is why it is narrow, to limit our pride, which swells us.”

Pope Francis

MASS SCHEDULE

Lord’s Day Masses

Saturday 4:30pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30am

Daily Masses

Monday – Friday 8:30am
Rosary prayed every weekday at 8:00am

Holy Days/Feast Days
8:30am & 7:00pm

RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30pm (In the church)
or by appointment

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Wednesday: 9am - 2pm

STAFF

Pastor

Rev. H. Edward Chalmers

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SACRAMENTS / OTHER

Baptism

Instruction is required for all parents seeking baptism of their child. Please contact the Rectory.

Marriage

Please contact the Rectory at least one year in advance.

Care of the Sick

Please advise us of parishioners who are sick so that we may keep them in prayer and bring the Eucharist to those who cannot attend Mass.

Confidential Prayer Line

To add intentions please call Ellen Calamari at 978-660-3818 or the Rectory at 978-464-2871.

Adult Bible Study

Please contact the Rectory for schedule

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

Wednesdays at 8:00pm in the Parish Hall



*Please pray to end
Abortion
and Infanticide*

Sat	8/20	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions unrequested
Sun	8/21	8:30am 10:30am	David and Aubrey Schmitt unrequested
Mon	8/22	8:30am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tue	8/23	8:30am	unrequested
Wed	8/24	8:30am	Intentions of our Prayer Line and Prayer Intention Book
Thu	8/25	8:30am	Wilfred Tessier
Fri	8/26	8:30am	unrequested
Sat	8/27	3:30pm 4:30pm	Confessions unrequested
Sun	8/28	8:30am 10:30am	unrequested unrequested

"Go out to all the world and tell the Good News."



The Queenship of Mary

Monday, August 22

**O MARY
Queen of all hearts,
advocate of the
most hopeless cases,
Mother of Divine Love
Pray for us!**

Pope Pius XII in the Papal Encyclical Ad Coeli Reginam proposed the traditional doctrine on the Queenship of Mary

and established this feast for the Universal Church. Pope Pius IX said of Mary's queenship: "Turning her maternal Heart toward us and dealing with the affair of our salvation, she is concerned with the whole human race. Constituted by the Lord Queen of Heaven and earth, and exalted above all choirs of Angels and the ranks of Saints in Heaven, standing at the right hand of Her only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, she petitions most powerfully with Her maternal prayers, and she obtains what she seeks." Therefore, let all approach with greater confidence now than before, to the throne of mercy and grace of our Queen and Mother to beg help in difficulty, light in darkness and solace in trouble and sorrow. Whoever, therefore, honors the lady ruler of the Angels and of men - and let no one think themselves exempt from the payment of that tribute of a grateful and loving soul - let them call upon her as most truly Queen and as the Queen who brings the blessings of peace, that She may show us all, after this exile, Jesus, who will be our enduring peace and joy." <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/saint/queenship-of-mary-343>

Wisdom from Bishop Fulton Sheen

"Moral principles do not depend on a majority vote.
Wrong is wrong, even if everybody is wrong.
Right is right, even if nobody is right."

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Dear Friends,

In the gospel reading from Luke, for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time this year, Jesus is asked, "Lord will only a few people be saved?" Jesus answered, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

May we reflect upon these words of Jesus. Continually, we need to evaluate our own personal relationship with God. Let us ask ourselves a very direct two-part question: Are we fervent in our belief, and where does God fit in our lives? Unfortunately, God is not always found in the center of our lives where He belongs. Sometimes, we develop all sorts of excuses to legitimize our behavior. We fool ourselves, but God knows the truth.

In faith, we should constantly renew our baptismal commitment to our Eternal Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We can and should reject the self-righteous, complacency and indifferent attitudes that fill our hearts. Instead, may we embrace the humility, love, mercy and self-sacrifice of Jesus.

Devoted prayer, worship and acts of charity can lead us to God. A spirit of ongoing conversion where we make those changes that allow us to spiritually come to God are needed by all believers. Let us strive to be faithful to the Christian message of love and mercy. We must be courageous by rejecting sin and all its horror. Again, may we become more aware of finding the "narrow way," that leads to our dear Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Be well and be safe!

*God's love and prayers always,
Fr. Ed*

Diocese of Worcester

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"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."

(Luke 13:30)

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

Celebrate Priesthood!

2022 Priesthood Gala

On Thursday, Oct. 20, the Diocese of Worcester will hold the Ninth Annual Celebrate Priesthood – Taste of the Diocese Gala at St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. High School. Watch for notices on how you can support this important fundraiser for Priests' Retirement with sponsorships, program book ads, food tables and tickets. Visit worcesterdioocese.org in late August to learn more.

**Do you really want to learn how to reach Heaven?
Start observing little children!**

A Reflection from Bishop Robert Barron
(Based on Matthew 19:13–15)



Friends, in our Gospel for today, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are like children. Why? For starters, children don't know how to dissemble, how to be one way and act another. They are what they are; they act in accordance with their deepest nature. "Kids say the darndest things," because they don't know how to hide the truth of their reactions.

In this, they are like stars or flowers or animals, things that are what they are, unambiguously, uncomplicatedly. They are in accord with God's deepest intentions for them.

To say it another way, they haven't yet learned how to look at themselves. Why can a child immerse himself so eagerly and thoroughly in what he is doing? Why can he find joy in the simplest thing, like pushing a train around a track or watching a video over and over, or kicking a ball around? Because he can lose himself; because he is not looking at himself, not conscious of other people's reactions, expectations, and approval.

Mind you, this childlikeness has nothing to do with being unsophisticated, unaccomplished, or childish. Thomas Aquinas was one of the most accomplished men to ever live, the greatest intellectual in the history of the Church, and one of the subtlest minds in the history of the West. Yet the terms that were used over and over to describe him were "childlike" and "innocent."

Childlikeness has to do with that rootedness in what God wants us to be. Thomas was born to be a theologian and a writer, and nothing would get him off of that beam: neither the critiques of his enemies, nor the blandishments of his religious superiors, nor the temptations to become a bishop. He was and remained who God wanted him to be, and thus he was like a great mountain or a flower or, indeed, a child.

The Confessions of St. Augustine - St. Mary, Uxbridge

"St. Mary University" presents "The Confessions of St. Augustine" with Dr. Marc LePain, retired theology professor at Assumption University, beginning Monday, Sept. 12 through Nov. 21 (10 weeks) from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at the Good Shepherd Center at St. Mary Church, Uxbridge. After an overview of his life and times, his numerous works, and the thirteen books that he called *Confessions*, we will devote a session to each of the first nine books that deal with Augustine's past life to the time of his Baptism at age 32. So everyone has the same translation of the book, the cost will be \$15.00 and will include the book and refreshments. Please register at: stmaryuxbridge.org/confessions-of-st-augustine. Email questions to Diane Moriarty at dmoriarty@stmaryuxbridge.org or call her at 508-278-2226 x 23.

North American Martyrs Parish - Crafters Wanted!

Calling all crafters! North American Martyrs Parish, Auburn will host its first Countdown to Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9am to 3:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The rental fee for one table space is \$35 plus one item for raffle (retail value of at least \$25). For two adjacent table spaces, the fee is \$50 plus one item for raffle (retail value of at least \$35). Applications and guidelines for vendors can be found at <https://namartyrsauburn.org/vendorapplication>. Spaces are filled on a first come, first serve basis. For more information, please contact Liz Rossi at erossi@namartyrsauburn.org.

Good News!

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Just because you belong to a tennis club does not mean you can play tennis. This might sound like a ridiculous statement. Still, it is important to acknowledge that joining a group and paying dues does not mean that you are an active member. Something similar unfolds in the story that Jesus tells in today's Gospel passage. The people who have been locked out claim to be known by the householder: "We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets" (Luke 13:26). That may have been true, but evidently it was not enough. As he tells this story, Jesus is making a point for the sake of his listeners: "Enjoying my company and listening to me is not enough." Then what is enough?

Returning to tennis, it is not enough to join a club or even to read a book about tennis. You must play it. For many of us, this would mean a lifelong attempt at trying to learn and perfect your game. But then, that is why one joins a tennis club. Christianity is a way of life; you must live it. This is not to say that doctrines and rituals are unimportant. They are very important, but they are important because they inform and then celebrate the Christian life we live. Here too it might take a lifetime to learn being a Christian. But then that is why one is a member of the Church—an active member.

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Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Weekend Collection - August 14th

Sunday Offertory:	\$1,045.00
Monthly:	\$70.00
Make-up envelopes:	\$200.00
Maintenance:	\$79.00
Church in Eastern Europe:	\$165.00
Feast of the Assumption:	<u>\$75.00</u>
Total Collection:	\$1,634.00

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Safe Environment Notice

Prince of Peace Parish follows the guidelines of the national charter for the protection of children and young people approved by the US Bishops and Diocese of Worcester policies. If you are aware of an incident of sexual misconduct and the suspected offender is a priest, deacon, candidate, seminarian, religious, lay minister, employee or volunteer, you are encouraged to report the matter to Judith Audette, Director of the Office for Healing and Prevention, Diocese of Worcester at 508-929-4393.