

Reading II

Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Hebrews

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

You have forgotten the encouraging words addressed to you as sons: "My sons, do not disdain the discipline of the Lord nor lose heart when he reproves you; for, whom the Lord loves, he disciplines; he scourges every son he receives."

Endure your trials as the discipline of God, who deals with you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? At the time it is administered, all discipline seems a cause for grief and not for joy, but later it brings forth the fruit of peace and justice to those who are trained in its school. So strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight the paths you walk on, that your halting limbs may not be dislocated but healed.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Alleluia I call you my friends, says the Lord,
For I have made known to you all that the Father has told me.**

Gospel

Luke 13: 22-30

A reading of the holy gospel according to Luke

Men from the east and from the west will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Jesus went through cities and towns teaching – all the while making his way toward Jerusalem. Someone asked him, "Lord, are they few in number who are to be saved?" He replied, "*Try to come in through the narrow door. Many, I tell you, will try to enter and be unable. When once the master of the house has risen to lock the door and you stand outside knocking and saying, 'Sir, open for us,' he will say in reply, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your company. You taught in our streets.' But he will answer, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Away from me, you evildoer!'*"

"There will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and all the prophets safe in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves rejected. People will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and will take their place at the feast in the kingdom of God. Some who are last will be first and some who are first will be last."

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Thoughts from the Pulpit

Salvation through the Narrow Gate

A man came to Jesus and asked, "Sir, will only a few be saved?" Jesus in answering this question delivered a warning. He said: "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able."

Many are in danger of being locked out of the Kingdom because they not heed Jesus' call to repentance. Jesus said, "People will come from north and south, from east and west, and take their places in the Kingdom," but with 'a striving through the narrow gate' attitude.

No one has a divine right to enter God's Kingdom. We mustn't take anything for granted. We mustn't feel that we have to do is show up, flash the ID card, or simply tell the gatekeeper that we know the Boss, and in we go.

Goodness of life is the key. Following Jesus is the key. "I am the door, anyone who enters by me will be saved" – Jesus said.

There is no other door, no other way. This world has the only One Savior, Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

The narrow way calls for spiritual discipline. A discipline that often seems painful, but only later yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness. On that narrow way often you have to go on your own, like 'a lonely voice crying in the desert.'

This world offers you the very wide open way, all you have to do is to "yield" to the current, and you'll be carried along, following the crowd.

Jesus' way is narrow, but very safe. It is a gift from God. Those who choose Jesus' narrow way will be saved. Amen!

Announcements for August 22, 2010

We extend our best wishes to those who celebrate their birthday this past week and next week: Bob Kolonko (August 21), Greg Fragola (August 25), and JJ Kolonko (August 28). STO LAT!!

We have had two false alarms on the security system in the last month. If we have a third within 365 days, we will be charged for the call. Please take care when disarming and arming the security system so that we avoid this fee. Thank you!

The next parish committee meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, August 29**, following Holy Mass. Please mark your calendars.

Our fall picnic is scheduled for **Sunday, September 12**. Lots of Polish cuisine, games, music and more...tell your friends and family and plan on spending the afternoon with us.

The White Eagle Medical Bridge Golf Tourney is scheduled for **Saturday, September 18**. Information and registration forms are available on the table in the church foyer.

A community garage sale has been scheduled for **Fri-Sat, September 24-25**. Bobbi will be coordinating this event. As you clean out this summer, please gather **clean, saleable** items and bring them to the church, **marked with the sale prices**. Donations will be stored in the old school room next to the office. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Bi-annual Convention of the YMS of R is scheduled for **Sat-Sun, October 23-24** at Holy Mother of Sorrows Parish in Dupont, PA. Registration is \$35 per delegate and there is no limit to the number of delegates that can attend from a parish. Information on the convention is available on the table in the foyer. The deadline for registration is **Friday, October 1**.

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday, August 25	4:00 pm	Choir rehearsal
Thursday, August 26	6:00 pm	Polish language class
Sunday, August 29	11:00 am	Holy Mass ORDINARY 22
Intention: +Carrie Klusek		Requested by Mary and Dave Greenfield

Financial Corner

Week of	Weekly Income	Weekly Income Needed	Balance
August 1	\$353	\$642	-\$289
August 8	\$483	\$642	-\$159
August 15	\$607	\$642	-\$35
TOTALS	\$1443	\$1926	-\$483