

# St. Thomas More Catholic Parish



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*We exist for one reason: to come to know and be formed by the Word of God and the Message of Jesus. When we gather in prayer and worship, in service and community, we assemble as disciples and friends with the Lord in our midst. Rooted in our Roman Catholic tradition, we are proud of our parish heritage and hopeful for our future.*

**July 29, 2018 • Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## ***Blast from the Past(or)***

### ***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

***July 29, 2018***

*We're all well-versed in today's Miracle that is recounted in each Gospel: Jesus accepts two fish and five loaves which He blesses, breaks and gives to a massive crowd, miraculously satisfying the throng. And, oh yeah, there was even food left over; twelve baskets in fact, so that each disciple received a to-go box. Because, as everyone knows, barley loaves and fish are SO much better the next day. The disproportionate loaves-to-fish ratio also proves unequivocally that I am living biblically when I order extra bread sticks at Olive Garden. But I digress. In all the ink spilled and words uttered over the millennia in reflection on this Miracle, we don't want our familiarity to dim its Divine reality: that when offered to Christ, things otherwise worthless in the world's eyes become heroic, beautiful, true, and good. The feeding of the five-thousand is not just a feel-good story. It's not an episode of 'Touched By an Angel.' Rather, it is a Miracle! God works with what you have and makes a superabundance out of the same. When we think about God's plan for an elderly, barren woman or a young, married Virgin, or jars of water at a wedding, or a lowly tax-collector, or a betraying fisherman, or loaves and fish or even simple bread and wine, we can just imagine what He can do with people like you and me. When surrendered to Christ, an overflow results, a good measure, packed and shaken down. When we're overwhelmed, it is understandable for us to channel our inner St. Andrew and say, 'what's the use of my loaves and fish? Why bother?' You'd be right. On their own, they can do nothing. But when given to Christ, the miracle happens. As Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote in Spe Salvi, 'the distinguishing mark of the Christian is that we have a future.' There's hope. For the Christian, the glass is always half-full. Surrender to Him what you have and receive an overwhelming abundance. What good can my loaves and fish do? In a word, everything, when offered to Him.*

*God Bless you!!!!!!!!!!!!*

## **PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY**

### ***Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

**First Reading:** Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15  
The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their journey to Mount Sinai some 1200 years before Christ. The bread described in next week's reading is called "manna," a word derived from the ancient Hebrew words for "what is this?"

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 4:17,20-24  
In our series of readings from the letter to the Ephesians, we have come to a part of the letter which gives advice for daily living. Next week's reading describes the effects of baptism. In the waters of baptism, we symbolically die to one way of living and rise to a new way of life.

## **This Week's Questions**

*For Adults: When has your faith helped you believe without "seeing signs" from God?*

*For Children: Who helps you believe in things you cannot see?*

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### **First Friday Eucharistic Adoration**

*We hope you'll join us on Friday, August 3rd for Eucharistic Adoration beginning with Exposition at 8:30 am and concluding with Benediction at Noon. Whether you can come for hours or even just 10 minutes, all are invited to spend some quiet time with Jesus.*

## Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, July 30:  
8:15 am - Todd Wharton

Tuesday, July 31:  
8:15 am - Father Ed Hines

Wednesday, August 1:  
8:15 am - Sandy Clyde

Thursday, August 2:  
8:15 am - Margaret Griffin

Friday, August 3:  
8:15 am - Hank and Dorothy Fallone

Saturday, August 4:  
5:00 pm - Thomas Briscoe

Sunday, August 5: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 am - Madison Torres  
11:00 am - Deacon Joe Cote  
7:00 pm - Lou Augustini

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week in memory of Thomas Briscoe.

## Mass Cards:

Having a Mass offered is a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary or for any other special intention. To obtain a Mass Card, please visit the Parish Office any time between 9:00 AM and 2:00PM Monday through Wednesday.

## Thank You for Your Stewardship of Time, Talent and Treasure!

Weekly Collection for 7/21-7/22/18: \$5734.25



## Want to join the St. Thomas More family?

New parishioners can register at any time! Please call or stop by the Parish Office between 9 am - 2 pm, Monday through Wednesday, or send an email to info@stmnj.org. We'd love to welcome you!!

## Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

(Note: 7pm Mass will not be held on holiday weekends)

Monday – Friday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

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**Parish Office Hours**

**Monday - Wednesday**

**9:00 am–2 pm**

*Other times & days,  
call to see if office  
is open.*