

# 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.*

**August 5, 2018 • Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

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*As a kid in the late 1970s/ early 1980s (think post Pet Rocks and Fanta but more Saturday Night Fever, Atari, Rubik's Cube, Beefsteak Charlie's, The Karate Kid.... I was going to list The Goonies, but space is limited), we often heard I Am the Bread of Life at Mass. I liked it. I know, I know, music at Mass is a sensitive issue. But because I liked to sing this tune at Mass, friends who consider themselves more versed in the Faith than me continue to mock me for that fact to this very day. But I don't mind, for the composition is rumored to be a favorite of St. John Paul II as well. So, ha! Sure, the song has a good beat and is easy to dance to, but I think its real value is its rebellious proclamation. **I Am the Bread of Life** is both a protest and declaration. It reveals our true essence in defiance of the virtual realities that swamp us. We are asphyxiated by false images of airbrushed, pixel beauty, sitcom families, caricatures of marriage, faux careers, on-line 'friends' and pop-culture media vulgarity touted as wisdom. Yet we get discouraged when we don't measure up to these falsehoods. Why do we get sucked into the lie? To paraphrase Dean Wormer from Animal House, 'discouraged is no way to go through life, son.' Charles Chaput, the courageous Archbishop of Philadelphia puts it this way: **the more secular we become the less we care about the true, the right and the lasting. And here's the reason: we don't really believe they exist or we simply don't care.** Wow. Thus the Revelation of Christ as the Bread of Life is foundational. It rousts us to the truth about ourselves, which includes the right and lasting. These things exist embodied in Our Lord Christ Jesus Who is in turn consumed by the very members of His Body! That's Good News for us. **I Am the Bread of Life** is not virtual reality. No, it is in fact your clarion Christian commission to authentic life. Sing it loudly.*

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

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

### ***Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***

#### **First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8**

The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). Today's passage takes place as he begins his flight.

#### **Second Reading: Ephesians 4:30-5:2**

As in the past four Sundays, our second Scripture reading will be from the letter to the Ephesians. This part of the letter contains advice for Christian living. The author says that actions which cause division in a community are simply unacceptable. In next Sunday's reading, the author sees mutual forgiveness as essential for any group that calls itself Christian. There is an echo there of part of the Lord's prayer.

## **This Week's Questions**

*For Adults: What specific gifts has God given you to help accomplish His works in this world?*

*For Children: What is something you can do this week to show others how much God loves them?*

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### **SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

*Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held on **Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30pm.***

*Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed. Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

## Weekly Mass Intentions:

Monday, August 6: Transfiguration of the Lord  
8:15 am - Father Patrick Rice

Tuesday, August 7: Saint Cajetan  
8:15 am - Mary and John LoGalbo

Wednesday, August 8: Saint Dominic  
8:15 am - Michael Kane

Thursday, August 9: Saint Teresa Benedicta Of The Cross  
8:15 am - Special Intention for Father Joe Farias

Friday, August 10: Saint Lawrence  
8:15 am - Father William Santeliz

Saturday, August 11: Saint Clare of Assisi  
5:00 pm - Joseph Montgomery

Sunday, August 12: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:00 am - Bill Kearney  
11:00 am - John Lukin  
7:00 pm - Lou Augustini

## 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.

## 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](mailto:info@stmnj.org). We'd love to welcome you!!

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

We're in the process of updating our parish database so the bulletin birthday and anniversary list will return in September. But in the meantime, we wish all those with August birthdays and anniversaries a happy, healthy day of celebration and a year to come filled with blessings! God bless you!!!

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## 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

## Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Wednesday**

**9:00 am–2 pm**

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

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