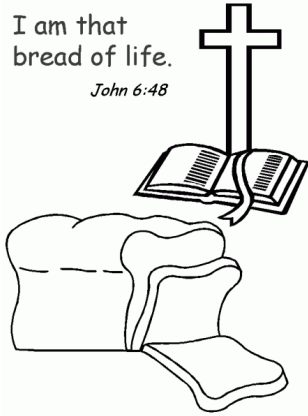


18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 1, 2021

“Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.” -John 6:35

I am that
bread of life.
John 6:48



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35
Monday	Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday	Jer 30: 1-2, 12-15; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15: 21-28
Thursday	Jer 31: 31-34; Mt 16: 13-23
Friday	2 Cor 9: 6-10; Jn 12: 24-26
Saturday	Hb 1: 1-2, 2:4; Mt 17: 14-20

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday –	July 31	4:00 PM	Kathy Bozzo (Mary Ferris)
Sunday –	August 1	9:00 AM	John Derochis (George & Fran Calafut)
Monday –	August 2	8:00 AM	Special Intention for Conversions
Tuesday –	August 3	8:00 AM	Thomas James Mirabito (Richard & Maureen Jordan)
Wednesday –	August 4	8:00 AM	Thomas James Mirabito (Richard & Maureen Jordan)
Thursday –	August 5	8:00 AM	Thomas James Mirabito (Richard & Maureen Jordan)
Friday –	August 6	8:00 AM	Dr. Charles Driscoll
Saturday –	August 7	4:00 PM	Mary Jo Bayer (George & Fran Calafut)
Sunday –	August 8	9:00 AM	Rosalie Yeckinievich (Patrick McCauley)



1st Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

The manna was given by God when the Israelites were desperate, when they were on the verge of starvation. It was clear to all that God provided the ‘bread’ since Moses and Aaron were blamed for leading them into the desert in the first place. It seems that we always turn to God when there is no other choice, when human means are lacking. We are part of creation and as such can never intentionally or otherwise disconnect ourselves from God. Receiving the bread of life is not just symbolic but, like the air we breathe, is an undeniable necessity.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

The author here calls for a commitment to the Christian way of life. The early church- particularly within those communities formed in the middle of the pagan world- was constantly caught up in decidedly non-Christian ways of living. To be reborn in the new way of Christ was not an easy thing to do, hence the strong encouragement.

Gospel Reading: John 6:24-35

Jesus interprets the truth of ‘feeding the five thousand’ (last week’s gospel reading). The earthly bread that sustains earthly human existence, whether it comes in a seemingly miraculously way or not, is secondary to the eternal bread that is found in Jesus Christ. Understanding what Jesus was teaching was not easy, for tradition held that it was through providing ‘bread’ in the desert that God was known. Jesus taught that recognizing God was the first step and that knowing the bread *to be God*, in the person of the Son, was the much more critical second step. In so doing the mortal acknowledges and receives the blessing of the true eternal state of humanity created in the Image of God. The Truth of Jesus Christ is woven throughout creation and cannot be separated from it. The Bread of Life, the Eucharist, is our bridge from this mortal side to the eternal other side.



MEMBERS OF THE HOLY NAME OF MARY PRAYER CHAIN are available to pray for you or your loved ones in need of prayer. Please call Maureen Van Nostrand at: 570-278-4590.

LET US PRAY THIS MONTH:

We remember in prayer those who are ill & pained in body, heart & mind. We pray especially for Betsy Arnold, Richard Arnold, Frank Bayer, Anne Belles, Jerry Blodgett, Ralph Blodgett, Brad Booker, Ellen Booker, Brad Bozzo, Al Breiner, Tanya Calafut, Katie Calvin, JoAnne Catlin, Becky Cole, David Conklin Jr., Odessa Cornell, Wilma Daniels, Manny DeBonis, Jeanne Falk, Larry Ferris, Mary Ferris, Harvey Fletcher, Geraldine Flynn, Maria Garvey, Brandy Golden, William Hector, Wayne Hibbard, Byron Hilgner, Susan Jennings, Timothy Jones, Deb Kessler, Bill Kozerski, Ken Landes, Nancy Landes, Sue Landes, Josh Landis, Dolores Makowski, Barry Markow, Walter Miller, Alexis Mock, Luis Muloski, Jamie Myers, Mike Rayias, Kimberly Richey, Luke Richey, Bob Roccia, Ann Paolucci, Debbie Rossi, Rob Rossi, Jack Rozanski, Lennas Russell, Dorothy Sergent, Caesar Siedlecki, Edith Siedlecki, Kathleen Sitkowski, Delores Slatter, Jerry Stahl, Florence Trowbridge, Ruth Vandermark, Jesse Wells, Rosemarie Whalen.



LET US PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PROUDLY SERVE IN THE MILITARY:

Floyd Beamer, Thomas Butler, Daniel Daly, Christopher Jordan, James Kane, Mark Nowalk, Michael Pelicci, Nate Seymour, Julie Snyder, Aaron Taylor, Nancy Travis, and Travis Walter.

PARISH FINANCES 7/25/2021

(FY18/19 Budget)	\$	(4867.00)
Sunday Collection	\$	2,175.55

Thank you for your generosity & support



Please remember that during these difficult times, Holy Name of Mary is relying on your continued support to meet our financial obligations. Thank you!!

Thank You for your support!

Thanks to your generous gifts, our parish has reached its goal for the 2020 Diocesan Annual Appeal

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Sunday, August 1st – 9:00 AM
Isaiah Torres

Sunday, August 8th – 9:00 AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, August 15th – 9:00 AM
Bernadetta Paolucci

Sunday, August 22nd – 9:00 AM
Isaiah Torres

Sunday, August 29th – 9:00 AM
Lee John Sullivan

Would you like to become an Altar Server? If so, please contact Pam Tometchko at 570-278-0497 or speak to Fr. Philip directly.



DAILY MASS RESUMES:
 Father Philip has resumed saying daily Mass. Please note the time change. **For the remainder of the summer, daily Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM.**



RECTORY SCHEDULE CHANGE: Please note that the week of August 8th, the rectory will be open only from 9am-12pm Monday-Thursday.



We are looking for someone to clean the rectory and help with laundry, approximately 4-6 hours per week. Salary is negotiable. If interested, please call the rectory.



Our White Elephant Sale was a huge success!

Thank you to MaryAnn and Roger

Nowalk for coordinating the White Elephant Sale, MaryAnn and Ted Beeman for organizing the food and preparing all of the ethnic foods, Regina Olszewski and the Host Family for their hard work pulling weeds and making sure our grounds looked beautiful, and to everyone who donated baked goods and volunteered their time working at the sale.

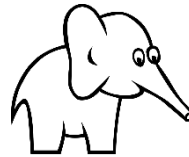
We could not have done it without your help!

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE

If you missed our first White Elephant Sale, you have another chance to come find a hidden treasure!

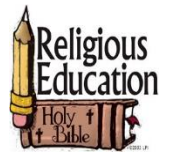
August 26-28 at the Parish Center

**1/2 price sale!
 Silent Auction!**



**Thursday, 8AM – 5PM
 Friday, 8AM – 5PM
 Saturday, 9AM – 12PM**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



We ask the members of Holy Name of Mary parish to keep the following children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive the sacraments:

First Holy Communion students:

Silas Mooney, Albert Paolucci, & Brent Smith

Confirmation candidates:

Tanner Holtsmaster, Makenzie Krupinski, Geovani Lopez, & Lee John Sullivan

JOIN US IN CELEBRATION!

First Holy Communion:

August 15 at the 9:00AM Mass

Confirmation:

August 22 at the 9:00AM Mass

