



## ***ST. PETER'S CHURCH***

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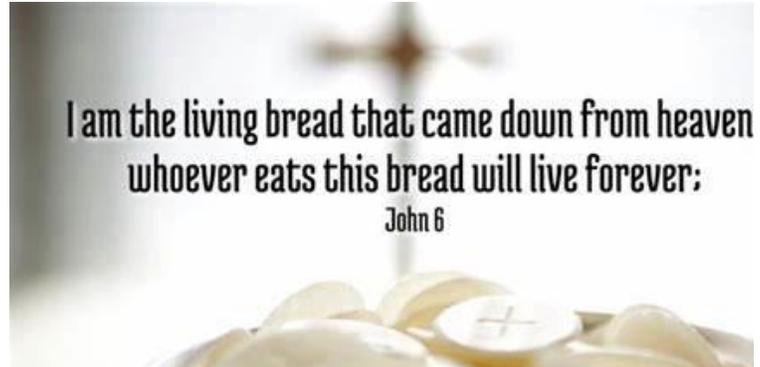
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***August 8, 2021***

*19th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*The Year of Saint Joseph*

### ***LIVING OUR FAITH***

In last week's Gospel, we heard Jesus proclaim, "*I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever comes to me will never thirst.*" Today we hear Jesus becoming even more explicit about his meaning when he tells the crowd, "*The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world*". Considering how the Gospel of St. John does not have an institution narrative for the Last Supper, scripture scholar Raymond Brown has suggested that this line might be for St. John a eucharistic formula like "*This is my body which will be given up for you.*"

When we as Catholics meditate on the bread of life discourse, we are inevitably led to consider the role of the Eucharist in our own lives of faith. This line in particular, "*the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,*" highlights the paschal nature of this sacrament. Pope Benedict XVI wrote in *Jesus of Nazareth*, "*Only through the cross and through the transformation that it effects does this flesh become accessible to us, drawing us up into the process of transformation*" (*Jesus of Nazareth* 270).

The immensity of Jesus' love and vulnerability on the cross is present within the Eucharistic feast, and when we come forward to receive the Body of Christ, we also say "*amen*" to becoming this Body in all that we say and do. As Elijah does in the first

reading, at times we may be tempted to despair when life's challenges and difficulties get to be too much. It is these moments, however, that our Lord desires to feed us with himself, giving us his very flesh so we might be nourished and strengthened on our journey to eternal life.

**Questions for the week:** *In the gospel Jesus quotes the prophets: "They shall all be taught by God." In the life of faith, how do you continue to be open to learning more and more?*



As you have probably already heard, Sullivan County is an area of substantial Covid-19 transmission.

The CDC recommends that all in these areas, vaccinated or unvaccinated, should resume wearing masks indoors.

***That being the case, as of this weekend, I am asking and urging that all of us resume wearing masks until this current threat passes.***

*Thank you for your cooperation as we live through this together.*





***This Sunday's Hymns (10AM Mass)***

# 299 At That First Eucharist

# 203 I Am the Bread of Life

# 222 Taste and See

# 245 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



***Readings for This Sunday – August 8<sup>th</sup>***

1 Kings 19:4-8

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

John 6:41-51

***Readings for Next Sunday – August 15<sup>th</sup>***

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Luke 1:39-56



Our Parish Family welcomes  
***Bridget Riley Prisco***  
to the Christian community!

*(Baby Bridget is the granddaughter of Deacon John Riley!)*

May Bridget continue to grow in God's grace and blessing!

### **PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list for the sick, please contact the Parish office. We kindly ask that you do not request a name to be included without the express consent of the person for whom you are requesting prayer. While the request may be very well-intentioned, we want to respect people's right to privacy.

### **PRAYERS FOR THE DEARLY DEPARTED**

We ask our good and gracious God to welcome our dearly departed into his Kingdom,  
especially ***Robert "Bobby" Smith***,  
and to bestow his peace and consolation on the family and friends who mourn their passing.

### **MASS RESOURCE**

Do you have travel plans this summer and want to be able to find a Catholic church at your vacation destination? Visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) to find the name of the Catholic church nearest you, along with its website address, contact information and worship times.

*(Due to the Covid pandemic, Mass times at some Parishes may have changed, so we recommend checking the website of the Parish before heading out to Mass!)*



## ***BLESSED FEASTS***

### ***St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr***

*Feast Day: August 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Patron Saint of: Rome, students, miners, tanners, chefs, poor, firefighters*



## *St. Lawrence*

pray for us,  
that the flames of divine love  
may burn away all traces  
of vice within us,  
and that we may be  
practical and zealous  
in the service of the poor.

**Amen.**

PRAYER FROM [WWW.CATHOLICCULTURE.ORG](http://WWW.CATHOLICCULTURE.ORG)



Archdiocese  
of Toronto

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)  
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*St. Clare of Assisi*

*Feast Day: August 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Patron Saint of: eye disease, goldsmiths, laundry, television*





### **PARISH CHILDREN'S SHOP TO REOPEN!**

Our Parish Children's Shop is scheduled to reopen this *Saturday, August 7<sup>th</sup>*!

*Summer Hours:*

*Wednesdays and Saturdays*

*9AM -12PM*

We are located downstairs in the old St. Peter's School building, next to the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry ministries. To visit, simply come up the driveway next to the rectory and come in through the silver door at the back of the school.

*We are also accepting donations of new or gently used items!*

### **BOOKS AVAILABLE**

There will be a book rack in the back of the Church. Please help yourself to any titles that interest you. Books *do not* need to be returned.

### **SUNDAY EVENING MASS REMINDER**

Our Sunday evening Mass is celebrated at 5:30PM.

This Mass tends to be less crowded and therefore may be a good choice for those wanting to attend Mass with fewer people.

### **WEEKDAY MASS**

Weekday Mass has resumed.

Mass will be celebrated on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30am.

### **PARISH CLOTHES CLOSET AND FOOD PANTRY MINISTRIES**

Just a reminder that we are now *OPEN* every Wednesday and Saturday morning from 9:00am - 12:00pm.



## Christian Leadership Institute August 18-22, 2021

Sponsored by Pallottine Teenage Federation

This 5 day retreat/workshop (begins Wednesday evening and ends Sunday afternoon) will give you all the tools you need to be a leader not only in your youth group but in all aspects of your life.

Basic Topics: [What makes a good leader?](#)

[Team Building](#)

[Running a meeting.](#)

[Public Speaking](#)

[Communication Skills](#)

[Planning Skills](#)

[Problem Solving](#)



You will also learn how to be a Christian Leader – [How to proclaim the Word](#), [how to plan a Prayer Service](#), [how to prepare the altar for Mass](#), and [the basics of Church Teachings](#).

Please plan on joining us for this life changing weekend.

Cost: \$150 for entire program

Where: The Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center

28 Resident Rd, Monroe, NY

For more information call: Cathy Rauschendofer

(845)421-3499

**The Vincent Pallotti Center maintains all Archdiocesan COVID guidelines such as social distancing, sanitation, and mask wearing (as needed and directed) on every weekend or activity.**



The American Red Cross is experiencing a **SEVERE BLOOD EMERGENCY** as the number of trauma cases, organ transplants and elective surgeries rise – and deplete the nation’s blood inventory. The Red Cross is working around the clock to meet the extraordinary blood needs of hospitals and patients but can’t do it alone. We need your help this August to ensure blood products are available in the weeks and months to come.

***YOU CAN HELP!***

Mamakating Community Blood Drive  
Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>  
12:30pm-6:30pm  
St. Joseph’s Church, Wurtsboro

Appointments Preferred – Walk-ins Taken, as able

Donor Eligibility Guidelines: Call 1-800-RED CROSS

Area hospital patients are counting on you!

Remember to HYDRATE- drink plenty of water. Please remember your ID!

*(Come to give Aug. 1-15 for a chance to win a VIP trip for 2 to the sold-out Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival!*

*PLUS, get a free 4-month subscription offer to Apple Music by email! For new subscribers only.)*



***Saturday evenings at 7 PM:***

*Mass in Spanish*

***Sunday mornings at 10 AM:***

*Mass in English \*\**

***Sunday evenings at 5:30 PM:***

*Mass in English*

***Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 AM***

*Mass in English*

\*\*We will continue to livestream our Sunday morning Mass on Facebook Live.

You can join us for Mass in person, or by logging on to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and visiting our page - St. Peter's Church, Liberty, NY. A recorded video of the Mass will also be published to our page at the conclusion of Mass.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

For those who continue to join us for Mass on Facebook Live who would like to receive the Eucharist, you may come to the church following the conclusion of Mass to receive. Father Ed will be available until 11:30am to distribute Communion.

