

# St Joseph's of Stratford Parish

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## PARISH CONTACTS

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Dear Parishioners,

The journey in John's Gospel continues this week as the developing "Christology" unfolds with Jesus speaking about being the Bread of Life, the living bread that came down from heaven. Fr. Paul Dudek from Holy Saviour Church in Union City will share his insights on this Gospel passage with you this Sunday when he celebrates Mass at 11:30am, as I will be away this weekend. I wish you grace and peace this coming week.

Fr. Tom

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5:00 pm - Sunday Vigil **Sunday:** 9:00 am

**Mass for Healing:** Thursday evenings 6:30 pm with Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament the first Thursday of the Month instead of Mass

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**"I am the true vine"**

JOHN 15:1-5



**"I am the bread of life"**

JOHN 6:35-48



**"I am the way, the truth and the life"**

JOHN 14:6



**"I am the light of the world"**

JOHN 8:12; 9:5

# The seven **"I AM"** statements of Jesus



**"I am the resurrection and the life"**

JOHN 11:25



**"I am the good shepherd"**

JOHN 10:11-14



**"I am the gate"**

JOHN 10:7

## PARISH CALENDAR

### August

**Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup>** – Fr. Tom away. Fr. Paul Dudek to celebrate Mass at St. Joseph's at 11:30am this week only.

### BY THE WEEK

Sundays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Tuesdays: Mercy Tabernacle Church  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesdays: AA meeting 12:00 pm

Thursdays: AA men's meeting 7:30 pm

*For news input in the weekly bulletin, please contact Father Tom by Wednesday: [trpwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:trpwalsh@gmail.com)*

## READERS ROSTER

<u>August 12th</u>	<u>August 19th</u>	<u>August 26th</u>
Ed Slonina	Charles Vazas	Emily Discepola



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Carol Murdzia for **Bertha Grabowski**;

Dee Smith for **Major Scott Krasko**, for **Emily Discepola** to have a safe trip, for **Marianne Cherabowski**;

And for those intentions that we hold in our hearts known to God alone.

## NEWS AND EVENT

If anyone is interested in learning how to run the PC to play music during Mass when Lisa is not here please see Fr. Tom. Your service would be greatly appreciated!

### Hospice Volunteer

Visiting Nurse Services of Connecticut, Inc., a non-profit organization which provides homecare and hospice services for residents of Fairfield, New Haven and Litchfield Counties is sponsoring hospice volunteer orientation classes. Volunteers can perform a variety of helpful duties including support to patients and families with visits, telephone calls, or simply running an errand; or they may assist with office work and other support services.

Surviving family members are encouraged to wait a minimum of one year following a loved one's death before becoming a volunteer.

The sessions begin August 14 and continue six consecutive Tuesdays ending on September 25 (excluding September 4) from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at VNS' Oxford office at 84 Oxford Road. After training is complete volunteers would then be assigned cases from the VNS Oxford, Trumbull or Torrington office closest to their hometown.

There is no charge for this training program. For more information, contact Dale Janoski at 203-330-5435 or [djanoski@vnsct.org](mailto:djanoski@vnsct.org).

### Eastern Diocese Youth Retreat 2018

The retreat will be held at Camp Howe in Goshen, MA from August 19-23, 2018. Please see Fr. Tom for registration and health forms, or email [RobNem21@aol.com](mailto:RobNem21@aol.com). The cost is \$150 per person.

*Bertha Grabowski, August 5th - October 28th, 2018. If anyone wishes to contribute to the printing cost of the bulletin, please contact Fr. Tom.*

## Sunday Readings

### First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

#### A reading from the First Book of Kings

Elijah went a day's journey into the desert, until he came to a broom tree and sat beneath it. He prayed for death saying: "This is enough, O LORD! Take my life, for I am no better than my fathers." He lay down and fell asleep under the broom tree, but then an angel touched him and ordered him to get up and eat. Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water. After he ate and drank, he lay down again, but the angel of the LORD came back a second time, touched him, and ordered, "Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" He got up, ate, and drank; then strengthened by that food, he walked forty days and forty nights to the mountain of God, Horeb.

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

### Second Reading

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

#### A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brothers and sisters:  
Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were sealed for the day of redemption. All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling must be removed from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

### Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

### Gospel

John 6:41-51

#### A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

The Jews murmured about Jesus because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven, " and they said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph? Do we not know his father and mother? Then how can he say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered and said to them, "Stop murmuring among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

**The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

