

# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, January 21, 2017**  
**4:00 PM** Gerald Ferreira – 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, January 22, 2017**  
**8:30 AM** Margaret M. Foley  
**11:00 AM** Horace Costa  
People of the Parish

**Daily Mass this week will be held on  
Monday thru Thursday at 8:00 AM**

**Monday, January 23, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Manuel Ledo

**Tuesday, January 24, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Timothy Kelly

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Thomas E. McVey

**Thursday, January 26, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Kevin Riley – 1 Month's Mind

**Friday, January 27, 2017**  
NO MASS

## *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**  
**4:00 PM** John & Esther Butler

**Sunday, January 29, 2017**  
**8:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** Mary E. Santoro – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

## *Sanctuary Candle*

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Irene Foley Shea*.

## *Marian Candle*

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of *Thomas E. McVey*.

## *Mass & Music Missalettes*

Mass Missalettes for **2017** are available for reserving in memory of a loved one at \$604/year or \$150/month. Music Missalettes for **2017** are available for reserving in memory of a loved one at \$632/year or \$50.00/month.

## *Today's Hymns*



*Entrance: #546 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

*Preparation: #503 Lord, You have Come*

*Communion: #580 We Are Many Parts*

*Meditation: #596 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*Recessional: #531 Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens*

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



As we begin a new year, let us take time to plan and make stewardship of time and talent a part of our lifestyle and stewardship of treasure a part of our budget.

<b>Weekend Collection</b>	<b>\$2,574.00</b>
<b>Renovation Fund</b>	<b>\$ 542.00</b>
<b>Catholic Communications</b>	<b>\$ 783.00</b>
<b>20/20 Raffle up-to-date</b>	<b>\$1,240.00</b>

The second collection this weekend is for the Renovation Fund. *Thank you for your support.*

## Arranging of Masses & Candles

The books are open for 2017 anyone wishing to arrange a Mass, Sanctuary Candle, Marian Candle or Sacred Heart Candle in memory of a loved one. Please call the rectory at 508-673-7831

## Altar Breads and Altar Wine

The books are also open for 2017 for the Altar Breads and Altar Wine for anyone wishing to donate in memory of a loved one. Altar Breads - \$100/3 Months and Altar Wine - \$40.00/3 Months.



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Darlene Medeiros* who died last week.

**FAITH FORMATION  
FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**

**First Communion Rehearsal Dates** – Saturday, April 29, 2017 and Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Church.

**Sacrament of First Communion** – Sunday, May 7, 2017 during the 11:00 AM Mass.

**Important Notice!**

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 2:00PM** in our parish. Confirmation Students from our parish and those of St. John of God, St. Louis de France and St. Patrick of Somerset will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here. The celebrant will be Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

**DUE TO SCHOOL VACATION THE REHEARSAL DATES HAVE BEEN CHANGED!**

**Confirmation Rehearsal Dates**

**Monday, April 24, 2017**

**Candidates Only**

**at St. Thomas More Church at 6:30PM**

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

**Candidates and Sponsors**

**at St. Thomas More Church at 6:30PM**

**CANCELLATION OF RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION CLASSES DUE TO  
INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Please tune to **WSAR Channel 6** or Rhode Island Broadcasters on **Channels 10 or 12** for cancellation announcements. Or sign onto **ribroadcasters.com** to view the list of cancellations. If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Religious Education, at the Religious Education Office #508-679-1236 or at the Rectory Office #508-673-7831.

**Office of Child Protection  
Catholic Social Services**

Schools in Massachusetts have policies about bullying, including documentation and reporting such incidents, as well as requirements for dealing with the situation. If you are unaware of the existing policies, please contact your child's school and be aware and prepared. You never know when you might need this information and it is also an excellent tool for talking with your child about bullying.

**SACRAMENT OF FIRST  
PENANCE**

On Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, the following 12 children received their Sacrament of First Penance.

**Congratulations!**

Nathan Cadorette  
Nathan Chapman  
Joshua Congdon  
Ryan Crook  
Cheyanna Elias  
Dominic Florio

Isabelle Gomes  
Chase Lachapelle  
Isabel Lopes  
Amanda Moran  
Jadeleena Pacheco  
Jonathan Walker

Thank you to Director of Religious Education, Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick to their Catechist, Mrs. Jennifer Crook and her Teen Assistant, Ashley Medeiros and and Father James Butler for assisting with confessions.

***A Luncheon Thank You!***

Thank you to **Norm and Anne Marie Menard** and their team of volunteers who so graciously served the candidates and their immediate family a delicious luncheon. Thank you to all involved.

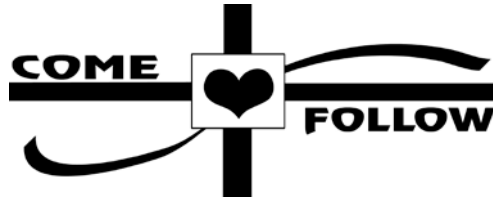
**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH  
20/20 RAFFLE**

***This raffle is an important fund-raiser for our church renovation fund.***

Tickets are on sale before and after the masses. Extra tickets are available to sell to friends and family. Tickets are \$20 each. **There will be one lucky winner! The winning ticket will be drawn on February 26, 2017 after the 11 o'clock mass.** The winner is guaranteed \$1,000 or 20% of what is totally collected, whichever is larger. **Your help makes this fundraiser successful. To date we have sold \$1,240.00 in Raffle Tickets. Thank you.**

**Inclement Weather – Daily Mass**

For safety reasons, **when the Town of Somerset cancels or delays school because of inclement weather, daily Mass will be cancelled.** If you had a scheduled announced Mass for that day, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831 and the Mass will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Thank you.



## **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3**

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the “day of Midian.”

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17**

Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

### **Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23**

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be “fishers of men.”

## **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

### **HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly***

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January 22, 2017

“I beg you brothers in the name of Lord Jesus Christ, to agree on what you say. Let there be no factions; rather be united in mind and judgment... Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel – not with wordy ‘wisdom’ however, lest the cross of Christ be rendered void of its meaning.

From the early days of the church questions and disputes arose, as the communities were formed and began to grow. Two thousand years later, people continue to line up, choose a banner or are pasted with a label. The words of St. Paul should cause us to pause and think.

I hear many sermons, read many tracts, and watch a variety of religious programs. All seem to have different perspectives. If they are credible, they should lead us to the cross of Jesus Christ. If they fail to do this, they are of little worth.

Did we not hear the scripture words “there is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God who is Father?” May we learn to listen with a special ear, discern with a keen eye and discover the wisdom of Jesus Christ and the cross. Next time, don’t listen for just what you want to hear, but what you need to hear.