



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 – 2nd Anniversary

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

Monday, January 30, 2017
8:00 AM Horace J. Costa

Tuesday, January 31, 2017
8:00 AM Rita P. Lafrance

Wednesday, February 1, 2017
8:00 AM Helen Saulino

Thursday, February 2, 2017
8:00 AM

Friday, February 3, 2017
NO MASS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 4, 2017
4:00 PM Richard Raposa
Blessing of the Throats, Feast of St. Blaise

Sunday, February 5, 2017
8:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Samuel & Mary Santoro

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for *Samuel and Mary Santoro*.

Marian Candle

The Marian Candle burns this week for *Prayers for a Family in need*.

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.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #727 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Preparation: #648 O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God

Communion: #319 Bread of Life

Meditation: #628 Lead Me Lord

Recessional: #126 Now Thank We All Our God

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE



As Catholics, we are not to focus only on ourselves but are called by our baptism to reach out and share our time, talent, and treasure with our brothers and sisters.

Weekend Collection	\$2,546.00
Renovation Fund	\$3,198.50
20/20 Raffle up-to-date	\$1,640.00

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

HOME MISSIONS

Next weekend the second collection will be taken to support the Church's National collection for **Home Missions – Black and Indian Missions** in the United States. *Thank you.*

E-Giving Members & Budget Holders

Members of the E-Giving Program can sign into their account to obtain their total 2016 Contribution Report. Once signed in click onto the **Donation History Report** and print the total contribution report for 2016. This report can be used for your tax reporting. If anyone has any questions, call the office at 508-673-7831. **Budget holders, your tax forms have been mailed by the Fred Waltz Budget Envelope Company.** Thank you.

ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL – FALL RIVER

On this Sunday, January 29th there will be an Open House from 10:30 AM – 1:00 PM for Pre K (ages 3 and 4) through 8th grade located at 209 Essex St., Fall River, MA. For more info call #508-678-0266.

BISHOP CONNOLLY HIGH SCHOOL

PLACEMENT TEST

Saturday, February 11, 2017 @ 8:00 AM

For more information please call #508-676-1071 Ext. 333.

**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

If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Religious Education at #508-679-1236 or the Rectory #508-673-7831.



ALTAR SERVERS

I would like to invite you to become an Altar Server. The ministry is open to all boys and girls in Grades 3 and up who attend public or Catholic school. Anyone who is interested in becoming an Altar Server should complete an Altar Server sign-up form. Sign-up forms will be given by your Religious Education Teacher and are also available at the entrance of the church. **This is a great opportunity for our youth to serve their parish.**

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.**

**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 \$1,640.00 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.

Dinner Club Winners

CONGRATULATIONS!

OCTOBER, 2016

Louis Chagnon #1682
Timothy Breidegam #2151
Kathleen Saraiva #86A

NOVEMBER, 2016

Linda Marcoux #469
Ronald Bruneau #2161
Rev. Msgr. Edmund Fitzgerald #14A

DECEMBER, 2016

Anne Botelho #1987
Edward Cote #162
Jacqueline Ferreira #106A

Fall River Area Support Group Schedule

**Jan. 10th – Feb. 21st, March 14th – April 25th,
May 16th – June 20th, July 18th – Aug. 29th, and
Sept. 26th – Nov. 7th, 2017**

This is a group to help people to cope with the loss of a loved one. The basis of the group is to allow each to share their experiences, feelings, emotions with others on the very same journey. In sharing, we discover new ways of coping. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7–9 PM. There is no fee to participate. For more information, call 508-678-2828, Ext. 27 or 508-642-0583.

BLESSING OF THE THROATS, FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Blessing of the throats will take place after Communion on **Saturday, February 4, 2017** during the **4:00 PM Mass**.

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Anyone who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick for a chronic illness or upcoming surgery may receive this after the **4:00 Mass** on **Saturday, February 11, 2017**. Any questions, please call the Rectory.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Zephaniah prophesies that the Lord will punish wicked nations along with Jerusalem, but he will shelter from his anger those who practice justice and humility and do no wrong.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Paul tells the Corinthians that God prefers the humble, the weak, the lowly of station — people like themselves. In Christ Jesus they will find wisdom, honor and justice.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Jesus teaches the Beatitudes in his Sermon on the Mount. He extols those who are merciful, peaceful, lowly, poor in spirit and promises them that “the reign of God is theirs.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 29, 2017

“Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth, who have observed his law; seek justice, seek humility; perhaps you may be sheltered on the day of the Lord’s anger. But I will have as a remnant in your midst a people humble and lowly... How blest are the poor in spirit...”

How many people we know who spend their time pursuing what they do not have. Those without work read the want ads, write lengthy resumes and try to connect with someone to help them. Those with health issues look for a second opinion or find a specialist to address their needs. Young people look to guidance counselors at school to assist them in making a career choice.

But how few of us earnestly and eagerly seek the Lord. We presume God’s presence, but how rarely do we set out to strengthen our relationship with Him. Do I work for justice, am I humble and dependent before the Lord? The Lord asks me to ‘act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly before my God.’

The Beatitudes in the gospel today will help us to see our lives as the Lord looks upon us, not in anger but with love. I want to be poor in spirit, putting God first. I want to be humble, work for justice, walk the way of holiness and care for those in need. All disciples are called to be people of the beatitudes and look for ways to put them into practice.