



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 4, 2017
4:00 PM Richard Raposa
 Feast of St. Blaise
 Blessing of the Throats, will take place after
 Communion.

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

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

Monday, February 6, 2017
8:00 AM Concord McMullen

Tuesday, February 7, 2017
8:00 AM Marjorie Foley Fayan

Wednesday, February 8, 2017
8:00 AM Joseph F. Foley, Sr.

Thursday, February 9, 2017
8:00 AM Madeline Foley Coady

Friday, February 10, 2017
 NO MASS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 11, 2017
4:00 PM David D. Talbot – Birthday
 Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after Mass
 for chronic illness or upcoming surgery

Sunday, February 12, 2017
8:30 AM Rev. Roger McMullen – 1st
 Anniversary

11:00 AM People of the Parish

ALTAR WINE & BREAD FOR FEBRUARY

Is in memory of
Stanley Banalewicz.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Samuel & Mary Santoro.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #134 Holy, Holy, Holy
Preparation: #595 We Are the Light of the World
Communion: #351 The Supper of the Lord
Meditation: #594 Christ, Be Our Light
Recessional: #386 Tell the Good News

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	\$2,301.00
Renovation Fund	\$1,290.90
Raffle up-to-date	\$2,060.00

HOME MISSIONS

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

Altar Breads & Altar Wine Music & Mass Missalettes

The books are now closed for 2017 for the **Altar Breads and Altar Wine**. Thank you to those who so generously reserved and contributed in honor or in memory of loved ones. Anyone wishing to reserve the Music or Mass Missalettes in memory of a loved one; there are a few months still available. Music Missalettes are \$50/month and Mass Missalettes are \$150/month. Please call the rectory at 508-673-7831.

2017 Women & Men's Conference

As Ash Wednesday quickly approaches, so does the 2017 Women & Men's Conference sponsored by the Fall River Diocese. This one-day Lenten program, featuring guest speakers, prayer, music and Mass, will take place Saturday, March 11th, at Stonehill College. Get details and register online at www.fallriverdiocese.org or read the flyer that is enclosed in this bulletin. Registration deadline is March 1st.

WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming new parishioners
Shawn, Elizabeth, Connor and Luke Tivnan
 who joined our parish last week.

FAITH FORMATION
Religious Education
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.**

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.

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 \$2,060.00 in Raffle Tickets. Thank you.**

BISHOP CONNOLLY HIGH SCHOOL

The Placement Test will be on Saturday, February 11, 2017 @ 8:00 AM. For more information please call #508-676-1071 Ext. 333.

Fall River Area Grief 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 at the Catholic Education Center 423 Highland Ave. Fall River, MA. There is no fee to participate. For more information, call 508-678-2828, Ext. 27 or 508-642-0583.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on **Tuesday, February 7th and the 14th, at 9:30AM in the rectory meeting room.** New knitters and crocheters are always welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next scheduled meeting for St. Vincent de Paul members is on **TUESDAY, February 14, 2017 at 2:00 PM.**

ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES CLUB

There will be a meeting of the St. Thomas More Retirees Club on **Thursday, February 16th at 1:00PM in the Parish Center.** There will be ice cream sundaes to celebrate Valentine's Day. New members are always welcome.

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.

Ministry Contact List – we would like to include the email addresses to the ministry contact telephone list. If anyone who is part of the Eucharistic Ministry and/or Lector Ministry that does not wish for the email address to be added to that list to please contact the rectory office at 508-673-7831 or email us at office@stthomasmoresomerset.org Thank you.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

This reading is a vigorous exhortation from the prophet Isaiah to lead lives of active charity and generosity. He promises that the Lord will be our "dawn," our "rear guard," our "light" if we share our bread, shelter the homeless, and clothe the naked.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Paul tells the Corinthians that he and they must not rely on the so-called "wisdom" of secular teaching and philosophy but on the power of the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus reminds the disciples and all Christians that they carry special responsibilities to be "the salt of the earth." They must not hide their light but show their goodness to all.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2017

"Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own... you are the salt of the earth... you are the light of the world."

It is hard for us to escape the direct teaching of Jesus and the prophet Isaiah. A familiar biblical question 'what are we to do?' finds a ready answer in these two scripture sources.

What Christian cannot be moved when we see images of the millions of refugees fleeing the wars in Iraq and Syria, drowning in the Mediterranean. How few Christians respond with compassion and empathy, afraid to take the risk to care for suffering humanity. Do I forget that they too are made in the image and likeness of God? Even if some have less than noble intentions, do we let all suffer?

How is it I live as salt of the earth? How can I be light of the world? Agencies do incredible work aiding those in need. Our church is at the forefront. Consider Jesuit Refugee Services, Catholic Relief Services, Doctors Without Borders, CNEWA and Aid to the Church in Need and countless others responding generously. Why do I sit back as others need the salt and light that we are? More than the financial aid you might give is the attitude of grave concern in these moments of crisis.