



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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
Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick after Mass
for chronic illness or upcoming surgery

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

Monday, February 13, 2017
8:00 AM Manuel Ledo

Tuesday, February 14, 2017
8:00 AM Noreen M. Talbot – Birthday
 Remembrance

Wednesday, February 15, 2017
8:00 AM Robert A. Arruda

Thursday, February 16, 2017
8:00 AM Donald Lemieux

Friday, February 17, 2017
 NO MASS

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 18, 2017
4:00 PM Linda Carvalho – 6 Month
 Anniversary

Sunday, February 19, 2017
8:30 AM John Meyer

11:00 AM Helen Palumbo – 2nd Anniversary
 People of the Parish

ALTAR WINE & BREAD FOR FEBRUARY

Is in memory of
Stanley Banalewicz

MARIAN CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for
Jeremiah O'Shea

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #136 God We Praise You

Preparation: #460 Eye Has Not Seen

Communion: #591 Your Words Are Spirit and Life

Meditation: #512 Father of Peace

Recessional: #686 Healing River of the Spirit

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 \$2,569.80

Home Missions \$1,107.25

E-Giving for January, 2017 \$1,779.00

Raffle up-to-date \$2,780.00

The second collection this weekend is for the

Renovation Fund. *Thank you for your support.*

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 was in last week's bulletin. Registration deadline is March 1st.

ALTAR SERVERS & MINISTRY

It is that time of year that we are preparing the new Ministry schedules for April, May and June, 2017. Please review your calendars and advise of the dates during these months that you will not be available for scheduling. Please forward the dates that you cannot serve to us no later than March 7, 2017. Your quick response is greatly appreciated.



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Zane J. Jakuboski* who died last week.

WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming new parishioners *Jason, Jodi, Brooklyn and Lucas Holloway* who joined our parish last week.

FAITH FORMATION

NEXT WEEK– NO Religious Ed Classes

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.

FIRST COMMUNION MINI-RETREAT

CHANGE OF DATE

The First Communion Mini-Retreat has been changed to **Saturday, March 18th** from 9:30 – 12:00 due to a conflict in scheduling.

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.

REHEARSAL DATES

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 Classes due to inclement weather

Please tune to **Channel 6, 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, at #508-679-1236 or the Rectory Office #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.**

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 \$2,780.00 in Raffle Tickets. Thank you.**

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 14, 2017 at 9:30AM in the rectory meeting room.**

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 16, 2017 at 1:00PM in the Parish Center.** There will be ice cream sundaes to celebrate Valentine's Day.

EMMAUS RETREAT PROGRAM

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. The next Retreat is March 10-12, 2017 at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit www.emmausretreats.com

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.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.” Let the Holy Spirit scrutinize and strengthen you by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are March 17-19, 2017 in South Kingston, RI and April 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call 800-710-9963 or visit www.WWEMA.org

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20

This passage from Sirach gives strong, unequivocal emphasis to free will in every person. Before each of us is set, sin or virtue, life or death, and each of us are free to choose the one or the other.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

Paul explains to the Corinthians that there are two different kinds of wisdom — the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the world. The wisdom of God is mysterious, but this wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the people he has come to fulfill the law. He speaks strongly against murder and anger, against adultery and lust, and against false oaths and lies. He warns the people that unless their virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, they “will not enter the kingdom of God.”

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2017

“What we utter is God’s wisdom: a mysterious hidden wisdom. God planned it before all ages for our glory. Yet God has revealed this wisdom to us through the Spirit... Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I tell you unless your holiness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees you shall not enter the kingdom of God.’”

The ‘professional’ religious people of Jesus’ time knew the bible, practiced in detail the requirements of their faith, and most were holy people. They knew the word, lived the word and incorporated it into the daily living.

Fast forward: How does the wisdom of God play out in my life? I know many things from the bible. I can speak about the four gospel writers and enjoy the life of the primitive church as I find it in the Acts of the Apostles. Some passages especially from the letters of Saint Paul, as the hymn of charity or the fruits of the Holy Spirit in Corinthians and Galatians move me.

The wisdom found in the scriptures is to direct my life and focus on just one thing that is my holiness. Knowledge in the head must move down a few inches and become the life giving pump for my heart. Holiness too is a gift of God for me to seek, discover and accept. We call Jesus ‘the holy one of God’ and we are to be as well.