



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## *Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, February 25, 2017**  
**4:00 PM** Franklin & Ruth Murphy

**Sunday, February 26, 2017**  
**8:30 AM** John C. O'Brien - Anniversary  
**11:00 AM** People of the Parish

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

**Monday, February 27, 2017**  
Margaret Dixon

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Elsie Soares – 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**8:00 AM** Kyle Thomas Andre  
**7:00 PM**

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Virginia E. Mullens – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Friday, March 3, 2017**  
**NO MASS**

## *First Sunday of Lent*

**Saturday, March 4, 2017**  
**4:00 PM** Mary T. Gudjonsson

**Sunday, March 5, 2017**  
**8:30 AM** Roger Lamontagne -7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
**11:00 AM** Jack & Pat Smith  
People of the Parish

### ALTAR BREADS FOR FEBRUARY &

#### MARCH

Are in memory of

*David Rocha and Linda Rocha*

### ALTAR WINE FOR FEBRUARY &

#### MARCH

Is in memory of

*Stanley Banalewicz*

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Elsie Soares*.

## *Today's Hymns*



*Entrance: #536 All Creatures of Our God and King*  
*Preparation: #648 O Breathe On Me, O Breath of God*  
*Communion: #319 Bread of Life*  
*Meditation #440 How Can I Keep from Singing*  
*Recessional: #127 Blessed By Your Sacrifice*

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

All adults 18 and up to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year are bound by the laws of fast. On days of fast, one full meatless meal is to be eaten. The other two meals should be meatless and together should not equal a full meal. There are **two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday, March 1st and Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence from meat. **Abstinence from meat** is prescribed on **all Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**.

### LENTEN MASSES

*The Ash Wednesday evening Mass is at 7:00 PM.*  
Hope to see you all in attendance. Please note that **there will still be daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.** and the Rosary will be said before the morning mass.

**A mass will be held each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00PM.** Hopefully this will enable all to attend a Mass during the week during the Lenten season. The time will be **6:00 PM on Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5<sup>th</sup>**.

### VOCATION VIEWS

God will provide for you on your journey. Trust that you will receive the grace to carry out the mission. (Mark 6:7 – 13)



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Heather Marie Martin* and *Ralph St. Pierre* who died 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.

**FIRST COMMUNION MINI-RETREAT**  
**CHANGE OF DATE**

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

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

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.

**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](http://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.

**BABY PRODUCTS DRIVE**

In a joint project to assist women dealing with pregnant women in need, the Fall River Chapter of MA Citizens for Life and St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting items for newborns on two weekends March 18 and 25. Sizes (newborns to 6 months): onesies, sleepers, receiving blankets, bibs, teething rings, wipes, diapers, shampoo or \$10 gift cards for supermarket, Walmart etc. Collection box will be in the church foyer. Thank you.

**St. Thomas More Church**

**20/20 RAFFLE**

**New Date of Drawing is**  
**Sunday, March 26, 2017**

*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! **Because of the snow weekends, the drawing has been extended to Sunday, March 26, 2017 after the 11 o'clock mass.** This will help with the cost of our snow removal and other parish projects. The winner is guaranteed \$1,000 or 20% of what is totally collected, whichever is larger. **To date we have sold \$3,440.00 in Raffle Tickets. Thank you.**

**ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES CLUB**

**There will be a celebration of St. Patty's Day on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at Kent's Restaurant at Noon serving corn beef and cabbage. Members \$10 Non-Members are welcome \$14.50. To make reservations, please call Eileen #774-526-0811.**

**RETREAT FOR GIRLS AGES 14-18**

There will be a day of reflection for girls to prepare for Holy Week and Easter to be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 from 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM at the Dominican Sisters Convent, 2012 Elm St., Dighton, MA. There will be a fee of \$7.00 at the door. For more information, call 508-675-1311.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

There will be a meeting for the **SVDP** members on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 2:00 PM in the parish center.

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

<b>Weekend Collection</b>	<b>\$2,256.00</b>
<b>Renovation Fund</b>	<b>\$1,133.80</b>
<b>Raffle up-to-date</b>	<b>\$3,440.00</b>

**There will be a Special Collection on Ash Wednesday – Evangelization.**

The second collection this weekend is for the Renovation Fund and next weekend a Special Collection will be for the Catholic University of America & Other Institutions of Higher Learning. **Thank you for your support.**

# Diocese of Fall River Women & Men's Conference

**Saturday**  
**March 11, 2017**  
8:00 am – 4:00 pm



THIRSTING FOR HOPE



CAN YOU DRINK  
THE CUP I DRINK?

**Ames**  
**Sports Complex,**  
**Stonehill College**  
320 Washington St.  
Easton, MA 02357

## For Lent 2017, the Diocese of Fall River is offering something new!

The 2017 Women and Men's Conference is a one-day program with enriching talks, reflection, prayer, and fellowship for a deeper faith-filled journey towards Easter.

*See full program details on the back of this flyer.*

**REGISTER ONLINE AT**  
**[www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org)**  
**Or fill out the form**  
**on the back of this flyer**



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**  
**MARCH 1, 2017**  
**Cost: \$45.00**  
*(includes lunch & morning refreshments)*