



**MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 4, 2017
4:00 PM Mary T. Gudjonsson
Sunday, March 5, 2017
8:30 AM Roger Lamontagne -7th Anniversary
11:00 AM Jack & Pat Smith
 People of the Parish

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

Monday, March 6, 2017
8:00 AM
Tuesday, March 7, 2017
8:00 AM

Wednesday, March 8, 2017
8:00 AM
6:00 PM Deacon Victor Haddad – 3rd Anniversary

Thursday, March 9, 2017
8:00 AM Manuel Ledo
Friday, March 10, 2017
 NO MASS

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 11, 2017
4:00 PM Frank A. Rodrigues – 3rd
 Anniversary
Sunday, March 12, 2017
8:30 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM James & Gertrude Butler

ALTAR BREADS FOR MARCH

Are in memory of
David Rocha and Linda Rocha

ALTAR WINE FOR MARCH

Is in memory of
Stanley Banalewicz

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory
 of ***Margaret Williamson***

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #116 Forty Days and Forty Nights
Preparation: #104 Led By the Spirit
Communion: #342 Gods Holy Gifts
Meditation #365 Shepherd of Souls
*Recessional: #113 Again We Keep This Solemn
Fast*

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All adults 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th 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 14th**. 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 a 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 5th**.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

St. John of God Church will be celebrating the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM each Friday during Lent beginning on Friday, March 3, 2017.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$2,295.05
Renovation Fund	\$1,245.25
Raffle up-to-date	\$4,080.00

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for the Catholic University of America & Other Institutions of Higher Learning. ***Thank you for your support.***



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of ***Lucille Franco*** 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 18th** 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

St. Vincent de Paul Society News

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

SVDP FOOD PANTRY - The food pantry supply is in need of tuna, soup, pasta, peanut butter and canned fruit. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

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, baby wipes, diapers, shampoo or \$10 gift cards for supermarket, Walmart etc. Collection box will be in the church foyer. Thank you.



AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, we invite you to join in our Lenten Program. **“At the Foot of the Cross: Stewardship of Time, Talent, Treasure and Prayer”**. **Time &**

Talent offers each person the opportunity to think about how their individual gifts and talent can be used to serve the parish community. Our **Treasure (Almsgiving)** will go to the **St. Thomas More St. Vincent de Paul Society**. Please make checks payable to **St. Thomas More**. **Prayer Petitions** may be written on papers provided. Special papers, Almsgiving envelopes and talent sheets are available at the entrances of the church and will be available throughout Lent. Prayer petitions and talent sheets should be placed in their respective purple boxes at the foot of the cross. **There are Time & Talent sheets available at both entrances to the Church.**

OPERATION RICE BOWL

As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in **Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl**. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please take home a Rice Bowl packet available at each entrance.

SAVE THE DATE!

STM DINNER CLUB

The dinner-dance will be held Saturday, April 29th at the Venus de Milo Restaurant. The meal order forms will be mailed out soon to all members. **Please return them as soon as possible**. There will be various raffles at the dinner, we are in need of gifts! Please consider making a donation of lottery scratch tickets or money to purchase them for the raffle. Please place it in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. *If you wish to donate a basket or gift, it can be picked up or you can drop it off at the rectory.*

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.

20/20 RAFFLE

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

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

Please help support our parish. 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 drawing has been extended to Sunday, March 26, 2017 after the 11 o'clock mass.** The winner is guaranteed \$1,000 or 20% of what is totally collected, whichever is larger. **To date we have sold \$4,080.00 in Raffle Tickets. Thank you.**

ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES CLUB

There will be a celebration of St. Patty's Day on Thursday, March 16th 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.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC - There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the Masses the weekend of **March 18 and 19, 2017.**

PRAAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 9:30AM.** New knitters or crocheters are always welcome.

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. For additional information, you can contact us by email at emmausretreats@gmail.com or you can visit our website at www.emmausretreats.com

PARISH VOCATION COMMITTEE

The Diocese has scheduled an Orientation Session for Parish Vocations Ministry on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at St. Julie Billiart Parish in North Dartmouth from 6:30-8:30PM. Please call the rectory at 508-673-7831 for immediate information. Detailed information will be in next weekend's bulletin.

Diocese of Fall River Women & Men's Conference

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

**CEU's
Offered**



**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
Or fill out the form
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**REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
MARCH 1, 2017
Cost: \$45.00
(includes lunch & morning refreshments)**