



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 18, 2017
4:00 PM Rev. Jose A. F. Dos Santos

Sunday, March 19, 2017
8:30 AM John & Esther Butler
 People of the Parish

11:00 AM Robert P. Benevides – Anniversary

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

Monday, March 20, 2017
8:00 AM Ruth A. Tosior

Tuesday, March 21, 2017
8:00 AM

Wednesday, March 22, 2017
8:00 AM
6:00 PM

Thursday, March 23, 2017
8:00 AM Catherine Routhier Abebe

Friday, March 24, 2017
 NO MASS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 25, 2017
4:00 PM Richard G. Medeiros

Sunday, March 26, 2017
8:30 AM Joseph Viveiros – 2nd Anniversary
 People of the Parish

11:00 AM Carole Cordeiro – 10th Anniversary

ALTAR BREADS FOR MARCH

Are in memory of

David Rocha and Linda Rocha

ALTAR WINE FOR MARCH

Is in memory of

Stanley Banalewicz

MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory
 of *Josephine Dube*

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #461 I Heard the Voice of Jesus

Preparation: #365 Shepherd of Souls

Communion: #358 Come to Me and Drink

Meditation: #765 Create in Me

Recessional: #686 Healing River of the Spirit

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

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 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

If we give according to God's principles, God will give back to us. The young man, who gave his loaves and fishes, didn't have to go without dinner.

Weekend Collection	\$2,211.00
Renovation Fund	\$1,126.13
Raffle up-to-date	\$4,700.00

The Second Collection will be for the Renovation Fund. There will be a Special Collection next weekend for the Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your support.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 21, 2016, at 9:30AM in the rectory meeting room**. New knitters and crocheters are always welcome.

FAITH FORMATION
Religious Education
FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

FIRST COMMUNION MINI-RETREAT

The upcoming First Communion Mini-Retreat will take place on **Saturday, March 18th** in the Parish Center. Please arrive no later than **9:20 AM**. Students will watch a 30 minute cartoon video called, "The Bread of Life", participate in arts-n-crafts project, have a light snack and take a tour of St. Thomas More Church with Msgr. Fitzgerald.

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.

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

Altar Server Training & Commissioning

The children who volunteered to be an altar server will receive altar server training on Sunday, **March 19th** which will coincide with the Faith Formation classes, please have your child check in with their Faith Formation teacher first to let them know they are present for the day and then go upstairs for training. Each student will be counted as present for the day. **On Sunday, March 26th at the 8:30 Mass, the new Altar Servers will be commissioned by Msgr. Fitzgerald.**



**"AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS"
PROGRAM**

It is not too late to participate in our Lenten Program, "At the Foot of the Cross: Stewardship of Time, Talent, Treasure and Prayer". **This week we highlight on the Stewardship of Treasure. This year's Almsgiving, will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please give generously. Thank you.**

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.*

**St. Thomas More Church
20/20 RAFFLE**

**THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT
WEEKEND WILL BE THE LAST
CHANCE TO BUY A TICKET!**

Drawing is Sunday, March 26, 2017

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 \$4,700.00 in Raffle Tickets. Thank you.**

LENTEN MISSION

The Fall River Deanery Lenten Mission is coming up from **Monday, March 27th to Thursday, March 30th**. This year, Fr. James Quigley, O.P. will be celebrating Mass and preaching about virtue and leading a virtuous life. Among the virtues he covers will be hope, forgiveness and mercy. Confessions will be available each night of the mission at 6:00 PM. Mass is celebrated at 7:00 PM. Each night a different parish will host the mission. **Monday, St. Bernadette's, Tuesday St. John of God, Wednesday, St. Bernard's and Thursday St. Anthony of the Desert**

Please consider making the mission a part of your Lenten observances.

BABY PRODUCTS DRIVE

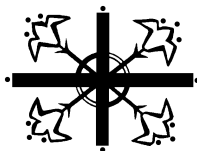
In a joint project to assist women dealing with pregnant women in need, the Fall River Chapter of **MA Citizens for Life** and **St. Vincent de Paul Society** will be collecting items for newborns on two weekends **March 18 and 25**. Sizes (newborns to 6 months): onesies, sleepers, receiving blankets, 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.

SVDP FOOD PANTRY

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

INCLEMENT WEATHER DAILY MASS

For safety reasons, **when the Town of Somerset cancels or delays school because of inclement weather, daily Mass will also 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.



EASTER FLOWERS

Please turn in any donations for Easter Flowers by **April 9th**. *Extra envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.*

PARISH VOCATION COMMITTEE

The Diocese of Fall River is recommending all parishes to form a Vocation Committee. As part of the parish committee, members would encourage parishioners to pray for, learn about support and recruit Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. They would provide opportunities to develop Vocation awareness through various parish structures. Committee members would sponsor a Vocation discernment night for the parish youth; invite young people with the parish priest to discuss Vocations and encourage parish prayer for Vocations. There are many ways to help to continue the awareness of Vocation and Religious Life. Persons are expected to attend two orientation sessions to be commissioned by the Bishop for the Ministry of Vocations.

On Thursday, April 6, 2017 at St. Julie Billiart Parish, North Dartmouth from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Members will gather for an orientation on how to organize the Parish Team, on the goals, responsibilities and suggestions and on **Sunday, May 7, 2017** – World Day of Prayer for Vocations – there will be a Day of Reflection as we have done in the past, on the topic of **“Vocations and New Evangelization”** at St. Mary's Cathedral, concluding with the Holy Hour of Prayer for Consecrated Life and Priestly Vocations. Bishop da Cunha will commission new Parish Vocations Team Members.

The Holy Hour is to be held at **3:00 PM**. **Anyone who is interested in joining the committee or have any questions to please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald as soon as possible. Thank You.**

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Is the Lord in our midst or not?” Let God enhance your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends: April 22-23, 2017 in Brewster, MA and June 10-11, 2017 in Medway, MA. For more information, call #800-710-9963 or visit www.WWMEMA.org