



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Saturday, May 6, 2017  
 4:00 PM Elinor Kirkman – 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
 Sunday, May 7, 2017  
 8:30 AM People of the Parish  
 11:00 AM First Communion Class

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

Monday, May 8, 2017  
 8:00 AM Joseph Mulready  
 Tuesday, May 9, 2017  
 8:00 AM Kyle T. Andre – Birthday  
 Remembrance  
 Wednesday, May 10, 2017  
 8:00 AM Sr. Lucille Socciarelli, RSM  
 One month's mind  
 Thursday, May 11, 2017  
 8:00 AM Special Intentions for a family in need  
 Friday, May 12, 2017  
 NO MASS

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Saturday, May 13, 2017  
 4:00 PM Steven Souza - Anniversary  
 Sunday, May 14, 2017  
 8:30 AM People of the Parish  
 11:00 AM Edwin E. Cadorette – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

#### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week *in  
 Thanksgiving for Prayers answered.*

#### **ALTAR BREADS FOR MAY**

Are in celebration of **50 Year Anniversary of  
 Ordination Rev. Roger McMullen**

#### **ALTAR WINE FOR MAY**

Is in celebration of **50 Year Anniversary of  
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CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
 DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

## 76<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

May 1 to June 26, 2017

***“Whatever you do...”***

The Catholic Charities appeal, which supports many programs that serve the less fortunate, enables you to share in this work of love. Please be thinking now about responding in a generous manner to this year's plea. A **“pledge”** will allow you to give more and spread it over ten months without a payment until July. To make a donation, **make checks payable to St. Thomas More Church**. Please do not tear off any portion of the red and white contribution card. **Reminder that all contributions to the Appeal are NOT included to the Parish Assessment.**

### *Today's Hymns*

Entrance: #309 All People That On Earth Do Dwell  
 Preparation: #438 We Will Rise Again  
 Communion: #324 Gift of Finest Wheat  
 Meditation #64 Christ Is Arisen  
 Recessional: #103 Hail, Holy Queen

#### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Weekend Collection	\$2,588.50
Renovation Fund	\$1,285.00
E-Giving Month of April 2017	\$1,646.00
Organ Contributions to date	\$1,055.00

The second collection for next weekend will be a one-time collection for the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### **MONTH OF MAY**

For the Month of May, traditionally a time to honor the Blessed Mother, the statue of Our Lady placed in the Sanctuary reminds us to imitate her, a woman of great faith. Praying the rosary, meditating on Mary in the scriptures, attending Mass, saying “yes” to a new ministry or praying for all Christians are some of the suggested ways to honor Mary this month.



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
2017 POPE ST. PIUS X  
YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENT**

I am happy to announce that Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha will award the 2017 Pope St. Pius X Youth Award to **Brendon Fitzpatrick**. Brendon has been an Altar Server for many years and he willingly helps in any activity in the parish without hesitation. He will receive this award on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 7 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. All are invited to attend the ceremony. **Congratulations Brendon and thank you for your stewardship to our parish!**

**FAITH FORMATION**

**Religious Education**

***Remember attending mass regularly is part of your Religious Education!***

**2017-2018** Religious Education Registration Forms have been sent. Please consider returning them as soon as possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Religious Education, at the Religious Education Office at 508-679-1236 or at the Rectory Office at 508-673-7831.

**BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the masses next weekend, **May 13 & 14, 2017.**

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

A meeting is scheduled in the parish center on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

**The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education**

(FACE) and the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools are excited to announce The Catholic School's Hope and Opportunity Initiative. This Initiative, sponsored by the Carney Family Fund, will provide 100 scholarships for up to \$2,000 per student for the 2017-18 school year to new low-income K-8 students in the Fall River and New Bedford Deaneries. If you, or someone you know, wants to send their child(ren) to a Catholic School please contact Sarah Heaton at 508-678-2828 or at [sheaton@dfrcs.org](mailto:sheaton@dfrcs.org)

**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on **Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30AM in the rectory meeting room. This meeting will be the last for the season and will resume in October.** New knitters and crocheters are always welcome.

**Congratulations  
First Communion Students!**

*The following students will receive their First Holy Communion during Sunday's 11:00AM mass this weekend.*

*Nathan Cadorette*

*Nathan Chapman*

*Joshua Congdon*

*Ryan Crook*

*Cheyanna Elias*

*Dominic Florio*

*Isabelle Gomes*

*Chase Lachapelle*

*Isabel Lopes*

*Amanda Moran*

*Jadeleena Pacheco*

*Jonathan Walker*

*Thank you to Director of Religious Education Michael Fitzpatrick, Teacher Jennifer Crook and Teen Assistant Ashley Medeiros, Music Director Kyle Medeiros, the Choir and Barbara Dopart for their help and participation in making it a special ceremony.*

**STM Dinner Club**

The Saint Thomas More Dinner Club Banquet, held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at Venus de Milo was a great success. All who attended enjoyed a great evening of fun, good food and fellowship with parishioners and their guests. Thank you to **Norm and Anne Marie Menard for all their hard work in running the club and putting together the Banquet.** Thank you to all who donated scratch tickets, baskets and gifts to be raffled off and the volunteers who helped to make the evening such a success. **Congratulations STM Club Banquet winners! They were:**

Mary Nadeau #1040	\$ 100.00
Steven Cadorette #2019	\$ 200.00
David Driscoll #1292	\$ 300.00
Jo-Ann Gauthier #9A	\$ 500.00
Robert Soares #2004	\$ 1,000.00

Church Proceeds for the parish from the Club and Raffles was \$2,500. Thank you again to all who participates.

## OUR CHURCH ORGAN

The contract and purchasing sales agreement has been signed. The cost for the organ, complete installation and removal of the old organ will be **\$32,000**. The delivery and installation has been scheduled for early May. **To date we have received \$1,055 in contributions toward the Organ Fund.** Anyone willing to make a donation of any size as a gift or as a memorial in memory of a loved one is asked to do so and will be most welcomed and appreciated. **Envelopes marked Church Organ Fund are available at the entrances of the church.** If there are any questions please call me at the Rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

### Attention – Volunteers Needed – Undecorate the Church!

The Decorating Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 6:30PM in the church to remove the Easter decorations. All volunteers are needed to help take down the decorations and store them in the storage closet. Please consider coming to help. Thank you.

### **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

With great authority, Peter proclaims to the people that the Christ who was crucified is indeed the Messiah. Urging them to reform and be baptized in the name of Christ, three thousand responded to his words and were baptized.

#### **Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25**

This is a strong exhortation from Peter to the people to endure suffering for Christ as he did for them. Healed by his wounds, they have "returned to the shepherd."

#### **Gospel: John 10:1-10**

Christ uses the beautiful image of the shepherd to describe his care for his sheep. He also says he is the sheep gate and promises that "Whoever enters through me will be safe."

### **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

**HIS WORD TODAY** *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 7, 2017**

**"Beloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. When he was insulted, he returned no insult, when he suffered he did not threaten, instead he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that free from sin, we might live for righteousness."**

Risen Lord, to unite themselves to Jesus and His cross. We move a few weeks from Easter and can forget that the cross of Christ is the measure of the world.

How do I react to adversity? Revenge, road rage, doing unto others before they do unto me... it is easy to avoid the admonition of Peter. To be sure I'm on the right path I look to the virtues found in the beatitudes - meekness, humility, desire for holiness, dependence upon God, and yes even the suffering I endure. Together with the virtues which Paul offered the Galatians, I become fully equipped to move forward.