



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 – 1st Anniversary

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

Monday, May 15, 2017
 8:00 AM Manuel Ledo

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
 8:00 AM Patricia & Alice Marie Jewell

Wednesday, May 17, 2017
 8:00 AM Joseph Saulino

Thursday, May 18, 2017
 8:00 AM 49th Anniversary of Ordination for
 Msgr. Edmund J. Fitzgerald

Friday, May 19, 2017
 NO MASS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 20, 2017
 4:00 PM Albert Capeto – 1st Anniversary

Sunday, May 21, 2017
 8:30 AM James & Gertrude Butler
 11:00 AM Peggy Dunn – 4th Anniversary

Marian Candle

The Marian Candle burns this week *for Rita
 Sabra Delisle.*

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week *in honor
 of the 49th Anniversary of Ordination for
 Msgr. Edmund J. Fitzgerald.*

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
 Ordination Rev. Roger McMullen*



Happy Mother's Day!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
 BISHOPRIC OF FALL RIVER

76th ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL May 1 to June 26, 2017

“Whatsoever 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 consider responding in a generous manner to this year's plea. The contributions received to date are **\$10,035.00**. 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: #101 Immaculate Mary
 Preparation: #453 Like a Child Rests
 Communion: #357 I Received the Living God
 Meditation #702 Gentle Woman
 Recessional: #98 Now Thank We All Our God

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$2,367.75
Renovation Fund	\$1,149.25
Catholic Charities to date	\$10,035.00
Organ Contributions to date	\$2,155.00

The second collection this week 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.

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.

ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

We are in need of Adult Altar Servers for weekday masses. If you think you might be interested in this Ministry, please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or call the Rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

Funeral Ministry Volunteers Needed

Please consider joining this wonderful ministry by greeting and serving those families who have lost a loved one. We are looking for adults who would be able to serve at funerals or be greeters at funeral masses. If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

This weekend there will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the masses.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on **Tuesday, May 23rd**, 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.

VOCATION PETITION

That all mothers will draw close to Mary and nurture openness to the Holy Spirit to discern the Lord's call for their children.

Reserving Sanctuary & Marian Candles

If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary or Marian Candle in memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory at #508-673-7831.

MUSIC & MASS MISSALETTES

There are still some months available for reserving the Music or the Mass Missalettes in memory of a loved one. If interested, please call the Rectory at #508-673-7831.

OUR CHURCH ORGAN

To date we have collected **\$2,155** toward our organ fund. The organ has been installed this week. The cost for the organ, complete installation and removal of the old organ is **\$32,000**.

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.

The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. **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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

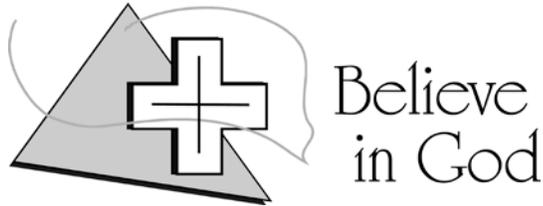
This is a group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Fall River Area Bereavement Group will be meeting beginning **May 16th-June 20, 2017**. This group meets every Tuesday from 7-9 PM for seven weeks at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Avenue in Fall River. For more information call #508-678-2828 Ext. 27 or call #508-642-0583. There is no fee to participate. Parking is available adjacent to the building. **All are welcome**.

The Catholic School's Hope and Opportunity Initiative

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 2017-2018 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 sheaton@dfres.org

Congratulations!

To Parishioner **Steven Przeszlo** who is being confirmed by Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha at the Adult Confirmation, this Saturday May 13, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral at 4:00 PM.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

During the early growth of the Church, the apostles realized that they needed more disciples in order to carry out effectively the ministry of the Church. The community selected seven men, one of whom was Stephen.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

Citing many uses of the word "stone" in the sayings of Jesus and in the Old Testament, Peter urges the Christians to be "living stones...an edifice of spirit."

Gospel: John 14:1-12

In this beautiful passage from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus promises that he is preparing a place for the apostles. He tells them, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through me." When Philip asks Jesus to show them the Father, Jesus answers, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father."

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

"Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word... They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them."

The needs of the early church were not different from those of our day. The text from the Acts of the Apostles informs us of the call by the apostles and the acceptance of the deacons to respond and serve at table.

In many parts of our country men will be ordained to the diaconate and the priesthood as they are called to Holy Orders. The mission is the same, to serve and preach the word. The mandate is no different, but in the words of Pope Francis they are to go out to the marginalized and bring the word of Jesus to others.

How many of us just accept our ordained ministers, but how few of us promote vocations to the service of the church. How many of us affirm those who are in ministry and how few consider the call of the Lord, whether in ordained or ministry of service. Jesus, the way, and the truth and the life calls us as His disciples to minister and serve. What is He asking me to do?