



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Monday, May 22, 2017
 8:00 AM Gladys Taylor

Tuesday, May 23, 2017
 8:00 AM Mary Doucet

Wednesday, May 24, 2017
 8:00 AM Donald Lemieux

Thursday, May 25, 2017 – Holy Day of Obligation
ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00 AM Kyle Thomas Andre
 7:00 PM People of the Parish

Friday, May 26, 2017
 NO MASS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 27, 2017
 4:00 PM Rev. Roger McMullen – 50th
 Year Anniversary of Ordination

Sunday, May 28, 2017
 8:30 AM Ila Dias
 11:00 AM J. Paul Audette

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**

MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of
Alice Karnasiewicz



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
 DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

76th 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 consider responding in a generous manner to this year’s plea. The contributions received to date are **\$14,525.00**. 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: #83 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
 Preparation: #444 Send Out Your Spirit
 Communion: #336 Eat This Bread
 Meditation #455 You Are Mine
 Recessional: #80 The Day Of Resurrection

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Do we ever take the initiative in giving our time, talent, and treasure, or do we always wait to be asked?

Weekend Collection	\$2,341.00
Renovation Fund	\$1,119.50
Catholic Charities to date	\$14,525.00
Organ Contributions to date	\$3,285.00

The second collection this week will be for the **Renovation Fund**.

Thank you for your continued support.



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary G. Heroux** who died last week.

WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming new parishioners
Patrick and Nicole McDonald
 who joined our parish last week.

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 that 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.

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

For a growing conviction among our young people that they are loved by our Heavenly Father and that Jesus manifest himself to them through their vocation.



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.



I want to thank the decorators and un-decorators for taking care of our church and always making it beautiful for the holidays and sacrament masses. Also, thank you for putting away the decorations and taking pride in preserving them for many years' of use. Thank you.



To the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for receiving and sorting the food donations collected by the Mail Carriers from the Somerset Post Office.

OUR CHURCH ORGAN

The organ has been delivered and installed! To date we have collected **\$3,285.00** toward our organ fund. The cost for the organ, complete installation and removal of the old organ will be **\$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.

The Catholic School's Hope and Opportunity Initiative

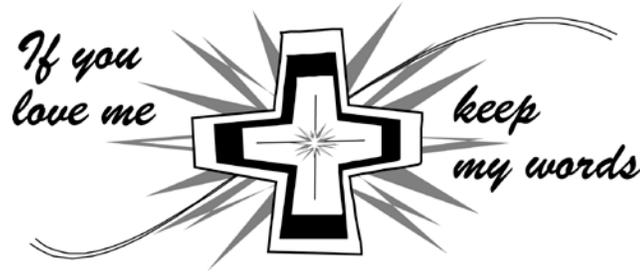
The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education (FACE) and the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools are excited to announce The Catholic School's Hope and Opportunity Initiative. This Initiative, sponsored by the Carney Family Fund, will provide 100 scholarships for up to \$2,000 per student for the 2017-2018 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

Music & Mass Missalettes

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

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.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip preaches to the people of Samaria, who accept his word after witnessing the miracles he performs. Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ, giving evidence always of gentleness and hope.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

In his words to the apostles at the Last Supper, Jesus promises to send them a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth, who will be with them always.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2017

“Jesus said to his disciples ‘If you love me you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him because he remains with you. I will not leave you orphans, I will come to you... And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.’”

The priestly prayer of Jesus, similar to a pep talk or farewell speech, reassures the disciples of Jesus’ ongoing concern before His imminent departure. The promised Spirit offers life, protection and guidance to us all. How rarely do I treasure the fact that Jesus speaks to the Father on my behalf and promises me the gift of the Spirit when He leaves. That same promise continues today, as we need the Spirit.

He continues to watch out for us in our need as He speaks to the Father on our behalf. The advocate is present to us all to guide and guard, to direct and sustain us on our journey of holiness. Basically Jesus tells me I am loved by all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.