

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Monday, May 29, 2017
NO MASS – MEMORIAL DAY
OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 30, 2017
8:00 AM

Wednesday, May 31, 2017
8:00 AM Mabel Lemieux

Thursday, June 1, 2017
8:00 AM

Friday, June 2, 2017
NO MASS

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday, June 3, 2017
4:00 PM

Sunday, June 4, 2017
8:30 AM Joseph F. Foley, Jr.

11:00 AM Joseph & Nellie Reidy

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*

ALTAR BREADS FOR JUNE

Is in memory of
Dr. Eduardo Leonardo

SACRED HEART CANDLE

The Sacred Heart Candle burns this week in
Honor of all Veterans living and deceased

76th ANNUAL



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

76th ANNUAL 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 \$18,135.00. 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.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #68 *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*

Preparation: #562 *The Strife is O'er*

Communion: #355 *One Love Released*

Meditation #512 *Father of Peace*

Recessional: #625 *America the Beautiful*

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 \$2,107.50

Renovation Fund \$1,626.50

Catholic Charities to date \$18,135.00

Organ Contributions to date \$3,735.00

The Second Collection will be for the Renovation Fund.

Special collection next weekend will be for “Ecclesiastical Students”. It will help educate young men from our diocese studying for the priesthood. *Thank you for your continued support.*



Rest in Peace

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Elizabeth McNamara Corrigan* who died last week.

Thank You

A generous donation was made to the Renovation Fund in memory of *Elizabeth McNamara Corrigan*.

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 the weekend, **of June 10 & 11, 2017.**

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.

VOCATION PETITION

That the Lord generously pour forth his Spirit of wisdom upon all those now discerning their vocation.

LECTORS NEEDED

We are in need of Lectors for all 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.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES SCHEDULE

St. Patrick & Notre Dame Cemeteries

Mass will be celebrated at the St. Patrick Cemetery Chapel in Somerset on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 29th at 9:00 A.M.** Seating may be limited, so please bring a chair if you are able to. Coffee and doughnuts will be served following the mass. All are welcome.

Mass will also be celebrated in remembrance of deceased loved ones at the original Mausoleum Chapel of Notre Dame Cemetery in Fall River on Memorial Day, **Monday, May 29th at 10:00 AM.** Please plan to join us in prayer for those whom we remember and love as part of your Memorial Day observance.

CHURCH ORGAN

The organ has been delivered and installed! To date we have collected **\$3,735.00** 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

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

A meeting is scheduled for the **SVDP members** to meet on **Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:00 PM** in the parish center.

QUO VADIS DAYS – DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER 7th ANNUAL VOCATION RETREAT Young Men 14 – 18

A time to share our faith and build fraternity with other young men seeking God's will from Monday thru Friday July 10TH – July 14TH at Betannia II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. There will be priests, seminarians, and other young men gathered together for these days. Activities will include prayer, mountain hiking, sports, games, discussions and talks. For additional information regarding completing the registration form, please contact Fr. Kevin Cook at #508-824-5707 or e-mail frcook@holymfamilytaunton.org



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 1:12-14

After Jesus ascended into heaven, the eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem and prayed in the upstairs room. With them were some women and Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 4:13-16

Christians are exhorted to rejoice in suffering because through suffering, they share in the life of Christ.

Gospel: John 17:1-11a

This is a continuation of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper. He tells the Father that he has made his name known, that he has finished the work his Father has given him, and that he wishes now to share in the glory at his side.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter or Ascension of the Lord May 28, 2017

"Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father the hour has come. Give glory to your son so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him. Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God and the one you have sent, Jesus Christ...I pray for them."

Gifts are given. One considers who the receiver is and what that person might like or need. After deliberating a choice is made and the gift is offered.

Gifts are received. One opens his hands to receive them and gratefully accept what has been chosen.

The greatest gift ever is the gift of eternal life. By His dying and rising, Jesus wanted to give us this gift. We call it grace, the very life of God, communicated to us freely by Him and accepted. As I reflect upon this awesome care of God for me, at this very moment, I do not need to send a thank you note, but prayerfully take, protect and guard this incredible treasure. My response can be my prayers of thanks to Him.