



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Corpus Christi

Saturday, June 17, 2017  
 4:00 PM Harriet Butler – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Sunday, June 18, 2017  
 8:30 AM George & Margaret Dunn

11:00 AM Samuel & Mary Santoro

Daily Mass this week will be held on  
 Monday through Wednesday at 8:00 AM  
 Thursday at 10:00 AM

Monday, June 19, 2017  
 8:00 AM Manuel Ledo

Tuesday, June 20, 2017  
 8:00 AM Manuel Vieira

Wednesday, June 21, 2017  
 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Thursday, June 22, 2017  
 8:00 AM NO MASS

10:00 AM Deceased Members of the St. Thomas  
 More Retirees Group

Friday, June 23, 2017  
 NO MASS

## Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday, June 24, 2017  
 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, June 25, 2017  
 8:30 AM Mary Gudjonsson

11:00 AM John Stolarski – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

### ALTAR BREADS FOR JUNE

Is in memory of  
**Dr. Eduardo Leonardo**

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.” Let the Lord feed and support your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are **Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA - Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH.** For more information, call #800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>

## Happy Father's Day!

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

May 1 to June 26, 2017

*“Whatsoever you do...”*

It is now nearing the close of this year's appeal. If you haven't sent in your donation, please do so before June 26<sup>th</sup>.

The contributions received to date are **\$31,550.00**  
 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: #310 Table of Plenty

Preparation: #336 Eat This Bread

Communion: #351 The Supper of the Lord

Meditation #319 Bread of Life

Recessional: #24 Holy, God, We Praise Thy Name

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,135.50
Organ Contributions to date	\$14,110.00
Catholic Charities to date	\$31,550.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,261.48

The second collection this weekend will be for the **Renovation Fund.** Next Weekend, there will be a Special Collection for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america)

*Thank you for your continued support.*



## In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Armand A. Vigeant** who died last week.

## FAITH FORMATION

*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.

### Funeral Ministry Volunteers Needed

Please consider joining this wonderful ministry to greet and serve 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.

### *Thank you to our Choir Members!*



Msgr. Fitzgerald and Music Director, Kyle Medeiros would like to express their thanks for the wonderful blessings of voices the Choir Members have shared in our liturgical celebrations. Along with your beautiful voices you bring friendship and community to all involved. Your enthusiasm and love for the mass passes along in your singing to the congregation. Thank you again for sharing your talent with us. Enjoy the summer and we will be anxious to see you back in September!

### ***NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS***

This Sunday new Eucharistic Ministers will be commissioned during the 8:30 mass, they are:

***Cecile Byrne***

***Alan Olivier***

***Debora Setters***

***Scott and Dina Swanson***

It is a custom of the Diocese to have all New Eucharistic Ministers commissioned during the feast of Corpus Christi. I am reappointing all other Eucharistic Ministers for another year according to the Diocesan Policy. Thank you and congratulations on being part of this glorious ministry.

## QUO VADIS DAYS – DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER 7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VOCATION RETREAT Young Men 14 – 18

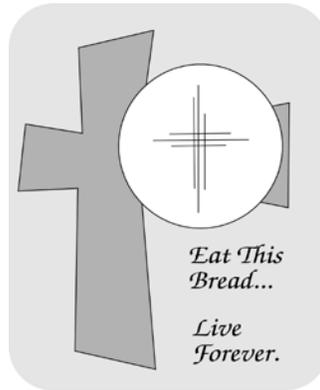
A time to share our faith and build fraternity with other young men seeking God's will from Monday thru Friday **July 10<sup>TH</sup> – July 14<sup>TH</sup>** at Betannia II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. There will be priests, seminarians, and other young men gathered together for these days. Activities will include prayer, mountain hiking, sports, games, discussions and talks. For additional information regarding completing the registration form, please contact Fr. Kevin Cook at #508-824-570 or you can e-mail [frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org](mailto:frcook@holyfamilytaunton.org)

### CHURCH ORGAN

To date we have collected **\$14,110.00** 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 entrance 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. Losing someone we love truly hurts, leaving us with so many unanswered questions and a multitude of conflicting emotions. Fall River Area Bereavement Group will be meeting beginning **July 18<sup>th</sup> – August 29<sup>th</sup>**. This group meets every Tuesday from 7-9 PM for seven weeks at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA 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 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

### **First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a**

Moses reminds the Israelites that when they were starving in the desert, the Lord fed them with "manna" -- a food not known to them.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17**

Paul points out to the Corinthians that through the sharing of the cup and the breaking of the bread, they are all one in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel: John 6:51-58**

After Jesus feeds the five thousand people with barley loaves and fishes, he tries to make them understand the significance and the meaning of what he has done. He tells them, in mysterious and beautiful words, that the bread he gives is his flesh and says, "I myself am the living bread... If anyone eats this bread, he shall live forever."

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

### **The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

**June 18, 2017**

**"Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because the loaf of bread is one we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf."**

The simple questions St. Paul asked his Christian community at Corinth are directed to us on this great day for our Catholic community. The danger of routinely approaching the altar and receiving the Eucharist is shaken as we read his important questions.

People wait hours to catch a glimpse of a hero, a star or idol. Many thousands gather in St. Peter's square weekly to see the Holy Father, hear his message and receive his blessing. But every time we meet for mass, Jesus is present in the gift of the Eucharist. He is present for adoration in the tabernacle, waiting for our praise and thanksgiving. Jesus is truly present in this sacrament for He wanted to remain with us, and this is the way He chose to be here.

May we be reminded of this great gift of His presence as we enter our church. May we teach our children the need for respect and reverence as we celebrate each mass.