



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 22, 2017
4:00 PM George G. McMullen, Sr.

Sunday, July 23, 2017
8:30 AM Rita & Roger LaMontagne

11:00 AM People of the Parish

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

Monday, July 24, 2017
8:00 AM Joseph Gonsalves

Tuesday, July 25, 2017
8:00 AM Rev. Kenneth J. Delano

Wednesday, July 26, 2017
8:00 AM Antone Botelho

Thursday, July 27, 2017
8:00 AM Emma C. Medeiros – 14th Anniversary

Friday, July 28, 2017
NO MASS

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Saturday, July 29, 2017
4:00 PM Msgr. Thomas J. Harrington

Sunday, July 30, 2017
8:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Nancy Collins – Birthday
 Remembrance

ALTAR BREADS FOR JULY

Is in memory of
Dr. Eduardo Leonardo

ALTAR WINE FOR JULY

Is in memory of
Robert Sr. & Aurora Duarte

Today's Hymns

*Entrance: #546 Praise, My Soul, the King of
Heaven*

Preparation: #572 Worthy Is the Lamb

Communion: #353 Seed Scattered and Sown

Meditation #594 Christ Be Our Light

Recessional: #375 The Spirit Sends Us Forth

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

It is only the hand that is open to give that is open to receive. God cannot give us what we refuse to take and God cannot give to us when our hands and hearts cling to things. "For everything is from you, and we only give you what we already have received from you" (1 Chr 29:14-16).

Weekend Collection \$ 1,723.00

Organ to date \$16,425.00

Renovation Fund \$ 1,005.00

The Second Collection will be for the Renovation Fund. Thank You for your continued support.

Missionary Cooperative Weekend

July 29 & 30, 2017

Fr. Emeka Okwuosa, SDV a priest of the Society of Divine Vocations (SDV) and a missionary from, Nigeria will visit our Parish and speak at all our Masses **next weekend, please make out checks payable to St. Thomas More Church.**

He is a member of religious community of Priests and Brothers and their charism is discern, promote, accompany and nurture vocations to the priesthood and religious life for the whole Church.

They carry out our ministry in parishes, schools and missions. Presently they are working in 14 countries among them are Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Nigeria, Philippines and the U.S.A.

WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming new parishioners
Elizabeth Pinto and Carol G. Spoor
who joined our parish.



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Sophie R. Trafka* who died last week.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

Remember attending mass regularly is part of your Religious Education!

2017-2018 Religious Education Registration Forms were sent. If you have not returned them 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.

VOCATION VIEWS

Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word. (Luke 10:38-42).

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. JOHN OF GOD PARISH

FEAST

This weekend our neighboring parish, St. John of God will be hosting their annual feast. Saturday hours will be from 5-11 PM. Sunday hours are Noon until 10PM with the procession at 3PM. The kitchen will offer Portuguese, American, Polish and BBQ food with Malassadas served every day.

CHURCH ORGAN

To date we have collected **\$16,425.00** toward our organ fund. The cost for the organ, complete installation and the removal of the old organ was **\$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. Thank you to those who have donated. **Envelopes marked Church Organ Fund are available at the entrance of the church.** If there are any questions please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

10th Annual Golf Classic Diocesan Health Facilities Monday, August 21, 2017 LeBaron Hills Country Club

The Diocesan Health Facilities Tenth Annual Golf Classic will be held **Monday, August 21, 2017** at LeBaron Hills Country Club, Lakeville, MA. All proceeds will benefit the over 900 individuals we serve in our skilled nursing & rehabilitation centers and community programs. For details on levels of participation available, please contact the Diocesan Health Facilities Office at 508-679-8154. Printable registration forms are available at www.dhfo.org forms are also available at the entrances of the Church or speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Just as a small mustard seed can become a large elaborate bush, discover how to encourage your marriage to blossom and provide a lifetime of joy by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next WWME Weekends are Sep 16-17, 2017 in Medway, MA and Oct 21-22, 2017 in Contocook, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit us at <https://wwmema.org/>.

WOMENS RETREAT

Summer is a good time to take a break for spiritual renewal. Sacred Hearts Retreat Center is offering a retreat for women "Choose Gratitude...the Joy of Thanks-living" guided by Sr. Claire Bouchard. The weekend retreat begins August 4th with dinner and ends Sunday at 11:00 AM. Cost is \$175, to register call #508-295-0100. Located at 226 Great Neck Rd. Wareham, MA.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

This passage from the Book of Wisdom addresses itself to God, giving praise and thanksgiving for his mercy.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Paul indicates that since people are, in general, unaccustomed to the manner of praying, of speaking directly to God, the Holy Spirit will intercede for them.

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

According to Matthew, Jesus speaks of the "reign of God" in three parables: the man who soweth good seed, the mustard seed, and the yeast. In each parable, Jesus demonstrates that once the "reign of God" had been established, it grew and spread.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

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"The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groaning. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit. But though you are master of might you judge with great clemency and with much lenience you govern us...and you taught that those who are just must be kind."

Do I understand that when I decide 'I am going to pray' that this is a response to the movement of the Spirit? When I pause to pray or plea, to thank or speak my words do I recognize the aid of that same Spirit? Paul helps us understand what sparks our prayer. Remember the prayer poem 'Lovely lady dressed in blue, teach me how to pray.'

I might also find strength knowing that my intentions are good and positive as I pause and pray for others. I am concerned about their well-being, their peace and happiness. I want to be free of judging others, as God judges me with clemency and wants me as a just person to be kind.

There are many helps for our prayer life in the readings of scripture today.