



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Monday, July 31, 2017
8:00 AM

Tuesday, August 1, 2017
8:00 AM Rev. Kenneth J. Delano

Wednesday, August 2, 2017
8:00 AM John Meyer

Thursday, August 3, 2017
8:00 AM Mabel Lemieux – Birthday
Remembrance

Friday, August 4, 2017
NO MASS

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Saturday, August 5, 2017
4:00 PM Jay Bergeron – Birthday
Remembrance

Sunday, August 6, 2017
8:30 AM Robert Lamontagne

11:00 AM Joan C. Benevides – Birthday
Remembrance

ALTAR BREADS FOR JULY & AUGUST

Is in memory of
Dr. Eduardo Leonardo

ALTAR WINE FOR JULY & AUGUST

Is in memory of
Robert Sr. & Aurora Duarte

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #536 All Creatures of Our God and King
Preparation: #29 Beautiful Saviour
Communion: #357 I Received the Living God
Meditation #434 Seek Ye First
Recessional: #628 Lead Me, Lord

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

If we accept the challenge of putting God first in our time and treasure, our attitudes, priorities, and spiritual lives will definitely change.

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,502.50
Organ Collection to date	\$16,425.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,192.00

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE

This week the Second Collection will be for the Missionary Cooperative. 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 Masses **this weekend**. On behalf of his congregation, he will share with us the missionary work of his congregation, among the poor and underprivileged. He asks for your prayers and blessings of financial support to help them continue to support and educate future priests and brothers in developing countries and to continue their ministry among the poor and underprivileged. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Church.

PETER'S PENCE

Next weekend will be for Peter's Pence – the **Holy Father**. Please support Pope Francis as he brings hope and the promise of God's love to all people. Plan to give generously to this special appeal



We welcome *Ariella Grace Gonsalves* who joined our parish community through Baptism last week. *Ariella* received a hand-made blanket made by the St. Thomas More Blanket Ministry as a gift from the parish in honor of her Baptism.



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of *Anna Soares and Marion King* 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.

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.

A VACATION WITH THE LORD

People often ask if they can come to the retreat center for an overnight or for a few days of respite. A week, **August 7 – 12, 2017**, has been set aside for this purpose. The house and the grounds at Sacred Hearts Retreat Center offer the perfect place for this located at 226 Great Neck Rd., Wareham, MA. The cost depends on the number of days and meals requested. To register please call Sr. Claire at #508-295-0100.

SUPPORT GROUP FOR DIVORCED AND SEPARATED PERSONS

The La Salette Retreat Center in Attleboro is the location for a new bi-weekly support group for separated and divorced persons. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, August 1st** from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM and subsequent meetings will be held every other Tuesday evening. Dorothy Levesque, Spiritual Director will be leading the group. All are welcome.

CHURCH ORGAN

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we have reached the half way mark to collecting the full cost of replacing the old 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**. Thanks to our Music Director Kyle Medeiros, the transition was successful and the music is beautiful. **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; it 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.

St. Vincent de Paul 14th Annual School Supply Drive

The 14th Annual Backpack & School Supply Drive will begin the weekend, **August 5th and end on September 3rd**. This drive has provided many young students with school bags and supplies that are needed to help them begin the new school year. A detailed list of supplies and snacks will be posted in the foyer. All items will be given to local students. With your generosity we are able to continue to do God's work in helping those in need.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

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"Jesus said to his disciples 'The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price he goes and sells all that he has and buys it.'"

Jesus, the teacher, offers three parables today for our reflection. The two the treasure and the pearl, followed by the net, ask us to consider what the kingdom is really like. Do I find it in my church?

What is the treasure I am looking for, His kingdom? It is His grace, the Sacraments, the life of the church. The pearl is the Christian life which I sometimes fail to appreciate.

I am the one searching for a treasure, the pearl and I live in a community where the net has been thrown and collects all, bad and good. I am asked to sit down and sort out what is good for me and what is not. I resolve to continue my search, discover the treasure offered to me, and work hard to preserve and persevere in my quest. The kingdom is now.