



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Saturday, August 19, 2017
4:00 PM Linda Carvalho – 1st Anniversary

Sunday, August 20, 2017
8:30 AM People of the Parish

11:00 AM Edward & Alice Karnasiewicz

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

Monday, August 21, 2017
8:00 AM

Tuesday, August 22, 2017
8:00 AM

Wednesday, August 23, 2017
8:00 AM James J. Foley, Jr. – Birthday
Remembrance

Thursday, August 24, 2017
8:00 AM Antone O. Soares

Friday, August 25, 2017
NO MASS

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Saturday, August 26, 2017
4:00 PM Michael J. Greany

Sunday, August 27, 2017
8:30 AM Joseph Souza - Anniversary
Remembrance

11:00 AM Mary Theresa Sieczkowski –
Birthday Remembrance

ALTAR BREADS FOR AUGUST

Is in memory of
Dr. Eduardo Leonardo

ALTAR WINE FOR AUGUST

Is in memory of
Robert Sr. & Aurora Duarte

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #547 Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Preparation: #522 Prayer of St. Francis

Communion: #351 The Supper of the Lord

Meditation #378 Take My Hands

Recessional: #371 Go In Peace to Love and Serve
the Lord

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 **\$17,665.00** 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; 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.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Have you given real thought lately to how good God has been to you? Do you give in proportion to what God has given you? One of the ways God expects us to be different is by practicing stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

Weekend Collection \$2,151.00

Renovation Fund \$1,255.00

Church Organ Donation \$ 990.00

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Renovation Fund.

Thank you for your continued support.

WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming new parishioners
Paul, Denise, Nicholas and Matthew Cunha
who joined our parish.



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of *Martha McVey and Dennis B. Souza* who died last week.

FAITH FORMATION
Religious Education 2017-2018
TEACHERS NEEDED

We are searching for teachers (adults, and teen assistants) who would like to share their faith with the youth of our parish. Training is available. Please see Msgr. Fitzgerald or Michael Fitzpatrick if you can help support this vital mission of our church.

The new schedule for 2017 – 2018 is listed on the 3rd page of the bulletin and can also be seen on the website. Please save the schedule for future reference.

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

All children who will be entering First Grade in September must register for Religious Education Classes to begin in the fall. This is a two-year program that begins with First Grade and ends with the reception of the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in Second Grade.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This is a two year program for both Catholic and Public School parishioners. Students need to register in Grade 9 to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 10.

If you have not returned the Religious Education Registration Forms - 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.

**REGISTRATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION CLASSES**

*Will be held next SATURDAY & SUNDAY,
AUGUST 26TH & 27TH and SEPTEMBER 2ND
after the Masses in the main foyer of the church.
Sunday, September 3rd registration will be only
after the 8:30 Mass.*

ALTAR SERVERS & MINISTRY

We are preparing the Ministry schedules for October, November and December, 2017. We would appreciate it if you would review your calendars and advise us of the dates that you will not be available. Responding prior to September 12th would be greatly appreciated.

PARISH E-GIVING
SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING

WHAT IS ELECTRONIC GIVING?

E-Giving allows you to make your donation directly with your credit, debit card or checking account in place of the envelope system. Your financial information is safeguarded and no one other than you and your financial institution will have your information.

**HOW DOES THE ELECTRONIC GIVING
HELP MY PARISH?**

The parish will experience an increase in the amount received each month because there will be no missed weeks due to illness, vacations, or even inclement weather.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

To join the program log onto our parish website at stmsomerset.org then click onto E-Giving, which will bring you to the registration process. It is easy; it will ask for your email address, create a password that only you will know; and credit, debit card or checking account information. If you have a budget number, you can add that also. Next you will be asked the amount for the general fund, the renovation fund and any special diocesan donations with the frequency of these contributions: every week, once per month, or even a one-time donation; whatever you prefer. Come October, you can enter an amount for the Annual Collection.

CAN I CHANGE THE AMOUNT?

You will always have access to make changes to anything plus you can print a report at tax time.

WHAT IF I NEED HELP TO ENROLL?

Feel free to contact the Rectory for assistance at 508-673-7831.

ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES NEWS

Welcome back! The St. Thomas More Retirees have scheduled to meet on **Thursday, September 21, 2017 @ 1:00PM.**

TRIP TO THE WHITE MOUNTAINS

The St. Thomas More Retirees Group is planning to take part in one of the trips offered by the Fisher Charter Bus Service. If there is enough interest the group would like to join the **White Mountain Foliage excursion on Wednesday, October 4, 2017.** Anyone interested in attending or has any questions, please call Eileen Chmielewski at 774-526-0811. **Please do not wait** too long to sign up as the seats may be limited. Thank you.

St. Thomas More Church
Religious Education – Faith Formation Program
Schedule 2017 - 2018

Mass every Sunday – Parents are reminded that Mass is part of the Religious Education Program and attendance at Mass each week and on Holy Days of Obligation is essential in the formation of their faith.

Grades 1 - 10 8:30 a.m. Mass - Classes begin immediately following Mass - 9:20 am to 10:30 am

Class Schedule 2017 - 2018 for all Grades

September 10, 2017 – Classes begin
September 17, 24

October 1, 15, 22, 29

November 5, 12, 19

December 3, 10, 17

January 7, 21, 28, 2018

February 4, 11, 25

March 4, 11, 18, 25 (Palm Sunday)*

April 8, 22 – Classes End

Classes end on April 22, 2018 for all grades EXCEPT for Grade 2 and Grade 10

***Palm Sunday** - All students are invited to join in procession at 8:30 a.m. Mass on March 25, 2018. Please arrive in the Parish Center in the Church basement by 8:15 a.m.

Grade 2

First Penance will be celebrated on Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas More Church. The snow date will be Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Mini-Retreat - Saturday, March 24, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Parish Center)

Holy Thursday – March 29, 2018 - students will participate at the 7:00 p.m. Mass

Rehearsal Dates for First Eucharist

Saturday, April 28, 2018 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Church

Saturday, May 5, 2018 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Church

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

Grade 10

Good Friday – March 30, 2018 – Students will participate at the 7:00 p.m. Service

Confirmation – Date to be announced upon notification from the Bishop's office