



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 2, 2017
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, September 3, 2017
8:30 AM

11:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Adrien Harrison

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

Monday, September 4, 2017
8:00 AM NO MASS – LABOR DAY
 OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 5, 2017
8:00 AM Rita Makeever

Wednesday, September 6, 2017
8:00 AM Manuel Ledo,
 Mr. & Mrs. John C. Sousa

Thursday, September 7, 2017
8:00 AM

Friday, September 8, 2017
 NO MASS

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 9, 2017
4:00 PM John F. Daley – Birthday
 Remembrance

Sunday, September 10, 2017
8:30 AM Ryan Barata – 3rd Anniversary

11:00 AM Joanna Marden

ALTAR WINE FOR SEPTEMBER

Is in memory of
Robert Sr. & Aurora Duarte

ALTAR BREADS FOR SEPTEMBER

Is in memory of
Walter & Janet Prayzner

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in honor of
Msgr. Edmund J. Fitzgerald's Birthday.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #713 Lift High the Cross
 Preparation: #459 Come To Me
 Communion: #342 God's Holy Gifts
 Meditation: #494 We Remember
 Recessional: #419 For the Fruits of This Creation

NEW CHOIR MEMBERS WELCOMED!

Our Music Ministry is looking for additional members to join our parish choir. The first rehearsal will be **Thursday, September 7th at 7:00 PM** in the Church. Auditions are not required, just a strong love of praising God in song! Anyone interested in joining this rewarding ministry, please speak to Kyle Medeiros our Music Director after any Mass. Music brochures are available at each entrance for additional information.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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| Weekend Collection | \$ 1,975.25 |
| Renovation Fund | \$ 1,132.58 |
| Church Organ Donation | \$ 3,600.00 |
| Church Organ Donations to date | \$21,365.00 |

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Renovation Fund. *Thank you for your support.*

CHURCH ORGAN DONATION

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners we are still making strides to reaching our goal of \$32,000, and to date we have collected \$21,365.00. 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 is most welcomed and appreciated. The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. Thank you to those who have already 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.

BAPTISM

We welcome *Taytum Rejeanne Scheller* who joined in our faith through baptism last week. *Taytum* received a hand-made blanket made by the St. Thomas More Blanket Ministry as a gift from the parish in honor of her Baptism.

**REMINDER: SVDP Meeting on Tuesday,
 September 12th at 6:00 PM**

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.

CONFIRMATION TEACHERS

NEEDED: CONFIRMATION TEACHER, TEACHER ASSISTANTS & SUBSTITUTES to assist with the St. Thomas More Faith Formation Program. Please consider volunteering for this critical mission of our Parish. We need you! Training is available. Please see Msgr. Fitzgerald or Michael Fitzpatrick if you can assist in any way.

REGISTRATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

Will be held this, Saturday SEPTEMBER 2nd after the 4:00 Mass in the main foyer of the church. Sunday, September 3rd after the 8:30 and 11:00 Masses.

NOTICE TO ALL MINISTRY MEMBERS

The Ministry schedules for October, November and December, 2017 are being prepared. Please 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 budget envelope system. Your financial information is safeguarded and no one other than you and your financial institution will have your information. You can begin this program immediately. If you have any questions please call the Rectory.

Can anyone who works at the Church see my Bank/Credit Card/Debit Account Numbers or information? **NO.** No one at the Church has access to any of your account information.

What if I try it and don't like it? You can cancel at any time.

Adults who have not been Confirmed

The Office of Faith Formation will be offering Adult Confirmation Classes beginning on **September 19 & 20, 2017** (for 6 consecutive weeks) at Holy Cross Parish in Easton on Tuesday evenings; **and at Bishop Stang High School on Wednesday evenings respectively.** Both sessions conclude with a retreat on October 28, 2017. Please contact the Rectory office #508-673-7831 for a registration form and Msgr. Fitzgerald's authorization.

ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES NEWS

Welcome back! The St. Thomas More Retirees have scheduled to meet on **Thursday, September 21, 2017 @ 1:00PM.** Anyone interested in **White Mountain Foliage excursion on Wednesday, October 4, 2017,** please call Eileen Chmielewski at 774-526-0811.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held with a special Mass of Thanksgiving for couples observing their significant wedding anniversaries (including first year). This celebration will take place on **Sunday, September 24, 2017 at 3:00 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fall River.** If you would like an invitation, please let Msgr. Fitzgerald know **as soon as possible** by calling the rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

Remember: Our weekly bulletin is always available at our parish website at **stmsomerset.org**

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