



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## 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 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary  
**11:00 AM** Joanna Marden

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

**Monday, September 11, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** For all the victims and their families  
 of 9/11

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Sister Celine Rainville

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Mary Irla

**Thursday, September 14, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** James & Gertrude Butler

**Friday, September 15, 2017**  
 NO MASS

## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**  
**4:00 PM** Dennis B. Souza

**Sunday, September 17, 2017**  
**8:30 AM** Raoul Lemieux  
**11:00 AM** People of the Parish

### ALTAR WINE FOR SEPTEMBER

Is in memory of  
*Robert Sr. & Aurora Duarte*

### ALTAR BREADS FOR SEPTEMBER

Is in memory of  
*Walter & Janet Prayzner*

### MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of  
*Martha M. McVey*

## Today's Hymns

Entrance: #311 As We Gather at Your Table  
 Preparation: #426 For the Healing of the Nations  
 Communion: #355 One Love Released  
 Meditation: #512 Father of Peace  
 Recessional: #525 Let There Be Peace on Earth

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$2,370.00
Renovation Fund	\$1,120.00
Church Organ Donation	\$ 250.00
Church Organ Donations to date	\$21,615.00

*Thank you for your support.*

### NOTICE:

Please place your budget and renovation envelopes in the first collection.

The second collection this weekend will be a Special Collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More Church. Thank You

### 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.



St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank everyone for the very generous response to the School Supplies Drive. There were 75 backpacks, as well as large quantities of binders, notebooks, pens, pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks etc. All donated items were evenly divided among the Somerset elementary and middle schools. A special thank you to Target for their large donation of school supplies.

## WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming new parishioners  
*Scott, Carmen, Logan and Luke Sylvester*  
who joined our parish.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Religious Education 2017-2018**

#### ***Welcome Back Catechists and Students!***

All grades begin Religious Education this Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup> immediately following the 8:30AM morning mass. Classes begin at 9:20AM through 10:30AM

*The new schedule for 2017 – 2018 is listed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of the bulletin and can also be seen on the website. Please save the schedule.*

#### **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.**

#### **CONFIRMATIO TEACHERS**

##### **NEEDED: CONFIRMATION TEACHER, TEACHER ASSISTANTS & SUBSTITUTES**

to assist with the St. Thomas More Faith Formation Program. Please consider volunteering for this critical mission. We need you! Training is available. Please see Msgr. Fitzgerald or Michael Fitzpatrick if you can assist in any way.

#### **CATECHETICAL SUNDAY** **SEPTEMBER 10, 2017**

This Sunday, those whom the Parish has designated to serve as Catechists and assistants will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. This day is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being witness to the Gospel. In addition, it is an opportunity for all of us to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith. We are grateful for our catechists, teacher assistants and office volunteers for giving of your stewardship of Time and Talent.

#### **BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the Masses **next weekend, September 16 & 17, 2017.**

## **Parish Assessment Update**

The Bishop has re-evaluated the assessment contribution and reduced it from 11% to 10% for the next three years; this is a savings of \$1,824 per year. I have been looking for a way to ease the responsibility of the Assessment contributions without burdening you any further. I am initiating an additional envelope marked Parish Assessment Collection that will be included in the budget packet mailings. There are 6 mailings (2 months per packet) per year and there will be 1 envelope per mailing for the parish assessment beginning in the October mailing. The parishioners who wish to give toward the assessment can feel free to use these designated envelopes which can be submitted at any time. Those who wish to give, who do not receive budget envelopes, can use envelopes marked PARISH ASSESSMENT available at the entrances of the church for your use. Parishioners who use the E-Giving contribution system can now select to contribute to the Parish Assessment at any time. Donations whether small or large will be helpful and very much appreciated. Thank you for your continued support to our parish through your stewardship or treasurer. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact the Rectory at #508-673-7831.

## **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 **\$21,615.00**. **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.

## **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 **Bishop Stang High School on Wednesday evenings respectively.** Both sessions conclude with a retreat on October 28, 2017. Please contact the Rectory office at 508-673-7831 for a registration form authorization by Msgr. Fitzgerald.

## 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