



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## 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

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

Monday, September 18, 2017  
 8:00 AM  
 Tuesday, September 19, 2017  
 8:00 AM Mary T. Gudjonsson  
 Wednesday, September 20, 2017  
 8:00 AM Martha M. McVey  
 Thursday, September 21, 2017  
 8:00 AM  
 Friday, September 22, 2017  
 NO MASS

## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 23, 2017  
 4:00 PM Franklin & Ruth Murphy  
 Sunday, September 24, 2017  
 8:30 AM People of the Parish  
 11:00 AM Joseph & Nellie Reidy

### ALTAR WINE FOR SEPTEMBER

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

### ALTAR BREADS FOR SEPTEMBER

Is in memory of  
*Walter & Janet Prayzner*



## In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family  
 and friends of *Dolores Calis* who died last week.

## Today's Hymns

Entrance: #475 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*  
 Preparation: #663 *Loving and Forgiving*  
 Communion: #506 *Unless a Grain of Wheat*  
 Meditation: #434 *Seek Ye First*  
 Recessional: #371 *Go In Peace to Love and Serve  
 the Lord*

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,006.50
Renovation Fund	\$ 919.00
Church Organ Donation	\$ 595.00
Church Organ Donations to date	\$22,210.00
E-Giving for August	\$ 1,773.00
Hurricane Harvey and Irma	\$ 3,670.00

The Second Collection will be for the Renovation  
 Fund and next week will be a Special Collection for  
 the Cardinal Medeiros Residence. *Thank you.*

### Respect for Life Workshop

The workshop will take place at Holy Name Parish  
 Center, 850 Pearce St., Fall River, MA on Saturday,  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Guest  
 Speaker, Nancy Valko, RN from St. Louis, MO will  
 present information on her experience with  
 "Fighting Back: One Nurse's Battle with the  
 Culture of Death". Registration fee is \$5.00. For  
 more information contact Barbara at 774-263-4117.

### MARCH FOR LIFE

Rally starts at 1:00 PM on **Sunday, October 1,  
 2017** and the march at 2:30 PM from the Parkman  
 Bandstand, Boston Common. There will be a bus to  
 bring local walkers to the Boston Common. Round  
 trip fare is \$5.00 for adults, \$2.00 for youth 18 and  
 under. Children 5 and under are free. Pick up  
 locations 11:45 AM at Holy Name School, across  
 from Truesdale Health, 1030 President Ave., Fall  
 River, MA and 12:00 at Taunton Galleria Park &  
 Ride, Galleria Mall, Taunton, MA. To reserve seats  
 or more information call: Paulette at 508-673-9757  
 or Liz at 781-521-3677 by September 26, 2017.

### **WELCOME!**

Please join us in welcoming two new families as  
 parishioners

*Ronald, Rebecca, Alissa and Alivia  
 Kresowaty*

*also Natalie, Evan and Victoria Thomas*  
 who joined our parish.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

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

All grades begin Religious Education immediately following the 8:30AM morning mass. Classes begin **9:20 AM through 10:30 AM.**

*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.**

#### **CONFIRMATION TEACHERS**

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

### **BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC**

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

### **ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES**

The St. Thomas More Retirees will hold their **first meeting on Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 12 Noon with sandwiches for lunch and the meeting will follow at 1:00 PM. Please RSVP to Eileen Chmielewski at 774-526-0811 with your sandwich choice.** New members are most welcome to join!

### **REMINDER**

The weekly Bulletin is always available on our web site at [www.stmsomerset.org](http://www.stmsomerset.org)

## **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 **\$22,210.00.** **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 entrances of the church. If there are any questions please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

## **Bereavement Group**

Beginning September 26<sup>th</sup>, this group will meet every Tuesday from 7-9 PM for seven weeks at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA. There is no fee and plenty of parking. **All are welcome.** For more information call 508-678-2828 Ext. 27.

**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