



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## *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

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

**Monday, September 25, 2017**  
**8:00 AM**

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Peter F. Boardman – Birthday  
 Remembrance

**Wednesday, September 27, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** John & Esther Butler

**Thursday, September 28, 2017**  
**8:00 AM** Nancy Collins – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Friday, September 29, 2017**  
 NO MASS

## *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**  
**4:00 PM** Janet Prayzner – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**  
**8:30 AM** People of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** Lucille Franco – Birthday  
 Remembrance

### ALTAR WINE FOR SEPTEMBER

Is in memory of  
*Robert Sr. & Aurora Duarte*  
ALTAR WINE FOR OCTOBER

Is in memory of  
*Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Gagnon &  
 John Pacheco, Jr.*

### ALTAR BREADS FOR SEPTEMBER

Is in memory of  
*Walter & Janet Prayzner*  
ALTAR BREADS FOR OCTOBER

Is in memory of  
*Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Gagnon &  
 John Pacheco, Jr.*

## *Today's Hymns*

*Entrance: #315 Let Us Go to the Altar*  
*Preparation: #460 Eye Has Not Seen*  
*Communion: #361 Take and Eat*  
*Meditation: #440 How Can I Keep From Singing*  
*Recessional: #385 Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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| <b>Weekend Collection</b>             | <b>\$ 2,332.00</b> |
| <b>Renovation Fund</b>                | <b>\$ 1,520.30</b> |
| <b>Church Organ Donation</b>          | <b>\$ 545.00</b>   |
| <b>Church Organ Donations to date</b> | <b>\$22,755.00</b> |

The Second Collection will be a Special Collection for the Cardinal Medeiros Residence. This is a fully handicapped accessible residence for retired priests. These priests have served our Diocese for many years. Please support them in their retirement. *Thank you for your continued support.*

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Heather M. Shannon and Jackson*

### MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of *Franklin & Ruth Murphy*

## **WELCOME!**

Please join us in welcoming three new families

*Michael, Krystine, Bryant, Brooklynn,  
 Skylynn Rachel*  
 and

*Aaron, Amanda, Dylan, Arianna Ferreira*  
 who recently joined our parish.



## *In Loving Memory*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of *Holly Lynn Cadrin* and *Patricia McGee* who died last week.

## **FAITH FORMATION**

*Helps build a strong foundation*

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

Classes begin **9:20 AM** through **10:30 AM**.

*The new schedule for 2017 – 2018 can be seen on the website.*

#### **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.

#### **ATTENTION PARENTS!**

For safety reasons, Monsignor Fitzgerald and Michael Fitzpatrick ask that parents of our younger grades (1 - 4), **to please pickup your children in the Parish Center** at the end of each class. The parking lot gets quite congested at this time. Thank you for your support.

#### **VOCATION PETITION**

That there will be an abundance of laborers chosen by the Lord to serve as priests, deacons and in the consecrated life in this vineyard of the Diocese of Fall River.

#### **St. Vincent de Paul Society**

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

## **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 **\$22,755.00**. **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.

#### **MARCH FOR LIFE - ALL ARE WELCOME**

This year the emphasis is bearing witness to the tragedy of abortion and for the sanctity of every human life. The other focus for the March is to raise money for pro-life charitable organizations across the Commonwealth.

**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.

## ANNUAL COLLECTION



It is that time of year where we begin the Annual Collection drive. Sometime next week all parishioners will receive by mail the Annual Collection letter and annual report for the parish. I wish to thank you for your generous support throughout the year and to ask again for your support in this year's annual drive. Thank you!

### Emmaus Retreat Program

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. The next Retreat is **November 3-5** at the Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information or to apply online [www.emmausretreats.com](http://www.emmausretreats.com) or email at [emmausretreats@gmail.com](mailto:emmausretreats@gmail.com)

### FLU CLINIC

On **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>** from **8:15 AM to 11:00 AM** Rite Aid Pharmacist and parishioner, Jacqueline Ferreira will be here to offer flu shots to those who would like to get one. **You will need to have some form of identification, your medical insurance card information and a completed screening questionnaire consent form, which will be available soon at the entrances of the Church.**

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near.” Encourage those moments by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are October 21 - 22, 2017 in Contoocook, NH and December 2 - 3, 2017 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call #800-710-9963 or visit <https://wwmema.org/>

**Please join with Bishop da Cunha as he observes the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Final Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima on Friday, October 13, 2017 at Bishop Connolly High School, 373 Elsbree Street, Fall River, MA.**  
**ALL ARE WELCOME (RAIN OR SHINE)**

1:00 PM – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – Auditorium  
1:30 PM – Confessions begin in the Gym – Rosary throughout the afternoon  
4:00 PM – Bishop da Cunha – Closing Benediction – Auditorium

### A DAY WITH FATIMA – AT ST. JOHN OF GOD CHURCH

On October 4<sup>th</sup> St. John of God Church will host the United Nations Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This is one of the official statues that visited the UN building. The day will begin with morning Mass at 8:00 AM followed with adoration all day. Recitation of the Rosary at Noon and Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3:00 PM. Holy hour with recitation of the Rosary, 6:30 – 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall at the conclusion.

**Centennial Anniversary of Fatima:** Please join the Holy Rosary Sodality in Praying the Rosary on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 AM Mass at St. John of God. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the final apparition of Our Lady of Fatima.

**Marian Candlelight Procession:** The Blessed Virgin Mary Candlelight Procession for Peace at St. John of God Church will be held on Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. Beginning at 6:00 PM with a Novena, followed by a Mass and ending with the procession. The Rosary will be recited during the procession. All are welcome and invited for refreshments at the conclusion.