



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday, September 30, 2017**
4:00 PM Janet Prayzner – 5th Anniversary
- Sunday, October 1, 2017**
8:30 AM People of the Parish
 Maureen & Joseph O'Brien
- 11:00 AM** Lucille Franco – Birthday
 Remembrance

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

- Monday, October 2, 2017**
8:00 AM
- Tuesday, October 3, 2017**
8:00 AM Noreen M. Talbot 9th Anniversary
- Wednesday, October 4, 2017**
8:00 AM Jack McCann
- Thursday, October 5, 2017**
8:00 AM Manuel Ledo
- Friday, October 6, 2017**
 NO MASS

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday, October 7, 2017**
4:00 PM Albert Capeto
- Sunday, October 8, 2017**
8:30 AM Rita Lamontagne
- 11:00 AM** Elsie A. Gardullo &
 Sharon May Durant – Month's Mind

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*

ANNUAL COLLECTION

The Annual Collection begins this weekend and continues throughout the end of November. All parishioners should have received a letter from Msgr. Fitzgerald that explains the current parish finances and property conditions. These donations will be used for the church renovation fund. Please drop your Annual Collection donation envelope in the collection basket. **Extra reports and envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Today's Hymns

*Entrance: #614 Lord, Whose Love in Humble
Service*

Preparation: #722 At the Name of Jesus

Communion: #353 Seed, Scattered and Sown

Meditation: #497 We Have Been Told

Recessional: #32 Hail, Holy Queen

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$2,260.94
Cardinal Medeiros Residence	\$1,017.18
Church Organ Donation	\$1,125.00
Church Organ Donations to date	\$23,880.00

Thank you for your continued support.

NOTICE: E-Giving Members - The company that provides service to our E-Giving Program is currently upgrading their system which might cause some minor and temporary delays in accepting your scheduled donations to the church. Hopefully this will be a temporary and minimal interruption to the E-Giving system. If you have any questions, please call the rectory office at 508-673-7831.



OCTOBER – MONTH OF ROSARY

The month of October, is traditionally a time to **honor Mary**. We encourage you to pray the rosary. The statue of Mary has been placed in front of the sanctuary for the month of October. The Rosary is prayed each morning before the daily Mass.

WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming this new family
*Roberto Salazar, Amanda Bithoney, Alexis
Bithoney and Mattéo Salazar*
who recently joined our parish.

FAITH FORMATION

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.

Attention Parents

Reminder – there will not be any Religious Education Classes next Sunday, October 8th due to the Columbus Holiday. Classes resume on Sunday, October 15.

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 TEACHER NEEDED!

TEACHER ASSISTANTS & SUBSTITUTES are also needed 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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

MINISTRY INFORMATION SHEETS

We will be publishing ministry sheets on the third page of the bulletin throughout the coming weeks. This will give you a closer look at what ministries are offered in our Church. **We would like to thank Bill Conforti for his expertise and dedication in creating these informative ministry excerpts.** We hope you enjoy reading them and consider taking part of a ministry that interests you.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry

We are scheduled to begin our knitting ministry on **Tuesday, October 3rd at 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM in the rectory meeting room.** Thereafter, the meetings will be scheduled every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. **New members are always welcome.**

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 **\$23,880.00.** **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.

FLU CLINIC

On **Sunday, October 22nd 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.**

PARISH ASSESSMENT ENVELOPE

Just a reminder that there is now a Parish Assessment Envelope that has been added to your bi-monthly budget envelope packet. There is no printed date as it can be submitted at any time. This envelope is a way that any donations being made toward the parish's assessment will be used directly towards our parish's monthly obligation. There is no pressure to use it. It is available for those who wish to at any time. Any contribution large or small is helpful. Thank you to all who continue to support our parish. Extra envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Also, E-Givers, there is an assigned tab for contributing. Thank you again.

Please join with Bishop da Cunha as he observes The 100th 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 the Gym – Rosary throughout the afternoon
- 4:00 PM – Bishop da Cunha – Closing Benediction Auditorium

Ministries at St. Thomas More Church

The Altar Server Ministry



Dear Parishioners,

This is the first in our series of “information sheets” on the various pastoral ministries at our church. This sheet details the duties of our Altar Server Ministry—both the youngsters who cover weekend masses and the adult servers who handle daily mass.

If you would like to become involved in any of the parish ministries, I invite you to speak with me after mass or at the rectory. Or, if you prefer, you may contact one of the members of whatever ministry you are interested in. Either way, I look forward to your participation in the richly rewarding work of our church ministries.

At St. Thomas More Church, the Altar Server Ministry is made up of two categories—the boys and girls who serve the Saturday and Sunday masses and the adult men and women who serve the weekday masses.

For the youngsters, the Altar Server Ministry is open to all boys and girls who are in Grades 3 and up in public, private, or Catholic school. Each year, a new class of Altar Servers is recruited during February.

Volunteers are given several training sessions and are then commissioned during a mass in March. Once commissioned, the new Altar Servers are soon scheduled to serve a mass about once a month. For their first few masses, they are paired with an experienced Altar Server so that they can feel at ease. Any boy or girl who is interested in becoming an Altar Server should complete an Altar Server sign-up form. These forms are available from Religious Education Teachers and also at the main entrance of the church.



The men and women of the adult Altar Servers group usually serve one morning mass per week. This group includes husband and wife teams, as well as individual servers. Their duties, in addition to serving the mass and assisting with communion, include opening the church on their



assigned morning and setting up for mass (lights, sound system, candles, offertory gifts, etc.). One of the adult Altar Servers also performs lector duties at mass. After mass, the servers secure the church, putting away all mass implements, extinguishing lights and candles, locking doors, etc.

If you think you would like to join the Adult Server ministry, please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or contact the rectory. Serving morning mass is an ideal way to start your day.