



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday, October 14, 2017**
4:00 PM People of the Parish
 Cecelia & Francis Reis – 3rd
 Anniversary
- Sunday, October 15, 2017**
8:30 AM Joseph F. Foley, III
11:00 AM Dr. Eduardo Leonardo – Birthday
 Remembrance
- Daily Mass this week will be held on
 Monday through Thursday at 8:00 AM**
- Monday, October 16, 2017**
8:00 AM Gladys Taylor
- Tuesday, October 17, 2017**
8:00 AM
- Wednesday, October 18, 2017**
8:00 AM Eunice Fitzgerald
- Thursday, October 19, 2017**
8:00 AM Alfred & Elsie Simbro
- Friday, October 20, 2017**
 NO MASS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday, October 21, 2017**
4:00 PM Rudolph, John & Stephen Boutin
- Sunday, October 22, 2017**
8:30 AM Gerald W. Nadeau – 15th
 Anniversary
- 11:00 AM** Mary Sliwa – 1st Anniversary
 People of the Parish

ALTAR BREADS & ALTAR WINE FOR OCTOBER

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



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.

ANNUAL COLLECTION

These donations will be used for the church renovation fund. Please drop your Annual Collection donation envelope in the collection basket. **Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More Church**. Extra reports and envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. To date, we have received **\$9,400.00**.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #413 All Are Welcome
Preparation: #461 I Heard the Voice of Jesus
Communion: #334 Taste and See
Meditation #464 Because the Lord is My Shepherd
Recessional: #586 Let All Things Now Living

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,082.06
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,154.00
Church Organ Donations to date	\$23,905.00
Annual Collection to date	\$ 9,400.00
Collection for Puerto Rico	\$ 1,502.28

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Renovation Fund.

Propagation of the Faith

The **second collection next weekend** will be for the **Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday**. This Special Collection gives us the opportunity to help those who carry on the missionary task day by day, often in very difficult and dangerous circumstances. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

Thank You for your continued support.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17th.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

From October 7 - October 30, *Hats, Mittens, and Scarves* will be collected for the needy before the harsh winter arrives. **And, for one weekend only, coats for all school age children through teenage will be collected at all Masses on the weekend of October 28-29**. If you would like to donate a coat, please bring it on this last weekend only.



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Laura L. Vincelette** who died last week.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education 2017-2018

Classes begin 9:20 AM through 10:30 AM

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.

Cathedral Church of St. Mary

Making History November 5, 2017 at 3:00

A special ecumenical prayer service will be held for the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Bishop Edgar da Cunha will preside at the service and Bishop James Hazelwood of the New England Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church will preach.

New E-Giving Website Connection



Please Notice our new website link for e-giving donations. For those who are already a member, click onto **Donor Portal** to view your E-Giving account. After you sign-in you will have access to make any changes to your donation schedule or even to update your credit card information. Non-members can also use this new connection to make regular or random contributions. The new system is working properly; however, due to the mishap while the company was making changes, we had more than 4 weeks of donations that were not collected. Anyone wishing to help make up the shortage can make a one-time donation. Call the rectory if you need assistance navigating through this new set-up.

FLU CLINIC - Next 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.

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 \$23,905.00. The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. Thank you to those who have already donated.

STM DINNER CLUB

Congratulations July, August & September Winners!

July

Helen Mannix	#465	\$25.00
Louis Chagnon	#1682	\$25.00
Mary McNulty	#510	\$25.00

August

Rosa Olivier	#91A	\$25.00
Carol Cote	#19A	\$25.00
Susan Beaulieu	#68A	\$25.00

September

David Driscoll	#1292	\$25.00
Jacqueline Ferreira	#106A	\$25.00
Timothy Breidegam	#2151	\$25.00

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. Extra envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Also, E-Givers, there is an assigned tab for contributing. Thank you

A GUIDE TO THE SACRAMENTS

Come and join the Holy Name Parish at the School Center for a five part series dedicated to explaining the Sacraments of the Church and how they aid us in our relationship with God. There will be two sessions each week, one on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass and on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. The following is the schedule and subjects: **Beginning Wed., Oct. 25th at 6:30 PM and Sunday, Oct. 29th after the 10:30 Mass - the Sacraments; Nov. 5th and 8th – The Eucharist; Nov. 12th and Nov. 15th – Walk through the Mass; Nov. 19th and 29th Penance and Anointing of the Sick; Nov. 26th and Dec. 6th – Matrimony & Holy Orders.** All are welcome and refreshments are provided.

Ministries at St. Thomas More Church

The Funeral Ministry



Dear Parishioners,

This is the third in our series of “information sheets” on the various pastoral ministries at our church. This sheet details the duties of our Funeral Ministry—the men and women who assist me with funeral masses.

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.

The St. Thomas More Funeral Ministry comprises a group of volunteer parishioners who carry out a variety of tasks during funerals. These tasks include setting up the church for the funeral, serving the mass, performing lector and Eucharistic Minister duties, and greeting/assisting mourners.



Usually, a team of three persons is assigned for funerals. This team comprises two altar servers and one hospitality person. The team arrives about 45 minutes before a funeral is to begin. They prepare the church by putting in place the particular items and articles used during a funeral mass. These include the casket pall and crucifix, the holy water vessel and sprinkler, the thurible (for incensing), and the Marian candle. The team also makes the usual mass preparations (lights, doors, sound system, candles, offertory gifts, etc.)

During the mass, the altar servers assist the celebrant at the offertory as at a regular mass, and at Communion as Eucharistic Ministers. For some funeral masses, the altar servers also perform lector duties.

The hospitality person sets up the holy water and casket pall at the rear of the church and arranges for bottled water and cups in the foyer of the church. As the funeral party arrives, he or she greets mourners and answers any questions they might have regarding seating, rest rooms, etc. As mass



ends, the hospitality person moves to the foyer of the church to assist mourners as they leave.

Training is provided for all aspects of the Funeral Ministry. New volunteers are generally paired with an experienced person to ease the learning curve.

Our Funeral Ministers find this bereavement work to be extremely rewarding—several of them have been in this ministry for many years. Talk with one of them and you’ll likely be convinced to join this group of volunteers.