



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 4, 2017
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, November 5, 2017
8:30 AM Helen Ryan O'Melia
11:00 AM

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

Monday, November 6, 2017
8:00 AM James H. Sullivan – 5th Anniversary

Tuesday, November 7, 2017
8:00 AM Special Intention for a Family

Wednesday, November 8, 2017
8:00 AM Manuel V. Medeiros 37th Anniversary

Thursday, November 9, 2017
8:00 AM Kevin Medeiros 10th Anniversary

Friday, November 10, 2017
NO MASS – OFFICE CLOSED

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 11, 2017
4:00 PM For All Veterans living and deceased

Sunday, November 12, 2017
8:30 AM James & Loretta Nannery
11:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Adrien Harrison

**For the Month of November the Altar
Breads, Altar Wine, Mass Missalettes and
Music Missals are in memory of
Mr. & Mrs. Lionel Gagnon &
John Pacheco, Jr.**

MARIAN MEDAL

We extend our congratulations to *Robert Soares* who will receive the Marian Medal. Bob has volunteered in many areas of the church. Currently he is Eucharistic Minister, an Adult Altar Server for daily mass, serves on the Funeral Ministry and is also a member of the Parish Council. Please join me in congratulating Bob as he receives this prestigious honor on Sunday, November 19th by Bishop Edgar da Cunha at a Prayer Service at 3:00 PM at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Fall River. All are welcome to attend. *Congratulations Bob*

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 **\$24,700.00**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #31 We Gather Together
Preparation: #384 The Servant Song
Communion: #453 Like a Child Rests
Meditation #465 In Every Age
Recessional: #614 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

God has given each of us some special abilities. It is important that we use them to help one another, passing on to others the many blessings that God has given us.

Weekend Collection	\$ 1,994.32
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,078.13
Church Organ Donations to date	\$25,905.00
Annual Collection to date	\$24,700.00

The second collection will be for the Renovation fund.

Thank You for your continued support.

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

November is the month dedicated to All Souls. The book is available for signing. It is the month we call to mind and honor our deceased loved ones. We remember them at each time of prayer throughout the month and **invite you to write their names** in the **Book of the Names of the Dead**. The **Book will be located in the front of the Church**. There are two columns per page, please write the names of your loved ones in these two columns. **The envelopes with the names of the dead will be tied with purple ribbon and placed on the altar**. This will remind us of how our connection with one another transcends time and space to the place where all are one in memory and hope.

**OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10,
2017 IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY**

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education 2017-2018

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

NOTICE:

THERE WILL BE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

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.**

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 one on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM. The following is the schedule and subjects: **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.



Thank you to the parishioners for your great support of our recent Coats-Hats- Mittens Drive. There were 48 coats, and numerous hats, mittens, gloves and scarves donated, all of which will help keep area children warm this winter. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank you for your generosity.

Inclement Weather – Daily Mass

For safety reasons, **when the Town of Somerset cancels school because of inclement weather, daily Mass will also be cancelled.** If you had a scheduled announced Mass for that day, please call at 3:00 PM the Rectory at 508-673-7831 and the Mass will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Thank you.

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 **\$25,905.00.** The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. Thank you to those who have already donated.

ST. THOMAS RETIREE GROUP **A Thanksgiving Celebration**

In **November** there will be a gathering of the members to celebrate Thanksgiving at the **BMC Durfee High School** for a Turkey Dinner on **Thursday, November 16th at Noon.** **RSVP – Eileen Chmielewski #774-526-0811 BEFORE November 9, 2017.**

USHERS–COLLECTORS

Beginning the month of **November** please obtain a count of all people, including children and infants that are in attendance for each of the **November weekend masses.** Please complete the appropriate mass count slip for the mass and place it into the collection bag. Thank you for your assistance.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The next scheduled meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 7th @ 9:30 – 11:00 AM** in the **rectory meeting room.** Meetings are every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. **All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join.**

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Thomas More Church **9th Annual Harvest Breakfast**

The Annual Harvest Breakfast will be on **Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM.** Tickets will go on sale beginning **November 4th and 5th.** If you would like to **donate a prize for the raffle at the breakfast; it can be dropped off at the Rectory or call the Rectory to arrange for a pickup.**

REMINDER

This Sunday will be the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. A special Ecumenical observance is being held at the Cathedral Church of St. Mary in Fall River at 3:00 PM; with Protestants and Catholics to gather together in prayer. All are welcome and encouraged to participate.

Ministries at St. Thomas More Church



Dear Parishioners,

This is the sixth in our series of “information sheets.” The purpose of these sheets is two-fold: first, to give you a close-up look at the various pastoral ministries that are active at our church and, second, to perhaps pique your interest in becoming a participant in one (or more) of these rewarding ministries.

This sheet focuses on the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society—the volunteer parishioners who minister to the needs of the less fortunate among us.

If you would like to become involved in any aspect of the parish community, I invite you to speak with me after mass or at the rectory. Or, if you prefer, you can 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. Vincent de Paul Society

At St. Thomas More Church, the St. Vincent de Paul conference comprises a group of volunteer parishioners who work to assist individuals and families in need. Using funds made available primarily from the church’s poor-box offerings, the men and women of the St. Vincent de Paul Society provide food, clothing, and other personal needs, as well as financial assistance and guidance, to those who have fallen on hard times.



Members visit with prospective clients to assess (and confirm the legitimacy of) their needs. An in-person interview gathers basic information about the particular situation and generally leads to immediate assistance in the form of food, cash, temporary accommodations, etc. Oftentimes, the Society encounters a client with a financial need much larger than can be met by the local conference’s limited resources. In these cases, the St. Thomas More conference seeks so-called “twinning” assistance from conferences at other parishes and from the Fall River District of St. Vincent de Paul. Such cases usually involve situations where folks have fallen far behind on their rent or on their utility bills because of loss of job or health problems or other issues.

The St. Thomas More conference also operates a small food pantry that, on average, distributes 300-350 bags of groceries annually to Society clients. In addition, the Society sponsors school supply drives, clothing drives, and a variety of other special projects each year.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meet once a month at the church. For a small investment of your time, you could reap a large reward in personal fulfillment. The Society is always looking for new members. Come and join them in “Helping Those in Need.”

