



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, November 18, 2017
4:00 PM John V. Matos – 17th Anniversary

Sunday, November 19, 2017
8:30 AM Margery & William Murphy
People of the Parish

11:00 AM Samuel & Mary Santoro

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

Monday, November 20, 2017
8:00 AM Msgr. Henry T. Munroe P.A.

Tuesday, November 21, 2017
8:00 AM

Wednesday, November 22, 2017
8:00 AM Mary Ponte

Thursday November 23, 2017– Thanksgiving
9:00 AM

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

On Thanksgiving Day the morning mass will be at **9AM**. It will be an opportunity for us to give thanks for all the blessings that we have received throughout the year.

Friday, November 24, 2017
NO MASS

Christ the King

Saturday, November 25, 2017
4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, November 26, 2017
8:30 AM William Powers, Jr.

11:00 AM Deceased Members of the Van
Brocklin & Sieczkowski Families

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

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!



THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree program will be coming soon, beginning the First Week of Advent, December 2nd and 3rd. Each ornament will have the name of the organization adopted along with a gift request. More information will follow.

ANNUAL COLLECTION

Our Annual Collection Drive is coming to a close. If you would like to donate to our church renovation fund, please do so by the end of the month.. You may drop your Annual Collection donation envelope in the collection basket. **Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More Church.** To date, we have received **\$26,535**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #585 For the Beauty of the Earth

Preparation: #497 We Have Been Told

Communion: #328 Look Beyond

Meditation #594 Christ Be Our Light

Recessional: #27 Now Thank We All Our God

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,184.54
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,314.67
Church Organ Donations to date	\$26,055.00
Annual Collection to date	\$26,535.00

The second collection this weekend will be a Special Collection for the Campaign for Human Development.

Thank You for your continued support.

WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming new parishioners **Kevin, Kellie, Khloe Gonsalves and Jayden Travers** who joined our parish.



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Rev. Msgr. Henry T. Munroe P.A.** who died last week. He was the Pastor of St. Thomas More Church from 1989 – 1995.

The Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 23rd.

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.

MARIAN MEDAL

This Sunday, November 19, 2017 at 3:00 PM, **Bob Soares** will be receiving the Marian Medal by Bishop Edgar da Cunha at St. Mary's Cathedral, in Fall River. All are welcome to attend. **Congratulations Bob!**

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Eric Calabro and **Sabrina Brush** from this Parish will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, November 18, 2017 at St. Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Edgar da Cunha. **Congratulations Eric and Sabrina!**

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY!

At the weekend Masses of **November 18 & 19 and Thanksgiving Day, at the 9:00 AM Mass**, we will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items. **AS WELL AS ANY LOCAL GROCERY STORE FOOD GIFT CARDS.** All will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul.

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 **\$26,055.00**. The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. Thank you to those who have already donated.

NOTICE to Altar Servers Lectors & Eucharistic Ministers

It is time to make up the next ministry schedule for the months of **January, February and March 2018**. Please notify the office before **December 17th** by email office@stthomasomerset.org or phone at **508-673-7831** with any conflicting dates you might have for scheduling. Thank you.

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 after the weekend Masses. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for children. 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.

Final Breakfast Planning Meeting Notice

Anyone willing to help with the set up or with serving at the breakfast is welcomed to attend the final planning meeting on Monday, November 20th at 6:30PM in the parish center.

Volunteers Needed!

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 **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.

LECTORS

Please pick up your new 2018 Lector Books in the main foyer of the church. If you think you might be interested in being a Lector, please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or call the Rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry

The knitting ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, November 21st at 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM in the rectory meeting room.** The next meeting will be **Tuesday, December 5th.** New knitters and crocheters are always welcome.

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 the Rectory at 508-673-7831 and the Mass will be rescheduled as soon as possible. Thank you.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the masses this weekend, **November 18th and 19th.**



THRITY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

An encomium for a good and worthy wife, this passage from Proverbs extols all the virtues which a worthy wife possesses – fidelity, industriousness, skill, charity to the poor, and fear of the Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Once again, Paul reassures the Thessalonians, who are anxious about the coming of Christ, that they need not fear being unprepared because they are “children of light.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.

HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

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November 19, 2017

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her has an unfailing prize. She brings him good and not evil all the days of her life... She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.”

The teaching of the book of Proverbs is both profound and practical. It opens our eyes to appreciate the gifts we already possess, and often overlook.

We are reminded that the fundamental message of Jesus is love, and its expression is found in respect. When we work to make both part of our lived experience at home, with others, or even in a quiet moment of appreciation, then we begin to appreciate once again, how special we are with a good wife, a loving husband, faithful friends.

Unfortunately, we sometimes fail to recognize how important it is to improve our family life, to work at it as a primary goal, so that God’s peace, presence and happiness are found behind our front door. They become a driving force in our lives. Now is the time to begin.

Is Christ part of our lived experience? Is prayer something I bring to my family on a daily basis? Do I reflect joy, ask for forgiveness, and show my concern and interest in what my children are doing?

I recall a picture hanging in a home with the face of Christ. Beneath it was written, ‘Christ is the head of this house, the guest who becomes our host at every meal, the silent listener to every conversation.’ Is this my experience? May we appreciate what Proverbs teaches us today.