

 **MASS INTENTIONS
FOR THE WEEK**

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 and Sieczkowski Families

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

Monday, November 27, 2017
8:00 AM

Tuesday, November 28, 2017
8:00 AM Msgr. Henry T. Munroe P.A.

Wednesday, November 29, 2017
8:00 AM

Thursday, November 30, 2017
8:00 AM Mary A. Coady

Friday, December 1, 2017
NO MASS

First Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 2, 2017
4:00 PM Georgette Mandeville

Sunday, December 3, 2017
8:30 AM Nancy Southworth – 2nd Anniversary
11:00 AM Yvonne and Adrian Harrison

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.

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns in this week in memory of ***Kyle Andre.***



THE GIVING TREE

NEXT WEEKEND begins the first **Saturday & Sunday of Advent, December 2nd & 3rd** the *Giving Tree* program will begin. This is our way to give to the less fortunate and those who are alone at Christmas. **Our adopted friends** are the *Catholic Memorial Home residents, Retired Priests at Cardinal Medeiros Residence, St. Vincent's Home* and *Catholic Social Services*. **Ornaments will be hung on the tree and will be available for anyone who wishes to take one.** Each ornament has the name of the organization adopted along with a gift request. **The date for returning the gifts is Sunday, December 17th** so it will allow us time to get the gifts to the organizations in time for their distribution dates to their recipients. Watch for more details in our next bulletin. If anyone has questions, please call the rectory at 508-673-7831. More specific 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: #724 All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name
Preparation: #728 Crown Him with Many Crowns
Communion: #506 Unless a Grain of Wheat
Meditation #572 Worthy is the Lamb
Recessional: #729 To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the bulletin had to be prepared a week in advance. Last weekend's offerings and the update for the annual collection will be reported in next week's bulletin.

The second collection this weekend will be for the Renovation Fund.

Thank you for your continued support.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education 2017-2018

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

**THERE WILL BE NO RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION**

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.**

NOTICE: Dinner Club Members

Any Dinner Club Member can now pay their club using the E-Giving Program. Whether you're an E-Giving Member or not, you can choose to make a payment for the \$6.00 fee per week, a monthly or a full payment for your club(s). You can easily make a payment to your club by signing into the E-Giving Link posted on the parish's webpage. Use the drop-down arrow to select the fund you wish to pay into i.e., Dinner Club, and enter you payment information and amount. If anyone has any questions or needs help making a contribution may call the Rectory Office at 508-673-7831 for assistance.

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@stthomasmoresomerset.org or phone at 508-673-7831 with any conflicting dates you might have for scheduling. Thank you.

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.

St. Thomas More Church

9th Annual Harvest Breakfast

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S
ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

The Annual Harvest Breakfast will be **this week on Sunday, November 26, 2017 from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM.** Tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6.00 for children. All are 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.

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.

FYI: NEW MISSALS

The first weekend of Advent, December 2nd and 3rd we will have a new missal, 'Breaking Bread'. This new missal has the weekend and holy day mass readings along with the music book combined. The change to one book per year instead of four times per year with a separate music book will bring a savings of \$580 a year and fits into the same blue covers.

St. Thomas More Retirees Group

The St. Thomas More Retirees will be meeting on **December 14th** at Magoni's Restaurant for a **Christmas Luncheon**. Please contact Eileen Chmielewski at 774-526-0811 to make your reservation. Thank you.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS

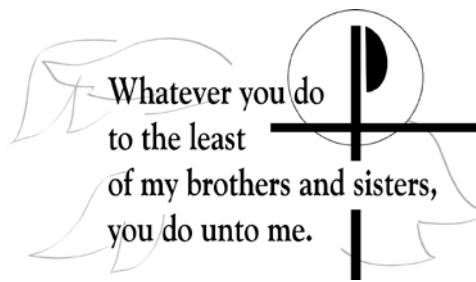
Testing Dates – December 2nd & 9th

Bishop Connolly, Fall River

Bishop Stang, North Dartmouth

Coyle & Cassidy High, Taunton

Arrival times are **7:45 AM** and testing times are **8:00 AM**. The application and examination procedure will last until approximately 11:30 AM. There will be a \$20 fee, payable at the time of application.



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

This passage beautifully describes how the Lord God, as shepherd, will tend his flock. He will rescue those who are lost, bring back those who stray, heal the sick, and “pasture” all.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Paul once again stresses the significance of Christ’s resurrection in the total divine plan, emphasizing that Christ’s rising means that those who believe in him will also rise after death. Christianity, he argues, is meaningless if it concerns only this life on earth. In the end, even death will be destroyed, and “God will be all in all.”

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

With words both poetic and vivid, Jesus tells the disciples that since he is present in all people, whatever they do to “one of my least brothers” they do to him; and whatever they fail to do to his “least,” they fail to do to him.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2017

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him and say, ‘Lord when...’”

It is easy to recall this teaching, the well-known corporal works of mercy. It is easy to place a name and face on friends or agencies who carry out their tremendous works of service. It is easy to offer support through donations to enable others to carry out their mission.

As we reflect upon these signs of compassion and concern, and admire the dedication of those who serve the needs of others, why not ask the question that causes people to be in such vulnerable conditions. A famous Brazilian bishop once declared, ‘When I take care of the poor, people praise me. When I ask why they are poor, I am called a communist.’ Dom Helder Camara wants us to ask the question which leads me to help alleviate the suffering of others. It may be my active involvement in direct service or maybe indirect service through legislative action, helping understand the issues involved or both.

On this great feast of Christ the King take time to answer the question posed to Jesus and myself ‘When...?’