



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 9, 2017
4:00 PM Sharon May Durant
Sunday, December 10, 2017
8:30 AM Michael J. Leonardo – 3rd
 Anniversary
11:00 AM J. Paul Audette

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

Monday, December 11, 2017
8:00 AM Bento & Alice Medeiros
Tuesday, December 12, 2017
8:00 AM Msgr. Henry T. Munroe P.A.
Wednesday, December 13, 2017
8:00 AM Gloria Beaulieu
Thursday, December 14, 2017
8:00 AM Richard Gariepy - Anniversary
Friday, December 15, 2017
 NO MASS

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16, 2017
4:00 PM Vincent A. Coady
Sunday, December 17, 2017
8:30 AM Jeannette & Normand Chagnon –
 Birthday Remembrances
11:00 AM Robert P. Bennevides – Birthday
 Remembrance

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

MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of
Gloria Beaulieu

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to donate Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones, please forward the Christmas Flower envelope with the names by **December 17th**. Extra envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.



THE GIVING TREE

Our *Giving Tree* program has begun. 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 are hung on the tree and 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.

***Catholic Memorial Home** (a Skilled Nursing Home), wrap and return the gift with tag attached.

***St. Vincent's Home** various gift cards, place in box under tree.

***Cardinal Medeiros Residence**, a home for retired Diocesan Priests, Monetary donations, place in box under the tree. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More Church.

***Catholic Social Services**, ages newborn-17 attach gift tag to **unwrapped gift**.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #61 On Jordan's Bank

Preparation: #52 Alleluia! Hurry, the lord is Near

Communion: #607 Like A Shepherd

Meditation #60 Come, Lord Jesus

Recessional: #68 Lift Up Your Heads

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection \$ 2,484.51

Renovation Fund \$ 1,296.00

E-Giving for November \$ 1,736.00

Annual Collection to date \$28,650.00

Organ Collection to date \$27,130.00

There will be a Special Collection this weekend for the National Drive for Funds to Support Retired Religious.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God.” Let us learn to comfort each other better by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jan 19-21, 2018 in South Kingstown, RI and Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA. For more information, call 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.

**FAITH FORMATION
Religious Education 2017-2018**

SACRAMENTAL DATES:

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM

First Penance – Saturday, January 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM with a snow date of Saturday, January 27, 2017. Lunch for families and children who receive the First Penance will be served in the Parish Hall.

First Communion Rehearsal Dates – Saturday, April 28, 2017 and Saturday, May 5, 2017 from *10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Church.

First Communion – Sunday, May 6, 2017 during the 11:00 AM Mass.

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.

**Cancellation for Religious Education
Classes due to inclement weather.**

Please tune to WSAR Channel 6 or Rhode Island Broadcasters on Channels 10 or 12 for cancellation announcements.

REMINDER

The next ministry schedule is being prepared for the months of *January, February and March, 2018*. Please notify the office by e-mail office@stthomasmoresomerset.org or call 508-673-7831 with any conflicting dates you might have for scheduling no later than December 17th. Thank you.

REMINDER LECTORS

Please pick up your new 2018 Lector Books in the main foyer of the church. Thank You.

Prayer Shawl Knitting Ministry

The knitting ministry will **NOT MEET** on **Tuesday, December 19th AND Tuesday, January 2, 2018.**

St. Thomas More Retirees Group

REMINDER

The St. Thomas More Retirees will be meeting on **December 14th at Magoni's Restaurant for the Christmas Luncheon.**

**ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH
20/20 RAFFLE**

Tickets will go on sale before and after each mass. Extra tickets are available to sell to friends and family and also makes a great stocking gift. This raffle is a fund-raiser for our church renovation fund. **Tickets are \$20 each. There will be one lucky winner! The winning ticket will be drawn on March 18, 2018 after the 11 o'clock mass.** The winner is guaranteed \$1,000 or 20% of what is totally collected, whichever is larger. You may drop your ticket and donation in the collection basket. Thank you to all who participate. **Anyone willing to volunteer to sell the raffle tickets before and after the masses to please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or call the rectory at 508-673-7831.** Your help makes this fundraiser successful.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the masses next weekend, **December 16th and 17th.**

St. Vincent de Paul News

The next scheduled meeting for St. Vincent de Paul members is **Tuesday, December 12th at 2:00 PM.**

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 **\$27,130.00**. The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. Thank you to those who have already donated.

CALENDERS

St. Thomas More Calendars for **2018** have been generously donated by Hathaway Funeral Home. Please pick one up at the entrances of the church after mass.

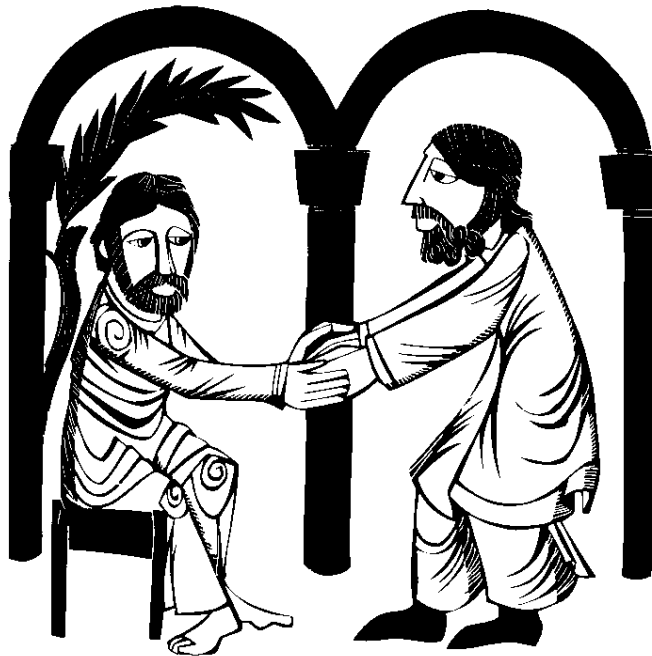


**INCLEMENT WEATHER -
DAILY MASS**

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.

Penance Service

With Individual Confession



Saint John of God

996 Brayton Avenue, Somerset

Monday, December 18th at 7:00 P.M.

The parishes of Somerset & Swansea are sponsoring this service. The priests from those parishes will be available that evening to hear confessions. All are very much encouraged to celebrate this Sacrament of healing in preparation for Christmas.