



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 6, 2018
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 7, 2018
8:30 AM
11:00 AM Victoria Stolarski
 Birthday Remembrance

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

Monday, January 8, 2018
8:00AM
Tuesday, January 9, 2018
8:00 AM James J. Foley, Jr. - Anniversary
Wednesday, January 10, 2018
8:00 AM
Thursday, January 11, 2018
8:00 AM
Friday, January 12, 2018
 NO MASS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 13, 2018
4:00 PM Darlene Medeiros, 1st Anniversary
Sunday, January 14, 2018
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
11:00 AM Mary Theresa Sieczkowski
 4th Anniversary

Reserving of Masses and Candles

The 2018 books are open if anyone is interested in reserving Masses, the Marian, Sanctuary or Sacred Heart Candles, Altar Breads, Wine or Mass/Music Missals in memory of a loved one or for a special intention, please contact the Rectory at #508-673-7831.



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary Puhala** who died last week. Who funeral will be celebrated on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at 10:00AM.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: Angels from the Realms of Glory #109
Preparation: We Three Kings #108
Communion: The First Noel - #107
Meditation: What Child Is This - #104
Recessional: As With Gladness Men of Old - #103

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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| Weekend 12/24 Collection | \$ 2,909.00 |
| Weekend 12/31 Collection | \$ 1,653.00 |
| Renovation Fund 12/24 Collection | \$ 1,172.25 |
| Renovation Fund 12/31 Collection | \$ 820.00 |
| December 2017 E-giving | \$ 1,276.00 |
| Annual Collection to date | \$29,450.00 |
| Organ Collection to date | \$27,750.00 |
| Assessment from 9/2017 to date | \$ 4,121.00 |

The second collection this weekend will be for the Renovation Fund. Thank you all for your continued support to our parish.

Adult Confirmation Preparation Course Schedule

Time: Saturdays: 10:00AM – 12:00 PM
Date: February 24, March 3, 17, 24, and
 April 7 & 14, 2018
Location: Holy Family Parish Center, E. Taunton.
Time: Tuesdays: 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
 March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10, 2018
Location: Bishop Connolly High School,
 Fall River.
NOTE: Both Sessions will conclude with a retreat day on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at St. John Neumann Hall, E. Freetown from 9:00 AM to 2:00PM. Registration & Retreat Day Fee: \$45.00
Conferral of the Sacrament: Saturday, May 12, 2018 at St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River at 4:00

COME HELP UN-DECORATE!

Volunteers needed to Un-decorate the Church. Please join in on **Monday, January 8th** beginning at **6:00 PM** in the Church to remove and store the Christmas decorations. *Please volunteer, many hands are needed.* Thank you.

Inclement Weather – Daily Mass

For safety reasons, when the Town of Somerset **cancels or delays** school because of inclement weather, **daily Mass will 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.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education 2017-2018

Welcome back!

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.

Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 2:00PM** in our parish. Confirmation Students from our parish and those of St. John of God, St. Louis de France and St. Patrick of Somerset will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here. The celebrant will be Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.

Cancellation of 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.

2018 Fall River Area Support Group

January 9th – February 20th, 2018

March 20th – May 1st, 2018

This is a support group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. The group meets on Tuesdays from 7-9 PM at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA. There is no fee and parking available adjacent to the building.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 2:00 PM.**

VOCATION VIEWS

Pray that our young people will be open to their unique vocation through prayer and will adore Christ the King by their faithfulness to His call.

Help Wanted – Maintenance Specialist at Cardinal Medeiros Residence

A home for Retired Priests

Is seeking someone to fill a 24 hour per week position with experienced in a variety of general maintenance duties. Please contact Joann Flanagan at 508-675-1050 for more information.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH

20/20 RAFFLE

Tickets are on sale before and after each mass. Extra tickets are available to sell to friends and family. 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.

***We are in need of volunteers 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.**

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 **\$27,750.00**. The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. Thank you to those who have already donated.

The Diocese of Fall River

Is seeking to fill a full-time position as *Executive Director for the Catholic Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts*. This fund raising leader will broaden, deepen and expand the relationships with current and future donors and will work closely with Bishop da Cunha and the Board of Directors to ensure the appropriate strategies are developed and implemented. This once in a lifetime opportunity will be both challenging and rewarding. For a full description of the position, please go to www.fallriverdiocese.org or call Peter Powers at #508-985-6507.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on **Tuesday, January 11, 2018, from 9:30 – 11:00 in the rectory meeting room. All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join us.**

Catholic Social Services

CSS is offering a workshop on **Foreclosure Prevention Counseling** for anyone who is suffering in a reduction in income and having difficulties in managing mortgage payments or facing foreclosure. This counseling is confidential and free of charge. You can call for assistance at the Fall River location at 508-674-4681.



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Isaiah speaks poetically of the coming of the Lord. He describes how “darkness covers the earth” but light and glory appear over God’s chosen people.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Paul tells the Ephesians that the Jews and Gentiles are now co-heirs of the promises God has made. He explains that both groups are now members of one body through Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus’ birth, three astrologers from the east came to Jerusalem and inquired about the newborn king of the Jews. King Herod became greatly angered, and asked the astrologers to bring him more information about the child once they had found him, so that he too could pay homage to the infant. However, Herod’s true plan was to kill Jesus. The wise men were warned in a dream not to return to him and they took a different route to return home.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

“You have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for your benefit,...it was not made known to people in other generations as it now has been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

We hear the story of the visitors from the east, the magi, remember the three gifts and the guidance of the star. But St. Paul offers us something more for our consideration. God in His goodness has sent His Son, for the salvation of all people. Paul explained it clearly, as revealed now.

The ‘now’ in our time tells us the same awesome and meaningful message. We are 1) Coheirs, - something special is offered to us. 2) Members of the same body – we belong to the Lord and His church, a holy people and 3) copartners, called to do our part as Missionary Disciples.

These gifts have been given to us for our benefit, to be treasured and used for the building of His kingdom.