



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

- Monday, January 15, 2018**  
 No Mass – Holiday – Office Closed
- Tuesday, January 16, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Emma Lemieux
- Wednesday, January 17, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Joseph “Zip” Beaulieu
- Thursday, January 18, 2018**  
**8:00 AM**
- Friday, January 19, 2018**  
 NO MASS

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday, January 20, 2018**  
**4:00 PM** Mary “Marge” Botelho
- Sunday, January 21, 2018**  
**8:30 AM** For the People of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** Joan C. Benevides – 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory  
 of *Joseph “Zip” Beaulieu*.

### 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.

**NOTICE:** The Rectory Office will be closed on  
 Monday, January 15, 2018 due to the observance of  
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. If you need to contact  
 the office for an emergency the Telephone Answering  
 Service will be in contact with Msgr. Fitzgerald.

## Today's Hymns

Entrance: *God We Praise You* - # 204  
 Preparation: *The Summons* - #384  
 Communion: *I Received the Living God* - #327  
 Meditation: *Lord, You Have Come to  
 the Seashore* - #504  
 Recessional: *Go Make of All Disciples* - #184

### NOTICE OF DATE CHANGE FOR THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE

Due to inclement weather it was necessary to  
 change the Sacrament of First Penance to  
**Saturday, January 27<sup>st</sup> at 11:00AM** for our First  
 Communion Class students. (*Snow date of Saturday,  
 February 3<sup>rd</sup>*). **Students and their parents should be  
 at the Church by 10:45AM.** Immediately following  
 the First Penance Service a luncheon will be served  
 for students and their immediate family members in  
 the Parish Center. *Please be reminded that all  
 luncheon request forms must be returned to Mrs.  
 Crook or Mr. Fitzpatrick no later than January 21<sup>st</sup>.*

### 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.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,221.00
Renovation Fund Collection	\$ 1,067.00
Christmas Collection	\$ 3,713.00
Annual Collection to date	\$29,450.00
Organ Collection to date	\$27,750.00
Assessment Donations to date	\$ 4,221.00
20/20 Raffle to date	\$ 640.00

**The second collection next weekend will be for the  
 Catholic Communications Campaign.** This  
 campaign helps support the televised Mass each  
 Sunday that reaches a countless number of  
 homebound Catholics. *Thank you for your continued  
 support.*

### VOCATION VIEWS

Let us pray that all Catholics will recognize their  
 responsibility to discover their vocation in Christ and  
 follow Him; especially those chosen for the special  
 calling to the priesthood or consecrated life.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Religious Education 2017-2018**

**There are No Religious Education Classes this weekend, Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.**

**See you all next week, Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>!**

### **CHANGE OF DATE FOR FIRST PENANCE**

**NEW DATE FOR FIRST PENANCE** – The Sacrament of First Penance will be celebrated on **Saturday, January 27, 2018 at 11:00 AM** with a snow date of Saturday, February 3, 2018. **Lunch for families and children who receive the First Penance will be served in the Parish Hall.**

### **FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM**

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

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

### **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. Also, check your email as Mr. Fitzpatrick emails every parent of the cancellation.

### **2018 Fall River Area Support Group**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**March 20<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**

This is a support group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Losing someone we love truly hurts, leaving us with so many unanswered questions and a multitude of conflicting emotions. The basis of the group is to allow individuals to share their experiences, feelings, emotions with others who are on the very same journey. 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. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

### **20/20 RAFFLE**

We have sold 32 tickets that have brought in \$640 to date. 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 and will help with the costly snow removal and heating bills this winter. 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.

### **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.

**Conferral of the Sacrament: Saturday, May 12, 2018 at St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River at 4:00**

### **St. Thomas More Retirees**

The St. Thomas More Retirees have scheduled their next meeting for **Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM** in the parish center. This group meets once a month on the third Thursday of the month. New members are most welcome. Come, join!



## **SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19**

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20**

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

### **Gospel: John 1:35-42**

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

## **A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS**

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

#### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 14, 2018**

“John was standing with two of his disciples and as he watched Jesus walk by he said ‘Behold the Lamb of God.’ The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following Him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to Him, ‘Rabbi...where are you staying?’ He said to them ‘Come, and you will see.’”

The scene from John's gospel is simple and clear. John, the arrow, points out Jesus, with words we hear as we celebrate the Eucharist. It aroused the curiosity of Andrew. The conversation continues, as He asks, ‘what are you looking for?’ The same question is posed for the followers of Jesus today but we can change the what to who. ‘Come and you will see.’

This encounter with Jesus led Andrew to bring Peter to Jesus, and the rest is history. Pope Francis in his beautiful book ‘Walking with Jesus’ points out for us today the way of Jesus. May we look and find Him.