



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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 – 9th Anniversary

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

Monday, January 22, 2018
8:00 AM

Tuesday, January 23, 2018
8:00 AM

Wednesday, January 24, 2018
8:00 AM Thomas E. McVey

Thursday, January 25, 2018
8:00 AM Margaret M. Foley

Friday, January 26, 2018
NO MASS

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 27, 2018
4:00 PM Gerald J. Ferreira – 8th Anniversary

Sunday, January 28, 2018
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
11:00 AM Helen Palumbo

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of *Thomas E. McVey*.

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.

VOCATION VIEWS

Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and for a deeper gratitude for the priests and religious now serving our diocese.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: All Creatures of Our God and King #537
Preparation: Servant Song #377
Communion: The Supper of the Lord #354
Meditation: Like a Child Rests #455
Recessional: Tell the Good News #389

First Penance Students Reminder...

Saturday, January 27st at 11:00AM, the First Communion Class will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Penance. (*Snow date of Saturday, February 3rd, 2018.*) **The Sacrament of Penance Students and their parents should be at the Church by 10:45AM.** There will be a luncheon served following the First Penance Service 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 21st.*

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	\$ 2,091.75
Renovation Fund Collection	\$ 1,420.30
Annual Collection to date	\$29,450.00
Organ Collection to date	\$27,750.00
Assessment Donations to date	\$ 4,266.00

The second collection this weekend is 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.*

WELCOME!

Please join me in welcoming new parishioner *Normand Marotte* who joined our parish.

Bequest/Gift to Parish

A \$2,000 donation was received from the estate of the late Eugene & Anne Pepin. We are grateful and appreciative of their generosity in remembering their parish. Let us keep Eugene & Anne in our prayers.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education 2017-2018

NOTICE NEW DATE FOR: First Penance – The Sacrament 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 DATES

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. Also, check you emails as Mr. Fitzpatrick does email all parents of students of the cancelled classes.

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. 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.

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 **\$27,355.00**. The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. Thank you to those who have already donated.

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 especially after the masses. Anyone willing to help is asked to speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or call the rectory at 508-673-7831. Your help makes this fundraiser successful. Thank you.**

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 6th at 9:30 – 11:00AM in the rectory meeting room.** All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join. Anyone who is interested in joining or wanting to learn is most welcome. This group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

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 4:00PM.

Extraordinary Winter Expenses

List of extraordinary expenses for the months of December and January.

Snow Plow cost to date:	\$5,535.50
Heat cost for rectory Dec & Jan:	\$1,591.83
Heat cost for church Dec & Jan:	\$3,495.02
Electricity for rectory & church Dec:	\$ 887.56



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Jonah set out for Nineveh as God asked and told the people that their city would be destroyed in forty days. The people believed him and repented from their evil ways. God did not destroy their city, showing his mercy for those who see the evil of their ways and correct it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul advises the Corinthians that their world is changing, so they should not take their daily trials too seriously. We should remember that the problems of everyday living will not last forever, but the eternal life God promises us will.

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Jesus observes Simon and Andrew where they are fishing and tells them to come with him and become “fishers of men.” They abandon their nets without hesitation to follow him. Next he calls James and his brother John, who also leave what they are doing and follow him without question.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“After John had been arrested Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: ‘This is the time of fulfillment, the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.’ ...Jesus said to them; ‘Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.’”

We meet Jesus as He begins His public ministry as reported by Mark. In summary form the gospel writer tells us what will follow. The message of Jesus is quite clear: Repent and Believe.

In a few weeks we will hear those same words, as the blessed ashes are traced upon on our foreheads, the external sign, reflects the disposition of our hearts. I ask myself, if I not only hear the words, but listen to them. As Jesus invited the two sets of brothers to join Him in His ministry, so He calls us today, because this is the time of fulfillment as we are Missionary Disciples. If I truly believe the gospel is the Good News of Jesus, I walk with Him and bring His message to others.