

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Monday, January 29, 2018

8:00 AM

Tuesday, January 30, 2018

8:00 AM Denise Duval

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

8:00 AM

Thursday, February 1, 2018

8:00 AM Helen Saulino

Friday, February 2, 2018

NO MASS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, February 3, 2018
4:00 PM Richard Raposa – 2nd Anniversary

Blessing of the Throats Feast of St. Blaise

Anyone who would like to have their throats blessed, please remain in church after the 4:00 PM Mass on Saturday, February 3, 2018

Sunday, February 4, 2018

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Mary & Samuel Santoro

PASCHAL-EASTER CANDLE

If you are interested in donating the new Paschal-Easter Candle in memory of *someone*, please contact the rectory office at 508-673-7831.

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.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus #732

Preparation: All Is Well with My Soul #471

Communion: Take and Eat #361

Meditation: Lead Me Lord #630

Recessional: Now Thank We All Our God #195

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,174.75
Catholic Communications	\$ 918.00
Organ Collection to date	\$27,750.00
Assessment Donations to date	\$ 4,269.00
Snow Plow Expense to date	\$ 6,663.50

The second collection this weekend is for the Renovation Fund. **Next weekend the second collection** will be taken to support the Church's National collection for **Home Missions – Black and Indian Missions** in the United States. *Thank you for your continued support.*

VOCATION VIEWS

That all those discerning or pursuing a vocation to the priesthood, consecrated life or are engaged to be married, will find encouragement through our prayers and sacrifices on their behalf.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The next scheduled meeting for St. Vincent de Paul members is on **TUESDAY, February 13, 2018 at 2:00 PM.**

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.

F.R. Diocese – Women & Men's Conference

Save the date: The Conference will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at Stonehill College in Easton. The one day Lenten program will include keynote talks by noted speakers, prayer, music, fellowship, Mass and new for this year a separate track for young adults, ages 18 – 30. For details, pick up a registration form at the entrances of the Church or visit www.fallriverdiocese.org

WELCOME!

Please join me in welcoming new parishioner
Erron, Leanne and Logan Parker
who joined our parish.

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education 2017-2018

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.

REHEARSAL DATES FOR CONFIRMATION

**Monday, April 2nd from 6:30 – 7:30 PM –
Candidates only**

**Thursday, April 5th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM –
Candidates and Sponsors**

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.

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.

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

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE

On Saturday, January 27th, the following 9 children received their Sacrament of First Penance.

Congratulations to!

Alexis Bithoney

Brooklyn Holloway

Camden Kelly

Kaiulani Levesque

Skylynn Rachel

Ashley Sanchez

Jordan Simcock

Maya Sousa

Luke Tivnan

Thank you to Director of Religious Education, Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick to their Catechist, Mrs. Jennifer Crook and her Teen Assistant, Bethany Marden. Also thank you to Fr. James Butler for assisting with confessions.

A Luncheon Thank You!

Thank you to **Anne Marie and Norm Menard** and **their team of volunteers** who so graciously served the candidates and their immediate family a delicious luncheon. Thank you to all involved.

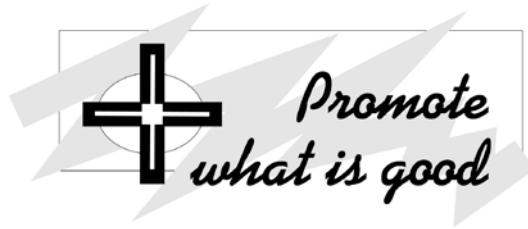
ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH 20/20 RAFFLE

We have sold **46 tickets that have brought in \$920** 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.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and that they should listen to this prophet's words, for God has told him of this prophet. God also tells Moses that anyone who pretends to speak in his words, or speaks in the name of other gods shall die.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves fully to God without concern for the needs of a spouse. Paul explains that God wants to help them promote good and devote themselves more fully to God.

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

As Jesus was teaching, a man with an unclean spirit came to the synagogue and asked if Jesus had come to destroy them. Jesus ordered the spirit out of the man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed. The people were amazed at the authority he had over the spirit.

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

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“And the Lord said to me: This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among your kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. ...All were amazed and asked one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority.’”

Maybe we are not accustomed to read the book of Deuteronomy, but we find Moses, the prophet the spokesperson for God, who requested others to speak and the assembly to listen. As we read the Old Testament, we meet many others who responded to God's call, sometimes reluctantly, to speak in His behalf. Can you name some?

Prophetic voices continue to be heard today, as God calls leaders to teach and guide us. There are the well known teachers as the Holy Father, and our local bishops, assuming the role of teacher. There are others who through baptism assume the role of catechists and teachers of the faith. But there are countless others too who speak through their actions, bringing the mercy and message of the Lord to others.

As we begin this New Year may we open our ears to hear the message, our hearts to carry it out, and discover ways the Lord wishes to use us to do His ministry.