



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday, February 3, 2018**
4:00 PM Richard Raposa – 2nd Anniversary
- Sunday, February 4, 2018**
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
11:00 AM Mary & Samuel Santoro

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

- Monday, February 5, 2018**
8:00 AM David D. Talbot –
 Birthday Remembrance
- Tuesday, February 6, 2018**
8:00 AM Concord McMullen
- Wednesday, February 7, 2018**
8:00 AM Ila Dias
- Thursday, February 8, 2018**
8:00 AM Marjorie Foley Fayan
- Friday, February 9, 2018**
NO MASS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- Saturday, February 10, 2018**
4:00 PM Alfred & Silvane Silvia -
 25th Anniversary
- Sunday, February 11, 2018**
8:30 AM Gil & Olive Cabral
11:00 AM Annabella Stolarski
 For the People of the Parish

VOCATIONS VIEWS

For those consecrated to God by the vows of chastity, poverty and obedience that they may seek to live their baptismal promises more intensely and have the grace to persevere in their commitment of the Lord and serve with open hearts and willing spirits.

Reserving of Masses & Candles

If you are interested in reserving a Mass or a Candle in someone's memory, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831.



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Hilda Gaudreau* and *Joan Simmons* who died last week.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: All Hail, the Power of Jesus' Name #729
Preparation: Lord of All Hopefulness #403
Communion: The Cry of the Poor #620
Meditation: You Are the Healing #400
Recessional: How Can I Keep From Singing #442

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,152.50
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,122.25
Organ Collection to date	\$27,750.00
20/20 Raffle ticket sales to date	\$ 1,200.00
Snow Plow Expense thru 1/20/18	\$ 6,663.50

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

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.

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 prayer, music, fellowship, Mass and keynote talks by noted speakers, Paulist Father Dave Dwyer, host of Sirius XM Radio's The Busted Halo Show; Daughter of St. Paul Sister Marie Paul Curley, a writer and multi-media producer; Father Tony Ciorra of Sacred Heart University, who is a leading expert in Catholic spirituality and Valimar Jansen, a Christian music singer and composer also new for this year a separate track for young adults, ages 18 – 30. **For details, please see the insert flyer or register on-line when you visit www.fallriverdiocese.org**

ALTAR SERVERS SIGN-UP

Any boy or girl in grades 3 & up, public or Catholic school, who is interested in becoming an Altar Server, should complete an Altar Server sign-up form. Sign-up forms will be given by your



Religious Education Teacher and are also available at the entrance of the church. **This is a great opportunity for our youth to serve their parish community!** Training sessions will be scheduled at a later date.

FAITH FORMATION 2018

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM DATES

First Communion Rehearsal Dates – Saturday, April 28, 2018 and Saturday, May 5, 2018 from *10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Church.

First Communion – Sunday, May 6, 2018 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.

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.

ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES CLUB

There will be a meeting of the St. Thomas More Retirees Club on **Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 1:00PM in the Parish Center.** New members are always welcome. There will be a special Valentine treat.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH 20/20 RAFFLE

We have sold **60** tickets that have brought in **\$1,200** to date. Tickets are on sale before and after each mass. **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.

EMMAUS RETREAT

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. The next Emmaus is March 9 – 11 at Cathedral Comap in East Freetown, MA For more information email at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit the website: www.emmausretreats.com

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“Remember that my life is like the wind.” Let us make the best of our time together with our spouses by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Mar 9-11, 2018 in Duxbury, MA and Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O’Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>

St. Vincent de Paul Society News

The next scheduled meeting for St. Vincent de Paul members will be on Tuesday, February 12, 2018 at 2:00PM.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Job 7:1-4, 6-7

In this passage, Job laments the drudgery and pain all people sometimes experience in life. He talks of troubled days and restless nights. But he does mention that the days move along swiftly, which can remind us that our time here on earth is quite limited and should be well spent.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

Paul explains to the Corinthians that he has no choice, but must preach the gospel. He tells of making himself all things to all people, in order to save some of them. He reminds them that he does this willingly, in the hope of sharing in the blessings of the gospel.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cured Simon and Andrew's mother of a fever, and then others with illnesses or demons came to see him. He cured those who were ill, and cast out the demons of the others. Then he went off and prayed alone until his followers sought him out. Jesus and his disciples then moved on to other villages to proclaim the good news.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

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February 4, 2018

“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said: ‘Everyone is looking for you.’ He said to them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come’. So he went into their synagogues preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee.”

Jesus the healer, Jesus the pray-er, Jesus the preacher and teacher. A few verses capture His ministry and message that He offers. Fast forward and the need is the same: ‘everyone is looking for you.’

Many are looking for fame, comfort, riches, but not for what Jesus has brought. We are called to help them find the Lord who means so much to us. Who is it that has fallen away from the church? They are still loved by the Lord. Who do I know caught in a bad habit, a vice, or depression? They are still loved by the Lord.

What they need is someone who looked for the Lord has found Him and wishes to share that same positive experience with them. As I live my conviction and faith, I bring Him to them, and they to Him.