



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**  
4:00 PM Alfred & Silvane Silvia -  
25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**  
8:30 AM Gil & Olive Cabral  
11:00 AM Annabella Stolarski  
For the People of the Parish

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

**Monday, February 12, 2018**  
8:00 AM Rev. Roger McMullen -  
2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

**Tuesday, February 13, 2018**  
8:00 AM Madeline Foley Coady

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
8:00 AM James & Gertrude Butler  
7:00 PM Noreen M. Talbot -  
Birthday Remembrance

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**  
8:00 AM Joseph F. Foley, Sr.

**Friday, February 16, 2018**  
NO MASS

## *First Sunday of Lent*

**Saturday, February 17, 2018**  
4:00 PM Irene & Arthur Shea

**Sunday, February 18, 2018**  
8:30 AM Natalia Cabral  
11:00 AM For the People of the Parish



## *In Loving Memory*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Dorothy Ann Perkins** who died last week.

## **WELCOME!**

Please join us in welcoming new parishioner  
**Natalie LaFleur**  
who joined our parish.

## *Today's Hymns*

*Entrance: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling #474*  
*Preparation: Healing River of the Spirit #690*  
*Communion: One Love Released #360*  
*Meditation: Your Words Are Spirit and Life #593*  
*Recessional: Go In Peace to Love and Serve the Lord #374*

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,172.75
Home Missions Collection	\$ 916.95
Organ Collection to date	\$27,750.00
20/20 Raffle ticket sales to date	\$ 1,440.00

### **There will be a Special Collection on Ash Wednesday – Evangelization.**

The second collection this weekend is for the Renovation Fund. The second collection next weekend will be for the Catholic University of America. *Thank you for your continued support.*

### LENTEN REGULATIONS

All adults 18 and up to the beginning of their 60<sup>th</sup> year are bound by the laws of fast. On days of fast, one full meatless meal is to be eaten. The other two meals should be meatless and together should not equal a full meal. There are **two prescribed days of fast: Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> and Good Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.** Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to observe the law of abstinence from meat. **Abstinence from meat** is prescribed on all **Fridays of Lent, Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.**

### LENTEN MASSES

**The Ash Wednesday morning Mass is at 8:00 AM & evening at 7:00 PM.** Ashes will be distributed at each Mass. Hope to see you all in attendance. Please note that **there will still be daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.** and the Rosary will be said before the morning mass. **A mass will be held each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00PM.** Hopefully this will enable all to attend a Mass during the week during the Lenten season. The time will be **6:00 PM on Wednesdays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018.**



### **BAPTISM**

We welcome **Jacob Thomas Remy** who joined our parish community through baptism last week. **Jacob** received a hand-made blanket made by the St. Thomas More Blanket Ministry as a gift from the parish in honor of his Baptism.

## **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 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 – 7:30 PM – Candidates only**

**Thursday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 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 - 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. Vincent de Paul Society**

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

### **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.

## **ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH**

### **20/20 RAFFLE**

We have sold **72** tickets that have brought in **\$1440** 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.**

### **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 are available from 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.

### **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.

### **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; also new for this year a separate track for young adults, ages 18 – 30. **For details, please see the flyer or register on-line when you visit [www.fallriverdiocese.org](http://www.fallriverdiocese.org)**

### **VOCATIONS VIEWS**

That the Holy Spirit will assist all those discerning a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life to discover the truth of God's call.



## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46**

The Lord tells Moses and Aaron that anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must first be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests, and that as long as the sore is upon him, “He shall dwell apart, making his abode outside the camp.”

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31—11:1**

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God, to avoid offending others, and to be imitators of Christ.

### **Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease with a warning not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering. Instead of remaining silent, the leper greatly publicized the healing, making it impossible for Jesus to enter the town openly.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

### **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 11, 2018**

**“A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, ‘If you wish you can make me clean.’ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him and said to him, ‘I do will it. Be made clean.’”**

This week, we begin the season of Lent, a time of renewal and repentance. We have a tendency to approach this time from a traditional posture. Ashes, meatless Fridays and Stations of the Cross. All are part of our practice and tradition.

Wait a minute. Picture the lonely leper, ill and isolated, but with firm faith and determination, violating the rules imposed through Moses, approaching Jesus, seeking much needed help. I am he!

Consider for a moment what it took for him to act. He was desperate, knowing the reality of His condition. He spoke ‘If you wish,..’ He heard the will of Jesus, felt His compassion, was touched by the healer. I am he!

May I seriously consider how to begin Lent this year and live renewal and repentance with the leper to be healed, cleansed and enlivened. Lent is God’s gift to me this year.