



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 24, 2018
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, February 25, 2018
8:30 AM John C. O'Brien - Anniversary
11:00 AM Lucille Franco – 1st Anniversary

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

Monday, February 26, 2018
8:00 AM

Tuesday, February 27, 2018
8:00 AM

<p>Wednesday, February 28, 2018 8:00 AM Elsie Soares – Anniversary 6:00 PM Reverend David Andrade</p>
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Thursday March 1, 2018
8:00 AM

Friday, March 2, 2018
NO MASS

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 3, 2018
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 4, 2018
8:30 AM
11:00 AM Zane Jakuboski – 1st Anniversary

VOCATIONS VIEWS

That those considering a call to the priesthood or consecrated life will answer the call of the Lord unhesitatingly like Abraham.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days #136

Preparation: Tis Good, Lord, To Be Here #121

Communion: I Received the Living God #327


Meditation: Transfigure Us, O Lord #501

Recessional: O Bless the Lord, My Soul #374

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 **\$28,100**. The memorials and contributions will be posted at a later date. Thank you to those who have already donated.

AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS



Beginning on Ash Wednesday, you were invited to join in our Lenten Program. **“At the Foot of the Cross: Stewardship of Time, Talent, Treasure and Prayer”**. **Time & Talent** offers each person the opportunity to think about how their individual gifts and talent can be used to serve the parish community. Our **Treasure (Almsgiving)** will go to the **St. Thomas More St.**

Vincent de Paul Society. Please make checks payable to St. Thomas More. Prayer Petitions may be written on papers provided. Papers, Almsgiving envelopes and talent sheets are available at the entrances of the church and will be available throughout Lent. Prayer petitions and talent sheets should be placed in their respective purple boxes at the foot of the cross. **There are Time & Talent sheets available at both entrances to the Church.**

LENTEN REGULATIONS

All adults 18 and up to the beginning of their 60th 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 14th and Good Friday, March 30th**. 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

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 28, March 7, 14, 21st, 2018.**

Please note that **there will still be daily Mass at 8:00 a.m.** and the Rosary will be said before the morning mass.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 1,791.25
Catholic University Collection	\$ 744.25
Ash Wednesday Collection	\$ 592.00
Organ Collection to date	\$28,100.00
20/20 Raffle ticket sales to date	\$ 1,760.00

The Second Collection this week will be for the Renovation Fund. Thank you for your continued support.

FAITH FORMATION 2018

FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM DATES

First Communion Mini-Retreat – The upcoming First Communion Mini-Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 24th in the Parish Center. Please arrive not later than 9:20AM. Students will watch a video, participate in arts-n-craft project, have a light snack and take a tour of St. Thomas More Church with Msgr. Fitzgerald.

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.

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.

OPERATION RICE BOWL

You are invited to participate in *Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl*. Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please take home a Rice Bowl packet available at each entrance.

ST. THOMAS MORE CHURCH 20/20 RAFFLE

We have sold **88** tickets that have brought in **\$1,760** 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.

***Anyone willing to volunteer 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.**

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.**

SAVE THE DATE!

STM DINNER CLUB

The dinner-dance will be held **Saturday, April 7th** at the Venus de Milo Restaurant. **Meal order forms will be mailed out shortly to all members.** Please return them as soon as possible. There will be various raffles at the dinner; we are in need of gifts! Please consider making a donation of lottery scratch tickets or money to purchase them for the raffle. Please place it in an envelope and drop in the collection basket. *If you wish to donate a basket or gift, it can be picked up or you can drop it off at the rectory.*

Ministries at St. Thomas More Church



Dear Parishioners,

This is one of the “information sheets” on the various pastoral ministries at our church. This sheet describes the Lector Ministry—the men and women who assist at mass by doing the readings from the pulpit in the church sanctuary.

If you would like to become involved in any of the parish ministries, I invite you to speak with me after mass or at the rectory. Or, if you prefer, you may contact one of the members of whatever ministry you are interested in. Either way, I look forward to your participation in the richly rewarding work of our church ministries.

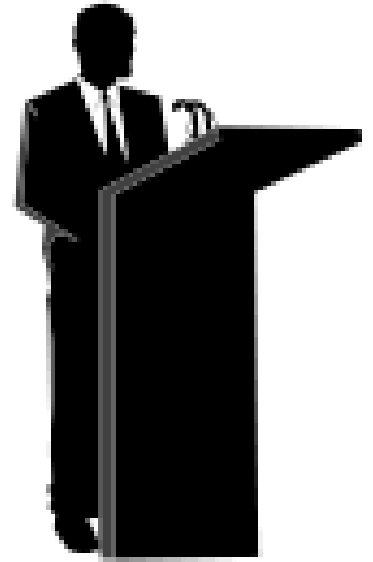
The Lector Ministry

The St. Thomas More Lector Ministry offers parishioners an opportunity for direct vocal participation in the celebration of mass. In addition to introducing the mass, the lector reads the two scriptural passages that precede the gospel, and also offers the petitions during the Prayer of the Faithful.

You do not have to be a skilled orator or a gifted speaker to be a St. Thomas More lector. All that is required are an ability to speak clearly and a willingness to share your voice with the congregation.

Typically, lectors are assigned to read at one weekend mass every 5 or 6 weeks. When scheduling lector assignments, the rectory staff makes every effort to place lectors at whatever weekend mass they regularly attend.

Before their assigned mass, lectors can preview the readings for that day in the sacristy. Also available is a pronunciation guide to help lectors with the many unusual and sometimes difficult-to-pronounce names that populate the scriptures.



Serving as a lector allows you to affirm your faith in a forthright manner, as you proclaim “the Word of the Lord.”

If you are interested in joining the Lector Ministry, please talk with Monsignor Fitzgerald after mass or stop in at the rectory to discuss your interest.

