



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Lent

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

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

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

Monday, March 5, 2018
8:00 AM

Tuesday, March 6, 2018
8:00 AM

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
8:00 AM Mary T. Gudjonsson
6:00 PM

Thursday, March 8, 2018
8:00 AM

Friday, March 9, 2018
NO MASS

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 10, 2018
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, March 11, 2018
8:30 AM
11:00 AM Robert P. Benevides
12th Anniversary

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.



In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of **Linda A. Mizher** who died last week.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Schedules for **April, May and June, 2018** are being prepared. We would appreciate it if you could review your calendars and advise of dates during these months that you know you will not be available. **Please forward the dates that you will not be able to serve, as soon as possible.** Thank you.

AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS

Our Lenten Program, “At the Foot of the Cross: Stewardship of Time, Talent, Treasure and Prayer”. This week we highlight on:



We are a light
to each other

Stewardship of Time & Talent

Please look over the opportunities of volunteering as a stewardship in talent in helping your parish. There are many ministries that you could join and there are areas where you could volunteer to help such as Adult Altar Servers, Decorating Committee, Eucharistic Ministry, and Ministry to the Sick, Funeral Ministry, Hospitality, Lector, Prayer Shawl Ministry, Music, Religious Education or St. Vincent de Paul. **Thank you.**

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, 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.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: I Heard the Voice of Jesus #463

Preparation: O God, You Search Me #438

Communion: Have Mercy on Us Lord #118

Meditation: Create in Me #770

Recessional: Healing River of the Spirit #690

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 1,840.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 868.25
Organ Collection to date	\$28,100.00
20/20 Raffle ticket sales to date	\$ 1,980.00
Expenses from December, 2017–February, 2018	
Snow Removal	\$ 7,888.50
Heating for the Church	\$ 5,565.42
Heating for the Rectory	\$ 2,480.39

The Second Collection this week will be for the Renovation Fund. **Next weekend there will be a Special Collection for the Catholic Relief Services.** Thank you for your continued support.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

A meeting is scheduled for the **SVDP members** to meet on **Tuesday, March 13 at 2:00 PM** in the parish center.

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 30 minute cartoon video called, “The Bread of Life”, 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

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 Vallimar Jansen, a Christian music singer and composer also new for this year a separate track for young adults, ages 18 – 30. **For details please register on-line at www.fallriverdiocese.org,**

STM DINNER CLUB

The dinner-dance will be held **Saturday, April 7th** at the Venus de Milo Restaurant. We are in need of gifts for the raffles! 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. Baskets and gifts are also welcome.



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 the *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 DRAWING MARCH 18th

We have sold **99** tickets that have brought in **\$1980** 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.

Adult Confirmation - Course Schedule

Time: Saturdays: 10:00AM – 12:00 PM

Date: 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.**

Ministries at St. Thomas More Church

The Funeral Ministry



Dear Parishioners,

This is one of the informational sheets on the various pastoral ministries at our church. This sheet details the duties of our Funeral Ministry—the men and women who assist me with funeral masses.

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 St. Thomas More Funeral Ministry comprises a group of volunteer parishioners who carry out a variety of tasks during funerals. These tasks include setting up the church for the funeral, serving the mass, performing lector and Eucharistic Minister duties, and greeting/assisting mourners.



Usually, a team of three persons is assigned for funerals. This team comprises two altar servers and one hospitality person. The team arrives about 45 minutes before a funeral is to begin. They prepare the church by putting in place the particular items and articles used during a funeral mass. These include the casket pall and crucifix, the holy water vessel and sprinkler, the thurible (for incensing), and the paschal candle. The team also makes the usual mass preparations (lights, doors, sound system, candles, offertory gifts, etc.)

During the mass, the altar servers assist the celebrant at the offertory as at a regular mass, and at Communion as Eucharistic Ministers. For some funeral masses, the altar servers also perform lector duties.

The hospitality person sets up the holy water and casket pall at the rear of the church and arranges for bottled water and cups in the foyer of the church. As the funeral party arrives, he or she greets mourners and answers any questions they might have regarding seating, rest rooms, etc. As mass



ends, the hospitality person moves to the foyer of the church to assist mourners as they leave.

Training is provided for all aspects of the Funeral Ministry. New volunteers are generally paired with an experienced person to ease the learning curve.

Our Funeral Ministers find this bereavement work to be extremely rewarding—several of them have been in this ministry for many years. Talk with one of them and you'll likely be convinced to join this group of volunteers.