



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:30 AM Alvaro Oliveira

11:00 AM Robert P. Benevides  
12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

Monday, March 12, 2018  
8:00 AM Virginia Mullins- 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

Tuesday, March 13, 2018  
8:00 AM

Wednesday, March 14, 2018  
8:00 AM William Lee, Jr.  
6:00 PM

Thursday, March 15, 2018  
8:00 AM Alphonse Saulino, Sr.

Friday, March 16, 2018  
NO MASS

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 17, 2018  
4:00 PM Franklin & Ruth Murphy –  
Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, March 18, 2018  
8:30 AM Shirley Setters  
11:00 AM Marino Leonardo - 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.

### 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 14 and 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### WELCOME!

Please join us in welcoming new parishioners  
**Anthony & Carol Souza**  
**Megan Souza & Jariana Quiles**  
who joined our parish.



## Altar Server Training & Commissioning

New altar servers will receive training on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 18<sup>th</sup> which will be during the Faith Formation classes, please have your child check in with their Faith Formation teacher first to let them know they are present for the day and then go upstairs for training. Each student will be counted as present for the day. **On Palm Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 Mass, the new Altar Servers will be commissioned by Msgr. Fitzgerald.**

## Today's Hymns

Entrance: *From the Depths We Cry to Thee* #128

Preparation: *Amazing Grace* #433

Communion: *The Lord is My Light* #681

Meditation: *Lord of All Hopefulness* #403

Recessional: *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* #136

## 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:

### Stewardship of

### "Almsgiving/Treasure"



We are a light to each other

This year our LENTEN ALMSGIVING will be given to our **St. Thomas More Church St. Vincent DePaul Society**. Envelopes for the Almsgiving are at the entrances of the Church. Place your offering "At the Foot of the Cross" in the box marked "ALMSGIVING". Checks payable to **St. Thomas More Church**. Your "TREASURE" could help to feed our brothers and sisters in need.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,377.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,326.25
Organ Collection to date	\$28,100.00
E-Giving for the month of February	\$ 1,980.00
20/20 Raffle ticket sales to date	\$ 2,580.00
<b>Expenses from December, 2017–February, 2018</b>	
<b>Snow Removal</b>	<b>\$ 8,679.50</b>
<b>Heating for the Church</b>	<b>\$ 5,565.42</b>
<b>Heating for the Rectory</b>	<b>\$ 2,480.39</b>

This weekend there will be a Special Collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Thank you for your continued support.

**FAITH FORMATION 2018**  
**First Communion Mini-Retreat**

The upcoming **First Communion Mini-Retreat** will take place on **Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** in the Parish Center. Please arrive not later than 9:30AM. Students will watch a 30 minute cartoon video and 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 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**

**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, **no later than March 12<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you.

**STM DINNER CLUB**

The dinner-dance will be held **Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>** at the Venus de Milo Restaurant. Please return the meal order forms as soon as possible. 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. *If you wish to donate a basket or gift, it can be picked up or you can drop it off at the rectory.*

**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.

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**20/20 RAFFLE**

**DRAWING NEXT WEEK!!**

We have sold **129** tickets that have brought in **\$2,580** 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.**

**STM DINNER CLUB**

**Congratulations January & February  
Winners!**

#2019 Steve Cadorette #928 Sheila Vanasse  
#160 Robert Costa #85A Ed Saraiva  
#180 Barbara Daley #65A Leonora Saulino



The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education and the Diocese of Fall River Catholic Schools are excited to announce The Catholic School's Hope and Opportunity Initiative. This will provide 100 scholarships for up to \$2000 per student for 2018-2019 school year to new low-income K-8 students. If you or someone you know are interested contact Sarah Heaton #508-678-2828 or [sheaton@CatholicSA.org](mailto:sheaton@CatholicSA.org)

**EASTER FLOWERS**



**Please turn in any donations for Easter Flowers by March 18<sup>th</sup>. Extra envelopes are available at entrances of the church**

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# Ministries at St. Thomas More Church

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Dear Parishioners,

This is one in our series of “information sheets.” The purpose of these sheets is two-fold: first, to give you a close-up look at the various pastoral ministries that are active at our church and, second, to perhaps pique your interest in becoming a participant in one (or more) of these rewarding ministries.

This sheet focuses on the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society—the volunteer parishioners who minister to the needs of the less fortunate among us.

If you would like to become involved in any aspect of the parish community, I invite you to speak with me after mass or at the rectory. Or, if you prefer, you can 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. Vincent de Paul Society

At St. Thomas More Church, the St. Vincent de Paul conference comprises a group of volunteer parishioners who work to assist individuals and families in need. Using funds made available primarily from the church’s poor-box offerings, the men and women of the St. Vincent de Paul Society provide food, clothing, and other personal needs, as well as financial assistance and guidance, to those who have fallen on hard times.



Members visit with prospective clients to assess (and confirm the legitimacy of) their needs. An in-person interview gathers basic information about the particular situation and generally leads to immediate assistance in the form of food, cash, temporary accommodations, etc. Oftentimes, the Society encounters a client with a financial need much larger than can be met by the local conference’s limited resources. In these cases, the St. Thomas More conference seeks so-called “twinning” assistance from conferences at other parishes and from the Fall River District of St. Vincent de Paul. Such cases usually involve situations where folks have fallen far behind on their rent or on their utility bills because of loss of job or health problems or other issues.

The St. Thomas More conference also operates a small food pantry that, on average, distributes 300-350 bags of groceries annually to Society clients. In addition, the Society sponsors school supply drives, clothing drives, and a variety of other special projects each year.

The members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society meet once a month at the church. For a small investment of your time, you could reap a large reward in personal fulfillment. The Society is always looking for new members. Come and join them in “Helping Those in Need.”

