



# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## *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

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

**Monday, March 19, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** For the People of the Parish

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**  
**8:00 AM**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Denise Duval  
**6:00 PM**

**Thursday, March 22, 2018**  
**8:00 AM**

**Friday, March 23, 2018**  
 NO MASS

## *Palm Sunday*

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**  
**4:00 PM** Richard G. Medeiros

**Sunday, March 25, 2018**  
**8:30 AM** For the People of the Parish  
**11:00 AM** For the Botelho & Pinhos Families

### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of  
*Ruth & Franklin Murphy.*

### MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of  
*Mary Wade.*

### EASTER FLOWERS

*Please turn in any donations for Easter  
 Flowers by March 25<sup>th</sup>. Extra envelopes are  
 available at entrances of the church.*

### LENTEN MASS

The last Lenten Mass will be held on **Wednesday,  
 March 21, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. weather permitting.**

## *Today's Hymns*

*Entrance: Take Up Your Cross #715*  
*Preparation: You Are Mine #457*  
*Communion: Unless a Grain of Wheat #507*  
*Meditation: Transfigure Us, O Lord #501*  
*Recessional: Lift High the Cross #713*

### 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 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 and Rectory Office Volunteer. If  
 interested, please fill out the purple form marked Time  
 & Talent and place the completed form in the box  
 marked "Time/Talent" at the Foot of the Cross.  
**Thank you.**

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,075.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 355.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 978.05
Organ Collection to date	\$ 28,100.00
20/20 Raffle ticket sales to date	\$ 3,620.00

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

#### Vocation Views

For all those being called to the priesthood, diaconate  
 and consecrated life, that they may deepen their faith  
 in Christ who calls them to glorify God in a  
 profoundly personal way through their vocations.



## *Rest in Peace*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family  
 and friends of **Stanley J. Sieczkowski, Jr.** who  
 died last week.

## **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 9:20AM. 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**

### **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**

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. The Rice Bowls should be returned on Palm Sunday and thank you for your participation.

### **SVDP FOOD PANTRY**

The food pantry supply is in need of soup, canned vegetables and baked beans. Donations would be greatly appreciated.

## **20/20 RAFFLE**

### **DRAWING THIS SUNDAY**

We have sold **181** tickets that have brought in **\$3,620** to date. Tickets are on sale before and after each mass. **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. Thank you to all who participate.

### **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING & COMMISSIONING**

New altar servers will receive training on Sunday, **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.**

### **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)

### ***REBUILDING in FAITH and HOPE***

***What are your hopes and dreams for our  
Diocese?***

***Share them at a Listening Session with Bishop  
da Cunha.***

**Bishop Edgar M. daCunha, S.D.V., invites members of the Fall River Diocese to join him at one of the strategic planning process now underway in the Fall River Diocese.**

### **SCHEDULE OF LISTENING SESSIONS**

March 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary Parish, Norton

March 21<sup>st</sup> – St. Ann Parish, Raynham

April 5<sup>th</sup> – Christ the King Parish, Mashpee

April 12<sup>th</sup> – St. Mary Cathedral, Fall River

April 18<sup>th</sup> – St. Joan of Arc Parish, Orleans

April 20<sup>th</sup> – St. Julie Billiard Parish, Dartmouth

April 23<sup>rd</sup> – Our Lady of Victory Parish, Centerville

All sessions will take place from 6:30 – 8:00 PM with the exception of Centerville 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**All invited!**  
**Lenten Penance Service**  
**With Individual Confession**

**Sponsored by all 4 Parishes**  
**Saint John of God, Saint Louis de France,**  
**Saint Patrick and Saint Thomas More**



**at**

**Saint Louis de France Church**

**56 Buffington Street, Swansea, Massachusetts**

**on**

**Monday, March 26th at 7:00pm**