

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 14, 2018
4:00 PM Alfred Silvia, Jr. 6th Anniversary

Sunday, April 15, 2018
8:30 AM Peggy Dunn
 For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Susana Carreiro de Almeida

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

Monday, April 16, 2018
8:00 AM Margaret Greany

Tuesday, April 17, 2018
8:00 AM Catherine McBride

Wednesday, April 18, 2018
8:00 AM

Thursday, April 19, 2018
8:00 AM John A. Coady, Sr.

Friday, April 20, 2018
 NO MASS

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 21, 2018
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 22, 2018
8:30 AM James & Gertrude Butler

11:00 AM J. Paul Audette

Mass & Music Missalettes

Mass/Music Missalettes for **2018** are available for reserving on a monthly basis in memory of a loved one. If interested, please contact the Rectory 508-673-7831.

RESERVING MASSES OR CANDLES

Anyone wishing to reserve a Mass, Sanctuary Candle, Marian Candle or Sacred Heart Candle in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-673-7831

ALTAR BREADS & WINE

Altar Breads and Altar Wine are available on a monthly basis for anyone wishing to donate in memory of a loved one. Contact the Rectory to make arrangements 508-673-7831.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #165 At the Lambs High Feast We Sing

Preparation: #176 Three Days

Communion: #325 In the Breaking of the Bread

Meditation: #162 Two Were Bound for Emmaus

Recessional: #158 Christ Is Alive

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Stewardship of time, talent, and treasure is chiefly a way to deepen our spiritual life, not a way to increase our giving, although living out stewardship results in both.

Weekend Collection	\$ 3,110.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,246.76
Organ Collection to date	\$ 28,100.00

Expenses from December, 2017– March, 2018

Snow Removal	\$ 11,069.30
Heating for the Church	\$ 5,565.42
Heating for the Rectory	\$ 2,480.39

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

HOPE AND OPPORTUNITY

The Foundation to Advance Catholic Education with 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

DECORATING COMMITTEE

The Decorating Committee will meet on Monday, April 16, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Church to take down the Easter decorations. Please help if you can, many hands are needed. Thank you.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED AN EMMAUS RETREAT?

Emmaus is a retreat for men and women (ages 20+) who seek to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, regardless of their present level of faith or practice. We want to invite you to join us on our next Emmaus weekend. You will be welcomed by a loving community, spend time in personal and communal prayer, and celebrate the sacraments. The next Emmaus is June 8th-10th at Cathedral Camp in East Freetown, MA. For more information or to apply online, email us at emmausretreats@gmail.com or visit our website: www.emmausretreats.com.

FAITH FORMATION 2018

Religious Education

First Communion

Sunday, May 6, 2018 during the 11:00 AM Mass.

First Communion Rehearsal Dates

Saturday, April 28, 2018 and Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Church.

ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES CLUB

There will be a regular meeting of the St. Thomas More Retirees Club on **Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Parish Center.** New members are always welcome.

Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting Ministry

The next knitting/crocheting ministry meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 17th at 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM in the rectory meeting room.** Thereafter, the meetings will be scheduled every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. New members welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Meeting

The next St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting will be held in the parish center on **Tuesday, April 17th at 6:00 PM.**

FOOD PANTRY

The SVDP Pantry is low on soup, canned vegetables and baked beans. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

QUO VADIS DAYS

A time to share our faith and build fraternity with other young men seeking God's will. Young men between the ages of 14-18 on Monday, July 9th to Friday, July 13th to be held at the Betannia II Retreat Center in Medway, MA. There will be priests, seminarians and other young men gathered together. Activities will be Holy Mass, mountain hiking, sports, games, discussions and talks. To register or for further information contact Fr. Kevin Cook #508-824-5707.

VOCATION VIEWS

Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" How do you show your love for Jesus in the way you live? (John 21:1-19).

STM DINNER CLUB

The Saint Thomas More Dinner Club Banquet, held on Saturday, April 7th at Venus de Milo was a great success. All who attended enjoyed a great evening of fun, good food and fellowship with parishioners and their guests. Thank you to *Normand and Anne Marie Menard for all their hard work in running the club and putting together the Banquet.* Thank you to all who donated scratch tickets, baskets and gifts to be raffled off and the volunteers who helped to make the evening such a success.

STM CLUB MEMBERS WINNERS

#374 Raymond Karnasiewicz	\$100.00
#162 Edward Cote	\$200.00
#91A Rosa Olivier	\$300.00
#85A Eduardo Saraiva	\$500.00
#510 Mary McNulty	\$1,000.00

Church Proceeds:

Proceeds from Club and Raffles

Total \$ 2,100.00

STM DINNER CLUB

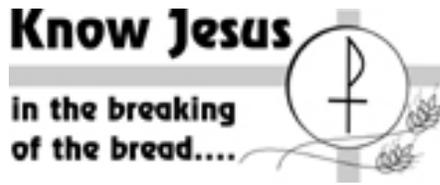
This year's STM DINNER CLUB begins May 1, 2018 through April, 2019 the cost is \$6.00 a month or \$72 a year. Dates will be announced when there will be someone in the foyer to sign up anyone who would like to join. You will be eligible for the monthly drawings as well as the banquet which will be held in 2019. Please think about joining, we would like to expand the club to more members.

Holy Hour for Vocations with Bishop daCunha

Sunday, April 22nd is Good Shepherd Sunday and it is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. On that day, Bishop daCunha will be leading a holy hour for vocations at the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption in Fall River at 3:00pm. Deacon Dan Nunes, one of the transitional deacons for our diocese who is to be ordained a priest this June 9th will be preaching. It would be wonderful if you could join us for this beautiful time of prayer.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Like in the gospel today, sometimes our minds need to be opened to know what God has done for us, and what he wants for us in our marriage. Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 21-22, 2018 in Brewster, MA and May 19-20, 2018 in Warner, NH. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Peter reminds the people that they allowed Jesus to be killed, and preferred to allow a murderer to be released. But God raised him from the dead as had been prophesied. Therefore, all people should believe and turn to God, that their sins might be forgiven.

Second Reading: I John 2:1-5a

Jesus was offered up for the sins of the world. The only way to prove true faith in him, is to honor his commandments. Anyone who claims to believe, yet does not keep his word, does not truly believe.

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appeared to two disciples, though at first they feared he was a ghost. Jesus ate with them to prove he was not a ghost. He explained that he had fulfilled the prophets' words about him. He also explained that in his name they must preach doing penance for the forgiveness of sins.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

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April 15, 2018

“Now I know brothers that you acted out of ignorance, just as your leaders did. But God has thus brought to fulfillment what He had announced beforehand that through the mouth of all the prophets that His Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore and be converted that your sins may be wiped away... Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures... Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer, and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations.”

The wonderful sermon of Saint Peter offers encouragement, not judgment, summoning his hearers to listen more closely. The scriptures they knew, the prophets and psalms, pointed to the events which had taken place in Jerusalem. As they listened, they were able to conclude ‘this makes sense; I’ll follow what he says and begin living as a witness.’

Twenty centuries have passed, the sermon of Peter is repeated for my benefit as he opens our minds and hearts. If these words changed the hearts of his listeners, what is happening in my heart at this moment? Am I, or am I not a witness?