



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, April 28, 2018
4:00 PM Linda A. Mizher

Sunday, April 29, 2018
8:30 AM For the People of the Parish
11:00 AM Alvaro Oliveira

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

Monday, April 30, 2018
8:00 AM Joseph Mulready – Birthday
Remembrance

Tuesday, May 1, 2018
8:00 AM

Wednesday, May 2, 2018
8:00 AM

Thursday, May 3, 2018
8:00 AM Alice & George Jewel

Friday, May 4, 2018
NO MASS

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 5, 2018
4:00 PM Ann Greany
For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 6, 2018
8:30 AM Eleanor Kirkman – 15th Anniversary
11:00 AM For the First Communion Candidates

ALTAR BREADS & ALTAR WINE FOR

MAY

Is in memory of
**Rev. Roger McMullin – 51st Anniversary of
Ordination**

MASSES /CANDLES/MISSALETTES

Anyone wishing to reserve a **Mass, Sanctuary Candle, Marian Candle, Sacred Heart Candle** or **Mass/Music Missalettes** which are also available on a monthly basis, in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory at 508-673-7831.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

**77th ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL
May 1 to June 30, 2018**

Open Your Heart To Mercy!

The Diocese of Fall River will be conducting its 77th annual **Catholic Charities Appeal beginning May 1st**. The Catholic Charities appeal, which supports many programs that serve the less fortunate, enables you to share in this work of love. Please be thinking now about responding in a generous manner to this year's plea. You will be receiving a pledge card in the mail.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #177 The Day of Resurrection

Preparation: #355 Vine and Branches

Communion: #507 Unless a Grain of Wheat

Meditation: #508 Now We Remain

Recessional: #611 Sing With All the Saints in Glory

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	\$ 2,300.25
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,078.25

Expenses from December, 2017– April 15, 2018

Snow Removal	\$ 12,533.30
Heating for the Church	\$ 8,312.86
Heating for the Rectory	\$ 4,114.73
Electricity for Church & Rectory	\$ 4,757.36

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

MONTH OF MAY



For the Month of May, traditionally a time to honor the Blessed Mother, the statue of Our Lady placed in the Sanctuary reminds us to imitate her, a woman of great faith. Praying the rosary, meditating on Mary in the scriptures, attending Mass, saying "yes" to a new ministry or praying for all Christians are some of the suggested ways to honor Mary this month.

FAITH FORMATION 2018
Religious Education
First Communion

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

First Communion Rehearsal Dates
**Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10:00 AM to
11:30 AM in the Church.**

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.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
FOOD PANTRY

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

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. **Mass/Music Missalettes** are also available on a monthly basis. If interested please contact the Rectory to make arrangements or for additional information 508-673-7831.

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

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Deepen your communication, strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your Sacrament by attending the next Marriage Encounter Weekend on May 19-20 in Warner, NH. Call #800-710-9963 for more information.

Let's Celebrate!
Msgr. Fitzgerald's
50th Anniversary
of Ordination

Mark your calendar! All are invited!

Please join us for a Special Celebration Mass and Reception for Msgr. Fitzgerald as he celebrates his vocation of 50 years in the priesthood. The celebration begins with the 8:30AM mass in his honor on Sunday, May 20, 2018 followed by a Coffee & Pastry Social in the Parish Center for all to enjoy. Come, bring the family and join in this special occasion to pass along well wishes and congratulations to Monsignor as he celebrates his Golden Anniversary as a priest.

**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

Seeking Rectory Volunteers

We are looking for people who would be willing to give some time as a volunteer in the rectory office. Duties would include answering phones, reserve masses and candles, greet visitors and help with any specific projects and computer skills would be a plus. If interested, please contact the office at #508-673-7831.

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

May, 2018

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on **Tuesday, May 1st and Tuesday, May 15th at 9:30AM in the rectory meeting room.** New knitters and crocheters are always welcome.



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Paul the Apostle came to Jerusalem, where the other disciples were afraid of him. Then they learned that the Lord had spoken to Paul and he had preached openly in Damascus. When they learned that someone wanted to kill him, they protected him because they fully believed he had converted.

Second Reading: I John 3:18-24

John clearly states that we must love one another. All people who believe in Jesus Christ can show their faith only through their actions. If people believe in Jesus and love one another as he commanded us, they prove that they are true believers in Christ.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

Jesus compares himself to a vine, and compares his father to the vine-grower. He explains how God prunes the barren branches so that the rest might yield more fruit. He reminds them that apart from himself, his followers could not bear fruit.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

“When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus... The church throughout all Judea, Galilee and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.”

We are familiar with the encounter and conversion of Saul on the road to Damascus. This passage tells us something of the struggle for acceptance by the Christian community in Jerusalem. Barnabas spoke in his behalf to the disciples, and then to the apostles. Paul presented his credentials. The Holy Spirit was at work.

What a great lesson for us today, to be sure that we are welcoming communities. Most likely on a weekly basis people visit our parish church for the first time. Some have recently moved into the community, some perhaps have been away from the church for some time. Others say now is the time for me and my family to become active. How ready are we to reach out, to invite and support those who come to our community. Pope Francis is constantly teaching us to go out to the streets, take a risk, feel the bruises as did Paul. Not sure what to do? Look what happened to the great apostle.