



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

Monday, May 7, 2018
8:00 AM

Tuesday, May 8, 2018
8:00 AM

Wednesday, May 9, 2018
8:00 AM

Thursday, May 10, 2018 - Holy Day of Obligation
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
8:00 AM Kyle Andre - Birthday Remembrance
7:00 PM

Friday, May 11, 2018
 NO MASS

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Saturday, May 12, 2018
4:00 PM Roy Deturck

Sunday, May 13, 2018
8:30 AM George & Margaret Dunn
 For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Albert Capeto – 2nd Anniversary

ALTAR BREADS & ALTAR WINE
 for the month of May are in memory of
 † **Rev. Roger McMullen**
51st Anniversary of Ordination



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.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
 DIOCESE of FALL RIVER

77th ANNUAL

CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

May 1 to June 27, 2018

Sharing Faith & Hope

The 77th annual Catholic Charities Appeal has begun. The Catholic Charities appeal, which supports many programs that serve the less fortunate, enables you to share in this work of love. Your support helps us to meet these responsibilities. Our 2017 total contribution was \$46,010. Let us continue to help by donating generously this year and reach or exceed last year’s contribution. A “pledge” will allow you to give more and spread it over ten months without a payment until July. To make a donation, by check, **make checks payable to St. Thomas More Church**. Either mail in your red and white contribution card to the Rectory or drop it into the weekly collection basket by **June 27th**. You may also visit the parish website and find the link to Catholic Charities where it will allow you to donate through their link on-line. **Those who are e-Giving members can easily contribute on-line through the e-Giving program.** Thank you.

Today’s Hymns

Entrance: #548 Come, Christians, Join to Sing
Preparation: #498 We Have Been Told
Communion: #326 Look Beyond
Meditation: #406 In Christ Alone
Recessional: #200 Hail, Holy Queen

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$1,798.15
Renovation Fund	\$1,133.85
Catholic Charities this weekend	\$2,310.00
E-Giving Contributions month of April	\$1,430.00

Expenses from December, 2017– April 30, 2018

Snow Removal	\$ 12,533.30
Heating for the Church	\$ 8,312.86
Heating for the Rectory	\$ 4,114.73
Electricity for Church & Rectory	\$ 5,897.88

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

FORMATION 2018

Religious Education

Sacrament of First Holy 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.**

St. Vincent de Paul Society

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The SVDP Food Pantry is low on soup, canned vegetables and baked beans. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

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.

2018 POPE ST. PIUS X

YOUTH AWARD RECIPIENT

I am happy to announce that Bishop Edgar M. da Cunha will award the 2018 Pope St. Pius X Youth Award to *Abigail Cadorette*. Abigail has been an Altar Server for many years and throughout high school. She is a Teen Assistant in the Religious Education Program, and assists in training new Altar Servers. Abby is a great role model to her younger siblings, Altar Servers and students in the Religious Education Program. She will receive this award on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7 PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. All are invited to attend the ceremony. *Congratulations Abigail and thank you for your stewardship to our parish!*

Planning Meeting for Anniversary Social

Anyone interested in volunteering to help are invited to attend a Planning Meeting for Msgr. Fitzgerald's Anniversary Coffee Social. The meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30PM in the Parish Center. Come and share any ideas to help make this a special occasion for him. See you then!

Congratulations

First Communion Students!

The following students will receive their First Holy Communion during Sunday's 11:00AM mass this weekend.

*Alexis Bithoney
Brooklyn Holloway
Camden Kelly
Kaiulani Levesque
Skylynn Rachel
Ashley Sanchez
Jordan Simcock
Maya Sousa
Luke Tivnan*

Thank you to Director of Religious Education Mr. Michael Fitzpatrick, Teacher Mrs. Jennifer Crook and Teen Assistant Miss Bethany Marden, Music Director Mr. Kyle Medeiros, the Choir, Mrs. Barbara Dopart and Mrs. Gloria Bessette for their help and participation in making it a special ceremony.

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 anniversary 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. Those who attend the different mass times; please stop in between 9:30 and 11AM on Sunday as Monsignor will be happy to see you.



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Peter preaches to the Gentiles for the first time in the house of Cornelius. Peter realized that God would accept any person who acted uprightly, regardless of his or her heritage. Then the Holy Spirit descended on the Gentiles and Peter allowed them to be baptized in the name of Jesus.

Second Reading: I John 4:7-10

John advises all believers to love one another, for love is a gift from God. The person without love does not know God, whose love for us is so great he sent his only son so that we might have life through him.

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Jesus asks his disciples to live on in his love and to “Love one another as I have loved you.” He explains that he chose them to follow him, and promises if they keep his commandments they will have anything that they ask for in his name.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

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May 6, 2018

“Jesus said to his disciples, ‘As the Father loves Me, so I also love you. Remain in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will remain in My love, just as I have kept the Father’s commandments and remain in His love... This is My commandment: love one another as I love you... It was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain... This I command you: love one another.’”

In His prayer Jesus is preparing the disciples for their work when He takes leave of them. How frequently John’s gospel uses the word ‘remain’, stay close, be cemented, don’t stray. Besides telling them what to do, He assures them that He too will be part of their lives for He loves, not just loved them. He then gives them the task to put into action, to go and bear fruit. Am I unsure or afraid what the Lord asks of me? I shouldn’t be, because I am both loved by Him at this moment, and He has both chosen me and appointed me. He is waiting for my response.