



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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

**Sunday, May 13, 2018**  
**8:30 AM** George & Margaret Dunn  
 For all Mothers living and deceased

**11:00 AM** Albert Capeto – 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary

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

**Monday, May 14, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Matthew A. Przystac  
 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Msgr. Edmund Fitzgerald – 50<sup>th</sup>  
 Anniversary of Ordination

**Wednesday, May 16, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Patricia & Alice Marie Jewell

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Joseph Saulino

**Friday, May 18, 2018**  
 NO MASS

### *Pentecost Sunday*

**Saturday, May 19, 2018**  
**4:00 PM** People of the Parish

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**  
**8:30 AM** Msgr. Fitzgerald's 50<sup>th</sup> Year  
 Anniversary of Ordination

**11:00 AM** Edwin E. Cadorette – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Anniversary

**ALTAR BREADS & ALTAR WINE**  
 for the month of May are in memory of  
 ✠ **Rev. Roger McMullen**  
 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Ordination

### *Marian Candle*

The Marian Candle burns this week *for Mary*  
 (Margie) Botelho.

### *Sanctuary Candle*

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week *in honor of*  
*the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination for*  
*Msgr. Edmund J. Fitzgerald.*



## *Happy Mother's Day!*

*To the world you are a mother, but to  
 your family you are the world.*

### *Today's Hymns*

*Entrance: #165 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*  
*Preparation: #696 Song of Mary*  
*Communion: #360 One Love Released*  
*Meditation: #455 Like a Child Rests*  
*Recessional: #196 Now thank We All Our God*

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

Do we ever take the initiative in giving our time,  
 talent, and treasure, or do we always wait to be asked?

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Weekend Collection         | \$ 2,539.80 |
| Renovation Fund            | \$ 1,791.01 |
| Catholic Charities to date | \$11,985.00 |

#### **Expenses from December, 2017– April 30, 2018**

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| <b>Snow Removal</b>                         | <b>\$ 12,533.30</b> |
| <b>Heating for the Church</b>               | <b>\$ 8,312.86</b>  |
| <b>Heating for the Rectory</b>              | <b>\$ 4,114.73</b>  |
| <b>Electricity for Church &amp; Rectory</b> | <b>\$ 5,897.88</b>  |

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.

### **Vocation Views**

Jesus promised his disciples that they would be  
 clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus,  
 you are also given that same promise. (Luke 24:46-  
 53).



## *In Loving Memory*

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family  
 and friends of **Leah M. Coady** who died last week.

## FAITH FORMATION Religious Education - 2018-2019



Thank you to all the teachers who gave their time teaching the children in the Faith Formation Program this year, also the teen assistant and office help. Your stewardship to the parish is greatly appreciated.

**To all the students, have a safe and happy summer and remember that weekly mass is a vital part of your Faith Formation.**

Religious Education Registration Forms have been sent. Please consider returning them as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you may contact Michael Fitzpatrick, Director of Religious Education, at the Religious Education Office at 508-679-1236 or at the Rectory Office at 508-673-7831.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
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## 77<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL May 1 to June 27, 2018 *Sharing Faith & Hope*

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 contribution was \$46,010. The contributions received to date are **\$11,985.00**. 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 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

There will be a meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry on **Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM in the rectory meeting room**. This will be the last meeting until fall. **Meetings will resume again in October**. **New knitters and crocheters are always welcome.**

## Let's Celebrate Msgr. Fitzgerald's 50<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### STM Dinner Club

#### NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We have 17 new members who joined this month. During the month of May we are offering a special club rate to new members for only \$60. The regular rate is \$72. This savings will also include three special drawings; **June, September and December** for just the new members. The prize will be \$50 for each of those drawings. Any current member who refers a new member will get one month's membership free. For additional information please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831.

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

### ST. THOMAS MORE RETIREES CLUB

There will be a meeting of the St. Thomas More Retirees Club on **Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 1:00PM in the Parish Center**. New members are always welcome.

So then,  
after the Lord had  
spoken to them,  
He was received up into  
heaven,  
and sat down at the  
right hand of  
God.  
Mark 16:19

## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

### First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

Jesus had appeared many times to His disciples after His resurrection. On this final occasion, Jesus' departing message is that they will soon receive the Holy Spirit to strengthen them in their work. No sooner does He say this, he is taken up to heaven before their eyes.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays that God may grant wisdom and enlightenment to the Ephesians so that they may know the great hope to which they are called. Every power has been given to Christ who now reigns in heaven. He is the "head of the church, which is His body."

### Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus told His disciples to go and spread the gospel to every creature, to the world. Jesus also spoke of the signs that will accompany those who believe in Christ. After He spoke with them, He was taken into heaven and took His seat the right hand of God.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

### The Ascension of the Lord

May 13, 2018

**"Therefore, it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day He was taken up from us, become with us a witness to his resurrection... Then they prayed, 'You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place.'"**

As the early church prayed that the Lord direct the choice of the twelfth apostle, they listed the requirements of time, presence, and witness. The word 'accompanied' is the image so often used by Pope Francis, as we are accompanied by and walk with Jesus.

Their prayer should be our prayer, for the Lord knows well our hearts. He continues to choose among our parish families people to fill His ministry. He continues to choose others who will be ordained this month to continue the apostolic ministry. May we pray for those to be ordained, ask the Lord to inspire others to follow and do His work, and find us supporting those who have responded to His call. We too need time, presence, and witness.