



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Pentecost Sunday

- Saturday, May 19, 2018**
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish
- Sunday, May 20, 2018**
8:30 AM Msgr. Fitzgerald's 50th Year Anniversary of Ordination
- 11:00 AM** Edwin E. Cadorette – 2nd Anniversary

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

- Monday, May 21, 2018**
8:00 AM Gladys Taylor – Birthday Remembrance
- Tuesday, May 22, 2018**
8:00 AM
- Wednesday, May 23, 2018**
8:00 AM
- Thursday, May 24, 2018**
8:00 AM Donald Lemieux
- Friday, May 25, 2018**
NO MASS

The Most Holy Trinity

- Saturday, May 26, 2018**
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish
- Sunday, May 27, 2018**
8:30 AM Rev. Roger McMullen – Anniversary of Ordination
- 11:00 AM** Marcolina & Manuel Almeida

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

Sanctuary Candle

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

Today's Hymns

*Music for 8:30 Mass will be slightly different.
Please see board for music.*

Entrance: #445 Come Holy Ghost

Preparation: #650 O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God

Communion: #343 God's Holy Gifts

Meditation: #446 Send Out Your Spirit

Recessional: #190 Creator Spirit, By Whose Aid

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others.

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| Weekend Collection | \$ 1,937.28 |
| Renovation Fund | \$ 1,186.25 |
| Catholic Charities to date | \$17,130.00 |

Expenses from December, 2017– April 30, 2018

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| 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. Next Weekend there will be a Special Collection for the Ecclesiastical Students. 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.

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

Religious Education - 2018-2019

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.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES SCHEDULE

St. Patrick & Notre Dame Cemeteries

Mass will be celebrated at the St. Patrick Church in Somerset on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th at 9:00 A.M. It will be offered for all who are buried at St. Patrick Cemetery in Somerset and the names of those buried there since last Memorial Day will be read at Mass. Refreshments will follow and all are welcome.

In remembrance of our beloved deceased, there will be a **Mass at the original Mausoleum Chapel of Notre Dame Cemetery in Fall River on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28th at 10:00 A.M.** Bishop Edgar daCunha will be the celebrant of the Mass. Please plan to join us in prayer for those whom we remember and love as part of your Memorial Day observance.

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.

STM Dinner Club

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Learn how to bring the peace of Christ into your relationship by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Jun 9-10, 2018 in Medway, MA and Sep 15-16, 2018 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



77th 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 **\$17,130.00**. 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 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.



To the members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society for receiving and sorting the food donations collected by the Mail Carriers from the Somerset Post Office.

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the masses **next weekend, May 26 & 27, 2018**.

Newborn/Toddler Campaign

A project to assist women dealing with unexpected pregnancies, the Greater Fall River Chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life, the Pro-Life Apostolate of the Fall River Diocese, Catholic Social Services, the Knights of Columbus and the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting items for newborns and toddlers on two weekends in June. Please consider donating the following items **for newborns to toddlers on the weekends of June 2 & 9, 2018**: diapers, wet wipes, baby care creams, onesies, receiving blankets, teething rings, sleeper or outfits, and \$5 or \$10 gift cards from department or grocery stores. A collection box will be in the Church Foyer. Thank you.



PENTECOST SUNDAY

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

During the Feast of Pentecost, tongues of fire came to rest on the heads of the disciples and they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Each disciple began speaking in a different language, and were understood by people from many different regions who were amazed at what they had witnessed.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Paul explains that we are all members of one body. We have all been baptized in one Spirit and although numerous, we are one through Christ.

Gospel: John 20:19-23

John describes Jesus' first visit to the disciples after his resurrection. He gave them the Holy Spirit and the power to forgive other people or hold them responsible for their actions.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018

"Jesus stood up and exclaimed; 'Let anyone who thirsts come to Me and drink. As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in Me.' He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe were to receive."

The great event in Jerusalem, marked by wind, noise and fire, was a moment of fulfillment and at the same time of beginning for the life of the church. The signs and wonders of Pentecost are so familiar surrounding the radical change which took place in the upper room.

Jesus speaks to us today, leading me to ask myself: Do I thirst for the Lord? When we are thirsty we long for a drink, for refreshment, to be renewed. The reading from John, who always speaks about belief and believers, reminds me to pray 'Come Holy Spirit' in the events of my daily life. I am thirsty for the Lord, yes or no. The Spirit is part of my family life, of my home and work. The Spirit leads and guides me, but only if I ask and give in.

Speaking of thirst, remember the words on the lips of Jesus at Calvary, 'I thirst'. He thirsts still for you and for your Spirit filled life.