



## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### *Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, June 9, 2018**  
**4:00 PM** J. Paul Audette

**Sunday, June 10, 2018**  
**8:30 AM** For the People of the Parish

**11:00 AM** Dr. Eduardo C. Leonardo – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Anniversary

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

**Monday, June 11, 2018**

**Tuesday, June 12, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Joseph F. Foley, Jr.

**Wednesday, June 13, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Special 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intentions for  
 Maurice Vannier

**Thursday, June 14, 2018**  
**8:00 AM** Rev. Roger McMullen – Birthday  
 Remembrance

**Friday, June 15, 2018**  
 NO MASS

### *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

**Saturday, June 16, 2018**  
**4:00 PM** James E. Coady

**Sunday, June 17, 2018**  
**8:30 AM** For the People of the Parish

**11:00 AM** Samuel & Mary Santoro

**ALTAR BREADS & ALTAR WINE**  
 for the month of June are in memory of  
*Dr. Eduardo C. Leonardo*

**MARIAN CANDLE**  
 The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of  
*Joseph Mulready*

### **CHURCH ETIQUETTE**

Now that the warmer weather is here, please remember to dress appropriately when attending Mass. Also please remember to turn off or silence your cell phones and other electronic devices. Thank You.

## *Today's Hymns*

*Entrance: #303 Gather Us In*  
*Preparation: #462 Eye Has Not Seen*  
*Communion: #337 Eat This Bread*  
*Meditation: #681 The Lord is My Light*  
*Recessional: #488 Faith of Our Fathers*

### **STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

It is important that we budget our hours as we budget our income so we are able to give our time to be involved in church and community activities.

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,232.85
Ecclisiastical Students	\$ 1,089.00
Catholic Charities to date	\$25,885.00

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

### **Reserving of Mass Intentions**

A strong Catholic tradition is the offering of Mass for a particular intention or for those who have died. To have a Mass for someone, living or dead, call the rectory and arrange a particular date. If you want a Mass card to bring to a wake or send to a family, this can be arranged as well. There is an offering for the Mass. If you need any help or have questions, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831. If you would like to come to the Rectory, the office is open Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM and Friday 8:30 until 1 PM.

### **FALL RIVER AREA SUPPORT GROUP**

This is a support group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Losing someone we love truly hurts, leaving us with so many unanswered questions and a multitude of conflicting emotions. At first, we may turn to family and friends to share our grief; but as time goes on, we may find it difficult to reach out to them. It becomes difficult for them to understand our feelings. The basis of the group is to allow individuals to share their experiences, feelings, emotions with others who are on the very same journey. In sharing, often we discover new ways of coping and begin to discover new strength and hope. **The next meetings are scheduled for July 24<sup>th</sup> – September 4<sup>th</sup> on Tuesdays from 7-9 PM at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Ave., Fall River.** Parking available adjacent to the building and there is no fee to participate. If you are interested call 508-678-2828 Ext. 27 or e-mail [rsaraiva@dfres.org](mailto:rsaraiva@dfres.org)

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Religious Education - 2018-2019**

Please consider returning the registration forms 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.

### **St. Thomas More Retirees**

A Mass is scheduled in memory of our deceased members on **Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM**. There will not be an 8:00AM mass that morning. A luncheon is planned at Roger's Spa Restaurant. You will be able to order from the menu. Please call with your reservation that you will be attending to Eileen Chmielewski at **774-526-0811**. Thank you.

## **PREPARATION OF MINISTRY** **SCHEDULES**

**All Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors the ministry schedules for the months of July, August and September, 2018 are being prepared.** Please advise us of dates during these months that you will not be available for scheduling. Please contact us by **June 12<sup>th</sup>** by email to [office@stthomasmoresomerset.org](mailto:office@stthomasmoresomerset.org) or by calling the rectory office at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

### **YOUTH LISTENING SESSION**

In every Listening Session Bishop Edgar da Cunha has heard from the parishioners that **YOUTH** are the highest priority in peoples' hearts. Therefore, a Listening Session for the Youth in the Diocese has been scheduled for Wednesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM. at the Cathedral Camp in East Freetown. All teens are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for your voices to be heard. Anyone attending, or interested, please contact Msgr. Fitzgerald or Michael Fitzpatrick.

### **BISHOP STANG HIGH SCHOOL**

#### **"SUMMER 2018"**

Bishop Stang, a Catholic, college preparatory, high school in Dartmouth, MA, invites families to learn about their Summer Program offerings. Visit [www.bishopstang.org](http://www.bishopstang.org) and click "**Summer 2018**" (under Athletics). The programs come in all forms; academic, athletic and performing arts. Join them for great learning experiences and for a whole lot of fun throughout the summer!



CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER

## **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 **\$25,885**. 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.

### **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.

### **St. Vincent de Paul Society News**

The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM** in the parish hall.

#### **Newborn/Toddler Campaign**

Please consider donating the following items **for newborns to toddlers on the weekend of June 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.

*Be renewed  
every day*



## TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15**

God asked Adam why he ate the fruit from the forbidden tree. Adam blames his companion, who in turn blames a serpent. God then told the serpent it would be banned from other animals, and be an enemy of humanity.

### **Second Reading: II Corinthians 4:13—5:1**

Paul describes our belief that “He who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up along with Jesus.” Although our bodies grow weaker, each day our inner strength grows. Paul also describes our burdens as light when compared to the eternal rewards we can attain.

### **Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

Some of the scribes felt that Jesus was possessed and claimed that he expelled demons with help from Satan. Jesus silenced them by asking, “How can Satan expel Satan?” Jesus also warned them that although many sins would be forgiven, blasphemy against the Holy Spirit would not. Jesus was then told that his mother, brother and sisters were asking for him. He asked, “Who are my mother and brother and sisters? Whoever does the will of God is brother and sister and mother to me.” This demonstrates Jesus’ deep love for all those who love God.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

### **Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**June 10, 2018**

**“Jesus came home with his disciples... His mother and his brothers arrived. Standing outside they sent word to Him and called Him. A crowd seated around Him told Him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you.’ But He said to them in reply, ‘Who are My mother and my brothers?’ And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, ‘Here are My mother and My brothers. For whoever does the will of God is My brother and My sister and My mother.’”**

What a wonderful description of the great homecoming. Sometimes welcomed, at other times scorned. Those who wanted to be with the Teacher had a lot to learn and He added an important new dimension.

Jesus explicitly tells us of our relationship with Him. We are brothers and sisters. Unfortunately, some use this passage to speak of Mary having other children and even denying her virginity. Sadly, they miss the point.

Can you see the crowd, the circle of eager listeners, the sudden interruption, and then the fundamental teaching? I become a brother or sister of the Lord as I seek to know the will of God and put it into practice. My search, sometimes called discernment, allows me to establish in the words of Pope Francis a relationship with Jesus. As I am brother and sister to Him, I have the same relationship with others. How often St. Paul wrote to his brothers and sisters.