



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| Saturday, | June 16, 2018 |
| 4:00 PM | James E. Coady |
| Sunday, | June 17, 2018 |
| 8:30 AM | Rita Lamontagne - 17 th Anniversary For the People of the Parish |
| 11:00 AM | Samuel & Mary Santoro |

**Daily Mass this week will be held on
Monday through Wednesday at 8:00 AM,
Thursday at 10:00AM**

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| Monday, | June 18, 2018 |
| 8:00 AM | John & Esther Butler |
| Tuesday, | June 19, 2018 |
| 8:00 AM | Trudy Pereira |
| Wednesday, | June 20, 2018 |
| 8:00 AM | Manuel Vieira |

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| Thursday, | June 21, 2018 |
| 8:00 AM | NO MASS |
| 10:00 AM | For the Deceased Members of the St. Thomas More Retirees Group |

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| Friday, | June 22, 2018 |
| | NO MASS |

The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist

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| Saturday, | June 23, 2018 |
| 4:00 PM | |
| Sunday, | June 24, 2018 |
| 8:30 AM | For the People of the Parish |
| 11:00 AM | John Stolarski – 2 nd Anniversary |

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

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for all
Newly Ordained Priests.

Marian Candle

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week for all
Fathers living and deceased.

Happy Father's Day

God combined the qualities of patience, an understanding heart, readiness to help in a kind and thoughtful way, a source of strength and support and He called it Dad.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #587 For the Beauty of the Earth
Preparation: #497 We Walk By Faith
Communion: #356 Seed, Scattered and Sown
Meditation: #442 How Can I Keep from Singing
Recessional: #531 Sing to the Mountains



77th Annual Catholic Charities Appeal

This year's Catholic Charities drive is coming to a close. Anyone who is planning to donate and hasn't yet, please send in your contribution by **Tuesday, June 26th**. Our 2017 contribution was \$46,010. The contributions received to date are **\$30,910**. 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. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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| Weekend Collection | \$ 2,015.00 |
| Renovation Fund | \$ 1,102.25 |
| Catholic Charities to date | \$30,910.00 |

The Second Collection this weekend will be for the Renovation Fund. **Next weekend the second collection will be for the Church in Latin America.** Your support will help bring our faith to those in remote villages who would otherwise not have access to church programs and outreach.



BAPTISM

We welcome *Kyle Anthony Caton* and *Aviana Marie Poirier* who joined our parish community through baptism last week. *Kyle* and *Aviana* each received a hand-made blanket made by the St. Thomas More Blanket Ministry as a gift from the parish in honor of their Baptism.

FAITH FORMATION

Helps build a strong foundation.

Religious Education - 2018-2019

All children **entering First Grade** in September will **need to register for Religious Education Classes to begin in the fall.** The First Communion program is a two-year program that begins in First Grade and ends with the reception of the Sacraments of Penance and First Holy Communion in Second Grade. Registration Forms are available at both entrances of the Church and can be returned either by placing them in the collection basket or dropping them off at the Rectory. Thank you.

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.

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 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!

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the masses next weekend, **June 23 & 24, 2018.**



St. Vincent de Paul Society and its co-sponsors wish to thank you for your very generous response to the Newborn and Toddler Drive. We received an estimated \$850 worth of goods; including diapers, baby wipes and onesies, outfits, blankets, bibs, socks, pacifiers, shampoo, baby wash, pajamas, and lotions. These will be distributed through Catholic Social Services and other agencies to mothers and families in need.

Blessings & Congratulations

to all our high school and college Graduates!

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. There is an offering for the Masses. 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 Fridays 8:30AM to 1:00PM.

Reserving Sanctuary, Marian or Sacred Heart Candles

If you would like to reserve the Sanctuary, Marian or Sacred Heart Candle in memory of a loved one, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831.

2019 MUSIC & MASS

MISSALETTES

The Music & Mass Missalettes are a wonderful way to remember a loved one. Our total cost for the year is \$2,400. We now have a combined book that has the weekend masses as well as the music for the year. By changing to a one book missal it has saved us nearly \$600 per year. However, this still remains a big expense to the church. If anyone is interested in donating by the month or year, please call the rectory at 508-673-7831. Thank you.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

This is a group to help people cope with the loss of a loved one. Fall River Area Bereavement Group will be meeting **July 24th – September 4th.** This group meets every Tuesday from 7-9 PM for seven weeks at the Catholic Education Center, 423 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA For more information call #508-678-2828 Ext. 27 or call #508-642-0583. There is no fee to participate. Parking is available adjacent to the building. All are welcome.

TRAVELING? Looking for a place to attend Mass? **For nationwide Mass times and locations: Website at www.Masstimes.org or by calling 1-800-627-7846.**



ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

God will restore the kingdom of Judah, as symbolized by the cedar. The deed is emphasized by the words, “As I, the Lord have spoken, so will I do.”

Second Reading: II Corinthians 5:6-10

Paul acknowledges “that we are, in a sense, away from the Lord while in this life and bound to our bodies.” We will be fully united with God in the next life, if we please him in this life.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is compared to a mustard seed which is the smallest of seeds yet grows to become the largest of shrubs. Similarly, God’s community grows gradually until it becomes large and strong.

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.”

In recent years we have heard calls for transparency and accountability. Whether in politics, the corporate world or the church, demands are being made on the activities of others. Judgments follow. The television is filled with many court room cases being exposed and decisions made – guilty, non-guilty, fines and recompense. That is entertainment.

St. Paul reminds us that we all will experience the same accountability for reward or punishment. Sometimes we try to avoid finding ourselves as the subject of such scrutiny, yet it is only as a result of our goodness, our prayer life, our service to others, that the reward will come.

For many, it is quite convenient to pass over the idea of judgment. Maybe we should spend a moment to judge ourselves, ask forgiveness and reap the reward. Remember Matthew 25, ‘Come blessed of my Father inherit the kingdom prepared for you....’