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MISSION STATEMENT

St. Thomas More Parish is a welcoming community of faith. We are called to reveal the love of Jesus through worship, sacraments, faith formation, outreach, service, education and the stewardship of our God given gifts. We strive to create a legacy of faith with a special love for the Eucharist welcoming all to be "people of the Church".

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil.....**4:00 PM**

Sunday ..... **8:30** and **11:00 AM**

Monday - Thursday ..... **8:00 AM**

Rosary
Monday - Thursday before the 8:00 AM Mass

New Parishioners
Welcome! Please introduce yourself and register. Registration forms are located at the entrance of the church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:15 - 3:45 PM or call the rectory for an appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism
Scheduled monthly, call the rectory for dates.

Sacrament of Marriage
Arrangements to be made at least eight months in advance.

Holy Communion at Home
Please notify the rectory of any parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, handicap or age. Eucharistic Ministers are available to visit weekly.

R.C.I.A. (**Ri**te of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults) is a program for those who wish to learn about the Catholic Faith with a view to possibly becoming a Catholic. It is also for those who have not received Holy Communion and Confirmation. If interested please call the rectory.

Rectory Office Hours Mon.– Thurs. 8:30 AM-4:30 PM
Fri. 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 18, 2018

4:00 PM William & Margery Murphy

Sunday, August 19, 2018

8:30 AM Peter F. Boardman – 31st Anniversary

11:00 AM For the People of the Parish

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

Monday, August 20, 2018

8:00 AM Rev. Roger Levesque

Tuesday, August 21, 2018

8:00 AM Rev. Monsignor John F. Moore

Wednesday, August 22, 2018

8:00 AM

Thursday, August 23, 2018

8:00 AM James J. Foley, Jr. – Birthday Remembrance

Friday, August 24, 2018

NO MASS

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 25, 2018

4:00 PM William & Mary Powers

Sunday, August 26, 2018

8:30 AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Michael J. Greany

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

MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of ***Antone & Evelyn Soares.***

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #732 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus
Preparation: #574 Worthy is the Lamb
Communion: #327 I received the Living God
Meditation: #370 Bread of Life
Recessional: #388 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

CALL FOR CHOIR MEMBERS!

Our Music Ministry is presently looking for new members to join our parish choir. Auditions are not required, just a love of praising God in song! If you have any questions, please feel free to speak to Kyle Medeiros, our Director of Music after any of the masses. Our first rehearsal will be held on Thursday, September 6, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Church.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

"They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability" (2 Cor 8:3).

Weekend Collection	$1,758.00
Renovation Fund	$1,081.00

Thank you for your continued support.

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 Friday until 1 PM.

In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of ***Claire Borges*** who died last week.

FAITH FORMATION

Helps build a strong foundation.

REGISTRATIONS FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

will be held SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 25TH & 26TH after the masses in the main foyer of the church.

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.

CATECHISTS, TEEN ASSISTANTS & SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS ARE NEEDED

Anyone who would like to become a Catechist, Teen Assistant or Substitute Teacher for our Religious Education Program should please speak with Michael Fitzpatrick or Msgr. Fitzgerald. Whether you have experience teaching or have never taught before, please consider this rewarding experience. Teaching our children our Faith is joyous and humbling. Training is available. For more information, please contact Michael Fitzpatrick or Msgr. Fitzgerald by calling the rectory at 508-673-7831.

FIRST COMMUNION

All children entering First Grade in September, 2018 will need to register for Religious Education Classes to begin in the fall. In order for a child to receive the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist in Grade 2, students must attend a two year program. 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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

This is a two-year program for ***both Catholic and Public School*** parishioners**. Students need to register in Grade 9 to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Grade 10.**

BLOOD PRESSURE CLINIC

There will be a Blood Pressure Clinic before and after all the masses **this weekend, August 18th & 19, 2018.**

NATIONWIDE NOVENA

Each Friday, in August – September 28th, answer the U. S. Bishops call to pray and fast that a change in the U. S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray

Coyle and Cassidy High School and Middle School invite you to attend an OPEN HOUSE, Tuesday, August 21st 3:00-6:00PM.

Come tour our building, learn about our many innovative academic programs, find out about our numerous extra-curricular activities and meet current students and faculty! See what makes the WARRIOR FAMILY so special! CC is accepting applications for students in grades 5-12! Visit us at www.coylecassidy.com and follow us on Facebook!!

St. Vincent de Paul 15th Annual School Supply Drive

The 15th Annual Backpack & School Supply Drive will end August 25th and 26th. This drive has provided many young students with school bags and supplies that are needed to help them begin the new school year. A detailed list of supplies and snacks will be posted in the foyer. All items will be given to local students and those homeless children living at the local motel. With your generosity we are able to continue to do God's work in helping those in need.

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting

The next SVDP meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 6:00 PM** in the Parish Center.

VOCATION VIEWS

When you choose to follow Jesus, be ready for an ordeal. Pray that you can be sustained in the adversities of life. (Luke 12:49-53).

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Religious Education – Faith Formation Program

SCHEDULE 2018 - 2019

Mass every Sunday – Parents are reminded that Mass is part of the Religious Education Program and attendance at Mass each week and on Holy Days of Obligation is essential in the formation of their faith.

Grades 1 - 10 8:30 a.m. Mass - Classes begin immediately following Mass - 9:20 am to 10:30 am

Class Schedule 2018 - 2019 for all Grades

September 9, 2018 – Classes begin
September 16, 23, 30

October 14, 21, 28

November 4, 18

December 2, 9, 16

January 6, 13, 27, 2019

February 3, 10, 24

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

April 7, 28 – Classes End

Classes end on April 28, 2019 for all grades except for Grade 2 and Grade 10

GRADE 2

First Penance - Will be determined at a later date.

Mini-Retreat - Saturday, March 23, 2019 – 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (Parish Center)

Holy Thursday – April 18, 2019 - students will participate at the 7:00 p.m. Mass

Rehearsal Dates for First Eucharist

Saturday, April 27, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Church

Saturday, May 4, 2019 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the Church

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass

GRADE 10

Confirmation – Date to be announced upon notification from the Bishop's office

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