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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. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 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**

***Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time***

Saturday, November 10, 2018
4:00 PM Kevin Medeiros – 11th Anniversary
Sunday, November 11, 2018
8:30 AM Manuel V. Medeiros - Anniversary
11:00 AM Yvonne & Adrien Harrison

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

Monday, November 12, 2018
8:00 AM **VETERANS DAY - NO MASS**

Tuesday, November 13, 2018
8:00 AM James H. Sullivan, Jr. – 6th
 Anniversary

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
8:00 AM Gloria M. Beaulieu

Thursday, November 15, 2018
8:00 AM Mary Ponte

Friday, November 16, 2018
NO MASS

***Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time***

Saturday, November 17, 2018
4:00 PM John Donnelly, Jr.

Sunday, November 18, 2018
8:30 AM James & Loretta Nannery

11:00 AM Samuel & Mary Santoro

ALTAR BREADS

For the month of November are in memory of
David & Linda Rocha

ALTAR WINE

For the month of November is in memory of
Robert, Sr. & Aurora Duarte

IN HONOR OF ALL VETERANS



This Sunday, November 11th, our Church bells will chime in honor of all Veterans for one minute at 11:00 AM. This will be an annual tradition for all parishes with bell towers. Let's have a moment of silence and prayer in their honor.

ANNUAL COLLECTION

These donations will be used for the church renovation fund. Please drop your Annual Collection donation envelope in the collection basket. **Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More Church.** Extra reports and envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. To date, we have received **\$21,155.00**

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Today's Hymns

Entrance: #205 Come, Ye Thankful People Come

Preparation: #462 Eye Has Not Seen

Communion: #459 Shepherd Me O God

Meditation: #620 The Cry Of The Poor

Recessional: #627 America the Beautiful

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$ 2,478.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 1,115.21
E-Giving for October	\$ 1,443.00
Annual Collection	\$21,155.00

The Second Collection this weekend is for the Renovation Fund. Next Weekend will be a Special Collection for Human Development. Thank you for your support.

MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of
John V. Matos

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of
Edward F. Costa



We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of ***Marjorie Ann Mulready***.

**OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12,
2018 IN HONOR OF VETERANS DAY**

FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education

In Honor of the Veterans Holiday 11th there will be no Religious Education Classes this weekend.

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.

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.**

ALL NEW LECTOR HANDBOOKS

All Lectors, it is time to pick up your new 2019 Lector Handbooks. They are available for pick-up in the Main Entrance of the Church. The books are on a table along with a signup sheet, please checkmark your name to show that you picked up your book. **The readings begin on the First Sunday of Advent, the weekend of December 1st and 2nd.** Thank You for your stewardship in being part of this important ministry proclaiming "The Word of the Lord".

NOTICE! TO USHERS-COLLECTORS

Beginning **the month of November** please obtain a count of all people, including children and infants that are in attendance for each of the **November weekend masses**. Please complete the appropriate mass count slip for the mass and place it into the collection bag. Thank you for your assistance.

CANNED GOODS COLLECTION FOR THE NEEDY!

At the weekend Masses of **November 17 & 18 and Thanksgiving Day, at the 9:00 AM Mass**, we will be collecting canned goods and other non-perishable food items. **AS WELL AS ANY LOCAL GROCERY STORE FOOD GIFT CARDS.** **All goods collected will be donated to our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.** There will be baskets on the altar for the collection of these food goods. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

MARIAN MEDAL

We extend our congratulations to ***Anne Marie Menard*** who will receive the Marian Medal. ***Anne Marie*** has volunteered in many areas of the church. Currently she is the head of the Parish Social Activities Committee, Eucharistic Minister, a member of the Parish Council and a member of the Strategic Planning Committee. Please join me in congratulating Anne Marie as she receives this prestigious honor on Sunday, **November 18th** by Bishop Edgar da Cunha at a Prayer Service at **3:00 PM** at Saint Mary's Cathedral in Fall River. All are welcome to attend. ***Congratulations Anne Marie!***

BOOK OF THE NAMES OF THE DEAD

November is the month dedicated to All Souls. The book is available for signing. It is the month we call to mind and honor our deceased loved ones. We remember them at each time of prayer throughout the month and **invite you to write their names** in the **Book of the Names of the Dead.** **The Book will be located in the front of the Church.** There are two columns per page, please write the names of your loved ones in these two columns. **The envelopes with the names of the dead will be tied with purple ribbon and placed on the altar.** This will remind us of how our connection with one another transcends time and space to the place where all are one in memory and hope.

SAVE THE DATE – SATURDAY

The Annual Bazaar will be held at St. Patrick's Church from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM on **November 17th**. Located at 306 South St., Somerset, MA. As a Somerset and Swansea Collaboration, all are welcome.

FUNERAL MINISTRY HOSPITALITY AND SERVERS

Please consider this ministry; new volunteers are needed to replace those who are no longer able to participate. He/she greets the mourners and answers any questions they might have regarding seating, rest rooms, etc. As mass ends, the hospitality person moves to the foyer of the church to assist mourners as they leave. Training is provided and new volunteers are generally paired with an experienced person. No special requirements needed, just a heart full of kindness. In addition to hospitality, **servers are also needed.** . If you are interested, please call the Rectory at 508-673-7831.

Ministries at St. Thomas More Church

The Altar Server Ministry



Dear Parishioners,

This is the first in our series of “information sheets” on the various pastoral ministries at our church. This sheet details the duties of our Altar Server Ministry—both the youngsters who cover weekend masses and the adult servers who handle daily mass.

If you would like to become involved in any of the parish ministries, I invite you to speak with me after mass or at the rectory. Or, if you prefer, you may contact one of the members of whatever ministry you are interested in. Either way, I look forward to your participation in the richly rewarding work of our church ministries.

At St. Thomas More Church, the Altar Server Ministry is made up of two categories—the boys and girls who serve the Saturday and Sunday masses, and the adult men and women who serve the weekday masses.

For the youngsters, the Altar Server Ministry is open to all boys and girls who are in Grades 3 and up in either public, private, or Catholic school. Each year, a new class of Altar Servers is recruited during February. Volunteers are given several training sessions and are then commissioned during a mass in March. Once commissioned, the new Altar Servers are soon scheduled to serve a mass about once a month. For their first few masses, they are paired with an experienced Altar Server so that they can feel at ease. Any boy or girl who is interested in becoming an Altar Server should complete an Altar Server sign-up form. These forms are available from Religious Education Teachers and also at the main entrance of the church.



The men and women of the adult Altar Servers group usually serve one morning mass per week. This group includes husband and wife teams, as well as individual servers. Their duties, in addition to serving the mass and assisting with communion, include opening the church on their

assigned morning and setting up for mass (lights, sound system, candles, offertory gifts, etc.). One of the adult Altar Servers also performs lector duties at mass. After mass, the servers secure the church, putting away all mass implements, extinguishing lights and candles, locking doors, etc.



If you think you would like to join the Adult Server ministry, please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or contact the rectory. Serving morning mass is an ideal way to start your day.



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