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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

### Second Sunday of Advent

|                  |  |
|------------------|--|
| <b>Saturday,</b> | <b>December 8, 2018</b>  |
| <b>9:00 AM</b>   | <b>Immaculate Conception</b><br><b>Holy Day of Obligation</b><br>Edward & Ellen Gauthier |
| <b>4:00 PM</b>   | George G. McMullen, Sr.  |
| <b>Sunday,</b>   | <b>December 9, 2018</b>  |
| <b>8:30 AM</b>   | Michael Leonardo – 4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary<br>For the People of the Parish           |
| <b>11:00 AM</b>  | Victoria Stolarski   |

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

|                   |                          |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Monday,</b>    | <b>December 10, 2018</b> |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>    | Anna Meyer               |
| <b>Tuesday,</b>   | <b>December 11, 2018</b> |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>    |                          |
| <b>Wednesday,</b> | <b>December 12, 2018</b> |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>    | John & Esther Butler     |
| <b>Thursday,</b>  | <b>December 13, 2018</b> |
| <b>8:00 AM</b>    |                          |
| <b>Friday,</b>    | <b>December 14, 2018</b> |
|                   | NO MASS                  |

### Third Sunday of Advent

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday,</b> | <b>December 15, 2018</b>                        |
| <b>4:00 PM</b>   | William Kirkman – 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary   |
| <b>Sunday,</b>   | <b>December 16, 2018</b>                        |
| <b>8:30AM</b>    | Vincent A. Coady                                |
| <b>11:00 AM</b>  | J. Paul Audette<br>For the People of the Parish |

#### ALTAR BREADS

For the month of December are in memory of  
*David & Linda Rocha*

#### ALTAR WINE

For the month of December is in memory of  
*Robert Sr. & Aurora Duarte*

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of  
*Roger C. Botelho, Sr.*

## Today's Hymns

Entrance: #61 On Jordan's Bank  
Preparation: #52 Alleluia! Hurry the Lord is Near  
Communion: #607 Like A Shepherd  
Meditation: #44 A Voice Cries Out  
Recessional: #68 Lift Up Your Heads

#### ANNUAL COLLECTION

Our Annual Collection Drive will soon close. Anyone who has not yet donated, it is not too late. **Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More Church.** To date, we have received **\$24,415.** Thank You

#### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

|                           |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Weekend Collection</b> | <b>\$ 2,349.00</b> |
| <b>Renovation Fund</b>    | <b>\$ 1,127.00</b> |
| <b>Annual Collection</b>  | <b>\$24,415.00</b> |

The Second Collection this weekend is a Special Collection for the National Drive for funds to support Retired Religious. Thank you for your support.



## THE GIVING TREE

The *Giving Tree* program is our way to give to the less fortunate and those who are alone at Christmas. Each ornament has the name of the organization adopted along with a gift request. **PLEASE RETURN GIFTS BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>** so it will allow us time to get the gifts to the organizations in time for their distribution dates to their recipients. **Our adopted friends are:**  
\***Catholic Memorial Home** (a Skilled Nursing Home), wrap and return the gift with tag attached.  
\***St. Vincent's Home** various gift cards, place in box under tree.  
\***Cardinal Medeiros Residence**, a home for retired Diocesan Priests, Monetary donations, place in box under the tree. Checks should be made payable to St. Thomas More Church.  
\***Catholic Social Services**, ages newborn-17 attach gift tag to **unwrapped gift.**

#### MARIAN CANDLE

The Marian Candle burns this week in memory of  
*Edward & Ellen Gauthier*



## In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the families and friends of **Manuel O. Soares** and **Albert O. Langlois, Sr.**

## **FAITH FORMATION**

### **Religious Education Penance Service for**

#### **First Communion Candidates**

The Parishes of St. Thomas More and St. Patrick will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Penance together **at St. Thomas More on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM.** A spaghetti luncheon for candidates and their immediate families will follow in the Parish Hall. In case of inclement weather, a snow date has been scheduled for the following Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 11:00 AM.

#### **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.**

#### **CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate Christmas Flowers in memory of loved ones, please forward the Christmas Flower envelope with the names by **December 17<sup>th</sup>**. Extra envelopes are available at the entrances of the church.

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

**JANUARY 20, 2019**

#### **ST. THOMAS MORE - WINTER BREAKFAST**

The Activities Committee will be hosting a Winter Breakfast that will be held on **Sunday, January 20, 2019.** Let's save the date as we look forward to a delicious breakfast and raffled gifts.

Beginning **December 22 & 23, 2018** tickets will be available for purchase after the weekend Masses.

**If you would like to donate a prize for the raffles at the breakfast; it can be dropped off at the Rectory or call the Rectory to arrange for a pickup. Raffle gifts needed!**

#### **MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!**

#### **PLEASE HELP WITH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

**Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Begin decorating.

**Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM**

Decorating of the church for Christmas.

**Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> - After the  
11:00 Mass**

Final decorating of the Altar and Sanctuary areas.



## **Volunteers Needed! Funeral Ministry Hospitality/Servers**

**New volunteers are needed to replace those who are no longer able to participate.** For hospitality, he/she greets the mourners and answers any questions they might have regarding seating, rest rooms etc. Training is provided for both servers and hospitality. No special requirements needed, please consider one of these rewarding ministries. If you are interested, please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or call the Rectory 508-673-7831.

#### **20/20 RAFFLE**

Tickets will go on sale before and after each mass and extra tickets are available to sell to friends and family and also makes a great stocking gift. This raffle is a fund-raiser for our church renovation fund. **Tickets are \$20 each. There will be one lucky winner! The winning ticket will be drawn on March 17, 2019 after the 11 o'clock mass.** The winner is **guaranteed \$1,000 OR 20%** of what is totally collected, whichever is larger. You may drop your ticket and donation in the collection basket. Thank you to all who participate.

**We are in need of volunteers to sell the raffle tickets before and after the masses. Please speak with Msgr. Fitzgerald or call the rectory at 508-673-7831 if you're available. Your help makes this fundraiser successful.**

#### **CALENDARS**

St. Thomas More Calendars for **2019** have been generously donated by Hathaway Funeral Home. Please pick one up at the entrances of the church after mass.

#### **\*MINISTRY SCHEDULES\***

Schedules for **January, February and March, 2019** are being prepared. We would appreciate it if you could review your calendars and advise of dates during these months that you know you will not be available. **Please forward the dates that you will not be able to serve no later than Monday, DECEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>** thank you.

# Advent Penance Service

Hosted by

## St. Patrick's Church

306 South Street, Somerset

on

Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 P.M.

With Individual Confession



The parishes of St. Thomas More, St. John of God, St. Louis de France, St. Dominic, St. Francis of Assisi and St. Patrick are sponsoring this service. The priests from those parishes will be available that evening to hear confessions. All are very much encouraged to celebrate this Sacrament of healing in preparation for Christmas.



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