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# SAINT THOMAS MORE CHURCH

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## OUR 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.....4:00PM

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

Monday – Thursday.....8:00AM

### Rosary

Monday – Thursday before the daily mass begins.

### New Parishioners

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

### E-Giving Contribution Program

This program is an electronic donation system that you can easily sign-up and join in place of the envelope budget use. See website for joining or call the office.

### Sacraments of Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:15 -3:45PM 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 parishioners who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, disabled 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 the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. If interested please call the rectory.

### Rectory Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:30AM – 4:30PM

Friday 8:30AM – 1:00PM

Rectory Phone.....508-673-7831

Rectory Fax.....508-567-5177

Religious Education Phone...508-679-1236

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# MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## Second Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**  
4:00 PM For the People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 17, 2019**  
8:30AM Edward & Ellen Gauthier

**10:40 AM** Please join us for 20 minutes of Irish music for a Tribute to St. Patrick

**11:00 AM** Robert P. Benevides – 13<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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

**Monday, March 18, 2019**  
8:00 AM

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019**  
8:00 AM

**Wednesday, March 20, 2019**  
8:00 AM  
6:00 PM

**Thursday, March 21, 2019**  
8:00 AM

**Friday, March 22, 2019**  
NO MASS

## Third Sunday of Lent

**Saturday, March 23, 2019**  
4:00 PM Richard G. Medeiros

**Sunday, March 24, 2019**  
8:30AM For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM

### PASCHAL-EASTER CANDLE

If you are interested in donating the new Paschal-Easter Candle in memory of *someone*, please contact the rectory office at 508-673-7831.

### EASTER FLOWERS



Please turn in any donations for Easter Flowers by Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup>. Extra envelopes are available at entrances of the church.

## Today's Hymns

Entrance: #122 Tis Good Lord to Be Here

Preparation: #396 Be Thou My Vision

Communion: #500 Transfigure Us O Lord

Meditation: #391 Irish Blessing

Recessional: #135 The Glory of These 40 Days

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekend Collection	\$2,157.00
Renovation Fund	\$ 429.00
Ash Wednesday	\$ 619.00
Catholic University	\$ 616.66
20/20 Up to date	\$2,420.00
The Second Collection this weekend is for the Renovation Fund. Thank you	

### AT THE FOOT OF THE CROSS



We are a light to each other

Our Lenten Program, "At the Foot of the Cross: Stewardship of Time, Talent, Treasure and Prayer". This week we highlight on:

#### Stewardship of "Almsgiving/Treasure"

This year our Lenten Almsgiving will be given to our St. Thomas

More Church St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Envelopes for the Almsgiving are at the entrances of the Church. Place your offering "At the Foot of the Cross" in the box marked "ALMSGIVING", Checks payable to St. Thomas More Church.

Your "TREASURE" could help to feed our brothers and sisters in need.

### LENTEN MASSES

Please note that there will be daily Mass at 8:00 A.M..

### EVENING MASS

A Mass will be held each Wednesday during Lent at 6:00PM on the following dates March 13, 20, 27, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10, 2019. Hopefully this will enable all to attend a Mass during the Lenten season.



## In Loving Memory

We extend our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of *Delores Mavel*.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **First Communion Mini-Retreat**

The First Communion Mini-Retreat will take place on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 in the Parish Center. Please arrive not later than 9:30AM. Students will watch a 30 minute cartoon video and participate in arts-n-craft project, have a light snack and take a tour of St. Thomas More Church with Msgr. Fitzgerald.

**First Communion Rehearsal Dates** Saturday, April 27, 2019 and Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the Church.

**First Holy Communion** - will be held Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 11:00AM Mass.

### **CONFIRMATION PROGRAM**

**Sunday, April 7, 2019 @ 2:00 PM**

Arrival time: 1:00 PM

Total Candidates: 75

Parishes: St. John of God (23 Candidates)

St. Dominic (30 Candidates)

St. Francis of Assisi (8 Candidates)

#### **Rehearsal Dates**

Monday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
Candidates Only

Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
Candidates & Sponsors

Robe Delivery

Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Robe Pickup

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Sunday, April 28, 2019 @ 2:00 PM**

Arrival Time: 1:00 PM

Total Candidates: 57

Parishes: St. Thomas More (16 Candidates)

St. Patrick: (22 Candidates)

St. Louis de France (19 Candidates)

#### **Rehearsal Dates**

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
(Candidates Only)

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM – 7:30 PM  
(Candidates & Sponsors)

Robe Delivery

April 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Robe Pickup

Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

## **DEANERY LENTEN MISSION**

**April 8 – 11, 2019**

Each evening there will be priests available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at 6:00 PM, Mass will begin at 7:00 PM and the Mission Presentation will be given during Mass. The Mission Presenter this year is Father Jose Medeiros, a native of Fall River

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Parish, Fall River  
Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at St. Louis de France Parish, Swansea

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernard Parish, Assonet

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Anthony of the Desert Parish, Fall River

**Monday – Thursday - 12:05 Mass at  
St. Mary's Cathedral, Fall River**

## **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 – 11:00AM in the rectory meeting room.** All knitters and crocheters are welcome to join. Anyone who is interested in joining or wanting to learn is most welcome. This group meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. *If you're unable to come to the meetings and are interested in making shawls or lap blankets please call the rectory at 508-673-7831 for more information and for the patterns.* Thank you.

## **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

As we begin our Lenten journey, you are invited to participate in *Catholic Relief Services' Operation Rice Bowl.* Throughout Lent we will pray, fast, learn and give as a way to reach out in solidarity with our brothers and sisters around the world. Please take home a Rice Bowl packet available at each entrance.

## **St. Thomas More 20/20 Raffle**



**UP TO DATE SALES: \$2,420.00**

**DRAWING –THIS WEEK**

**MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE**



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### **First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18**

God told Abram that he would give him the land of Egypt and his descendants would become a great people. Abram then made sacrifices to God, cutting them in half. A torch passed between the pieces, as a visible sign to Abram of God's promise.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1**

Paul urges the Philippians to avoid becoming too interested in material possessions. He reminds them that their most important wealth is their faith in Jesus, which will lead them to eternal life.

### **Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36**

Jesus took Peter, John and James to a mountain to pray. When his clothes grew incredibly white, Moses and Elijah appeared. They spoke of the scripture he was to fulfill. Then a cloud came down and a voice said, "This is my Son, my Chosen One. Listen to him." The disciples who had seen Jesus' glory did not disclose this experience to anyone until much later.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

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

### **Second Sunday of Lent**

**March 17, 2019**

**“Brothers and sisters, join with others in being witnesses of me, and observe those who conduct themselves according to the model you have in us... but our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”**

Saint Paul had no trouble in encouraging others to follow his example, clearly saying ‘do as I do, and do as I say.’ Many would hesitate to offer such a directive.

The mount of transfiguration and Paul’s witness can assist us in our commitment to Christ and the church, especially in these moments of scandal and discouragement. Paul knew what he was about and invited others to be part of his mission.

His invitation is extended to us, as we join with Peter, James, and John, to experience the love of the Father and His affirmation of His Son. We descend from the mountain aware of God’s love and our ongoing journey to Calvary and resurrection.



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