**Parish of the Holy Trinity** *Roman Catholic Church*

951Stafford Road

Fall River, Massachusetts

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 ***Second Sunday of Lent***

**Saturday 3/15 2nd Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pm Lucille Cooper *(by Bill)*

**Sunday 3/16 2nd Sunday of Lent**

8:30 am Isabel Necchi s *(by Daughter)*

10:30 am Gilbert Faria 11th Anniversary

 *(by Madeline & Family)*

**Monday 3/17 Lenten Weekday**

8:30 am Connie Gallant 1st Anniversary *(by Family)*

**Tuesday** **3/18 Lenten Weekday**

8:30 am Teofilo Ponte *(by Sister)*

**Wednesday 3/19 Joseph,** *husband of Mary*

8:30 am For the People *of our parish*

**Thursday 3/20 Lenten Weekday**

8:30 am John & Maria Deluz & Donna Fernandes *(by Family)*

**Saturday 3/22 3rd Sunday of Lent**

4:00 pmAndre Bernier 2nd Anniversary

 *(by Wife & Family)*

**Sunday 3/23 3rd Sunday of Lent**

8:30 amAlbert, Odelia, Joe & Henry Medeiros

 *(by Family)*

10:30 am Kenneth Furtado *(by Family)*

 **Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Lamp:**

 *Given this week in memory of*

 Bill, David &

 SSgt Daniel Hyland USAF

 By Maggie

** Week of 3/9/25**

 **Budget $3,778.00**

 **Boiler $1,959.00**

**300**

**Yellow registration forms** are available on the tablesinside Church, near each of the entrances. Please drop them into the collection basket at Mass and **introduce yourself to Father Oliveira** after Mass or call the parish office for an appointment. **We** **hope that you feel very much at home!**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH** and our families especially for those in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing facilities and the homebound. Pray for all those who are undergoing medical treatments at this time.

**THE SECOND COLLECTION**

this weekend is for the parish assessment. I thank you for your generous support.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Carol Fitzgerald and Abel DaSilva** whose funerals were celebrated in our parish. We extend our prayerful support to their families and friends. *May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

**CITY-WIDE 2025 LENTEN MISSION “The Fire of Love Rekindles Our Hope” is scheduled for March 31st thru April 3rd and will be offered by Fr. Stan Fortuna, CFR. Franciscan friar, musician and speaker.**

**Daytime Sessions** at St. Mary’s Cathedral 327 Second St. Fall River, MA 02721

Confessions: 11:15am-11:45am

Mass and Mission Talk: 12:00pm

**Evening Sessions** at Bishop Connolly High School 373 Elsbree St. Fall River, MA 02720

Confessions: 6:00pm-6:45pm

Mass and Mission Talk: 7:00pm

**All are most welcome!**

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH SOUP KITCHEN** will be held this Thursday, March 20th in our Church Hall. We welcome everyone to come and share a meal with us. Doors open at 5:00pm and close at 6:00pm. **Please share the word that all are most welcome to come.**

**THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:** Classes will be held Sunday in Church for the sacramental years and on-line for grades 3 thru 7.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 18th at 7pm here at Holy Trinity by Bishop Edgar da Cunha**. There will be a rehearsal for Confirmation Students and their sponsors on Sunday March 16th at 9:20am. **Please keep in your prayers all those who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.**

****THE SACRAMENT OF THE FIRST EUCHARIST** will be celebrated here in our parish on Sunday, May 4th. Please keep in your prayers the children who will be making their First Communion.

**LENTEN PRAYER AND RELECTION** During the next few weeks of Lent you are invited to join in prayer and reflection with Fr. Bob via the following online presentations that are prerecorded for your convenience.

**Wednesday:  The Gift we are and the Gift we are called to Be.**

**Friday: Stations of the Cross**

**Sunday: Eucharist Reflection and Family Catechesis**

**Daily: Homily and Scripture Reflections.**

**Presentation can be accessed by the following sites:**

**FACEBOOK: Holy Trinity Parish Fall River MA**

**Parish Web:**[**www.holytrinityparishfallriverma.com**](http://www.holytrinityparishfallriverma.com/)

Note: Daily Homily available by 8:00 am daily.

Other presentation recorded at a later time. All presentation available and saved for 30 days.

**THIS WEEK’S REFLECTION:** During this second week of Lent we continue to try to make use of more reflective time each day. We are using all the resources available to us to practice new habits and patterns. We are still in the beginning stages of that process, so we shouldn't be discouraged if it takes more practice.

It is good to begin by being reminded that God is rich in mercy to us and that we should therefore be merciful to others. It is great to remember that exalting ourselves is dangerous and that there will be consequences for our mistreatment of the poor. We are like tenants of our Father's gifts to us. We can ask ourselves if we use them gratefully and return the fruits that our Lord desires, or do we reject the prophetic words that come to us? Do we reject Jesus himself?

This can all be part of the background of our busy, daily life. Each morning, when our feet hit the floor, if only for a few moments, we can ask for a simple grace. At first, it might only be, “Dear Lord, help me today.” As we brush our teeth, wash and get dressed we might specify our prayer more: “Dear Lord, give me the grace to recognize my impatience, anger and judgment today. Help to soften my heart to hear your love. I need your healing, Lord.” Or we might get even more concrete, “Lord, Pat is such a struggle for me. Help me to remember how much you love me when I see Pat today. And, when I'm tempted to be impatient or angry, just help me pause and give that over to you, in gratitude for your love.”

Each of us will be able to grow in our ability to have brief conversations with our Lord. Whether driving or shopping, doing laundry or paying bills, working in our office or walking down the hall to the bathroom, we can use brief “background” moments to connect with our Lord. These moments of “contemplation in action” will give a character and shape to our day. Lent becomes a living reality for us when our days are spent with the Lord, listening to his love for us, calling us to gratitude and freedom.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL NEEDS HELP:** SVDP has an urgent need for a 2 bedroom apartment for a working mother of two sons. If you can help please call 508-496-3189 for more information. God Bless.