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You are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected at St. Theresa Parish and the Catholic Community of Billerica. No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family or marital situation, no matter your personal history, age, background, race, or color, no matter what your own self-image or esteem. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself after Mass, or call our Parish Office to register. We want to know and serve you.

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Director of Ministry and Faith Formation*
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Adrienne Cullen, *Pastoral Associate*

MASSES

Saturday Mass
4:00pm
Sunday Masses
8:00am, 10:30am and 5:00pm
Weekday Mass
Tues., Thurs, Fri 9:00am
Confessions—Saturday 3:15-3:45pm

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for Generations of Faith
Grades 9-10 and Confirmation

4th
SUNDAY OF LENT

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MARCH 15, 2015

Lenten Regulations 2015

ABSTINENCE: Catholics over 14 years of age are bound to the obligations of abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed **on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.** On days of abstinence, meat may not be used at all.

Brochures with the Lenten & Easter Schedules are at the doors at the Church doors. Please pick one up and save for Easter Mass times.

WEEKDAYS MASSES DURING LENT

St. Mary

9:00am

Mon., Wed., Sat.

St. Theresa

9:00am

Tues., Thurs., Fri.

St. Andrew

12:10pm

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday St. Andrew Church at 6:30pm
This Friday March 20th will be Soup and Stations

SOUP AND STATIONS

If you plan to attend, please fill out the information below and drop it into the offertory basket or return it to the rectory.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ # in party: _____

I will bring a meatless soup in a crock-pot: _____

I can help with clean-up _____



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CONFESSIONS and ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Every Wednesday Evening
6:30-8:00pm

The priests of the Catholic Community of Billerica will be hearing confessions during Lent on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. This a wonderful opportunity for Catholics to make a good confession and for those who have been away to come to the sacrament and begin again. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place during this time. We need at least two people per half-hour to be present with the Lord. Sign-up sheets are available at the doors back of the church.

March 18– all three churches

March 25—all three churches

April 1– all three churches

LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Sponsored by the Billerica Clergy Association and the Churches of Billerica Wednesdays in Lent at the First Congregational Church, 18 Andover Road.

Lunch is served promptly at 11:50am to 12:30pm and a worship service at 12:30pm to 1:00pm led by local clergy and church leaders.

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www.billericacatholic.org



WINTER CANCELATIONS

The Daily Mass will be canceled when the town of Billerica is closed due to the weather conditions (except for funerals)



If an organization or ministry is cancelling an event due to the snow, you may email Deacon Phil at deaconphildibello@gmail.com and he will post the cancellation on our web site.

Parishioners, please check the web site www.billericacatholic.org for cancellations due to the weather.



Let us gather to honor the Great St. Patrick, on this his feast day, patron of the Archdiocese of Boston. Mass in memory Fr. Joseph Wilson, Traditional blessing of shamrocks and distribution, blessing and veneration of a Relic of St. Patrick, and a blessing of a new Statue of St. Patrick. Mass at 6:30pm at St. Andrew Parish, all are welcome.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2015

Last summer we ran Vacation Bible School for the children of the collaborative with great success—42 children in grades 1-5 participated and about 20 youths volunteered! The smiles on the faces of children and parents are still fresh in my memory.

In order to run VBS again we need to pull together another team of adult volunteers. Last year about 12 people helped plan and run VBS. Unfortunately, a few of them no longer live in the area or are unable to help. Would you or anyone you know be willing to join the VBS team?

VBS is tentatively scheduled for July 6-10 (Monday to Friday), from 9am until noon. If you are interested in helping please send me an email and/or come to an initial meeting at 7pm on Sunday, March 22nd in the rectory offices behind St Theresa's. More details to follow!

-Fr Gerald
fathersouza@gmail.com

**MEN'S GROUP
SATURDAY MORNING DISCIPLES**

Would you like to share your faith? All men are invited to join the "Saturday Morning Disciples." This informal group meets on **Saturday mornings at 8:00am at St. Andrew Parish in Fr. Wilson Hall** to discuss the readings for the Mass of the weekend and to share their faith. For more information, contact Mike Sullivan at imsullyman@aol.com. Drop in and see what this is all about!

St. Andrew Church

45 Talbot Avenue
North Billerica, MA 01862
978-663-3624

Saturday Mass 4:00pm
Sunday Masses 7:30am and 10:00am
Weekday Mon., Thurs, Fri 12:05pm
Confessions—Saturday 3:15-3:45pm



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**

Join our fraternal organization of Catholic Men and help us in our works supporting the sick, poor, elderly, disabled and the unborn.

For more info on your Billerica Knights of Columbus
Call Steve at 667-6536 or go to www.BillericaKofC.org

St. Mary Church

796 Boston Road
Billerica, MA 01821
978-663-2215

Saturday Mass 4:00pm
Sunday Masses 9:00am and 12Noon
Weekday Mass Mon., Wed., Sat, 9:00am
Confessions—Saturday 3:15-3:45pm

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“CREATED FOR LOVE” PROGRAM

The “Created for Love” program, for all eighth grade religious education students in the Billerica Collaborative, will be held **next Sunday, March 22 from 1:00-5:00pm at St. Mary Parish**. For more information or questions, please contact Chris Kilburn at chrisk@saintandrewbillerica.org.



**“OPERATION SOCK DROP”
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA**

Donate a new pair of socks (white preferred) or pair of underwear or undershirt to help those in need!

Each morning we put on a clean pair of socks with hardly a thought. But for our community’s homeless, a fresh pair of socks is often a luxury. Do you have your very own Sock Drawer? The majority of us have our own sock drawers at home – but the homeless do not.

For the homeless, good clothing, footwear, and clean underwear are critical. Soaked feet, constant standing, skin infections, frostbite, and diseases like diabetes take their toll on the feet of homeless people. Underwear is an item that many of us take for granted and tends to be one of the first luxuries given up by the homeless.

Bins will be located at the entrance to the church as well as the parish hall starting the weekend of **March 14th and 15th**. Will you consider making a donation of pre-packaged socks and underwear for men, women or children?

Almsgiving is a part of our Lenten journey. In Isaiah 58:7, we are told that we are to be: “Sharing you bread with the hungry, sheltering the oppressed and the homeless; Clothing the naked...”

Thank you for your generosity! God Bless!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION FOR LENT

Jesus: Lamb of God

The next presentation in our “Who do you say that I am?” series is on Jesus: Lamb of God. As we prepare this Lent to celebrate Jesus’ resurrection on Easter Sunday let us take time to reflect on why Jesus had to die for us. What is the New Covenant that Jesus speaks of at the Last Supper and how should it affect how we live our lives and experience the holy Mass? Please register for one of the following sessions by emailing Adrienne.cullen@parishmail.com or calling 978-663-3624.

Sunday, March 15 at St. Andrew Parish: 3:30-5 PM

Tuesday, March 17 at St. Mary Parish: 7-8:30 PM

Thursday, March 19 at St. Theresa Parish: 7-8:30 PM



THE MASS EXPLAINED

Come and deepen your appreciation for the Catholic Mass. Join us on Thursday, March 26 at 7 PM at St. Andrew Church as Fr. Shawn Allen helps us to better understand the rites and prayers of the Mass. *Please note: This is a presentation and not a Mass.*

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mass intentions

SATURDAY

March 14 4:00pm William & Evelyn Carnes, Mem.
Henrietta Berton, 10th Anniv.

SUNDAY

March 15 8:00am Herman (Zeb) Zyburas,
3rd Anniv.
Joseph E. Lavalley, 7th Anniv.
10:30am Dorothy & Capt. Thomas
Vaughn, Mem.
5:00pm Elvira Silverio, Anniv.

SATURDAY

March 21 4:00pm Charlotte M. Jewett, 47th Anniv.
Frederick Irwin, 34th Anniv.
Jason Erickson, 1st Anniv.

SUNDAY

March 22 8:00am Mary Guillemette, Mem.
Kenneth Countie, Mem.
10:30am William L. Sovie, 6th Anniv.
John & Mary Doherty,
Dr. Philip Doherty, Mem
5:00pm Helen Berg-Loeffler, 4th Anniv.
John F. Leary, 10th Anniv.



Do you have questions about baptisms... who can be a Godparent? Please call the rectory @ 978-663-8816, ext 10.

Parents of children who are to be baptized at St. Theresa are expected to attend one special evening for parents and godparents. Next class is April 19th. Pre-registration is necessary.

Congratulations to the families of the following children who were baptized here last weekend:

- Evan Steven Bagrowski
- Olivia Grace Edeman
- Brandon Thomas Leiby-Doherty
- Jacob Michael Oliveira
- Colette Lucia Riley
- Gavin Dennis Roy



Announcing...

We are tremendously excited to announce a new, unified Religious Education Program for our children and youth starting in the fall of 2015. Please visit billericacatholic.org for all up-to-date information.

April Generations of Faith Schedule

Theme: The Beatitudes

Monday, April 6th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 7th at 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 9th at 4:00 pm

Friday, April 10th at 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 11th at 9:00 am

Monday, April 13th at 6:00 pm

Tuesday, April 14th at 6:00 pm

Thursday, April 16th at 4:00 pm

Meal: Pizza, Salad, Cool Pops

Outreach: Infant Diaper Drive

Event Celebration: Good Shepherd Sunday

April 26th all Masses

March Confirmation Schedule

Confirmation 1&2 – March 22, Stations of the Cross 6 pm

Confirmation 1 – March 29, Student/Parent Session 4 pm

Confirmation 2 – March 29, Student/Parent Session 6 pm

April Confirmation Schedule

Confirmation 1 – April 12, Student Session 4 pm

Confirmation 2 – April 12, Student Session 6 pm

EASTER FLOWERS ENVELOPES

We will list the names from the Easter Flower Envelopes in our April 5th bulletin. In order to have the names ready we will need to have any envelope into the rectory by March 22nd. Thank You.



Rose Café – Sunday, March 15th

Come join your friends and neighbors for Coffee, Donuts, Conversation and More in the St. Theresa Parish Center following the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday, March 15th. See you there!



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Dear friends,

The joyful and solemn celebration of the Church’s liturgy at Saint Theresa’s depends upon God’s grace and our response to God’s grace. Simply defined worship is the service we offer God; it includes our adoration of God, asking God’s help and offering something precious to God. First and foremost this takes place at our communal celebration of Sunday Eucharist.

If you are not already, I invite you to prayerfully considering offering service to God in one of the liturgical ministries. Good liturgy requires good people. Might this be you?

Those interested in serving as lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers or choir members should call or email me so that I can put you in contact with the right person. We are happy to provide the necessary training and formation. We need additional ministers for all Masses, but especially extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion available to serve at the 5pm Mass on Sunday.

God’s blessings,

Father Gerald Souza
 fathersouza@gmail.com
 office: 978-663-8816 ext 26



FOOD Pantry Monthly Food Drive on March 21st & 22nd after all the Masses. We can use all non-perishable items. Thanks for your support. Winter has been difficult for us all.

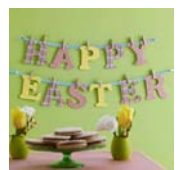
“Give and it will be given to you.”

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

The Boston Council of The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is once again offering scholarships to students attending a Catholic grammar school. Two payments of \$500 each will be made directly to the schools of the recipients. If you have a child who will be attending a Catholic school for grades one through eight in 2015-2016 and would like to apply for the scholarship, please call Barbara at 978-663-7658 or Susan at 978-663-6319 by March 14th to schedule a home visit and receive the application.

EASTER MEAL

Once again, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be providing an Easter meal to our needy neighbors. If you would like to request a meal, please call Rachel at 978-667-9288 before March 16th. The Vincentians are able to provide these meals because of the generosity of our parishioners.



This week, Catholics across the Archdiocese are invited to pledge their support to the ministries of the Catholic Appeal. Your generosity helps us live our faith together as we seek to better embody the Gospel message in our lives. It is critical to the success of the 2015 Catholic Appeal at St. Theresa Parish. If you were unable to make your pledge at Mass, please take a pledge form from the back of the church or pledge online at www.bostoncatholicappeal.org. Thank you for your prayers and support for a successful Catholic Appeal.

OFFERTORY REPORT

Weekly Offertory Goal	\$13,500.00
Last Weeks Collection	\$12,050.00
Thank you for your continued support!	
Second Collection this weekend ~	
Collection next weekend ~ None	

CATHOLICTV'S MARCH PROGRAMMING

SPANISH MASS

Starting March 1st, CatholicTV will now air a weekly Spanish Mass at 8am, 5:30pm & 10pm from the Chapel of Holy Cross.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Spend St. Patrick's Day with CatholicTV while we host Mass, This is The Day & Divine Mercy Chaplet from Ireland!

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday Mass, Chrism Mass, Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday, Easter Vigil & Easter Sunday Mass

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March 8-16

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