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4:00pm  
Sunday Masses  
8:00am, 10:30am and 5:00pm  
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Tues., Thurs, Fri 9:00am  
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Grades 9-10 and Confirmation

5<sup>th</sup>  
SUNDAY OF LENT

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**MARCH 22, 2015**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF BILLERICA NEWS**  
**www.billericacatholic.org**

**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.

**FAST:** Catholics over 18 and up to the beginning of their sixtieth year are bound to the obligation of fasting. **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are the days of fasting. On these days, only one full meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed.

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.

**THE WEEPING TREE: A LENTEN SERVICE FOR HOLY WEEK**

*Join us on Monday, March 30 at 7 PM at St. Andrew Church for a beautiful prayer experience to enrich your Holy Week. The Weeping Tree is a Lenten service written by Joseph M. Martin that uses "beloved hymns, newly composed music, thoughtful narration, and simple sacred symbols to create a touching portrait of the cross."*  
All are welcome.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday St. Andrew Church at 6:30pm

**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 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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**“CREATED FOR LOVE” PROGRAM**

The “Created for Love” program, for all eighth grade religious education students in the Billerica Collaborative, will be held **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](mailto:chrisk@saintandrewbillerica.org).

**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.*



**“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 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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!

**ST. MARY PARISH**

**“Parish” Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser sponsored by St. Mary’s Women’s Club**  
Saturday, April 11th after 4:00pm Mass (in St. Mary’s Church Hall)  
Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Rolls, Coffee/Tea, Soda, Water, Dessert  
Cost: \$\*/pp; \$25 for 4 or more  
Raffle Items and 50/50 available



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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](mailto:imsullyman@aol.com). Drop in and see what this is all about!

*St. Andrew Church*

45 Talbot Avenue  
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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



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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  
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*St. Mary Church*

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

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ST THERESA WOMEN'S SCHOLARSHIP

St. Theresa's Women's Club Scholarship applications are now available from REO office and the Rectory office. They may also be found in the Guidance departments of both BMHS and Shawsheen Tech. Applications need to be returned by April 29th to the Rectory.

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.

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**mass intentions**

**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.

**SATURDAY**

March 28 4:00pm Lisa Tamaro, B-Day Mem.  
Phyllis Giamberesi, Mem.  
Richard Galvin, 2nd Anniv.  
James J. Galvin, 7th Anniv.

**SUNDAY**

March 29 8:00am Mass for the People  
10:30am Thomas & Alice McElligott  
Mem.  
5:00pm Frank Simone Sr.  
Louis Simone, Mem.



Stop by and visit [billericacatholic.org](http://billericacatholic.org) for all up-to-date information about the new, unified Religious Education Program for our children and youth starting in the fall of 2015.

**Reminder!**

Please return your *Rice Bowls* to Palm Sunday Mass.  
Thank you for your generosity!

**April Generations of Faith Schedule**

Theme: The Beatitudes  
Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm  
Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am  
Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm  
Meal: Pizza, Salad, Cool Pops  
Outreach: Infant Diaper Drive  
Event Celebration: Good Shepherd Sunday  
April 26<sup>th</sup> all Masses

**March Confirmation Schedule**

Confirmation 1&2 –Stations of the Cross  
Sunday, March 22, 6 pm in the Church  
  
Confirmation 1 – Student/Parent Session  
Sunday, March 29, 4 pm in the Hall  
  
Confirmation 2 – Student/Parent Session  
Sunday, March 29, 6 pm in the Hall

**April Confirmation Schedule**

Confirmation 1 – April 12, Student Session 4 pm  
Confirmation 2 – April 12, Student Session 6 pm



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 family of  
Bella Rosalyn Spitoleri  
who was baptized here last weekend.

**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, APRIL 12TH**



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, April 12th. 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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Thank you, you are performing a good work; far greater than you think. Your nickel, dime, or quarter is multiplied by the coins placed by others in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Boxes. May your heart be glad because of your almsgiving.

*“Remember nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all you do with love.”*

**BAKE SALE**

Sponsored By The **Saint Theresa Women’s Club**  
**March 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>**

The Ladies will be set up in the hallway of the Parish hall. Be sure to stop by after the 4:00, 8:00, and 10:30 Masses and take something yummy home for the whole family.



**EASTER COLLECTION**

At Easter, we honor and celebrate our priests. Our priests have dedicated their lives to serving the Catholic faithful here in Archdiocese of Boston; now, it is our turn to fulfill the promises made to care for them in their time of need. Please give generously to the Easter collection, which will directly benefit the active and senior diocesan priests whose health and wellbeing are cared for through the Clergy Funds. Thank you in advance for your support of this critical effort.



The 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start! With **\$9,450** already pledged, we are at **21%** of goal. The early outpouring of support from so many helps sustain the important ministries that make **St. Theresa** a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit **www.bostoncatholicappeal.org**. Thank you for your prayers and support.

**OFFERTORY REPORT**

<b>Weekly Offertory Goal</b>	<b>\$13,500.00</b>
<b>Last Weeks Collection</b>	<b>\$10,455.00</b>
<b>Thank you for your continued support!</b>	
<b>Second Collection this weekend ~</b>	
<b>Collection next weekend ~</b>	

# 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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